Hera’s Counterpart From Egyptian Mythology

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Hera, wife of Zeus, appears in Greek mythological tales as a jealous and vengeful goddess who tries to thwart her husband’s philandering and punishes his lovers and offspring. She was, however, worshiped in her own right as a protective mother goddess and patron of childbirth and

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marriage. No Egyptian goddess exactly corresponds with Hera, although Isis is her nearest counterpart, and Taweret also has some similarities.

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1 Isis, the Protective Wife and Mother

Although the Egyptian pantheon had no queen of the gods, as such, Isis comes close, as wife of the beloved Osiris and daughter of the deities of earth and sky. Unlike the stormy relationship of Zeus and Hera, Isis' love for Osiris was such that she gathered his dismembered parts and

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reincarnated him. She was even more fiercely protective of her son, Horus, whom she shielded from the wrath of rival god Set, as well as the hazards of the Nile, healing his scorpion stings and snakebites.

2 Taweret, the Frightening Guardian

One of the least humanoid goddesses of Egypt was the hippopotamus-headed Taweret, with lion paws and hair forming a crocodile tail. These features represent beasts that fiercely protect their young and combine to create an appearance that frighten away harmful demons. Taweret was the guardian of pregnancy and childbirth, an aspect she shares with Hera. Unlike Hera, however, Taweret was worshiped in homes, rather than in large-scale temples.

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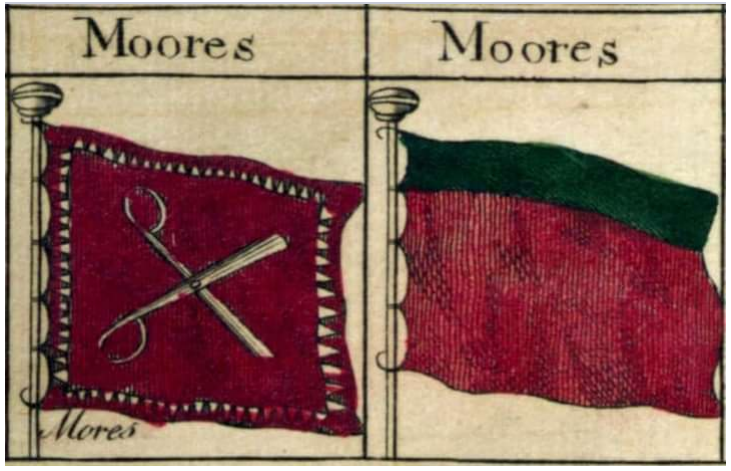

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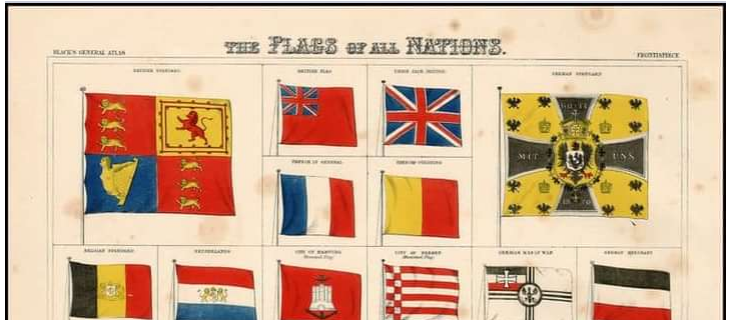

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Le Code Noir

Renier la parole donnée

D'un trait, le roi de France venait de renier la parole donnée, interdisant. l'esclavage dans ses possessions (art. XII des Instructions du 26 octobre 1664). De ce même trait, l'Église de France biffait l'enseignement de Saint-Paul : « Il n'y a plus ni Juif, ni Grec […]. Il n'y a plus ni esclave, ni libre, il n'y a plus ni homme, ni femme »

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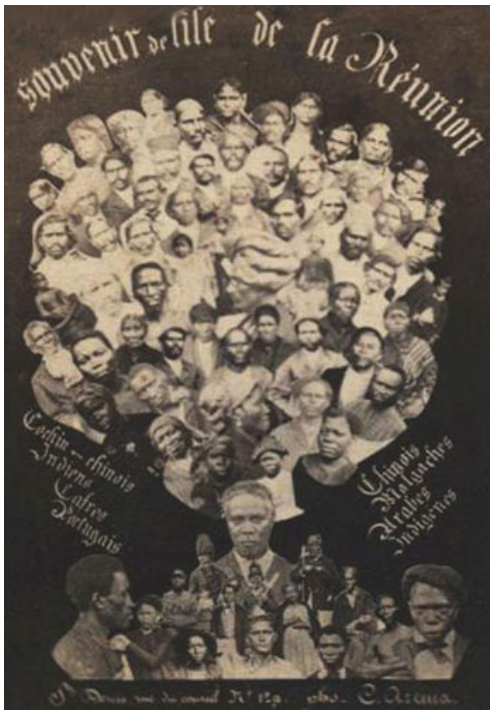

En mars 1685, Louis XIV promulgue l'édit «concernant la discipline de l'Église et de l'État, et la qualité des nègres esclaves aux îles de l'Amérique».

Ce document de 60 articles, élaboré par Colbert, vise la réglementation de la pratique de l'esclavage aux Antilles françaises. On l'appellera le Code noir. À défaut de légitimer l'esclavage, il tentera de le légaliser.
Le 18 septembre 1724, soit 39 ans plus tard, un texte largement inspiré de ce Code noir est enregistré au Conseil supérieur de Bourbon. L'Histoire retiendra que cette instance, créée par ordonnance de novembre 1723, aborde ce sujet lors de sa séance inaugurale. Ce deuxième Code noir est en fait les «*Lettres Patentes en forme d'édit concernant les esclaves nègres des Isles de France et de Bourbon*».
Il est signé par Louis XV, âgé alors de 13 ans, et contresigné par Jean-Frédéric Phélypeaux, comte de Maurepas, secrétaire d'État à la Marine et aux Colonies, de 1723 à 1749. Pour lui aussi, c'est la première grande décision depuis sa prise de fonction. Ce Code demeurera la charte fondamentale de l'esclavage français au XVIIIe siècle. Son application sera étendue aux Seychelles et à Madagascar quand ces îles deviendront françaises.

Du coup, elle mettait à mort cet étrange sujet universel qu'était le chrétien, un être sans identité – ni Juif, ni Grec – seulement constitué par l'affirmation de sa croyance. Pourquoi ce Code noir indianocéanique ?

Dans ses 54 articles, il fixe le cadre juridique du système esclavagiste. Il permet de mettre de l'ordre dans la multitude d'ordonnances et de règlements pris par des gouverneurs, depuis Vauboulon.
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depuis 1721, et répond à une demande forte de la nouvelle Compagnie perpétuelle des Indes. Ce Code noir ne clôt pas le débat sur l'esclavage. Par son ambivalence, il ouvre la question sur la nature de l'esclave. Est-il une personne, enfant de Dieu, sous le sceau du baptême catholique (article premier) ou un meuble (art. XXIX) ?

Le prêtre créole Frédéric Levavasseur combattra l'esclavage, cette abolition de l'homme si noir. Quitte à maintenir l'équivoque et l'ambiguïté, il a cherché à se placer au sein du discours des dominants mais « dans la perspective de l'opprimé ». Car il fallait, quand on ne pouvait casser le contexte, pouvoir rester en face de l'adversaire pour continuer le combat.

L'Église bourbonnaise va travailler, comme le poète Mallarmé, avec mystère, en vue du plus tard ou du jamais.

À CES CAUSES et autres à ce nous mouvant, de l'avis de notre conseil, et de notre certaine science, pleine puissance et autorité royale, nous avons dit, statué et ordonné, disons, statuons et ordonnons, voulons et nous plaît ce qui suit :

Article premier Tous les esclaves qui se trouvent dans les Isles de Bourbon, de France et autres établissements voisins, seront instruits dans la religion catholique, apostolique et romaine, et baptisés; ordonnons aux habitants qui achèteront des nègres nouvellement arrivés, de les faire instruire et baptiser dans le temps convenable à peine d'amende arbitraire; enjoignons aux conseils établis dans lesdites îles, ou directeurs pour ladite compagnie, d'y tenir exactement la main.

Art. II Interdisons tout exercice d'autre religion que de la catholique, apostolique et romaine; voulons que les contrevenants soient punis comme rebelles et désobéissants à nos commandements ; défendons toutes assemblées pour cet effet, lesquelles nous déclarons conventicules, illicites et séditieuses, sujettes à la même peine, qui aura lieu même contre les maîtres qui les permettront ou souffriront à l'égard de leurs esclaves.

Art. III Ne seront préposés aucuns commandeurs à la direction des nègres, qu'ils ne fassent profession de la religion catholique, apostolique et romaine, à peine de confiscation desdits nègres contre les maîtres qui les auront préposés, et de punition arbitraire contre les commandeurs qui auront accepté ladite direction.

Art. IV Enjoignons à tous nos sujets, de quelque qualité et condition qu'ils soient, d'observer régulièrement les jours de dimanche et de fêtes ; leur défendons de travailler leurs esclaves auxdits jours, depuis l'heure de minuit jusqu'à l'autre minuit, à la culture de la terre et à tous autres ouvrages, à peine d'amende et de punition arbitraire contre les maîtres, et de confiscation des esclaves qui seront surpris par nos officiers dans le travail, pourront néanmoins envoyer leurs esclaves aux marchés.

Art.V Défendons à nos sujets blancs, de l'un et de l'autre sexe, de contracter mariage avec les Noirs, à peine de punition et d'amende arbitraire, et à tous curés, prêtres ou missionnaires séculiers ou réguliers, et même aux aumôniers des vaisseaux de les marier ! Défendons aussi à nosdits sujets blancs,même aux Noirs affranchis ou nés libres, de vivre en concubinage avec des esclaves ; voulons que ceux qui auront eu un ou plusieurs enfants d'une pareille conjonction, ensemble les maîtres qui les auront soufferts, soient condamnés chacun en une amende de trois cents livres ; et s'ils sont maîtres de l'esclave de laquelle ils auront eu lesdits enfants, voulons qu'outre l'amende ils soient privés tant de l'esclave que des enfants, et qu'ils soient adjugés à l'hôpital des lieux, sans pouvoir jamais être affranchis ; n'entendons toutefois le présent article avoir lieu lorsque l'homme noir affranchi ou libre, qui n'était pas marié

durant son concubinage avec son esclave, épousera dans les formes prescrites par l'église, ladite esclave, qui sera affranchie par ce moyen, et les enfants rendus libres et légitimes.

Art.VI Les solennités prescrites par l'ordonnance de Blois et par la déclaration de 1639, pour les mariages seront observées, tant à l'égard des personnes libres que des esclaves, sans néanmoins que le consentement du père et de la mère de l'esclave y soit nécessaire, mais celui du maître seulement.

Art.VII Défendons très expressément aux curés de procéder aux mariages des esclaves, s'ils ne font apparoir du consentement de leurs maîtres; défendons aussi aux maîtres d'user d'aucune contrainte sur leurs esclaves pour les marier contre leur gré.

Art.VIII Les enfants qui naîtront desmariages entre les esclaves, seront esclaves et appartiendront auxmaîtres des femmes esclaves, et non à ceux de leurs maris, si les maris et les femmes ont des maîtres différents.

Art. IX Voulons que si le mari esclave a épousé une femme libre, les enfants tant mâles que filles suivent la condition de leur mère, et soient libres comme elle, nonobstant la servitude de leur père ; et que si le père est libre et la mère est esclave, les enfants soient esclaves pareillement.

Art.X Les maîtres seront tenus de faire enterrer en terre sainte, dans les cimetières destinés à cet effet, leurs esclaves baptisés ; et à l'égard de ceux qui mourront sans avoir reçu le baptême, ils seront enterrés la nuit dans quelque champ voisin du lieu où ils seront décédés.

Art.XI Défendons aux esclaves de porter aucune arme offensive ni de gros bâtons, à peine du fouet et de confiscation des armes au profit de celui qui les en trouvera saisis, à l'exception seulement de ceux qui seront envoyés à la chasse par leurs maîtres, ou qui seront porteurs de leurs billets ou marques connues.

Art. XII Défendons pareillement aux esclaves appartenant à différents maîtres de s'attrouper, le jour ou la nuit, sous prétexte de noces ou autrement, soit chez l'un de leurs maîtres ou ailleurs, et encore moins dans les grands chemins ou lieux écartés, à peine de punition corporelle qui ne pourra être moindre que du fouet et de la fleur-de-lys, et en cas de fréquentes récidives et d'autres circonstances aggravantes, pourront être punis de mort, ce que nous laissons à l'arbitrage des juges ; enjoignons à tous nos sujets de courre aux contrevenants, et de les arrêter et conduire en prison, bien qu'ils ne soient officiers et qu'il n'y ait encore contre lesdits contrevenants aucun décret.

Art.XIII Les maîtres qui seront convaincus d'avoir permis ou toléré de pareilles assemblées, composées d'autres esclaves que de ceux qui leur appartiennent, seront condamnés, en leur propre et privé nom, de réparer tout le dommage qui aura été fait à leurs voisins à l'occasion desdites assemblées, et en dix piastres d'amende pour la première fois, et au double en cas de récidive.

Art.XIV Défendons aux esclaves d'exposer en vente au marché, ni de porter dans les maisons particulières pour vendre, aucune sorte de denrées, même des fruits, légumes, bois à brûler, herbes ou fourrages pour la nourriture des bestiaux, ni aucune espèce de grains ou autres marchandises, sans permission expresse de leurs maîtres, par billet ou par des marques connues, à peine de revendication des choses ainsi vendues, sans restitution du prix par les maîtres, et de six livres d'amende à leur profit contre les acheteurs.

Art.XV Voulons à cet effet, que deux personnes soient préposées dans chaque marché par les officiers desdits conseils, chacun dans son district, ou par les directeurs pour ladite compagnie, pour examiner les denrées et marchandises qui y seront apportées par les esclaves, ensemble les billets ou marques de leurs maîtres, dont ils seront porteurs.

Art.XVI Permettons à tous nos sujets, habitants desdits pays, de se saisir de toutes les choses dont ils trouveront les esclaves chargés, lorsqu'ils n'auront pas de billets de

leurs maîtres, ni de marques connues, pour être rendues incessamment à leurs maîtres, si leur habitation est voisine du lieu où les esclaves auront été surpris en délit ; sinon elles seront incessamment envoyées au magasin de la compagnie le plus proche pour y être en dépôt, jusqu'à ce que les maîtres en aient été avertis.

Art.XVII Voulons que les officiers desdits conseils supérieurs, chacun en ce qui le concerne, ou les directeurs pour ladite compagnie, nous envoient leurs avis sur la quantité des vivres et la qualité de l'habillement qu'il convient que les maîtres fournissent à leurs esclaves ; lesquels vivres doivent leur être fournis par chacune semaine, et l'habillement par chaque année, pour y être statué par nous ; et cependant permettront auxdits officiers ou directeurs de régler par provision lesdits vivres et lesdits habillements: défendons aux maîtres desdits esclaves de donner aucune sorte d'eau-de-vie ou guildive, pour tenir de ladite subsistance et de l'habillement.

Art.XVIII Leur défendons pareillement de se décharger de la nourriture et subsistance de leurs esclaves, en leur permettant de travailler certains jours de la semaine pour leur compte particulier.

Art.XIX Les esclaves qui ne seront point nourris, vêtus et entretenus par leurs maîtres, pourront en donner avis au procureur général desdits conseils, procureur pour nous, et mettre leurs mémoires entre ses mains, sur lesquels, et même d'office si les avis lui viennent d'ailleurs, les maîtres seront poursuivis à sa requête et sans frais ; ce que nous voulons être observé pour les crimes et pour les traitements barbares et inhumains des maîtres envers leurs esclaves.

Art.XX Les esclaves infirmes par vieillesse, maladie ou autrement soit que la maladie soit incurable ou non, seront nourris et entretenus par leurs maîtres ; et en cas qu'ils les eussent abandonnés, lesdits esclaves seront adjugés à l'hôpital le plus proche, auquel les maîtres seront condamnés de payer quatre sols par chaque jour pour la nourriture et entretien de chacun esclave, pour le paiement de laquelle somme ledit hôpital aura privilégié sur les habitations des maîtres, en quelques mains qu'elles passent.

Art.XXI Déclarons les esclaves ne pouvoir rien avoir qui ne soit à leurs maîtres, et tout ce qui leur vient par leur industrie ou par la libéralité d'autres personnes ou autrement, à quelque titre que ce soit, être acquis en pleine propriété à leurs maîtres, sans que les enfants des esclaves, leurs pères et mères, leurs parents ou tous autres, libres ou esclaves, y puissent rien prétendre par succession, dispositions entre-vifs ou à cause de mort, lesquelles dispositions nous déclarons nulles, ensemble toutes les promesses et obligations qu'ils auraient faites, comme étant faites par gens incapables de disposer et contracter de leur chef.

Art.XXII Voulons néanmoins que les maîtres soient tenus de ce que leurs esclaves auront fait par leur commandement, ensemble de ce qu'ils auront géré et négocié dans les boutiques et pour l'espèce particulière de commerce à laquelle leurs maîtres les auront préposés ; et en cas que leurs maîtres n'aient donné aucun ordre et ne les aient pas préposés, ils seront tenus seulement jusqu'à concurrence de ce qui aura tourné à leur profit ; et si rien n'a tourné au profit des maîtres, le pécule desdits esclaves que les maîtres leur auront permis d'avoir, en sera tenu après que leurs maîtres en auront déduit par préférence ce qui pourra leur en être dû, sinon que le pécule consistât, en tout ou partie, en marchandises dont les esclaves auraient permission de faire trafic à part, sur lesquelles leurs maîtres viendront seulement par contribution au sol la livre avec les autres créanciers.

Art.XXIII Ne pourront les esclaves être pourvus d'office ni de commission ayant quelque fonction publique; ni être constitués agents pour autres que par leurs maîtres, pour gérer et administrer aucun négoce, ni être arbitres ou experts; ne pourront aussi être témoins, tant en matière civile que criminelle, à moins qu'ils ne soient témoins nécessairement, et seulement à défaut de Blancs ; mais dans aucun cas ils ne pourront servir de témoins pour ou contre leurs maîtres.

Art.XXIV Ne pourront aussi les esclaves être parties ni être en jugement en matière civile, tant en demandant qu'en défendant, ni être parties civiles en matières

criminelles, sauf à leur maître d'agir et défendre en matière civile, et de poursuivre en matière criminelle la réparation des outrages et excès qui auront été commis contre leurs esclaves.

Art.XXV Pourront être les esclaves poursuivis criminellement, sans qu'il soit besoin de rendre leurs maîtres parties, si ce n'est en cas de complicité ; et seront les esclaves accusés, jugés en première instance par les juges ordinaires, s'il y en a, et par appel au conseil, sur la même instruction et avec les mêmes formalités que les personnes libres.

Art.XXVI L'esclave qui aura frappé son maître, sa maîtresse, le mari de sa maîtresse ou leurs enfants, avec contusion ou effusion de sang, ou au visage, sera puni de mort.

Art.XXVII Et quant aux excès et voies de fait qui seront commis par les esclaves contre les personnes libres, voulons qu'ils soient sévèrement punis, même de mort s'il y échoit.

Art.XXVIII Les vols qualifiés, même ceux des chevaux, cavales, mulets, boeufs ou vaches, qui auront été faits par les esclaves ou par les affranchis, seront punis de peine afflictive, même de mort si le cas le requiert.

Art.XXIX Les vols de moutons, chèvres, volailles, grains, fourrages, pois, fèves ou autres légumes et denrées, faits par les esclaves, seront punis selon la qualité du vol, par les juges, qui pourront, s'il y échoit, les condamner d'être battus de verges par l'exécuteur de la haute justice, et marqués d'une fleur-de-lys.

Art.XXX Seront tenus, les maîtres, en cas de vols ou d'autres dommages causés par leurs esclaves, outre la peine corporelle des esclaves, de réparer le tort en leur nom, s'ils n'aiment mieux abandonner l'esclave à celui auquel le tort aura été fait, ce qu'ils seront d'opter dans trois jours, à compter de celui de la condamnation; autrement ils en seront déchus.

Art.XXXI L'esclave fugitif qui aura été en fuite pendant un mois, à compter du jour que son maître l'aura dénoncé à la justice, aura les oreilles coupées, et sera marqué d'une fleur-de-lys sur une épaule ; et s'il récidive pendant un autre mois, à compter pareillement du jour de la dénonciation, il aura le jarret coupé et il sera marqué d'une fleurde- lys sur l'épaule, et la troisième fois il sera puni de mort.

Art.XXXII Voulons que les esclaves qui auront encouru les peines du fouet, de la fleur-de-lys et des oreilles coupées, soient jugés en dernier ressort par les juges ordinaires, et exécutés sans qu'il soit nécessaire que tel jugement soit confirmé par le conseil supérieur, nonobstant le contenu en l'art. XXV des présentes, qui n'aura lieu que pour les jugements portant condamnation de mort ou de jarret coupé.

Art.XXXIII Les affranchis ou nègres libres qui auront donné retraite dans leurs maisons aux esclaves fugitifs, seront condamnés par corps, envers le maître, en une amende de dix piastres par chacun jour de rétention ; et les autres personnes libres qui leur auront donné pareillement retraite, en trois piastres d'amende aussi pour chacun jour de rétention ; et faute par lesdites nègres, affranchis ou libres, de pouvoir payer l'amende, ils seront réduits à la condition d'esclaves et vendus ; et si le prix de la vente passe l'amende, le surplus sera délivré à l'hôpital.

Art. XXXIV Permettons à nos sujets dudit pays qui auront des esclaves fugitifs, en quelque lieu que ce soit, d'en faire la recherche par telles personnes et à telles conditions qu'ils jugeront à propos, ou de le faire eux-mêmes, ainsi que bon leur semblera.

Art.XXXV L'esclave condamné à mort sur la dénonciation de son maître, lequel ne sera pas complice du crime, sera estimé avant l'exécution, par deux des principaux habitants, qui seront nommés d'office par le juge, et le prix de l'estimation en sera payé, pour à quoi satisfaire il sera imposé par les conseils, chacun dans son ressort, ou par les directeurs pour ladite compagnie, sur chaque tête d'esclave, la somme

portée par l'estimation, laquelle sera réglée sur chacun desdits nègres, et levée par ceux qui seront commis à cet effet.

Art.XXXVI Défendons à tous officiers des conseils et autres officiers de justice établis auxdits pays, de prendre aucune taxe dans les procès criminels contre les esclaves, à peine de concussion.

Art. XXXVII Défendons aussi à tous nos sujets desdits pays, de quelque qualité et condition qu'ils soient, de donner ou faire donner, de leur autorité privée, la question ou torture à leurs esclaves, sous quelque prétexte que ce soit, ni de leur faire ou faire faire aucune mutilation de membres, à peine de confiscation des esclaves, et d'être procédé contre eux extraordinairement, leur permettons seulement, lorsqu'ils croiront que leurs esclaves l'auront mérité, de les faire enchaîner et battre de verges ou cordes.

Art.XXXVIII Enjoignons aux officiers de justice établis dans lesdits pays, de procéder criminellement contre les maîtres et les commandeurs qui auront tué ou mutilé les membres des esclaves étant sous leur puissance ou sous leur direction, et de les punir de mort, selon les circonstances ; et en cas qu'il y ait lieu à l'absolution, leur permettons de renvoyer, tant les maîtres que les commandeurs, absous, sans qu'ils aient besoin d'obtenir de nous des lettres de grâce.

Art. XXXIX Voulons que les esclaves soient réputés meubles, et comme tels, qu'ils entrent dans la communauté, qu'il n'y ait point de suite par hypothèque sur eux ; qu'ils se partagent également entre les cohéritiers, sans réciput et droit d'aînesse, et qu'ils ne soient point sujet au douaire coutumier, au retrait lignager et féodal, aux droits féodaux et seigneuriaux, aux formalités des décrets, ni au retranchement des quatre quints, en cas de disposition à cause de mort ou testamentaires.

Art.XL N'entendons toutefois priver nos sujets de la faculté de les stipuler propres à leurs personnes et aux leurs, de leur côté et ligne, ainsi qu'il se pratique pour les sommes de deniers et autres choses mobiliaires.

Art.XLI Les formalités prescrites par nos ordonnances et par la coutume de Paris, pour les saisies des choses mobiliaires, seront observées dans les saisies des esclaves ; voulons que les deniers en provenant soient distribués par ordre des saisies ; et en cas de déconfiture, au sol la livre, après que les dettes privilégiées auront été payées, et généralement que la condition des esclaves soit réglée en toutes affaires comme celles des autres choses mobiliaires.

Art.XLII Voulons néanmoins que le mari, sa femme et leurs enfants impubères, ne puissent être saisis et vendus séparément, s'ils sont sous la puissance d'un même maître ; déclarons nulles les saisies et ventes séparées qui pourraient en être faites, ce que nous voulons aussi avoir lieu dans les ventes volontaire, à peine, contre ceux qui feront lesdites ventes, d'être privés de celui ou de ceux qu'ils auront gardés, qui seront adjugés aux acquéreurs, sans qu'ils soient tenus de faire aucun supplément de prix.

Art.XLIII Voulons aussi que les esclaves âgés de quatorze ans et au-dessus, jusqu'à soixante ans, attachés à des fonds ou habitations, et y travaillant actuellement, ne puissent être saisis pour autres dettes que pour ce qui sera dû du prix de leur achat, à moins que lesdits fonds ou habitations fussent saisis réellement ; auquel cas nous enjoignons de les comprendre dans la saisie réelle, et défendons à peine de nullité, de procéder par saisie réelle et adjudication par décrets, sur des fonds ou habitations, sans y comprendre les esclaves de l'âge susdit y travaillant actuellement.

Art.XIIV Le fermier judiciaire des fonds ou habitations saisies réellement, conjointement avec les esclaves sera tenu de payer le prix de son bail, sans qu'il puisse compter parmi les fruits qu'il perçoit, les enfants qui sont nés des esclaves pendant son dit bail.

Art.XLV Voulons, nonobstant toutes conventions contraires, que nous déclarons nulles, que lesdits enfants appartiennent à la partie saisie, si les créanciers sont satisfaits d'ailleurs, ou à l'adjudicataire, s'il intervient un décret. À cet effet, il sera fait mention, dans la dernière affiche de l'interposition dudit décret, des enfants nés des

esclaves, depuis la saisie réelle, comme aussi des esclaves décédés depuis ladite saisie réelle, dans laquelle ils étaient compris.

Art.XLVI Pour éviter aux frais et aux longueurs des procédures, voulons que la distribution du prix entier de l'adjudication conjointe des fonds et prix des esclaves, et de ce qui proviendra du prix des baux judiciaires, soit faite entre les créanciers selon l'ordre de leurs privilèges et hypothèques, sans distinguer ce qui est pour le prix des esclaves, et néanmoins les droits féodaux et seigneuriaux ne seront payés qu'à proportion des fonds.

Art.XLVII Ne seront reçus les lignagers et les seigneurs féodaux à retirer les fonds décrétés, licités ou vendus volontairement, s'ils ne retirent aussi les esclaves vendus conjointement avec les fonds où ils travaillaient actuellement, ni l'adjudicataire ou l'acquéreur à retenir les esclaves sans les fonds.

Art.XLVIII Enjoignons aux gardiens, nobles et bourgeois, usufruitiers, amodiateurs et autres, jouissant de fonds auxquels sont attachés des esclaves qui y travaillent, de gouverner lesdits esclaves en bons pères de famille ; au moyen de quoi, ils ne seront pas tenus, après leur administration finie, de rendre le prix de ceux qui seront décédés ou diminués par maladie, vieillesse ou autrement, sans leur faute; et aussi ils ne pourront retenir, comme fruits à leurs profits, les enfants nés desdits esclaves durant leur administration, lesquels nous voulons être conservés et rendus à ceux qui en sont les maîtres et les propriétaires.

Art. XLIX Les maîtres âgés de vingt-cinq ans pourront affranchir leurs esclaves par tous entes entre-vifs ou à cause de mort ; et cependant, comme il se peut trouver des maîtres assez mercenaires pour mettre la liberté de leurs esclaves à prix, ce qui porte lesdits esclaves au vol et au brigandage, défendons à toutes personnes, de quelque qualité et condition qu'elles soient, d'affranchir leurs esclaves, sans en avoir obtenu la permission par arrêt du conseil supérieur ou provincial de l'île où ils résideront, laquelle permission sera accordée sans frais, lorsque les motifs qui auront été exposés par les maîtres paraîtront légitimes. Voulons que les affranchissements qui seront faits à l'avenir sans cette permission, soient nuls, et que les affranchis n'en puissent jouir, ni être reconnus pour tels ; ordonnons, au contraire, qu'ils soient tenus, censés et réputés esclaves, que les maîtres en soient privés, et qu'ils soient confisqués au profit de la compagnie des Indes.

Art. L Voulons néanmoins que les esclaves qui auront été nommés par leurs maîtres tuteurs de leurs enfants, soient tenus et réputés, comme nous les tenons et réputons, pour affranchis.

Art. LI Déclarons les affranchissements faits dans les formes cidevant prescrites, tenir lieu de naissance dans nos dites îles, et les affranchis n'avoir besoin de nos lettres de naturalité pour jouir des avantages de nos sujets naturels dans notre royaume, terres et pays de notre obéissance, encore qu'ils soient nés dans les pays étrangers ; déclarons cepen- © Ryckebusch dant lesdits affranchis, ensemble les nègres libres, incapables de recevoir des Blancs aucune donation entre vifs à cause de mort, ou autrement ; voulons qu'en cas qu'il leur en soit fait aucune, elle demeure nulle a leur égard, et soit appliquée au profit de l'hôpital le plus prochain.

Art.LII Commandons aux affranchis de porter un respect singulier à leurs anciens maîtres, à leurs veuves et à leurs enfants, en sorte que l'injure qu'ils leur auront faite soit punie plus gravement que si elle était faite à une autre personne, les déclarons toutefois francs et quittes envers eux de toutes autres charge, services et droits utiles, que leurs anciens maîtres voudraient prétendre tant sur leurs personnes que sur leurs biens et successions, en qualités de patrons.

Art. LIII Octroyons aux affranchis les mêmes droits, privilèges et immunités, dont jouissent les personnes nées libres ; voulons que le mérite d'une liberté acquise produise sur eux, tant pour leurs personnes que pour leurs biens, les mêmes effets que le bonheur de la liberté naturelle cause à nos sujets, le tout cependant aux exceptions portées par l'art. LI des présentes.

Art.LIV Déclarons les confiscations et les amendes qui n'ont pas de destination

particulière par ces présentes, appartenir à ladite compagnie des Indes, pour être payées à ceux qui sont préposés à la recette de ses droits et revenus ; voulons néanmoins que déduction soit faite du tiers desdites confiscation et amendes, au profit de l'hôpital du lieu le plus proche où elles auront été adjugées. Si donnons en mandement à nos amés et fléaux les gens tenant nos conseils supérieurs de l'île de Bourbon, et provincial de l'île de France, que ces présentes ils aient à faire lire, publier et enregistrer, et le contenu en icelles garder et observer, selon leur forme et teneur, nonobstant tous édits, déclarations, arrêts, règlements et usages à ce contraires, auxquels nous avons dérogé et dérogeons par cesdites présentes : car tel est notre plaisir ; et afin que ce soit chose ferme et stable à toujours, nous y avons fait mettre notre scel.

Donné à Versailles, au mois de décembre, l'an de grâce 1723, et de notre règne le 9e signé Louis ; signé Phelypeaux Ile Bourbon, le 18 septembre 1724.

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L'Homme est vraiment un prédateur redoutable pour sa propre espece.
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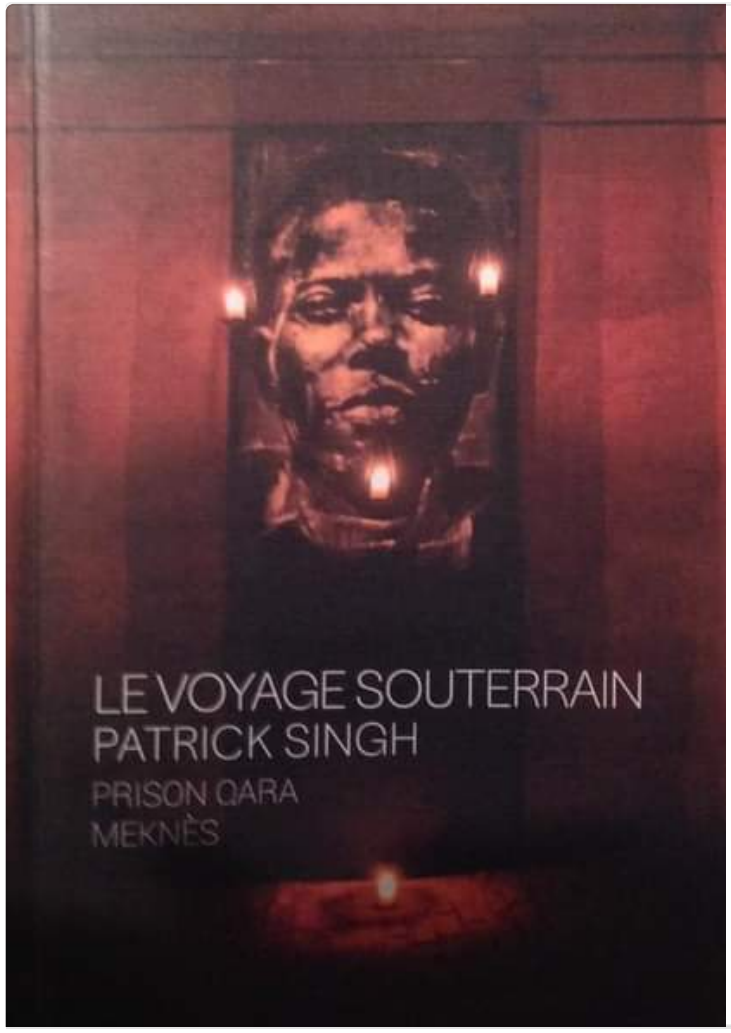

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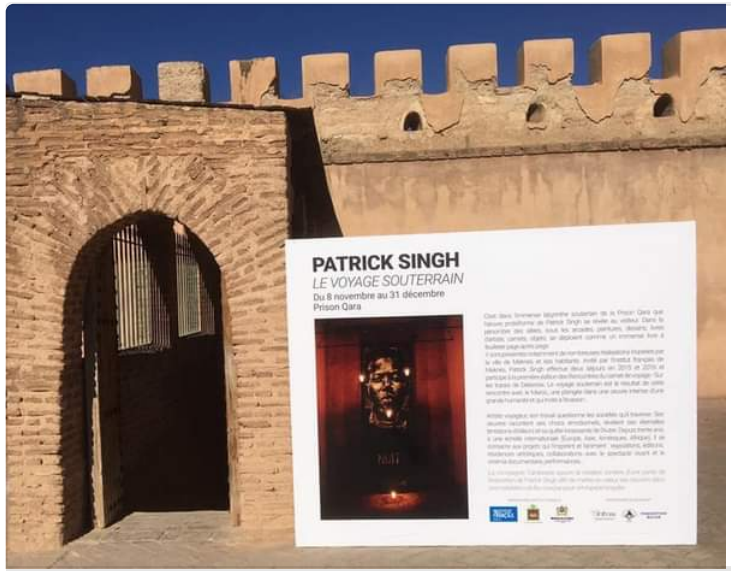

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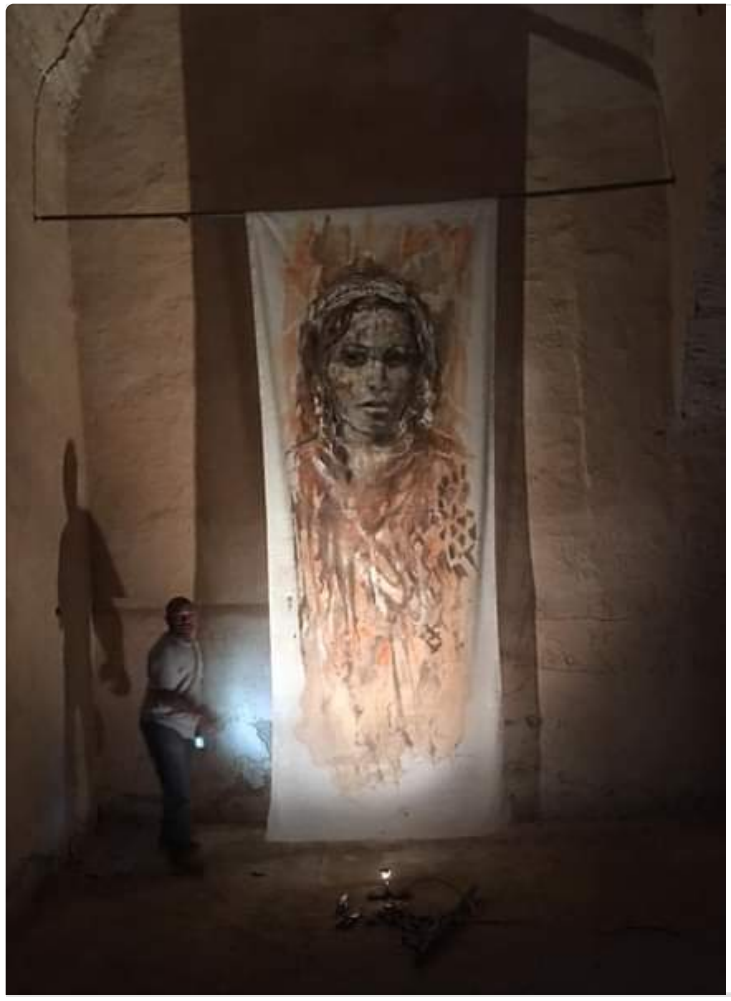

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Juliette a fait le vide en elle pour s'abandonner tout entière à l'attente, une attente qu'elle veut sans fièvre.

Au sortir d' El Hajeb, la Renault Cinq a repris de la vitesse. Juliette a évalué les distances, compté les kilomètres. Bientôt apparaîtra la forêt de Jaba. Les chênes zeen, les bouquets de cytise qui fleurissent en juin. Brusque remontée à la mémoire d'une chevauchée en compagnie de son frère. Derrière eux, les cytises écartées marquaient leur passage d'une trace odorante. Rémi avait lancé sa monture au galop. Sa rencontre brutale avec une branche avait marqué son front d'une balafre dont il garda longtemps la cicatrice.

La voiture traverse maintenant un espace boisé. Est-ce la forêt de Jaba ? Juliette s'étonne que son cœur ne batte pas plus vite, mais déjà sa pensée la survole, la néglige, encore quelques kilomètres, et, à la hauteur du village de la Zaouïa, ce sera la plongée dans le Val d'Ifrane, et elle sentira - le sent déjà - un doigt frais et humide passer sur son visage. De virage en virage, suivant l'oued et ses méandres, la voiture atteindra Ifrane par le bas. Juliette lèvera la tête et apercevra la façade de l'hôtel des Lilas qui, paraît-il, existe toujours. Mais contrairement à son attente, la voiture enfile sur des kilomètres

une ligne droite et régulière. Désemparée, Juliette se rejette sur son siège, pousse un soupir.

- Vous ne vous sentez pas bien ? »

Un court instant, Irène détourne son attention de la route, lui jette un coup d'œil, avant de reprendre sa position de conductrice prudente.

Un rien de sollicitude dans le ton, pousse Juliette à expliquer son trouble.

- Je cherche des points de repère, je n'en trouve aucun, ma mémoire me joue des tours, je ne reconnais plus rien.

Cette route, d'ailleurs, insipide, anodine, elle ne la connaît pas. Son tracé facile est sorti du cerveau d'un ingénieur, sa réalisation confiée à ces mastodontes mécanisés et expéditifs que l'on utilise aujourd'hui.

La sienne de route, a longtemps senti la sueur des hommes et des bêtes de somme. Elle s'est ouverte dans des flots de poussière rouge, au milieu des jurons, des imprécations, des coups de fouet. Les hommes du Génie ont suivi, en l'élargissant, le chemin de transhumance que depuis des millénaires, entre plateaux rocheux et vallée, suivent les troupeaux, pour atteindre par le Col du Tizi-N'tretten, les hauts plateaux du Moyen-Atlas. Pics et pioches ont éventré la roche, découvert de grands pans de terre rouge qui en s'effondrant, mettent à nu les racines torses des chênes verts, taillé des arêtes vives dans un calcaire parcouru de traînées sanglantes.

Voix d'Irène :

- Nous sommes arrivées !

- Arrivées ? Où donc ? Où sommes-nous ?

- Mais à Ifrane !

Dans la nuit tombante, quelques maisons le long d'une rue et une mosquée. Une mosquée à Ifrane !

A ce moment là, dira plus tard Irène , j'ai eu l'impression que mes paroles vous coupaient le souffle, vous aviez l'air d'une asphyxiée. En réalité Juliette est en proie à une violente agitation intérieure. Elle a envie de malmener sa compagne, d'effacer ce sourire lisse qui marque une totale ignorance, une totale incompréhension. Elle se contente de proférer rageusement

- Vous vous êtes trompée de route ! Et Irène, rejetant dans le néant, le village troglodyte de la Zaouïa, l'oued Tizguit, ses eaux bondissantes et ses rives agrestes :

- Il n'y en a pas d'autre, j'ai regardé la carte !

Juliette éclate en sanglots.

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Le restaurant où elles sont entrées pour dîner a pris la place de la charcuterie "Gnocchi", Juliette en décide ainsi après quelque hésitation.

Négligeant les mille six cents mètres d'altitude, l'architecture alpine du village et ses toits pentus, le restaurateur marocain a nommé son établissement: "Rose d'Orient". Une volumineuse lanterne en verre coloré, dispensatrice de rêves plutôt que d'éclairage, est suspendue au plafond. Irène parcourt du regard la salle vide, les tables inoccupées, elle cherche, sans doute, de l'inédit, du typique, n'en trouve pas et s'assied.

C'est donc ici même, se souvient Juliette, que le Père Gnocchi, derrière son étal, débitait sa cochonaille avec des gestes d'officiant. Elle se revoit, par les matins glacés des hivers 41 et 42, s'insérant, à la place de sa mère, dans la file d'attente des ménagères.

Cependant le restaurateur s'est approché, leur propose un tajine

- C'est un ragoût de mouton accompagné de légumes, explique Juliette à l'intention de sa compagne.

- Petits pois et carottes, précise leur hôte.

Irène retient de lui qu'il parle français comme vous et moi, est vêtu à l'européenne et cache le haut de sa noire chevelure sous une amusante petite calotte, en forme de cupule, faite de laine tissée multicolore. Il leur servira pour dessert, des fruits au sirop et sur leur demande, du thé à la menthe. Irène qui a suivi des yeux ses allers et venues, complète ses observations :

- Il a le geste lent et des yeux d'insomniaque.

Nous sommes en période de Ramadan. Son énergie s'en ressent.

Juliette est calmée. Le malentendu s'est dissipé. Elles se sont expliquées abondamment de part et d'autre.

Irène s’est dit désolée. Elle pensait que le tracé sinueux sur la carte, représentait une piste, et les pistes au Maroc, on les lui a décrites pleines d'embûches.

- Une route nouvelle a été ouverte sur le plateau, je l'ignorais. Elle aboutit à l'opposé de la première, devenue en quelque sorte route touristique.

Irène a souri :

- Celle-là même où j'aurais dû m'engager, si j'avais su que vous y teniez autant.

Juliette a souri à son tour. L'impression favorable du début se confirme. Cette jeune fille est de bonne compagnie.

Quel heureux hasard, sa rencontre, dans une grande surface avec Madame Maurin, une ancienne collègue de bureau. Elles avaient roulé de conserve leur chariot dans les allées du magasin « Que devenez-vous ? » Une phrase en amenant une autre, Juliette s'était ouverte de son projet :

- Un voyage au Maroc, voici plus de vingt ans que je n'ai revu mon village dans le Moyen-Atlas. Y aller seule me fait hésiter. Ma fille est absente, elle séjourne en Angleterre.

- Quelle coïncidence ! La mienne a très envie de connaître le Maroc, elle est étudiante à la fac de Lyon, et justement, voici les vacances de Pâques.

Le projet a pu prendre forme.

- Nous voyagerons par avion et si votre fille sait conduire...

- Mais oui, Irène sait conduire, elle a son permis.

- Je louerai donc une voiture à Casablanca.

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Et voilà comment Juliette a vu arriver devant le guichet de l'aéroport de Lyon-Satolas, où elle lui a donné rendez-vous, une jeune fille petite et mince, en jean délavé, tee-shirt blanc, vierge de toute inscription et sac au dos. Elles se sont serré la main

- Je suis Irène.

- Et moi Juliette Aubert.

En prenant place dans l'appareil, Irène Maurin confie à Juliette qu'elle prend l'avion pour la deuxième fois et, apparemment, n'en a pas épuisé tous les plaisirs car elle ne perd pas une miette du panorama survolé. Juliette peut ainsi la détailler discrètement. Des cheveux blonds, à la frisure brouillonne, des traits nets, le nez bien planté, une physionomie agréable. Elle porte des boucles d'oreilles, toutes petites, de celles qu'on offre aux fillettes le jour de leur première communion. Le regard large hésite entre le gris et le vert, et il a, c'est inespéré, quelque chose de candide. Un teint de pêche-abricot dû à une exposition prolongée au soleil d'hiver … sans doute vacances de février à la neige, tant mieux, c'est une sportive. Comme on consulte les augures, Juliette cherche sur les traits de sa voisine, les signes favorables à la réussite de son entreprise.

- … C'est que je ne suis pas une voyageuse ordinaire. Je pars en pèlerinage... Que sais-je d'elle ? Le peu que m'en disait sa mère lorsque nous travaillions ensemble...

Alors que Juliette était prolixe sur sa fille, ce trublion, qui depuis la mort de son père, revendiquait toujours plus d'indépendance, Madame Maurin s'étendait peu sur la sienne : vive, débrouillarde, paraît-il et ne lui causant aucun problème. Jugement que Juliette se remémore aujourd'hui avec satisfaction, elle n'en poursuit pas moins son soliloque... Je lui trouve la mâchoire volontaire, me laissera-t-elle l'initiative du parcours avec ses pauses, ses lenteurs ? Il lui faudra supporter mes silences ou au contraire l'étalage de mes états d'âme, peut-être même mes exaltations. Elle s'inquiète du corps menu... le mien n'est guère plus épais. Deux faibles femmes lancées sur les routes du Maroc...

Ses appréhensions quant à la fragilité supposée d'Irène s'étaient vite dissipées. Une quinzaine de kilomètres après Casablanca, la jeune fille avait immobilisé la Renault sur le bas-côté de la route, était descendue, avait inspecté les pneus arrières et déclaré que celui de gauche était crevé. Elle avait eu alors le geste expéditif pour sortir le cric, le placer sous la voiture, desserrer les écrous de la roue.

- Je fais le plus dur.

Juliette descendue à son tour, l'avait observée avec un étonnement admiratif.

- Je me demande d'où vous tirez cette vigueur... moi qui vous croyais...

- Je trompe mon monde, n'est-ce pas ? Elle s'était mise à rire, je fais des études de prof de gym… J'aurais dû vous le dire. J'ai de l'entraînement.

Un jeune Marocain surgi de nulle part, car le terrain était aussi nu que le plat de la main, lui avait proposé une aide, dont elle n'avait nul besoin, mais qu'elle avait acceptée avec simplicité. A eux deux la roue de secours avait été rapidement mise en place. La voiture avait pu reprendre la route. Le jeune homme immobile, les avait regardées s'éloigner. « J'ai l'impression, avait dit Juliette, que nous lui avons meublé sa journée. » A hauteur de Meknès, Irène avait proposé :

- Si nous faisions un crochet par Volubilis, cela ne nous retarderait guère, vous devez connaître le site...

Juliette avait avoué que non, elle ne le connaissait pas. Il était pour elle, désagréablement lié aux souvenirs d'internat... La visite de Volubilis, organisée par les professeurs, lui semblait le prolongement d'une version latine et si elle y avait participé, l'aurait privée d'instants précieux passés chez elle, en famille.

- J'aborderai ces ruines, d'un regard aussi neuf que le vôtre, ma chère Irène.

Celle-ci, le Guide Bleu sur les genoux, avait lu avec application: "Le site archéologique de Volubilis, au pied du Mont Zerroun... "

Le vocable de Zerroun catapulté dans sa mémoire par une voix étrangère avait provoqué chez Juliette un petit choc... Le Zerroun, elle l'avait oublié ! Il était associé, autrefois, au mot "prune". Les prunes du Zerroun, petites, rondes, violettes, gobées d'un seul coup, - le noyau arrêté au passage et projeté loin devant soi -, abondaient sur le marché de Meknès où elles s'écrasaient dans les cageots. Sur leurs meurtrissures, lèvres entrouvertes, le miel exsudé se figeait en gouttelettes dorées.

Le Guide Bleu rendait au Djebel Zerroun son identité géographique, le dotant même d'une situation privilégiée puisque à ses pieds les Romains avaient édifié la ville de Volubilis.

Obéissant à sa conductrice, la Renault avait quitté la grande route pour s'engager sur une voie plus étroite à travers une campagne printanière, plantée d'oliviers. Elles avaient aperçu dans le lointain, sur la droite, la ville sainte de Moulay Idriss et son concentré de maisons blanches qui conféraient définitivement au Zerroun, terre d'élection de la prune, un caractère sacré. La voiture avait bifurqué à gauche pour rouler encore quelques kilomètres, puis s'était arrêtée. Le reste du parcours devait s'effectuer à pied. Les deux promeneuses avaient gravi un vallon avant d'apercevoir, face au soleil, arcs et galeries, colonnes et murs béants, parterres de mosaïques : les ruines de Volubilis. Autour d'elles, la solitude, le silence. Juliette avait admiré :

Si les Romains avaient voulu donner pour les siècles à venir, une idée de l'importance, de la beauté de leurs monuments, de leur résistance au temps aussi, eh bien, mission accomplie ! »

Et Irène, le regard soudain d'un vert franc, s'était écriée avec enthousiasme, découvrant ainsi un trait positif de sa personnalité :

- J'aurais dû emporter ma tente, elle est super confortable. Nous aurions passé quelques jours ici. J'aime cet endroit.

Et elle avait souligné le charme bucolique du décor, de ses collines aux courbes douces, tapissées d'une herbe gazonnante et fleurie.

Deux hommes, main dans la main, avaient alors franchi l'arc de triomphe. Les djellabas, l'une blanche, l'autre violette, aux plis mouvants, avaient frôlé les colonnes tronquées. Les babouches avaient glissé sur des cols d'oiseaux, des troncs musculeux, des flancs de naïades. Leur déambulation s'était poursuivie au-delà des ruines et, sans plus de réalité que des fantômes, ils avaient disparu derrière une courbe du relief.

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Irène trouve "tristounet" l'hôtel où elles comptent séjourner.

- Un hôtel à Vichy, hors saison. Je sais de quoi je parle. J'ai accompagné ma mère en cure.

Qui sait, s'inquiète Juliette, si elle ne gardera pas de ce voyage où je l'ai entraînée moi aussi, la même impression d'ennui.

- Lorsque je suis partie, il venait d'être construit, était flambant neuf et tenu par une veuve et sa fille.

L'enseigne "La Reine des neiges" a disparu. Derrière son bureau l'hôtelier marocain, d'une main molle leur tend des clés "Oui, oui, il y a des chambres libres" En fait, elles le sont toutes. Une femme les croise, sa bouilloire de cuivre à la main. Fesses à l'air, des marmots braillards courent dans le couloir. Juliette a du mal à trouver le sommeil. Sa première nuit, tant attendue, passée à Ifrane. Cette pensée l'agite. Elle est réveillée par un bruit d'eau qui tombe. La pluie ? Se serait-elle trompée dans ses prévisions ? Hier, au soir, l'observation du ciel d'un noir profond, durement piqué d'étoiles brillantes, valait celle du baromètre. Elle l'assurait qu'il ferait beau le lendemain et les jours à venir. Elle écoute... le tapotement régulier vient du cabinet de toilette. Une fuite sous le lavabo. Aux gouttes qui tombent de ce clepsydre sonorisé, elle compte les secondes, les minutes, finit par se rendormir.

Elles sont arrivées au cœur du village. Pour Juliette au cœur de son enfance.

- Cette maison que vous voyez devant nous, c'est la mienne. Voilà où nous habitions. Les stores, de mon temps, on les appelait "roul'doux", sont baissés.

Si l'un d'eux se relevait, elle verrait apparaître le visage de sa mère, elle entendrait sa voix : "Juliette !". Flot d'émotion douce, le premier.

Elle ne se rappelait pas les habitations autour d'elle, si hautes, si massives. Du coup la sienne perd de ce prestige dont elle la parait autrefois, lorsqu'elle se dressait, figure de proue dans un village, encore en devenir. Les tuiles ont pâli et elle ressent comme une offense le rouge des toits avoisinants.

- Ces deux tilleuls devant l'entrée sont vénérables. Ils doivent la vie à mon père.

- On ne le dirait guère, s'étonne Irène, ils ont des troncs d'adolescents

- C'est que le plateau sur lequel est bâti le village n'a, selon l'expression paternelle, que la peau et les "osses" - ainsi prononçait son père, le "tronc de figuier"[1] La grasse vallée du Tizguit qui l'entaille, s'est nourrie de sa chair dépecée depuis des millénaires par le vent, la pluie, la neige. Et je me rappelle que par les soirs d'été il se produisait entre le plateau surchauffé et la fraîche vallée un étrange phénomène. Sans un souffle, sans un frémissement d'air, le murmure de l'oued s'enflait, un grondement d'eaux montantes avançait vers le village, emplissait l'atmosphère. Il s'accompagnait de stridulations d'insectes, de senteurs aussi... la mousse... la menthe... et on se penchait à la fenêtre comme au bord d'un puits.

Leur promenade s'est poursuivie au hasard, le long des rues, dans un village frappé de léthargie. Juliette regrette de se montrer piètre cicérone.

Il m'est difficile d'ajuster la certitude de mes souvenirs sur la réalité environnante. Ma mémoire résiste. Des constructions oubliées surgissent, d'autres me sont inconnues ou ne sont pas là où je les attendais. Ici, une rue à la place d'un terrain vague, là, des murs haut levés me cachent une façade...

Elles passent sans s'arrêter devant l'école, fermée pour cause de ramadan.

- Mon école, du cours préparatoire au certificat d'études. Un bâtiment supplémentaire lui a été adjoint. Projeté, réalisé par

[1] Tronc de figuier : c'est ainsi que l'on nommait les Français nés en A.F.N. avant la guerre 39-45.

eux, les autres, ceux qui se sont donné après nous, des droits sur le village. Chaque transformation l'éloigne de moi un peu plus. Il m'échappe. Abandonné, je l'aurais mieux reconnu. Quand nous l'avons quitté, nous pensions que sans nous il ne pourrait vivre. Or je le retrouve agrandi, transformé, entretenu avec soin, sinon avec amour, et se refusant à ma nostalgie.

Résonance de leurs pas sur la chaussée. Irène, à l'écoute, en fait la remarque.

- C'est la sécheresse de l'air » explique Juliette.

Voix de son père : " Tu pourrais dire son exceptionnelle pureté." Son père était toujours dithyrambique quand il s'agissait d'Ifrane.

- Curieux, remarque Irène, ce village bâti à l'occidentale et habité par d'authentiques marocains.

Il est vrai que son architecture ne correspond pas à leur genre de vie, à leurs traditions, à leur culture. Ils s'y sont introduits en bernard-l'ermites. Mais de la possession naît l'attachement. Je suppose qu'ils ont pour leur demeure des sentiments de propriétaire.

- Je ne m'attendais pas, reprend Irène, à trouver au Maroc, un village de ce type. Regrette-t-elle des murs en pisé sous une palmeraie ? Et ma surprise vient de ce que je suis justement sans surprise. Sous un ciel d'un bleu vigoureux, je vois un ensemble cossu de chalets montagnards aux toits exagérément abrupts.

- Pour donner moins de prise à la neige, éviter *son* entassement. L'hiver est rude sur le plateau. Sélectionné par sa mémoire, le mot "rude" a franchi ses lèvres, donné sa coloration à un lâcher de souvenirs : la cuisinière à bois qui exhale sa mauvaise humeur en bouffées noires, les bandes de chiens errants, les pieds des détenus enveloppés dans de vieux

chiffons, le glapissement d'une hyène, et parce qu'il est nocturne, on le croit fou.

Ses souvenirs rejoignent ceux de sa mère qui, pour avoir passé une enfance pauvre à Dijon, redoutait l'hiver "tueur de pauvres gens" et se rétractait au spectacle glorieux que donnait la neige au Maroc. La lumière se déversait le long des pentes cristallisées par le gel dans un jaillissement d'escarboucles. Fête barbare à laquelle participaient les enfants, les siens aussi, ils disloquaient les pendeloques, abattaient les longues lances translucides suspendues aux toits.

Un fil d'étendage devenait yatagan, et ils en éprouvaient la courbe. Les arbres au bord de la route, figés dans une matière précieuse, dressaient des silhouettes d'idoles païennes. Mais que survint, venue de l'ouest, une pluie douce amorçant une brusque remontée de la température, et la neige rendait les armes. Sa mère, derrière la fenêtre, son éternel châle à franges sur les épaules, assistait à sa défaite et clamait : "La neige fond ! ".

Avec des soupirs, de vagues borborygmes, la neige, pénétrée de chaleur, se désagrégeait mollement, enfantait des filets d'eau, des coulées de terre noire...

Irène a profité de ce long silence pour se livrer, semble-t-il à quelque supputation...

- On doit pouvoir faire du ski...

- Et j'en faisais, j'ai reçu à douze ans ma première paire de skis en bois d'hickory, lourds et encombrants.

Et sa compagne, la prunelle soudain d'un vert revivifié

- L'hiver doit être chouette, ici.

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- Dieu merci ! il est toujours bien à sa place !

Des gens d'Ifrane, elle ne sait plus qui, lui avaient raconté que les Marocains l'avaient fait disparaître. Propos ridicules. Même l'espace qu'on lui avait ménagé, planté d'arbustes, est bien entretenu, gazonné et tout... Cet espace, Irène le croque en quelques mots :

- Autour d'un vieux lion de pierre, un mini square de province que le conseil municipal aurait doté, pour le rajeunir, d'un bassin avec jet d'eau.

Juliette proteste que ce lion n'est pas si vieux qu'elle le pense

- Je l'ai vu naître sous le ciseau de Monsieur Moreau, professeur au lycée de Rabat... Il fait partie intégrante de mon enfance. Mille fois, je me suis juchée sur son dos, mille fois je me suis égratignée au grain rude de la pierre... Qui le premier eut l'idée d'utiliser les talents d'un professeur de dessin pour donner forme à cette masse rocheuse, indestructible, qui émergeait du sol ? On était au mois de juin. Les écoliers avaient devant eux une éternité de vacances. La grande prairie, entre le Tizguit et le plateau avait été fauchée par les détenus, et les gestes du sculpteur s'accompagnaient de l'odeur des graminées fraîchement coupées. Les enfants pouvaient témoigner que ce rocher, depuis toujours, renfermait un corps de lion, car le ciseau, le burin et la gouge, maniés par des mains expertes, dégageaient un mufle débonnaire, la crêpelure d'une abondante crinière, une musculature au repos, la courbe

souple d'une queue terminée par un pinceau de poils et prête à se soulever pour chasser une mouche importune.

Monsieur Moreau disparut sans laisser sa signature. Notre lion n'a donné la célébrité qu'au seul Ifrane. Il en est devenu le symbole. Des cartes postales le représentant, ont inondé le pays... Les Marocains malgré leur répugnance, pour la représentation dans la pierre d'une forme animale l'ont conservé. Mieux; ils l'ont honoré de quelques fioritures...

Et pour la seconde fois de la journée, Juliette se sent gagnée par l'attendrissement.

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A "La rose d'Orient", l'hôtelier, il se nomme Hassan, leur accorde l'attention que l'on doit à des habituées. Juliette en profite pour lui demander si des Français sont restés à Ifrane.

- Quelques-uns, plus ou moins longtemps, mais Madame Marie-Louise, elle, le ton se fait chaleureux, n'est jamais partie.

- Marie-Louise, vous dites, et son nom ?

- Je ne sais pas, on l'appelait Madame Marie-Louise...

Juliette sollicite sa mémoire : n'était-ce pas cette nouvelle venue au village qui, par défi, avait fait construire une villa au moment où le Protectorat français vivait ses derniers moments, où le Sultan revenu de son exil malgache, était acclamé par une foule dont l'enthousiasme confinait à l'hystérie, où enfin une flambée de violence parcourait le pays.

La personnalité de cette femme l'avait suffisamment marquée pour qu'elle la revoie avec netteté, une haute taille, un visage

déjà marqué par l'âge, des traits forts et beaux, et des yeux... elle se souvient surtout des yeux... clairs, d'une eau admirable... des yeux de Nordique.

- Elle est morte l'année dernière, a soupiré Hassan.

Regret amer d'arriver trop tard. Juliette aurait aimé rencontrer cette survivante d'un passé révolu, chercher dans ses paroles et sur ses traits, le secret d'une si longue fidélité. Maintenant, elle ne peut plus que supposer. Le maintien d'une présence française en territoire marocain ? Elle ne croit pas à cet entêtement là, préfère suivre la pente de sa propre inclination. Madame Marie-Louise, en découvrant pour la première fois, ce site privilégié du Moyen-Atlas, avait rêvé d'y vivre et d'y finir ses jours et elle était de ces femmes qui ont le rêve obstiné. Elle avait vu se fermer portes et fenêtres sans être saisie par l'envie moutonnière de fermer les siennes... Elle avait refusé l'exil. Elle était donc restée seule dans un village déserté. Elle avait vu les indigènes, jusque là relégués dans le "fondouk", investir les demeures inoccupées.

L'ancien tissu social parti en lambeaux, un autre se reconstituait, dans lequel madame Marie-Louise, étant femme, et femme solitaire, ne pouvait s'intégrer, cependant, elle avait entretenu de bons rapports avec la nouvelle communauté. Le ton de Hassan en témoignait.

« Frères humains qui avec nous vivez... »

Âme bien trempée, elle avait donné une leçon aux anciens d' Ifrane, à ceux, qui, arrivés des quatre coins de France ou d'Europe, se vantaient d'avoir été les premiers à peupler le village, à en composer le substrat. Les premiers, ils avaient pénétré une nature vierge, comme à l'aube des temps. Devant l'ombre gigantesque projetée sur le sol, par un gypaète dans

son envol, ils s'étaient sentis des âmes de Robinsons. Puis, enhardis, ils explorèrent, et, pour mieux posséder, spolièrent. Ils ouvrirent des passages dans la forêt, débusquèrent de son fourré le sanglier, exhibèrent le corps de la première panthère tuée et elle ne serait pas la dernière, arrêtèrent net, d'une balle, les ébats gracieux du lynx, cet habitant de la forêt de Jaba. Et puis un jour, sous la pression des événements, ils avaient abandonné les lieux. Ils ne voulaient pas y voir remplacer le drapeau français par le drapeau chérifien, ni obéir à des lois imposées par ceux-là même qui, hier encore, leur obéissaient. Chaque départ en entraînait un autre. Mailles d'un tricot qui file... mais le dernier virage dépassé, la Zaouïa hors de vue et déjà, le regret s'emparait d'eux, ne les lâcherait plus... Perdant l'espoir d'une communauté réformée, ils s'étaient dispersés à travers la France, sans que les liens qui les unissaient ne se rompent, leur rappelant qu'ils restaient, avant tout et à jamais, des "Gens d'Ifrane".

Juliette refait surface au moment où le restaurateur pose sur la table le "tajine" rituel. Il est aujourd'hui aux cardes et cœurs d'artichauts. Un pont a été jeté entre ses clients et lui. Il n'entend pas l'abandonner.

- Vous l'avez connue, Madame Marie-Louise, vous êtes du pays ?

Je l'étais, répond Juliette, oui, je l'étais, mais je ne connaissais Madame Marie-Louise que de vue. Et vous, Hassan, vous rappelez-vous la famille Walter ? Mon père était Receveur des Postes...

Hassan hoche négativement la tête :

- Au temps des Français, j'étais trop jeune, mon père, peut-être... il travaillait à l'entretien des routes sous les ordres de Monsieur Martinez

Juliette se jette sur le nom.

- Martinez... quel Martinez ? Ils étaient deux frères. L'un petit et maigre, l'autre, plus large que haut… Une bonne tête, ce devait être celui-là. Il conduisait le "Pourquoi-pas", successeur du premier chasse-neige à étrave, écrasé par l'effondrement du toit du garage où s'accumulait une neige qui tombait depuis huit jours.

L'avancée du "Pourquoi-pas" dans les rues s'accompagnait de jappements de chiens, de cris d'enfants enfouis dans une neige fraîche dont ils éprouvaient vite, à la morsure de ses paillettes acérées, la traîtresse douceur. Et c'était à celui qui, au passage de l'engin, échapperait le dernier au geyser d'écume irisée projeté, soufflé par les tuyères. Monsieur Martinez passait sa tête à la portière, libérait son inquiétude en une bordée de jurons et invectives.

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Hassan observe sa cliente avec intérêt, il a soufflé sur des cendres, ranimés des souvenirs... Il devine son état d'âme, la sienne se met à l'unisson.

- Moi aussi je suis Ifranien. Il a dit Ifranien, mot doux à entendre, Ifranien d'une autre espèce, d'un autre âge, Ifranien tout de même. Elle a envie de lui serrer la main, il éprouve la même envie, et, sachant qu'il va être compris, il raconte ... Il

raconte que l'été dernier, d'un car de touristes est descendue une femme, elle s'est approchée de la maison, juste à côté, elle a embrassé la poignée de la porte. Une autre fois, deux Français, le mari et la femme, se sont arrêtés devant l'école. La femme a appuyé son front contre le portail et s'est mise à pleurer. Son mari n'arrivait pas à l'arracher du portail. Il examine sur Juliette l'effet produit par un chagrin exprimé d'une manière aussi spectaculaire. Il attend d'elle une réaction, dont il tirera un récit qui, colporté à travers le village, enrichira la mémoire collective de ses habitants. Lui, Hassan ne s'en cache pas. Le pathétique d'un gestuel que chacun ici-bas, dans son propre langage, peut traduire ainsi : "J'ai été arrachée à ces lieux aimés" lui est allé droit au cœur. Peut-être même a-t-il les yeux humides car il éprouve le besoin de les essuyer sur une manche de sa veste...

A ce moment un des mitrons, sur le seuil de la cuisine, le hèle. Profitant de sa courte absence, Irène se penche vers Juliette pour lui murmurer que l'ami Hassan a aujourd'hui l'humeur sentimentale, humeur qu'elle attribue aux fatigues du Ramadan.

Précédé de l'odeur exacerbée d'un bouquet de menthe qu'on vient d'ébouillanter, Hassan réapparaît. Il les prend, maintenant à témoin d'une indignité « L'hôtel Balima va disparaître. "On parle de le faire sauter". Juliette le savait. Des gens d'Ifrane l'avaient prévenue :

- Aïe ! Ma "pôvre" ! La vue qu'on a du haut des étages, sur le palais, le Roi ne supporte pas !

Irène les regarde, incrédule.

- L'hôtel Balima, et dans sa bouche les deux noms perdent soudain leur charge affective, nous l'avons aperçu ce matin,

c'est ce grand bâtiment adossé à la forêt de cèdres et surplombant la vallée?

L'affliction de Hassan redouble :

- Un hôtel de cent chambres, gémit-il, quand il implosera, les gens du village pleureront.

- Voyons, le ton posé d'Irène est celui que l'on prend pour mettre de l'ordre dans un univers de déraison, voyons, il faut protester, faire signer une pétition.

- Une pétition ! N'ayant pas l'usage du mot, Hassan en a perdu le sens. Juliette n'ose pas expliquer que les Ifraniens n'ont pas plus de droits que des enfants face à un père abusif. Elle souffle :

- Vous n'y pensez pas, les désirs du Roi ont valeur d'ukases. L'hôtel Balima l'importune. Il faut le détruire. *Delenda est Carthago* ! Et il sera détruit.

Au sortir du Restaurant, Irène, se réjouit d'avoir trouvé chez le jeune Marocain des qualités reconnues, cataloguées par elle comme estimables, porte sur lui ce jugement bref, mais positif.

- Sympa ce garçon, et elle ajoute, mais je m'étonne, l'amour du village natal, cela existait-t-il donc encore ? Elle en parle, pense Juliette, comme d'une plante ou d'un animal en voie de disparition et que l'on retrouve dans un endroit inattendu.

- Mes parents, poursuit Irène, en congé regagnent Melley où ils sont nés, mais c'est plutôt par économie. Il y a longtemps que je ne les suis plus. Pour moi la maison de campagne, la solitude, c'est la galère ! Je suis trop habituée sans doute, â la vie dans un appartement, aux sorties en groupes. Vous ne croyez pas que l'ami Hassan en rajoute, histoire de vous faire plaisir ?

- Non, non, Juliette ne le croit pas.

- Pourtant l'hôtel Balima leur rappelle le temps des Français, leur pouvoir, il en est le symbole.

- Vous dites le temps des Français, mais à Ifrane cela représente trente années de rapports quotidiens, de vies mêlées. Bien sûr, les Indigènes habitaient le "fondouk", mais le village leur était familier. Ces demeures dont ils ont hérité, ils les connaissaient bien, pour y avoir besogné et servi. Ils nous regardaient vivre, ils nous sentaient vivre. Sous l'effet d'une lente imprégnation, tunique tissée sur eux, maille à maille ils se sont trouvés investis, après notre départ, d'une nouvelle identité, celle d'Ifraniens. L'hôtel Balima était notre orgueil, il est devenu le leur, et d'imaginer sa disparition brutale, qui laisserait le village mutilé, lui cause un choc, à cet homme...

- Et maintenant il recueille avec une naïveté touchante, le témoignage de vos regrets... Difficile pour moi de comprendre l'atmosphère passionnée qui entoure cet ensemble de maisons éparpillées... construites d'hier, semble-t-il, et, pardonnez-moi, Juliette, Ifrane me semblerait banal sans la présence d'une mosquée au milieu des tuiles rouges et de la résidence royale, flambant neuve, folie pour milliardaire qui émerge des cèdres. Inutile de chercher une trace de vétusté, un vestige grâce auquel on pourrait découvrir une culture, une histoire. L'histoire d'Ifrane... Ifrane a-t-il un passé ? Juliette racontez-moi.

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Juliette ne s'est pas fait prier. Elles sont allées s'asseoir sur un banc, dans le petit square, face au lion. Irène a allongé ses

jambes, tendu au soleil un visage fervent. Elle porte un survêtement bleu marine, signe évident de ses activités sportives. Fidèle à ses habitudes, elle a commencé la journée par un footing dont elle est revenue, paraît-il en "super-forme".

- Dans les tout commencements, ne vous effrayez pas - ils ne remontent pas loin, une soixantaine d'années à peine - le plateau était nu, désert, encombré de croupes rocheuses qui se succédaient en vagues pétrifiées Aucune fouille dans ces profondeurs ne mettrait à jour le moindre vestige préhistorique ou archéologique. Depuis toujours un lieu d'errance pour la hyène et le chacal, un "no man's land" où s'observaient sans s'affronter, les tribus berbères. A ses pieds, renforçant son aspect désolé, la fraîche vallée du Tizguit. Déjà connue et appréciée sans doute des Romains de Volubilis, ils la nommèrent "Horti", les jardins. Le nom déformé devint "Tourtit". Nous sommes ici sur le plateau de Tourtit.

Son histoire commence le jour où une piste partie d'Azrou, atteignit une plaine volcanique qu'elle pénétra et traversa… Peu après, comme pour prouver qu'il était devenu accessible, une voiture résidentielle, cahotant et tressautant, le parcourait et s'arrêtait face à la vallée. Il en descendit un chauffeur de maître et un personnage en jaquette et chapeau haut de forme. Le Secrétaire Général du Protectorat français en personne.

Je me plais à penser qu'il faisait une de ces journées où l'air vif et tonique pour avoir voyagé sur la neige s'attendrit par bouffées, en tiédeurs et senteurs printanières, où le Tizguit déborde en ruisselets capricants. Au-dessus du haut-de-forme immobile, une buse décrivait des cercles concentriques.

Alors le Secrétaire Général frappa le sol de son escarpin verni : «Ici, dit-il, sera le village»... et le village fut. A l'appellation

de Tourtit, on préféra celle plus sonore, d'Ifrane, "les grottes" par référence, sans doute, aux grottes de la Zaouia, toutes proches.

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- Cet embryon de village, Irène, vous ne l'auriez pas trouvé banal. Imaginez en face de nous, sur un espace chaotique, trois chalets, trois modestes constructions en bois. Il y en avait peut-être davantage, mais, ayant échappé à mon attention enfantine, je ne peux leur donner droit à l'existence. Juste à côté, cette grande bâtisse que ce matin même vous avez trouvée sans grâce existait déjà. Je me souviens du jour où les ouvriers ont posé la verrière de la façade. Elle ne devint jamais ce à quoi elle était destinée : un Casino. Elle servit au fil des ans, à de multiples usages. Et, là-haut, ostensiblement à l'écart sur une hauteur arasée et devenue plate forme, s'ouvrit un chantier qui devint entre "midi et trois", le but de la promenade paternelle. L'ouvrage inspirait à mon père des commentaires enthousiastes. Une armée de Portugais y travaillait. L'hôtel aurait cent chambres et le volume d'une cathédrale.

Nous, les Walter, père, mère, un garçon et deux filles, logions dans un des chalets, enfin, dans une moitié, l'autre étant réservée à l'usage du Receveur des Postes, mon père. Le couloir qui les séparait nous ayant été généreusement imparti, ma mère y accrocha ses casseroles en aluminium. Le chalet s'ouvrait sur une véranda à laquelle on accédait par un escalier de trois marches. Un réchaud "Puritan" fut poussé contre la

paroi extérieure, entre les deux portes. Il était un des points d'arrêt de ma mère dans sa circumnavigation domestique.

Les deux autres étant la machine à coudre et le standard téléphonique, où elle pouvait, enfin pensions-nous, se reposer un peu en plantant des fiches en face d'elle dans des trous réservés à cet effet.

Nous venions de quitter Rabat, nos grands-parents, oncles et tantes, et nous les enfants ressentions cruellement cette séparation. Il me semble que nous avons passé le premier été, cantonnés sous la véranda, à tourmenter le chat ou nous livrer à des acrobaties sur la balustrade de bois. Il y avait entre le chalet et l'espace vide qui nous était offert, une limite que nous n'osions franchir, retenus par la vigilance inquiète de ma mère et, plus encore, par la frayeur que nous causaient les explosions de dynamite. Quand le son nasillard de la corne se faisait entendre "Attention ! Une mine" nous rentrions précipitamment.

On remodelait le paysage, Ordre du Secrétaire Général. Place aux maisons. Les masses rocheuses sautaient les unes après les autres. Certaines furent épargnées. On les appela des collines, nos collines. D'autres restèrent à demi éventrées, comme victime d'un bombardement. Les premières pluies d'orage firent apparaître dans leurs anfractuosités, des chatoiements de scabieuses, d'adonis gouttes de sang et ce fut le seul bienfait de la nature à notre égard, cet été-là. Le terrain ayant été ainsi aplani on put tendre des cordeaux, poser des jalons. Sous nos yeux se dessinait un village en pointillés et nous imaginions, ici une épicerie, là un magasin de jouets ou de chaussures.

Nous attendions le soir, pour voir passer les "gens" : une troupe de forçats, auteurs de larcins ou meurtriers, malmenés

par les "caporaux", prisonniers sortis du rang, devenus gardes-chiourmes... On les employait à la construction des routes. Je les appelais, paraît-il, les "zorphelines", parce que la toile grise dont ils étaient vêtus, devait me rappeler la blouse des orphelines qui chaque matin à Rabat, faisaient leur entrée en rang dans l'école maternelle de la Tour Hassan. Les Portugais défilaient à leur tour: pantalons de velours côtelé, veste lasse jetée sur l'épaule, chapeaux poussiéreux. Nous leur montrions le poing, leur lancions des injures, à notre grande satisfaction, ils nous injuriaient à leur tour. Enfin! Nous existions!

Irène, qui jusque là, a eu l'écoute exemplaire, éprouve le besoin de s'agiter, se tourne vers Juliette et se met à rire :

- De vrais sauvageons, j'ai peine à vous imaginer ainsi. Juliette, vous ne ressemblez pas à votre enfance. Juliette sourit :«Il en reste toujours quelque chose » « Et moi, alors, quels souvenirs vais-je garder de mon enfance citadine dans un quartier tranquille et dont le béton a quelque chose de définitif. Vont-ils être peuplés de portes, fenêtres, cages d'escaliers et ascenseurs ? ... Cette pensée me déprime. Excusez-moi, je vous ai interrompue... Vous viviez donc en pleine solitude. Mais est-ce qu'il n'y avait pas trois chalets ?

- Allons, leur évocation inévitable pourra-t-elle exorciser l'ancienne douleur ?

- L'un d'eux était l'abri épisodique du médecin, une femme, le Docteur Langlois, je ne me souviens que de son nom. Notre bonne santé la décourageait L'autre…Juliette marque un temps d'arrêt, elle évalue l'obstacle avant de le franchir… l'autre paraissait vide, mais nous savions, sans l'avoir jamais vu, qu'un gardien du pénitencier y vivait ou plutôt y dormait. Un soir, le chalet fut le lieu d'une scène dont nous ne comprîmes pas tout d'abord la signification, mais que notre prescience jugea

ignominieuse: des plaintes, des coups sourds, des "a-han" de coupeurs de bois en plein effort... On châtiait un détenu. Il s'était évadé et on l'avait repris. Chacun des "caporaux", à tour de rôle, faisait appel à toutes ses forces pour asséner le coup de nerf de bœuf sur le dos de son compagnon de misère et ces "a-han", porteurs d'une jouissance profonde étaient plus horribles à entendre que les gémissements du supplicié.

Juliette se tait. Souvenir cloué au pilori de sa mémoire, il en suinte encore cette bile noirâtre qui a obscurci les premières années passées à Ifrane.

La femme, les enfants du gardien de prison, un jour, le rejoignirent. Nous nous en écartions comme de pestiférés. Ils portaient sur eux la flétrissure dont nous avions marqué le père.

A nouveau le silence. Si nous avions été d'une génération "télé", habitués à voir défiler des images violentes sur le petit écran je me demande si j'aurais éprouvé un choc aussi profond, aussi durable, je ne connaissais rien alors à la cruauté, pour la première fois, le spectacle m'en était infligé.

Irène proteste :

- Croyez-vous notre sensibilité émoussée ? Pour ma part, ma réaction aurait été la même. Quand vous pensez que je ne peux supporter de voir maltraiter, ne serait-ce qu'un chien, dans la rue…

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D'un commun accord, elles se sont levées, ont repris leur promenade.

- Notre vie se réduisait à l'essentiel. Le pain et les autres denrées nous étaient livrés par Monsieur Delépine, un commerçant itinérant. Nous l'attendions comme le Messie. Il arrêtait sa camionnette, dressait la "guitoune", déballait les marchandises. Le soir, quand il avait allumé sa lampe, on voyait se mouvoir sa silhouette pachydermique en ombre chinoise sur la toile de la "guitoune". Il déplaçait les caisses, aménageait une couche. La nuit l'engloutissait. Le lendemain à notre lever, Monsieur Delépine et sa camionnette avaient disparu.

Nous buvions l'eau des sources. Peu à peu nous avions appris à connaître toutes les sources autour du Tizguit, même celles qui sourdent de terre, presque invisibles. Pour l'usage courant nous étions approvisionnés par la "tonne", une grande cuve transportée sur une charrette que tirait un mulet. Le Chef du pénitencier avait mis à notre disposition - ainsi qu'il le fit plus tard, pour les autres fonctionnaires - un forçat. Le premier fut Mekki. Il avait tué sa femme qui le trompait. Où était la faute ? Alors que nous avions sur lui, du moins le croyait-il, tout pouvoir, nous le traitions en être humain, n'avions pour lui que de bonnes paroles. Sa crainte se changea en dévotion. Il mit à notre service, sa force physique qui était grande. Il charriait l'eau de la tonne au chalet. Et il fallait voir avec quelle ardeur joyeuse il arborait des muscles tendus à l'extrême pour arracher du sol une lessiveuse remplie d'eau tiédie au soleil, gravir les trois marches et la poser sur la terrasse. La saison d'hiver nous le rendit encore plus précieux. Il fendait les troncs de chênes, faisait voler en éclats ceux de cèdres…

La neige nous prit au dépourvu. Si ma mère, la Dijonnaise, la reconnut, elle nous plongea, mon père et nous, les enfants, dans une commune admiration. Mon père suivit sa chute moelleuse avec une attention passionnée, nous faisant

remarquer la délicatesse précautionneuse et, pour tout dire, féline, avec laquelle les flocons se déposaient les uns sur les autres. Cette contemplation le plongea dans une sorte de léthargie et il finit par s'endormir, la tête sur le guichet. Une douce et étrange lumière chassant l'ombre de chaque coin et recoin, régna en souveraine dans le chalet. La neige avait composé un paysage qui nous était à nouveau devenu étranger.

- Et puis, dit Irène au bout d'un moment pendant lequel elle est restée songeuse, vous avez grandi et le village aussi. C'est une invite à franchir le cercle magique enserrant les trois chalets et à s'avancer au-delà.

- C'est vrai j'ai grandi même temps que le village, et, sensible à la pulsion donnée, Juliette poursuit, mais pas plus que de ma propre croissance, je ne me suis souciée de la sienne. Je la vivais, l'intégrais dans mon vécu, simplement. Le commerce, longtemps réduit à une boulangerie et deux épiceries, l'une tenue par un ancien légionnaire, l'autre par un jeune Juif, à la peau tavelée de taches de son, se diversifia Les magasins dont nous avions rêvé, s'ouvraient les uns après les autres et aussi des hôtels, des restaurants, un café et sa terrasse.

A la manière d'une ménagère avisée qui monte son intérieur, le Secrétaire Général dota Ifrane d'un dispensaire, d'une école, d'un bureau de poste dans lequel, éblouis„ nous aménageâmes. Une église remplaça le chalet où officiait le premier prêtre. Enfin, avec un service de car quotidien, l'eau au robinet, le courant électrique fourni par une usine installée sur un bras du Tizguit, Ifrane eut tout ce qu'il fallait pour devenir un vrai village.

En même temps une population hétéroclite s'y installait, prenait racine, se refermait déjà en microcosme : la

Gendarmerie, le pénitencier, le "Timdikine", lieu-dit où on logea dans des bâtiments à étage, ouvriers et employés.

Au sommet de la hiérarchie, le Contrôleur civil. Des habitudes étaient prises, des amitiés naissaient, des rivalités aussi. La "Vigie marocaine " contre "l'Echo du Maroc". La pêche au ver contre la pêche au lancer. Les villas et les chalets s'élevaient, alignés le long des rues, perchés sur les collines ou s'y adossant. Car elles étaient toujours là, ces diablesses de collines. L'ardeur que l'on avait déployée à les démanteler, ralentissait au fur et à mesure que s'espaçaient les visites du Secrétaire Général, et même s'éteignit tout à fait, après son départ pour l'URSS où il avait été nommé Ambassadeur de France. On combla leurs effondrements, la terre végétale faisant en sens inverse le chemin suivi depuis des millénaires, fut remontée de la vallée dans des tombereaux.

Des tilleuls argentés, des acacias, des prunus pissardi furent plantés. Ils provenaient de la pépinière qui avait été créée dès les premiers temps d'Ifrane, sur un élargissement de la vallée. Juliette s'en souvient encore, parce que le premier qui en fut responsable, un homme d'une force herculéenne, disait-on, se pendit dans sa cabane. Ces collines furent, avant que mon frère ne prenne seul sa course pour de lointains vagabondages, notre terrain de jeux. La valériane en touffes roses y fleurissait.

…Mais Juliette avait une tendresse particulière pour une petite plante qui les tapissait. Elle montrait tant de courage à survivre, tirant d'une pincée de terre, une parcelle de vie. Si démunie qu'elle fût, elle entendait affirmer sa personnalité et nettement se définir par une rosette d'écailles brillantes autour d'un cœur duveteux. Sous chaque pierre, une couleuvre, une vipère, un scorpion que nous nous gardions d'importuner. Nous pourchassions le lézard gris qui signe sa fuite d'une queue

cabalistique. Mon frère, lui, capturait le gros lézard au dos bleu-vert, au ventre jaune de soufre, dont la gueule refermée, même au bout de la tête coupée, ne lâche plus sa proie.

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Les années d'internat m'éloignèrent d'Ifrane. Nos vies se séparèrent. En mon absence, les constructions se multipliaient. Je croisais dans la rue des étrangers.

"IFRANE perle de l'Atlas", devint une station climatique à la mode. Les estivants affluèrent, envahirent notre prairie, vaste espace délimité par une boucle du Tizguit et livrée, en juin, aux frémissements des graminées et des papillons. Des jeunes gens et des jeunes filles, en bandes, animèrent les nuits d'été. Mon village m'échappait.

Arrivèrent les années quarante. De l'incendie qui ravagea l'Europe, ne nous parvinrent que les cendres. La vie du village en fut ralentie, devint celle d'une ruche malade. Les bâtiments des colonies de vacances abritèrent la convalescence des militaires, ceux-ci n'avaient que faire des charmes d'Ifrane. On vit des uniformes errer, mélancoliques, le long des méandres du Tizguit. Ifrane n'était plus qu'un lieu de passage ou d'attente. Je vis apparaître un jour, mon premier Américain ou plutôt sa tête, dans l'embrasure de la fenêtre de la salle à manger. Il avait grimpé le long du mât en haut duquel flottait les jours de fête, le drapeau tricolore. En m'apercevant, il pointa le doigt sur moi et s'écria avec l'accent de triomphe : "A girl ! a girl !"

Mil neuf cent quarante cinq, la paix signée, la France recouvra sa liberté. Les Marocains relevèrent la tête... Pourquoi pas eux ? Il y avait de l'hostilité dans l'air, peut-être à cause de leur regard... Elle nous prépara au départ collectif… L'image de madame Marie-Louise traversa Juliette avec la fugacité d'un météore… Après quelque résistance, il nous fallu leur accorder l'indépendance... Nous devions en envisager toutes les implications. Notre sort allait désormais dépendre de leur bon vouloir, peut-être même de leur libre arbitre... Cette pensée nous fut insupportable. Aux premiers qui partirent nous avions envie de crier "Attendez, nous partons avec vous". Nous avions envie de les suivre et nous les avons suivis !

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- Eh bien, lance Irène qui s'est installée au volant de la Renault, en route pour le Val d'Ifrane !

- Je crains, dit Juliette en prenant place à ses côtés, que vous ne soyez déçue. L'herbe sera encore fripée par le gel, et les buissons d'aubépines toutes griffes dehors. D'ailleurs, pour vous, habitantes de lieux humides, qu'est-ce qu'une rivière, sinon une rivière, ni plus ni moins ? Ici, au Maroc, l'eau qui court et qui coule, claire et sans jamais se tarir, est un don de Dieu. Il faut, pour en sentir le prix, l'aborder un jour où, sous un ciel vide et blanc, le village assiégé, résiste, porte et volets clos, à la canicule. Atteindre alors le domaine de l'eau, du clair-obscur, des formes changeantes et furtives. Le velours d'une libellule devient ombre palpitante, le turquoise d'une autre, trouée dans

le feuillage. La truite, portée par le courant, un reflet du soleil, même la grosse libellule, l'æschne, dont le vol brutal affirme qu'elle est ce qu'elle est, en s'arrêtant net, devient herbe et eau. Et sur cette apparence de feuille nouvelle-née, le regard exercé délimite le contour d'une rainette. La peau plastifiée, finement tendue sur le modelé délicat du corps en souligne les moindres détails, de la gorge qui bat à la découpe des palmes, aux ventouses de ses doigts, minuscules ballons de baudruche. Et chaque forme ne doit être qu'effleurée du regard, car elle est insaisissable. Ainsi, l'étonnant hygromètre, glisseur infatigable, acrobate fantaisiste, doué de plusieurs vies à la fois, devient dans le creux de la main, un infime amas de filaments épars.

- Vous m'indiquerez les endroits que vous désirez revoir. J'arrêterai la voiture.

Ce brusque rappel à la réalité impose silence à la petite voix intérieure et à son chant lyrique.

- Les trois points d'orgue du parcours sont l'Ile d'Amour dont la végétation furibonde a dû être disciplinée par les jardiniers du Roi, la source "Vittel" et la Cascade des Vierges. Toujours une référence à la France, vous n'y échapperez pas. Au fond, nous aimions Ifrane, parce qu'il représentait un espace français au Maroc. Le climat, la végétation, que beaucoup d'entre nous ne connaissaient que par ouïe-dire, nous confortaient dans cette opinion. Les beautés des environs étaient reconnues, magnifiées dans nos manuels scolaires. Nous étions, sans doute, au Maroc, les seuls écoliers â voir tomber les feuilles rousses des platanes. Mon père, surveillait avec délectation la croissance de ses tilleuls, des "tilleuls comme en France". Il était atteint d'une hypertrophie de son "moi" français, "moi" que d'ailleurs, étant né à Tunis, il s'était forgé de toutes pièces.

Ainsi que Juliette s'y attendait, le Val languit encore sous les rigueurs de l'hiver. Arrêt devant un trou d'eau, souvenir d'anciens pique-niques. A l'abri des remous, sous les frênes, l'eau dort, immobile. Irène admire sa profondeur verte.

- Couleur peppermint, elle me rappelle celle d'un gardon dans les Cévennes.

- J'y ai laissé tomber, un jour, une timbale en argent, marquée à mes initiales. Nous n'avons jamais pu la récupérer. Le trou est trop profond.

Elle se penche, éprouve sous ses doigts le contact d'une eau glacée, paralysante. Sa température restait à peu près constante toute l'année. Les estivants se défiaient de cette eau mal apprivoisée. Elle-même, Juliette, avait vu s'y engloutir la timbale, et jugé mystérieuse sa disparition soudaine. Son regard accroche un rayon de soleil entre les arbres. Si elle pouvait lui insuffler sa volonté, le diriger comme on dirige un rayon laser, il pénétrerait la couche de sédiments sous laquelle est enfouie la timbale, il en titillerait le métal, solliciterait son éclat, clin d'œil, petit salut.

- Je suis là. C'est Irène qui a parlé. Elle était partie en reconnaissance, de cette foulée rapide que Juliette admire.

- La rivière coule à ras bord, le courant est fort, super pour une descente en kayak.

- Plus bas, son cours est encombré d'îlots.

- J'ai fait une rencontre, devinez laquelle ? Une gravité de philosophe, une démarche de Duchesse.

- Je ne donne pas ma langue au chat, c'est une cigogne . Elle et ses congénères nichent dans les peupliers de la Zaouïa. Elles arrivent d'Afrique noire, toujours trop tôt, se laisseront surprendre par les dernières neiges, plusieurs y laisseront la vie.

Irène sourit :

- Tout vous est souvenir, n'est-ce pas?

- C'est vrai, et je mets dans leur recherche une ardeur de chien "truffier"»

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La main d'Irène à peine posée sur la clé de contact s'immobilise. Signe d'embarras ou de préoccupation... Le premier. Rien jusqu'ici n'est venu troubler le cours lisse de leur séjour ifranien. La voiture reste sur la ligne de départ. La jeune fille tiraille une de ses boucles d'oreilles. « Qu'est-ce qui vous tracasse, mon petit ?» La question à peine posée, Juliette s'alarme. Si elle allait me demander de reprendre la route pour filer vers un Maroc plus couleur locale, vers le Sud… Et comme la jeune fille se tourne vers elle, hésitante, l'iris embrumé :

- Voyons, Irène, depuis notre arrivée, vous avez montré une complaisance telle que j'en suis confuse. Mais il ne faut pas pousser trop loin votre rôle de demoiselle de compagnie, vous n'êtes pas à mon service, et si vous avez un désir à exprimer, allez-y... vous voulez écourter votre séjour…

Irène se récrie qu'il n'en est pas question, elle n'est pas pour un survol rapide des endroits visités, préfère s'y attarder, ils perdent leur apparence de carte postale, y gagnent en épaisseur :

- Vous voyez ce que je veux dire ?

Juliette est rassurée sur ce point.

- Mais alors, quoi ?

- Vous ne voulez pas d'une demoiselle de compagnie, dites-vous, mais si je vous proposais un compagnon de voyage…

- Vous me prenez au dépourvu. Juliette reste interdite. Où le dénicherez-vous ?

- C'est un camarade de faculté. Il ne demandera pas mieux que de se joindre à nous

Petite cachottière ! Et moi qui croyais en l'innocence de son regard. Irène devine le jugement porté sur elle et se hâte d'ajouter :

- Rien de préconçu de ma part, je vous l'assure. L'idée m'en est venue peu à peu, au déroulement agréable du voyage.

- Où est-il en ce moment ?

- Il passe ses vacances à Kénitra dans sa famille. Sa mère est française, des Cévennes, je crois. Son père est marocain. Irène s'interrompt, soudain consciente que cette dernière précision peut constituer un obstacle au projet. Vous n'y voyez toujours pas d'inconvénient ? Ton, où se mêlent à la fois le défi et la prière, il est celui de sa fille lorsqu'elle sollicite un accord qu'elle sait difficile à obtenir. Soit, elle l'obtiendra, cet accord. D'ailleurs l'essentiel n'est-il pas de rester à Ifrane ?

- Aucun inconvénient, si vous jugez ce garçon sympathique.

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Un "camarade", Karim ? Voire ! Irène, pour l'accueillir, arbore une iris dont tout le gris a disparu et elle a eu hier, en courant au bureau de postes, le pied ailé. Cependant les retrouvailles sont cordiales, sans plus. "Salut ", "salut" Aucun laisser-aller

dans leur attitude. Soit ! Juliette respectera cette discrétion Elle n'en est pas moins curieuse de savoir jusqu'où vont leurs relations et s'ils oseront ce soir, partager la même chambre. Karim a l'œil vif, mobile et gai, des traits réguliers. Juliette apprécie sa musculature. "C'est un costaud !" Même si l'arrondi des biceps préfigure l'embonpoint d'un Karim quadragénaire. Son teint mat est celui d'un garçon habitué aux sports de plein air. Juliette conclut qu'il ne doit pas être difficile à une jeune fille d'en tomber amoureuse. Il semble que le déroulement agréable du voyage, selon l'expression d'Irène subisse un changement de rythme.

- Comment, s'écrie Karim, vous n'êtes pas descendues au "Tourtit" ? Mon père me l'a recommandé, c'est un hôtel trois étoiles. L'hôtel Tourtit ? Juliette ne connaît pas

- Je vous aide à boucler les valises et on déménage, vite fait ! L'arrivée de Karim ? Celle d'un trublion. Ayant trouvé chez la jeune fille une auditrice complaisante, Juliette a pris l'habitude de s'épancher, de déverser librement le trop-plein de sa mémoire. La présence du jeune marocain va l'obliger à plus de circonspection. Supportera-t-il de bonne grâce, la main-mise qu'elle affiche sur ce territoire à coups de souvenirs ? Je lui abandonne le village et ses portes fermées, elles ne s'ouvriront plus pour moi. Mais la nature, elle, demeure inchangée, je la retrouve telle qu'elle était. Nous nous sommes reconnues. Elle est mienne par droit d'aînesse. Avant lui, j'ai foulé le sol de mes pieds nus, et assez longtemps pour qu'en me retirant, je me sente dépossédée.

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L'hôtel Tourtit se veut luxueux, il est bâti sur la rive droite du Tizguit, derrière la prairie. Le hall d'accueil est de belles dimensions. Un couple est installé au bar. Juliette le devine étranger, un rien dans la mise, l'aspect physique. Aux sonorités gutturales de quelques paroles échangées, elle reconnaît des Allemands

Irène et Karim ont découvert la salle de jeux. Génial ! Juliette amusée, les regarde s'affronter autour d'un baby-foot. Irène y met une ardeur combative qui rappelle à Juliette le changement expéditif du pneu au sortir de Casablanca Elle ne quitte la salle, qu'après avoir tiré de chaque machine, en la brutalisant, des cliquetis, couinements et autres bruits incongrus. Karim a l'air content de sa partenaire. D'une main amicale, il lui ébouriffe les cheveux : "Cette petite tête !".

La salle à manger, dans sa solitude, paraît encore plus vaste . Les Allemands ont jeté l'ancre à l'autre extrémité. Leur présence ne se manifeste qu'en murmures, et tintements de fourchettes.

- Il paraît, Madame Aubert, dit Karim en s'asseyant, que votre séjour à Ifrane n'est pas le fait du hasard, le choix d'une touriste... C'est un retour aux sources, en quelque sorte. Vous êtes native du pays.

- Presque, j'avais cinq ans lorsque mes parents sont venus s'y installer.

- Eh bien, vous me donnez l'occasion de découvrir le Moyen-Atlas, je vous en remercie.

- Pas possible ! Vous ne connaissiez pas Ifrane ? Karim se met à rire :

- Vous semblez scandalisée. Je vous donne une piètre idée du Marocain que je suis.

Juliette est décontenancée, l'adversaire se dérobe.

- Je passe habituellement les fêtes de Noël à l'Ouka[1] et l'été je fréquente les plages de l'Atlantique. Quand je ne suis pas dans les Cévennes. Juliette le dévisage avec intérêt. Il n'observe pas le jeûne. Le Cévenol qui est en lui mange même de fort bon appétit Elle prend alors conscience qu'elle a devant elle, un être hybride, un pied en France, l'autre au Maroc. Quand elle le connaîtra mieux elle se risquera à lui demander comment il vit cette position inconfortable.

- Je connais Ifrane de réputation, le Roi y a sa résidence d'été. De cette résidence, son interlocutrice s'empare aussitôt.

- Je l'ai visitée avant même qu'elle ne soit terminée. J'ai pu admirer le luxe des mosaïques, la finesse du stuc travaillé. Elle a été inaugurée en mil neuf cent quarante deux. Les tribus berbères accourues, s'étaient rassemblées en signe d'allégeance envers leur Souverain. Pour la première fois, elles se reconnaissaient en lui.

Juliette est mue par une impulsion soudaine, elle va, chez ce Karim inattendu, réveiller, faire vibrer la fibre marocaine. Et d'évoquer avec complaisance le déploiement dans la Prairie des brunes "khaïmas"[1] devant lesquelles s'affairaient les femmes. Leurs gestes s'accompagnant du tintement des lourds bracelets d'argent. Leurs robes aux teintes pourpre et safran, assourdies par la transparence d'une tunique tissée de fils de soie. Les enfants jouent alentour et jusque sous les pattes des

[1] L'Oukaïméden : station de sports d'hiver du Haut-Atlas

chevaux qui semblent avoir été entravés à seule fin de faire scintiller au soleil leur harnachement d'or et d'argent.

Les allers et venues des hommes d'une khaïma à l'autre, la lente procession jusqu'à la tente caïdale, dressée en haut d'une colline d'où s'élancera, pour une ardente fantasia, le galop des cavaliers. Au fond de la salle, les deux Allemands, la tête levée, écoutent... Et Karim, a-t-elle réussi auprès de lui ? Karim, l'air amusé, lui adresse un sourire appuyé. C'est elle, Juliette, qui l'intéresse, ou plutôt, ce qu'il doit nommer en son for intérieur, le "cas Juliette Aubert "

- Que d'images perdues, soupire Irène, dommage, Karim que tu n'aies pu assister à cette fête, tu l'aurais filmée avec ton caméscope. Juliette néglige l'interruption :

- La journée s'avançant, éclate alors le son des "bendirs"(tambourins), et des "raïtas"[2], tambourinements et stridences mêlés. Les danseurs prennent place pour le "haïdous". Visages sans regard, lèvres scellées. Peut-on appeler danse cette agitation spasmodique de corps privés de conscience, livrés au seul rythme des da-da-doum, da-da-boum, da-da doum que traverse le filet aigre des raïtas. Les jambes sont fléchies, les mains tendues, paumes offertes... Imaginez un immense anneau qui oscille... la musique se poursuit avec une inflexibilité lancinante. Le temps est aboli, quelquefois, l'un des danseurs, homme ou femme s'écroule, l'écume aux lèvres...

- Dommage, soupire derechef Irène. Il ne reste de cette fête d'autres traces que celles laissées dans les mémoires. Tape amicale sur le front de Juliette, dans une mémoire, la vôtre !

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[1] Khaimas : tentes en poils de chèvre communes dans le pays berbère
[2] raïta :clarinette, sueur des bombardes bretonnes

- Les images recueillies par un appareil, auraient-elles donné une idée de la foule dans sa mouvance, son déploiement harmonieux, une idée du moelleux, de l'ampleur des étoffes, accompagnant ou prolongeant les gestes, faisant de chaque Berbère un être en majesté.

Et les visages, je ne vous ai pas parlé des visages. L'ossature apparente souligne des traits si caractéristiques. Les pommettes sont hautes, le nez droit ou busqué, mais toujours noble. Les femmes ignorent le port du voile. Jeunes, elles sont belles avec leurs joues et leurs lèvres pleines, la rondeur de leur menton soulignée d'arabesques bleues. Ils semblent tous issus de la même famille, comme si la nature, satisfaite de son oeuvre, s'en était contentée une fois pour toutes, sans pousser plus loin son effort d'imagination.

La fête a duré huit jours...

Juliette n'ira pas jusqu'au bout de son récit, taira le matin du huitième jour, lorsque les Ifraniens retrouvèrent leur Prairie. Il ne restait de l'occupation berbère que quelques pierres calcinées, du crottin de cheval et de grands pans d'herbe froissée. Ils levèrent la tête... là-haut, le palais du Sultan. Pour la première fois, ils pressentirent, dans cette position dominante, quelque chose de menaçant.

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Juliette a eu un moment d'humeur. Karim ne s'est laissé tenter par une promenade en forêt que contre la promesse qu'on apercevrait des singes dans les cèdres.

- Si nous pouvions surprendre leurs ébats, j'en tirerais avec mon appareil un film intéressant.

Il a trouvé une excellente occasion d'utiliser le caméscope, de jouer avec. Irène s'est munie d'une paire de jumelles et Juliette se charge de l'appareil photo. Dans le hall, ils ont croisé les Allemands harnachés de la même façon, ils se sont salués d'un air de connivence, en gens goûtant les mêmes plaisirs.

- Ces singes sont des magots laineux. Depuis que les panthères ont disparu, ils n'ont plus de prédateurs et ont dû proliférer.

- Vous connaissez bien la faune de la région...

- Il fut un temps, oui... j'ai eu l'enfance vagabonde. Voix de sa mère : "Rémi-Juliette-Aline ". Les trois enfants réunis sous le même vocable. L'appel reste sans réponse. La fenêtre se referme. Un sanglot de fillette éclate au plus profond d'elle-même, est vite réprimé, poisson qui se débat dans une nasse et monte, inerte à la surface. Juliette soupire :

- Je connais la flore aussi, mon père herborisait. Il envoyait à l'Institut scientifique chérifien, les spécimens dignes d'intérêt. Ce pouvait être une tulipe de Darwin délicatement parfumée ou une truffe. Notre découverte la plus inattendue : des pieds de pivoine sous un cèdre.

- Des pivoines, remarque Irène, j'en ai trouvé en Grèce, dans la montagne... Le ton est neutre.

Pour vous la rencontre fut anodine. Pour nous elle fut un émerveillement… nous les avons crues vestiges d'un parc abandonné. Les fleurs rouge-violacé, s'élevaient au-dessus d'un feuillage en bouquet.

Elle retrouve dans toute sa fraîcheur l'impression première. Chacune d'elles n'était pas seulement un ensemble de pétales opulents, enserré par une verte collerette, elle était aussi une

frange d'étamines aux anthères si lourdes d'un pollen soyeux que l'on s'étonnait de ne pas les entendre bruire sous les doigts. Elle était encore un pistil séparé en deux languettes courbes, extrémités élégantes pour babouches lilliputiennes.

Elle s'est installée à l'arrière de la Lancia, elle a sous les yeux la nuque du conducteur, une nuque dont l'arrondi est bien modelé, il s'en dégage la discrète senteur d'une coûteuse eau de toilette. La coupe de cheveux est soignée. Important, la nuque chez un homme. Elle le classe, fait partie de son "look", comme on dit aujourd'hui... La voiture file entre les cèdres à gauche et la plaine du Koudiat à droite. Juliette la réintègre dans sa mémoire, avec son éparpillement de pierres grêlées projetées, parle volcan en d'anciennes colères. Karim trouve à son relief de la douceur. « Le sein d'une femme endormie... » Juliette réprime un sourire, l'amoureux qui sommeille en lui, montre le bout de son nez. Cette heureuse disposition d'esprit change lorsque la voiture doit quitter la route pour s'engager sur la piste qui traverse la grande forêt de cèdres entre Ifrane et Azrou. Il grogne, parce qu'un premier cahot malmène la Lancia. Il éprouve pour sa voiture, sa "tire", une tendresse d'amant, lui prodigue les attentions bien apparentes celles-là.*

Irène baisse la vitre.

- Superbe ! une forêt-cathédrale. Jamais comparaison ne m'a paru plus juste. Les cèdres en forment les colonnes et la voûte... une cathédrale toute pénétrée de lumière. Rien à voir avec une sapinière... vous avez déjà pénétré dans une sapinière ? c'est oppressant... Et Karim, comme se parlant à lui-même :

- Dans les Cévennes, les châtaigniers sont atteints d'une maladie qui les fait périr les uns après les autres.

C'est un hommage rendu par le biais à la vigueur des cèdres environnants. Juliette est comblée. Aucune note discordante. Elle redécouvre sa forêt en bonne santé, l'attribue à son isolement.

- Les Berbères ne fréquentent pas la forêt, ils s'y sentent mal à l'aise, craignent de rencontrer Aicha Kandicha, la sorcière. Elle attend de Karim, un commentaire. Mais l'a-t-il entendue ? Il vient d'éviter de justesse une grosse racine qui se tord, reptilienne, en travers de la route, et il jure tout bas.

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Sur une injonction de Juliette, la Lancia stoppe brusquement…

- Le cèdre Gouraud, je l'avais oublié. Pour un peu on le dépassait.

Le géant s'élève au milieu d'un espace déboisé, assez vaste pour que ses branches puissent en toute liberté déployer leur envergure.

Il faut huit hommes, pour en faire le tour. Une plaque désigne son identité. La portait-il autrefois ? De quelle manière ce jeune Marocain, mâtiné de Français, réagira-t-il ? Le nom du général Gouraud le rapprochera-t-il de sa mère ou au contraire, éveillant son hostilité, le poussera-t-il vers son père ?

Ah ! s'exclame-t-il, je suppose que devant ce superbe spécimen de la gent arboricole, le Général a soulevé sa célèbre casquette...

- Dis donc, proteste Irène, tu confonds avec le général Bugeaud.

- Excusez-moi, je m'y perds dans cette cohorte de généraux.

Il s'en tire par la raillerie. Juliette fait poser les deux jeunes gens devant le cèdre.

- Pour la photo souvenir. Puis Karim s'empare de l'appareil. Au tour de Juliette et d'Irène et tandis qu'il cherche à centrer leur image dans le viseur :

- Vous savez, Juliette, que le jour de mon arrivée, je vous ai prise pour la sœur aînée d'Irène.

Compliment pris à la légère, don poids plume qui vous permet de considérer l'existence et votre aspect dans la glace avec plus d'optimisme (cheveux châtain doré grâce à l'artifice du coiffeur, silhouette mince, elle peut encore faire illusion).

A quelques pas de là, deux indigènes se tiennent devant un étal où sont alignés quelques minéraux. Comme écrasés par la majesté des lieux, conscients de n'y participer en rien, ils ne bougent ni pieds, ni pattes, à peine s'ils osent respirer.

Irène s'est engagée dans la forêt.

- Je pars en reconnaissance, crie-t-elle, est-ce que vous me suivez ?

- Allez, allez, dit Juliette, je préfère rester sous mon arbre, et puis j'ai l'intention de choisir quelques pierres, je prendrai mon temps. Et à Karim qui s'éloigne à son tour :

- Ne vous écartez pas trop, avez-vous au moins le sens de l'orientation ?

- Soyez tranquille, nous ne nous égarerons pas, d'ailleurs, il n'est pas question de vous abandonner longtemps.

Il renverse les rôles, c'est lui qui se veut protecteur et il ajoute en montrant les deux indigènes :

- Ils vous ont vu venir, discutez le prix.

Oui, elle a bien l'intention de discuter le prix, mais pour le seul plaisir d'une palabre. Elle réutilisera avec bonheur quelques mots d'arabe. Elle leur donnera ce qu'ils demanderont. Ils ne portent pas la djellaba citadine. La leur, de laine épaisse, est celle des montagnards berbères. Ils ont trouvé dans ce commerce improvisé, un moyen d'échapper à leur état de berger. Ont-ils gagné à cette reconversion ?

Elle examine les pierres une à une. La plupart sont des améthystes Elle les reconnaît pour en avoir trouvé dans les ravins de Bensmine, lorsqu'elle accompagnait son père à la chasse. Elle remplissait le sac à dos de bombes volcaniques. Fracassées à coups de marteau, elles livraient parfois un cœur d'améthyste. Hélas, celles-ci ont été fractionnées, multipliées, pour en faciliter la vente. Elle en choisit plusieurs parmi les plus importantes. Les deux berbères ont mis une grande célérité à enfouir le produit de la vente dans les profondeurs du burnous, puis, estimant sans doute avoir gagné leur journée, s'escamotent à sa vue. L'étal reste vide. Juliette est seule. Elle a rangé ses acquisitions dans son sac, y ajoute, ramassé à terre, un éclat de ce bois qu'elle pourrait décrire les yeux fermés : des fibres longues, légères et tendres , sève et résine mêlées les ont imprégnées d'une essence odorante, couleur de soleil couchant, entre le rose et l'orange. Autour d'elle un épais silence. Un silence si total qu'on entendrait choir, sous les cèdres, une aiguille. Pas un souffle d'air. Le vent ici n'a pas droit de cité. Et soudain, elle se croit transportée dans un monde enchanté où on assiste, sans surprise, à la transgression des lois régissant le règne végétal. De l'autre côté de la piste, des branches se balancent, il y a du caprice, de la fantaisie, dans leurs mouvements. L'agitation gagne de proche en proche. les troncs eux-mêmes perdent leur rigidité, montrent des muscles,

les font jouer, se mesurent les uns aux autres. En même temps que Juliette comprend, elle les voit. "Les singes ! " Des groupes, des grappes de singes ont investi les arbres. Une incorporation parfaite à leur habitat naturel les rendait invisibles. Maintenant, ils se détachent des branches, des troncs, traversent la piste, la main tendue. D'abord des mâles, puis les femelles alourdies par le port des petits et tout en protubérances. Juliette n'a pas le temps d'esquisser un geste que déjà conscients de leur témérité, pris de panique, ils s'enfuient.

Juliette n'est pas au bout de ses surprises. Karim et Irène réapparaissent, graves et silencieux. Ils avancent main dans la main. Leurs regards ignorent celui de Juliette. Sur le front de Karim, une mèche rebelle qui en dit long. Juliette a compris... Ils viennent de s'aimer...Ils ont fait l'amour, peut-être pour la première fois, sous les cèdres... sous les cèdres ? Ils sont absous. Et de sa voix la plus naturelle :

- J'ai reçu une visite... Les magots laineux, vous les avez effrayés…

Karim fait un geste vague de la main...

J'ai oublié mon appareil dans la voiture, mais rien n'est perdu, ils reviendront.

Irène passe devant elle, va s'asseoir au pied du cèdre. A Karim qui la suit, elle tend la main, l'attire, jusqu'à' ce qu'il vienne s'allonger et lorsqu'il pose sur son ventre, sa tête lourde et, possessive, elle tressaille.

Puis ils ne bougent plus. Leur immobilité impose silence à Juliette. Elle s'en veut de le laisser s'éterniser. Elle a l'impression amère que ses paroles ne les atteindraient pas Enfin, Karim se soulève à demi, et prenant conscience qu'une ombre insidieuse a gagné la forêt se tourne vers Juliette, l'invite à les rejoindre.

- C'est l'heure, dit-il, de Lalla Kandicha[1]

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- J'ai, dit Juliette en posant sa tasse de café qu'elle vient d'achever, un oncle Robert qui a soixante quinze ans. A cet oncle, que j'aime beaucoup j'ai fait une promesse, celle d'aller à Sidi-Brahim. Ce n'est pas loin, deux kilomètres de piste après la Zaouia. Je n'ai, d'ailleurs, jamais su comment mon oncle, propriétaire à Rabat, d'un magasin de cycles, avait découvert ce coin négligé des touristes. Peut-être au cours d'une partie de pêche. Il pratiquait la pêche au lancer, c'est à dire qu'il courait comme un dératé le long de la rivière, sa ligne appâtée le suivait au fil du courant. Il ne s'arrêtait que pour décrocher une truite et amorcer de nouveau. C"est ainsi qu'il dut atteindre Sidi-Brahim. Il ne pouvait aller plus loin. Là, en effet, s'achève le cours du Tizguit, commencé au pied du Tizi N'tretten. Redevenu oued, il est spolié d'une partie de ses eaux par une "séguia"[2]. Les autres disparaissent dans les effondrements, les fissures de son lit.

Sans la présence de mon oncle Robert et la tribu des Aït Our'tindi, l'endroit aurait paru de prime abord aussi triste qu'une fin de vie. Tel ne fut pas le sentiment de l'oncle Robert. Au-delà du Tizguit, s'étendait le territoire des Ait Our'tindi, un espace encombré de bombes volcaniques, les mêmes qui jonchaient la plaine du Koudiat et sous lesquelles mon oncle devina une terre

[1] Lalla Kandicha : La sorcière des forêts
[2] Séguia : canal d'irrigation

riche et vierge. Les Berbères ignorants, possédaient un filon qu'il convenait d'exploiter. La passion de planter, d'un seul coup, s'empara de l'oncle. Il se fit arboriculteur.

Que sont devenus ses arbres ? Si vous m'accompagnez à Sidi-Brahim je pourrai répondre à cette question et en même temps, je vous invite à découvrir la vie berbère du Moyen-Atlas.

Cette proposition ne provoqua chez Karim aucun enthousiasme. Irène s'indigna :

- Honte à toi, Karim. Il s'agit de ton peuple.

- Je n'ai pour le bled marocain, aucune affectivité particulière, je l'avoue, je l'avoue...

- Vous ne connaissez du Maroc que la vie citadine. Vous n'êtes pas curieux de découvrir sous cette couche superficielle, la strate plus profonde dont vous tirez vos origines ?

- Il me semble que j'entends ma mère, c'est la même chanson, en foi de quoi je suis tenu de faire un séjour au moins une fois l'an, chez ma grand-mère. Elle habite une petite ferme près de St. Jean du Gard. Je m'y plais, d'ailleurs, même si je suis voué à la marmite de châtaignes et au café bouilli. Il ne me déplaît pas non plus de l'aider à laver la vaisselle sur une pierre d'évier avec de l'eau pompée au puits... Je ne suis pas, comme vous le croyez, un inconditionnel de la ville. Les Ait Our'tindi poussent encore plus loin la simplicité, sans pour autant ressembler aux paysans de Le Nain. Ils sont autres. Est-ce le fait de passer leur vie entre ciel et terre ? Ils ont le geste libre et aisé. La main tendue, toujours, non pour quémander, mais pour offrir. Ils possèdent peu et ce peu ils le laissent filer entre leurs doigts dédaigneux. Point de mur autour d'eux, ni de toit sur la tête, non plus de porte close entre le dehors et le dedans, seulement la frontière mouvante d'une tenture rabattue. Leurs Dieux lares se contentent de l'abri précaire d'une khaïma. Si elle

est vite roulée, transportée à dos d'âne, de mulet, ici ou là, selon les saisons, l'humeur du temps, l'herbe qui pousse, elle est aussi vite dressée, soutenue par deux mât auxquels on accroche la baratte rudimentaire, l'outre en peau de chèvre. Les rapports humains étant, dans leur vie, essentiels, l'étranger qui passe est accueilli, honoré d'un verre de thé à la menthe, que l'on prépare avec une lenteur voulue, le temps de tisser des liens de reconnaissance, d'alliance, voire d'amitié.

Pour l'hôte, les femmes préparent la "Hartita", pâte légèrement salée faite de farine et de blanc d'œuf, cuite sur un plat d'argile, elle se transforme en galettes croustillantes.

Dans un coin, une vieille file… c'est ainsi, occupée à cette tâche, que j'ai vu pour la première fois la vieille Itô. Une de ses jambes repliée sous elle, l'autre contre laquelle s'appuyait le fuseau, à demi dressée, était aussi sèche que le bois de l'outil et son genou dénudé avait le poli du vertillon de pierre. Dans la masse floconneuse qui s'écoulait peu à peu, on voyait courir l'ombre noire de ses doigts. Chaque fois qu'elle donnait au fuseau une impulsion nouvelle, elle nous lançait le regard fauve de ses yeux d'oiseau de proie, regard qui devait s'adoucir avec la fréquence des séjours de mon oncle auprès des Ait Our'tindi.

Aïcha était sa fille, Raho, son gendre, tous deux étaient au service de mon oncle. Aïcha... geste de servante, port de reine... gracieuse était la courbe de sa joue et celle du menton fleuri d'arabesques bleues. Elle s'acquittait chez lui de toutes les tâches domestiques et de bien d'autres encore, laisse-t-on entendre dans la famille. Raho piochait autour des arbres. Il avait le regard doux, le sourire bienveillant...

Je voudrais les revoir, savoir se qu'ils sont devenus, leur destin ne m'est pas indifférent... ne vous croyez pas obligés de m'accompagner... que de fois ai-je marché ou couru, seule

jusqu'à Sidi Brahim. Il lui semble que son corps soit repris de la même impatience

- Il n'en est pas question. Nous irons avec vous. Aucun problème. D'ailleurs vous avez fait une promesse, nous vous aiderons à la tenir.

Karim continue d'assumer son rôle protecteur auquel Juliette se plie volontiers. Leurs rapports en sont facilités et se transformeraient même, si leurs relations devaient se prolonger en une affection réciproque.

- Quant à moi, Irène se lève d'un bond, pour le Maroc profond, je suis partante.»

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Juliette va chercher très loin sa respiration. Elle ne trouve pas de mots pour exprimer sa déconvenue. Aucune trace de verger... les arbres ont disparu. Plus d'une centaine. La maison de l'oncle Robert a été démantelée. Seul demeure encore l'enclos du vieux verger. On l'appelait ainsi parce qu'il avait été planté le premier. Limité par une haie d'épines, il s'allongeait entre la séguia et la piste. Par quel miracle est-il demeuré un cerisier, faisant figure de relique. Est-ce le cerisier de Sefrou ? Elle l'aurait reconnu. Il avait un feuillage gracile qui gardait, même en été, un vert printanier, contrastant avec la vigueur de ses fruits, dont le jus sirupeux, d'un noir d'encre, tachait les doigts. C'est vers lui qu'elle se dirigeait en premier quand elle pénétrait à l'aube dans le verger avant que les cueilleurs ne s'en emparent. Une poussière douce et froide coulait sous ses

pieds nus. Serait-ce alors un des bigarreaux tigrés, un cœur de pigeon, un "Ramon Oliva" ? D'autres noms lui reviennent en mémoire. Que sont devenus les pommiers "Winter banana", et "Grand Alexandre" , les reines-claude et les mirabelliers, les abricotiers "Luizet" et "Royal", les poiriers ... l'oncle Robert aimait à les énumérer. Chacun d'eux était pour lui un titre de gloire. Ils n'ont pu survivre, elle le devine, à la sécheresse, aux cueillettes hâtives, aux divagations des animaux. Les Berbères, par indifférence, négligence, les ont laissés lentement mourir. Pauvre oncle Robert, qui voyait les vergers se multiplier et la vallée, devenue corne d'abondance, perpétuer sa louange. Elle aurait aimé poser sur ses genoux d'invalide des photographies qui auraient concrétisé ses rêves…

Au bout de l'enclos, son regard découvre soudain la bicoque de Raho : " Tiens, un mazet !" s'écrient Irène et Karim avec un tel ensemble qu'ils éclatent de rire. Ils sont légers, heureux, hors d'atteinte, ignorent l'étendue des dommages et de sa déception.

- C'est mon oncle qui l'a fait construire pour Raho et sa famille. Une femme qui n'est pas Aïcha se montre à la porte, mais en les apercevant, rentre avec la précipitation d'une fourmi affolée. Mue par une impulsion contraire, une fillette s'avance hardiment, l'air moqueur. Ils la trouveront derrière eux, attachée à leurs pas pendant leurs pérégrinations.

Pas une khaïma en vue. Le regard bute sur des roches arrondies en dos de tortues géantes. Troupeau inamovible que Juliette retrouve avec un certain attendrissement. Les Aït Our'tindi seraient des semi-nomades, ne sont pas au rendez-vous, elle doit en convenir. Ils n'ont pas encore quitté Sidi Abderrahman où ils prennent leurs quartiers d'hiver. Ont-ils

craint pour leurs bêtes, la traîtrise d'une dernière neige ? Elle pointe le doigt vers un lointain vague : "Là-bas c'est Sidi Abderrahman !" Comme si une borne limitait leur parcours, les promeneurs s'arrêtent. A droite, une dernière colline sanctifiée par un marabout, à gauche un dernier bouquet de frênes bordant le Tizguit asséché annoncent la fin d'un paysage. Un autre commence, fait d'une étendue caillouteuse. Une piste qui s'y enfonce, et s'y perd, en souligne la vastitude.

- Autrefois, à Pâques, quand mon oncle ayant bouclé pour six mois le magasin de cycles, arrivait, il trouvait, déjà installés, le douar et son monde familier. Raho avait quitté sa maison et rejoint les siens, sa khaïma s'accrochait au flanc de la colline, près du marabout. Les autres s'éparpillaient ou recherchaient la promiscuité selon une logique qui leur était propre. Elles étaient entourées de chiens vociférant, de poules véloces. Entre les pierres, la terre égratignée recevait les semences d'orge et de maïs. Les femmes aux hanches paresseuses vaquaient à des occupations qui n'en finissaient pas. Sous la khaïma, les hommes palabraient. Le gros du troupeau communal étant parti en transhumance. On gardait pour les festins rituels quelques bêtes dont un jeune berger, adossé à une roche et tricotant une " taghirouine"[1] surveillait l'errance

- Pour l'instant, remarque Karim, il n'y a pas un chat. Est-ce que vous vous rendez compte, Juliette, que les années ont passé ? Vous croyez que votre tribu est restée figée dans les mêmes habitudes ? Vous m'étonnez... elle a peut-être disparu. Les vieux sont morts, les jeunes, comme tous les fils de blédards du monde ont rejoint la ville. D'ailleurs comment peut-on vivre dans un endroit pareil ? Cette terre ne porte aucune trace de travaux humains.

- Et pourtant, ils y vivaient…

- Dites plutôt qu'ils survivaient… "Ils survivaient ". Ces mots frappent Juliette, éveillent un doute qu'elle portait en elle et qui ne demande qu'à se faire jour. Elle reconnaît qu'on entendait autour des khaïmas plus d'abois de chiens que de cris d'enfants. La tribu des Aït Our'tindi était-elle sur son déclin ? A bout de souffle ?... Aïcha et Raho n'avaient qu'un fils, et Aziza la sœur d'Aïcha suscitait déjà l'inquiétude de sa mère.

- Cette enfant, disait-elle, est d'une minceur telle que l'on s'étonne de ne pas voir glisser le long de son corps sa robe de cotonnade sale…Le petit Moha… elle ne se rappelait pas l'avoir vu grandir... Il lui était apparu devant la khaïma le jour où elle-même venait de pénétrer pour la première fois. A demi-nu, le ventre rond, la bouche encore modelée par le sein maternel... ses petits pieds étaient chaussés de babouches brodées, ces babouches berbères aussi souples que des mocassins et prolongées à l'arrière par une languette soutenant la cheville.

Lui était resté interdit devant les visages étrangers. Sans répondre aux tendres appels de son père, il s'était réfugié dans le giron de la vieille Ito qui l'avait caché sous un pan de sa "handira"[2].

- Je ne me suis jamais souciée de la précarité de leur vie, non par indifférence, mais parce que je portais sur cette vie, un jugement positif. Elle était paisible, faite de gestes essentiels et, pour tout dire, proche de l'enfance. On en apercevait facilement les tenants et les aboutissants. Si j'avais dû établir une échelle de valeurs entre les miens et les Aït Our'tindi, ces derniers ne

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[1] taghirouine : guêtres colorées protégeant la jambe de la cheville au genou

[2] handira : couverture de laine que les femmes jettent sur leur épaules

se seraient pas trouvés en position d'infériorité, et il ne m'aurait pas semblé injuste de naître et de vivre sous la khaïma.

Mon oncle ne me suivait pas sur ce terrain. Il voulait ménager aux indigènes un meilleur avenir. Il s'était mis en tête de leur enseigner l'arboriculture. Raho, pour lequel il éprouvait de l'amitié, serait le premier initié. Mais quand vint l'époque de la taille, Raho arrêta le bras armé du sécateur et avec des accents pathétiques :

- Arrête, M'sio Robert, ne détruis pas l'œuvre de Dieu ! Raho était le chantre de la tribu. "Il ne comprend pas, s'indignait, mon oncle, que loin de détruire l'œuvre du Créateur, je la magnifie !"

Les Aït Our'tindi étaient donc restés indéfectiblement attachés à l'élevage du mouton, méprisant même la petite communauté arabe de la Zaouïa qui, en vendant à Ifrane les produits de ses jardins, s'enrichissait.

Accrochée à son territoire, sans jamais s'y enraciner, mettant ses pas dans les pas des ancêtres, perpétuant leurs gestes, la tribu continua de mener une vie parallèle à celle des Roumis", et lorsque Raho piochait autour des arbres, vêtu d'une cotte dépenaillée qui le transformait en paysan du moyen âge, à quoi pensait-il en voyant s'éloigner les siens, vers Sidi Abderrahman, une fois l'automne venu. Se sentait-il privilégié ou attaché aux arbres, comme une chèvre à son piquet ? La maladie de mon oncle, son départ, lui ont rendu la liberté.

- Alors Irène, jetant un regard sur l'horizon vide :

- Il serait intéressant de retrouver leurs traces, suivre leur évolution. Vous nous en donnez une idée superficielle. Une vie à l'état brut, c'est un peu simpliste. Leur communauté devait connaître des règles de vie... des contraintes, des interdits. Il faudrait retrouver leurs mythes et leurs rites... Bon sujet de thèse pour un étudiant en sociologie... »

Karim semble approuver.

- Et vous, Juliette, vous veniez souvent à Sidi Brahim ? Le ton est incrédule. Le paysage, Juliette en est consciente aujourd'hui, est sans grâce, ni beautés naturelles. On n'y trouve pas non plus cet agencement harmonieux, courbes et plats, bosquets et cultures, résultat d'un équilibre entre l'effort séculaire de l'homme et la résistance de la nature.. Elle n'était pas si exigeante autrefois ou plutôt, elle avait d'autres exigences...

Je courais vers la liberté. Le temps n'était plus celui de l'internat, de la maison, ridiculement émietté en heures, minutes, secondes. Il était vague et diffus, s'écoulait en images et sons. J'y puisais, à volonté, des moments d'une durée indéterminée. Je me donnais le droit, la nuit, d'être alerte et insomniaque. Mais j'aimais l'aube aussi...

Elle a passé la nuit chez son oncle, qui a dressé pour elle un lit de camp, dans la petite cuisine. Dehors, un ciel immense, transparent, se colore de rose à l'est. L'air est léger. Sous la lumière rasante, les ombres projetées par les roches, les touffes de chardon s'impriment sur le sol avec une délicate précision et donnent au paysage un *relief qui correspond à la netteté des sons : appels d'un berger, abois rauques et, tout proches, les petits cris brefs du traquet-moteux courant au ras du sol. Le toupet blanc qui emplume son croupion se soulève de-ci, de-là, avec la vivacité d'un feu follet.*

- Je me laissais aller à l'engourdissement de la méridienne et je m'endormais dans le vibrato intense des courtilières. Je revendiquais le droit à la flânerie, au vagabondage. Mais pour vous deux, ô éléments d'une jeunesse où la maîtrise du geste est essentielle, ces mots ont-ils encore un sens ? L'action

dirigée, jamais gratuite, n'est-ce pas ? La neige n'est plus que skiable, et je dis : rivière, vous pensez canoë ou dinghy. Si je dis ciel… avion à piloter. Un chemin vicinal devient espoir de route carrossable pour un cent trente à l'heure...

- J'en conviens, j'en conviens, l'interrompt Irène. En tout nous recherchons une stimulation, mais n'est-ce pas la meilleure manière de vivre?

- Ou une espèce de fuite en avant.

La discussion s'arrête là. Comme ils rebroussent chemin et passent à nouveau devant le "mazet".

- J'y ai vu mourir la vieille Ito. Décharnée à l'extrême, recroquevillée sur sa couche, tout en creux et saillants, elle me faisait penser à une chauve-souris engourdie dans le sommeil d'hiver. Mon oncle la regretta plus que je ne l'aurais cru. Il était attaché à la vieille femme. Elle se confiait à lui, racontait sa vie dont un des épisodes m'empêcha longtemps de lui tendre la main. Pendant la " pacification", elle avait fait rôtir un légionnaire dans une des grottes de la Zaouia :

- Il était gras, s'étonnait-elle, si gras que le feu prenait jusque dans les braises, et, ajoutait mon oncle : "A ce souvenir, elle en gloussait encore de plaisir".

Elle a été enterrée au pied du marabout. Les traînées brunâtres qui couvrirent le lendemain les joues des femmes de la tribu attestaient qu'elle avait été pleurée ainsi qu'il convenait.

Au moment d'atteindre la voiture, des pas rapides les font se retourner. La fillette qui courait derrière eux les aborde cette fois. Elle offre aux deux femmes quelques fleurettes - des gouttes-de-sang – et à Karim trois œufs enveloppés dans un chiffon sale. Le regard du jeune homme rencontre celui de Juliette, il ne met pas la main à la poche, remercie avec toute la chaleur requise. Juliette reprend espoir.

Le geste de la fillette, c'est, accroché au buisson, le flocon de laine qui marque le passage du troupeau, c'est le signe de la présence des, peut-être toujours faméliques Aït Our'tindi.

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Karim parle de son départ prochain :

- Déjà ?

- Eh oui, déjà. Je regrette, famille oblige... Nous fêtons chez nous la fin du ramadan... Mon père y attache autant d'importance que ma mère aux fêtes de Noël.

Juliette les invite à passer en tête à tête la dernière journée. Ils projettent de monter au Michliffen[1].

- Vous y trouverez des cèdres et, si le cœur vous en dit, vous pourrez marcher dans la neige. La route qui y monte, longe jusqu'au N'tizin N'tretten la vallée du Tizguit. Avant de conduire à la station de ski, elle était piste de transhumance. Pour des gens dont la seule richesse était le mouton, cette voie était une nécessité et le prolongement de leur économie.. Je me souviens avoir vu passer les troupeaux, et, l'imagination aidant, je suivais leur parcours. Par bribes glanées auprès de jeunes bergers, mon oncle m'en avait fait le récit.

- La lente remontée, la halte du soir, les moutons parqués dans la "Zerreba", l'enclos entouré d'épines, les chiens qui vont et viennent, inquiets, flairent l'approche d'une hyène ou d'une bande de chacals. Les bergers autour du foyer alimentent sans cesse la flamme et la conversation, l'une éloignant les bêtes

sauvages, l'autre les J'nouns[2]. De temps en temps éclate un glapissement suivi des rauques aboiements d'un chien. Au petit matin, les bergers se laissent aller au sommeil, ramènent le capuchon du burnous sur leur visage et s'endorment à même le sol, tandis que les braises continuent de rougeoyer. Cependant la panthère qui les a suivis toute la journée, se tient à la lisière de la forêt, trop prudente pour quitter le couvert. L'odeur du mouton lui parvient, mais aussi celle de l'homme. Elle s'enfonce dans les profondeurs de la forêt. Elle se contentera du magot laineux qui fait son ordinaire. Les premiers rayons du soleil annonçant l'heure de la traite réveillent les brebis, l'agitation gagne de proche en proche. Les bergers se lèvent à leur tour, le regard encore plein d'ombre, les gestes lourds. Ils vont à la source se rincer la bouche, raniment le feu sous la théière, partagent les galettes réchauffées sur la pierre et enduites de beurre fondu. Ainsi sans se presser, cheminant au gré de l'abondance des pâturages printaniers, ils atteignent les sources du Tizguit, au pied du Tizin N'tretten, franchissent le col des chèvres à deux mille mètres d'altitude et atteignant les hauts plateaux où les attendent, installées par une avant garde, les tentes d'été… Là, les troupeaux égaillés resteront jusqu'à l'automne. Une année, la neige précoce les surprit et fit périr toutes les bêtes. »

- Qu'en est-il aujourd'hui de cette activité ? Je ne sais pas... ne reste-t-il d'eux que leurs fantômes ?

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9 Michliffen :station de sports d'hiver du Moyen-Atlas
10 j'nouns : mauvais génies

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Juliette a voulu revoir l'ami Hassan, elle a une question a lui poser et elle espère qu'il pourra satisfaire sa curiosité. Il semble heureux de la revoir

- Je vous croyais partie, envolée. Apparemment il ne lui en veut pas de sa défection soudaine.

- Dites-moi, Hassan, savez-vous où a été enterrée Madame Marie-Louise ? Et elle pense aussitôt que ce ne peut pas être au cimetière d'Ifrane…

De notre temps déjà, on ne lui confiait pas les morts sans appréhension... Quand Monsieur Blanchemain, le pépiniériste mourut de mort violente, on le retrouva un matin d'hiver, pendu dans sa cabane. Ni parents, ni amis ne vinrent réclamer le corps. On choisit en hâte l'emplacement du cimetière, on abattit quelques arbres, on débarrassa la terre de sa neige. Une fosse fut creusée, on y déposa le corps du pépiniériste. Dès la nuit suivante, les hyènes le déterrèrent. Le cimetière en acquit une mauvaise réputation. Il semblait hostile aux morts qu'il recevait. Et puis, il était trop neuf, il n'inspirait pas le recueillement. On ne pouvait, en allant d'une tombe à l'autre, rechercher la lignée des ancêtres, y puiser le réconfort qui vous rend l'idée de la mort supportable. Il n'était point mémoire du passé, il resta isolé, étranger au village et quand les Ifraniens le quittèrent, ils ne laissèrent pas dix tombes derrière eux.

Hassan répond que Madame Marie-Louise n'a pas été enterrée, ni ici, ni ailleurs. Son corps a été brûlé, comme celui d'une femme hindoue, déclare-t-il avec une espèce de fierté.

Imagine-t-il son corps consumé dans un brasier ardent, entouré de fumées d'encens? C'était sa volonté, Madame Marie-Louise était une femme hors du commun. Elle avait eu une fin à sa mesure..

S'il ne formule pas cette opinion, c'est cependant bien ce qu'il pense.

- A cette même table où vous êtes assise, son fils a pris ses repas.

- Elle avait un fils ? Cet élément lui avait échappé, elle ne sait comment l'insérer dans l'existence de celle qui n'avait jamais voulu quitter Ifrane.

- Oui, un fils. Je lui ai parlé, il m'a répondu qu'il était venu pour ramener au pays les cendres de sa mère.

Hassan arrondit les lèvres pour mimer ce qu'il pense être le geste convenable à l'accomplissement du devoir filial, puis il souffle délicatement sur les cendres et les disperse.

- Madame Marie-Louise n'avait qu'une idée en tête, rester à Ifrane, même après sa mort, conclut-il. Juliette apporte à l'histoire de Marie-Louise cette dernière touche

- Vous vous rappelez Irène, c'est cette femme qui…

- Oui, oui ! Je me la rappelle… Le regard d'Irène s'emplit d'une vague nébulosité. Karim est parti. Il leur a fait promettre de venir le rejoindre à Kénitra sans tarder.

- Mes parents vous attendent avec impatience, vous verrez, ils sont sympas.

Irène s'est approchée de lui, s'est haussé sur la pointe des pieds pour être à sa hauteur. Leurs lèvres se sont effleurées, juste une palpation, un battement. Elle s'est reculée ensuite, et lui mi-amusé mi-attendri a ébouriffé la crinière blonde, d'un geste qui lui est maintenant familier : "Cette petite tête !"

Son départ a laissé un vide que Juliette se hâte de combler en entraînant sa compagne dans des excursions qui les conduisent au lac de Daiet Ahoua trouvé plaisant par Irène à cause de ses rives boisées, puis au village berbère d'Azrou, simple marché à l'origine. Ses maisons, d'abord nichées au fond d'une cuvette, ont grimpé de plus en plus haut, le long des parois, jusqu'au débordement. Irène s'attarde devant les échoppes du souk où sont exposés les multiples produits de l'artisanat marocain.

- On en trouve à Lyon, je les regarde en passant, mais ici, dans leur cadre naturel, ils me paraissent plus beaux, plus tentants.

Et, ajoute Juliette, chargés d'une symbolique qu'ils perdent à l'exportation.

Irène examine, palpe, compare, sous l'œil complaisant du marchand, enfile un lourd bracelet et orné de cabochons… "Pour ma mère, elle l'aimera, on dirait un bijou scythe, venu du fond des âges" …fait d'autres acquisitions, des cuirs surtout. A cause de l'odeur qu'ils ont conservée.

Elle a voulu faire à nouveau le tour d'Ifrane, cette fois ci sans le stress des premiers jours, n'est-ce pas Juliette ?

Elle prend des photos… le village sous tous les angles… l'ami Hassan :

-Non, non ! n'ôtez pas votre bonnet. Déclic. Pose de nombreuses questions. Juliette satisfaite s'en amuse

- Avez-vous l'intention de vous rendre propriétaire des lieux ?

Arrêt devant l'église désaffectée. Une église sans clocher.

- Notre nouveau curé avait fait installer aux quatre points cardinaux, des hauts-parleurs branchés sur un électrophone. Si

le son des cloches ne se répandait pas dans les airs avec l'ampleur attendue – du son en conserve, opinait mon père - il n'en avait pas moins retenti dans des lieux aussi prestigieux que Notre Dame de Paris ou la cathédrale de Strasbourg.

Le cimetière est abandonné, informe, les jeunes gens assis sur les tombes, discutent, un livre ouvert sur leur genoux. Le regard d'Irène s'attarde.

"Scène significative, ici se lit l'histoire d'Ifrane, en deux temps. On pourrait accrocher à son passé quelques médailles honorifiques." Elles longent maintenant la route d'Azrou.

Ainsi dans cette demeure, à droite, le jeune Prince, maintenant, le Roi, Hassan II passait ses vacances en compagnie d'une gouvernante. Et celle-ci, plus en retrait, aux allures de castel, abrita au début des années quarante, le Comte de Paris et sa famille. Mêlés aux villageois, ils se livraient, sur les collines avoisinantes aux joies du ski. Enfin Ifrane a reçu le Général De Gaulle, parcourant le Moyen-Atlas. Il y fit une halte, serra quelques mains dont celle de mon père.

Elles terminent le parcours en montant une rue bordée de villas et dominant la vallée.

- Je me demande si l'auberge de jeunesse existe toujours. De l'endroit où nous sommes, on ne pouvait la voir, elle est cachée par d'épaisses frondaisons. Irène dit qu'elle est une adepte des auberges de jeunesse et s'étonne:

- Déjà de votre temps... ?

- Oui, déjà de mon temps elles existaient et même bien avant... la nôtre a été ouverte peu de temps avant la guerre. J'ai de bonnes raisons de m'en souvenir. Mon premier amour m'y avait donné rendez-vous.

- Ah ! S'écrie Irène joyeusement, une médaille de plus, et celle-ci aurait manqué... Images exhumées, jaunies par le temps , si souvent tournées et retournées qu'elle en a épuisé depuis longtemps toute la force émotionnelle . Un fragment s'en détache...

-Il m'attendait adossé au mur, en croquant une pomme. Quand il m'a vu arriver, il s'est avancé, et par jeu, a porté le fruit à ma bouche. J'ai senti sous ma langue l'empreinte de ses dents. Une salive insidieuse enrobait la chair de la pomme, dénaturait son goût. Je devais faire une drôle de tête, car mon amoureux éclata de rire.

Irène rit à son tour, et, comme soulevée par une impulsion :

- Juliette, est-ce qu'on épouse son premier amour ?

Le premier amour ! C'est un feu de cèdre, intense, coloré, odorant, vite allumé, vite consumé... on n'épouse pas son premier amour.

Elle répond " Chi lo sa ?"

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Elles sont parties à leur tour, chassées par la pluie.

- Une pluie de novembre ! se plaint Irène, frissonnante.

- Dites plutôt, une de ces pluies qui corrodent et laminent sous les buissons exposés à l'ombre les dernières plaques de glace que perceront en une nuit la pointe d'une herbe, la tige fragile d'une violette.

La pensée de Juliette se porte sur le séjour qui les attend à Kénitra, sur Karim et ses confidences juste avant qu'il ne s'éloigne.

- Ce séjour a été très important pour moi, enfin, pour mes rapports avec Irène. C'est à vous que je le dois Juliette, j'espère que de votre côté, vous ne garderez pas un trop mauvais souvenir de mon passage... j'ai peut-être été gênant…

- Pas du tout, proteste-t-elle, sincère.

- Alors vous aviez besoin de vous recueillir, de rester en tête à tête avec le pays de votre enfance... je l'ai deviné...

Un Karim attentif et sensible se dessinait en filigrane.

- Vous n'avez pas dû le quitter de gaieté de cœur. Juliette laisse percer son amertume.

- C'est le moins qu'on puisse dire.

- Je suis passé par là moi aussi... j'ai connu le même problème. Je suis né en France. J'y suis resté jusqu'à l'âge de huit ans. Et puis mes parents sont venus habiter le Maroc. J'ai vécu difficilement cette transplantation. Ça a même été dur, dur. J'ai rejeté avec violence mon appartenance maghrébine. J'ai réintégré le ventre de ma mère. A douze ans, j'ai consenti â avoir un père, je me suis laissé apprivoiser, je l'ai aimé... mais sans abandonner pour autant les relations privilégiées que j'avais avec ma mère. Puis, étudiant au lycée de Casablanca, maintenant à la Faculté de Lyon. Le Maroc dans son identité, la France, dans ses profondeurs, j'ignore. Je garde mes distances. Je n'ai pu choisir, ni faire l'amalgame. Quelquefois je sens le sol tanguer sous mes pieds... c'est pourquoi j'aime les math… leur stabilité, leur neutralité. Dans le domaine des mathématiques, je trouve enfin réunis mon père et ma mère.

- Des regrets?

Interrogation rapide d'Irène qui finit par s'inquiéter de son mutisme prolongé. Elle se concentre sur la conduite de la voiture. Le compteur marque cent vingt.

- Je me sens calme. Connaissez-vous ce vide que l'on éprouve après l'assouvissement d'un désir ? C'est présentement mon état d'âme.

En fait, elle s'est refermée sur ses souvenirs qui lui restituent un Ifrane plus réel, plus vivant, que la coquille qu'elle laisse derrière elle, vidée de sa substance, de tout ce qu'elle tenait pour précieux...

- Vous habitiez un endroit super chouette.

- Votre côté sportif est comblé, n'est-ce pas ? Lacs, forêts, montagnes...

Irène raconte une fois de plus, son enthousiasme n'étant pas épuisé, leur virée au Michliffen. Une belle route, leur rencontre avec des cavaliers. L'arrivée au Michliffen. Ils ont dévalé un versant, à toute pompe et puis grimpé… grimpé… une grimpette terrible à travers les cèdres, chacun testant l'endurance de l'autre. Karim avait calé le premier... et les gens sont sympa... on peut discuter... je me sens pousser des babouches aux pieds.

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- Que pensez-vous du Maroc?

Monsieur Tarik, le père de Karim s'adresse à Irène et Juliette qui, de l'autre côté de la table, lui font vis à vis... Il n'est pas sans savoir que Juliette y est née, feint de l' ignorer, leur

confère à toutes les deux la qualité de touristes et les rares allusions que fera Juliette à sa jeunesse marocaine, ne seront pas relevées.

Le Protectorat ? Monsieur Tarik ne connaît pas. Son pays est sorti tout équipé, ponts et routes, dispensaires et écoles, de la fête du Roi, Hassan II.

A la question posée Juliette répond qu'elle est enchantée de son voyage dans le Moyen-Atlas et Juliette se dit impressionnée par le grand nombre d'immeubles neufs ou en construction.

- Mais encore ?

- Les femmes en ville sortent maintenant dévoilées.

Monsieur Tarik approuve satisfait.

- Les femmes s'émancipent, certaines se lancent dans les affaires... les mentalités changent, le Maroc bouge, s'ouvre à la libre entreprise.

Le père de Karim sait de quoi il parle. Lui-même vient de monter une usine, elle fabrique des pâtes alimentaires.

Monsieur Tarik est un homme qui a réussi. Au physique, il est de taille moyenne, l'embonpoint tapi dans les formes vigoureuses de son fils, s'étale chez lui. On sent que sa mine débonnaire, son rire facile lui sont inhérents et ne doivent rien à sa prospérité présente... Du regard, il invite sa femme à partager sa satisfaction. Dans cette famille d'yeux noirs, Janine Tarik est la seule à avoir les siens d'un noir minéral, le visage est large, mais les traits finement dessinés, le teint bistre, la bouche mobile que l'on devine prompte à la répartie.

Pour l'instant, elle ignore son mari, tout occupée qu'elle est par l'opération repas et son bon déroulement. D'un oeil vif, elle parcourt la tablée, s'assure que chacun est bien à la place qui lui a été assignée. Karim aux côtés d'Irène, puis Juliette. En

face, Yasmine, sa benjamine, encadrée par ses parents, au bout de la table, une chaise vide attend sa mère. Si Juliette avait parié qu'on leur servirait pour le repas d'ouverture, le couscous rituel, elle aurait perdu. Khadîdja, la servante, pose sur la table deux plats en terre vernissée. Dans l'un, deux poulets dont la peau dorée résiste de justesse à l'éclatement, dans l'autre, une pyramide de luisantes châtaignes. On se récrie d'admiration.

La mère de Janine Tarik, que chacun ici, appelle Mamie Biscotte, sort de la cuisine, en s'essuyant les mains à son tablier. Elle reçoit avec simplicité les compliments qu'on lui prodigue. Mamie Biscotte manifeste sa présence par une activité incessante, mais réduite à une seule fonction : servir. Elle entend être le lien entre la cuisine et la salle à manger, malgré les objurgations de sa fille.

- Maman, si tu t'asseyais un peu ! Laisse faire Khadîdja.

- Je l'ai persuadée - Monsieur Tarik a le souci d'entretenir la conversation - d'enduire les volailles de safran avant de les mettre au four, et de les entourer d'oignons émincés cuits à l'étuvée et enduits de miel et de cannelle, vous trouvez ainsi autour et au milieu de la table, la conjugaison heureuse, j'ose le dire, de nos deux cultures.

Ces mots sont suivis du murmure approbateur qu'il attendait.

- Nous devons la présence de ma mère, donc des châtaignes... à un cauchemar qu'elle a eu. Elle a cru qu'un malheur nous menaçait et elle est accourue...

Et Mamie Biscotte qui a suivi les paroles de sa fille avec une attention approbatrice.

- A tire d'aile et mes bocaux sous le bras.

Le passage des plats d'un convive à l'autre amenant une trêve, chacun peut alors observer, par la porte ouverte du salon,

Madame Tarik mère, la seconde mamie, assise sur le divan dans la position d'un sage hindou, position dont elle semble ne jamais se départir, sauf, du moins Juliette l'espère pour dormir.

La vieille dame refuse de s'asseoir à la même table que les hommes, fussent son fils et son petit-fils. Des voiles blancs emmaillotent son visage, de la grosseur d'un poing. Une assiette que Mamie Biscotte remplit au cours de ses va et vient est posée entre ses genoux.

- Ma mère est hadja[1], déclarent fièrement Monsieur Tarik et sa femme ajoute :

- On lui a offert un tapis de prières avec boussole incorporée.

Karim se penche pour souffler qu'elle ne sait pas s'en servir et qu'il l'a surprise en train de prier, le dos tourné à La Mecque.

Cependant que Mamie Biscotte affirme qu'elle, elle va à Lourdes :

- C'est moins loin ! Les "oins" sont cévenols, ils s'étirent.

Au moment du dessert, petits fours et grains de grenade parfumés à la vanille

- Goûtez, c'est délicieux.

Une femme noire fait son entrée, on devine, sous l'ample djellaba, des formes plantureuses. Tandis qu'elle fait le tour de la table, serrant la main de l'un, embrassant l'autre, on la présente comme Zohra qui a élevé Yasmine.

- L'autre jour, elle s'est évanouie dans la cuisine.

Voix de Yasmine. Pour la première fois, elle manifeste sa présence, c'est une fillette d'une douzaine d'années, aux traits délicats. Les regards convergent sur elle, la découvrant soudain.

On explique :

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[1] hadja :féminin de hadj, titre de ceux qui ont fait au moins une fois le pèlerinage à La Mecque, dans leur vie

- Sa passion pour les appareils électrique la perdra... le four électrique non débranché, lavé à grande eau, s'est vengé...

Zohra baise l'épaule de Karim avec ferveur, puis elle va s'accroupir aux pieds de Madame Mère, avec laquelle elle s'entretient en chuchotant. Juliette rencontre le regard d'Irène chargé de grises interrogations et réprime une intempestive envie de rire.

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Un ciel embué, au bleu incertain. Le petit déjeuner est servi dans le jardin par Khadîdja. Une branche de bougainvillier, lourde d'humidité, s'est détachée pendant la nuit et elle la soulève pour franchir la porte. Ses pieds nus foulent un gazon anglais, vaporisé de frais. La table a été dressée sous les orangers. Des bruits d'eau joyeusement bousculée proviennent de la piscine, invisible, parce que située derrière la maison. Ils ajoutent encore selon Juliette, à l'agrément des lieux. Et tout en prenant place auprès de son hôtesse

- Autrefois, les jardins côtiers, étaient déjà, vus du plateau d' Ifrane, riches et colorés, mais le vôtre l'est particulièrement. Madame Tarik sourit

- Le mérite en revient à mon vieux jardinier. Il est excellent, a le goût de son métier, je lui ferai part de vos compliments.

Il s'ensuit un échange d'amabilités interrompu par l'arrivée de Karim et d'Irène. Ils sont en peignoir de bain et empreints de cette vivacité allègre que dispensent, à l'égal du grand air, les jeux dans l'eau. Madame Tarik sert le thé, pousse vers eux une assiette de biscottes beurrées.

- Je me sens, déclare Irène, un appétit... géant ! Elle est dans de bonnes dispositions et Juliette espère qu'elle s'y maintiendra. Les deux jeunes gens ont pris l'habitude de se livrer à des escarmouches, vite réprimées d'un geste, d'un sourire... Escarmouches tout de même. Légers accrocs sur la trame jusque là unie de leurs rapports. Karim se cantonnerait volontiers dans son domaine, maison, jardin, où, se plaint Irène en aparté, il est entouré d'attentions excessives. De la part de sa grand'mère, de sa mère, passe encore, mais de Zohra !

- Karim chéri par-ci, Karim chéri par-là. Elle lui reproche son manque de curiosité. Elle, Irène, flâne dans les ruelles de la kasba :

- J'aime l'artisanat marocain, c'est un art de berger, de nomades, de gens qui passent. On le dit rudimentaire parce que la matière travaillée garde encore quelque chose de son état brut. Cela me convient. Je peux toucher le poil du chameau, la toison du mouton, la corne, l'épaisse argile. Des odeurs traînent... suint, résine, cuir, huile d'argan... j'aime... et je me découvre aimant cela.

- Toi, Karim, tu devrais comprendre.

Elle a lié connaissance avec un vieil artisan qui travaille devant elle le bois de cèdre. Elle l'interroge. Flatté par son attention, il raconte sa vie, s'épanche avec une douceur résignée.

Aujourd'hui, elle est décidée à se montrer aimable. Elle grignote une dernière biscotte, finit sa tasse de thé et, sourire engageant :

- Dimanche, jour de marché. Je vais connaître un marché marocain, une photo, dans un magazine, m'en a donné un aperçu. Depuis, j'ai toujours eu envie... Vous venez avec moi Juliette?

Karim se résigne :

- Je vous servirai de guide.

En passant sur le visage de son fils, le regard de Janine Tarik se charge de tendresse. Une flamme derrière le noir minéral.

Est-ce intentionnellement, avec un malin plaisir que Karim dirige d'emblée leurs pas vers le domaine des bouchers ?

Irène avait déclaré un jour qu'elle n'aurait pu faire des études de médecine, elle ne supportait pas la vue du sang... il lui faut, ici, l'affronter. Le sang s'égoutte des quartiers de viande jetés brutalement sur l'étal, s'écoule, imbibe le sol. Des crânes éclatés présentent, comme des coques leur amande, de sanguinolentes cervelles.

En dépit de l'âge, des années écoulées, la réaction de Juliette reste la même : se détourner, s'enfuir. Ce n'est pas tant l'hémoglobine répandue qui la rebute, mais la violence qui lui est sous-jacente… Sur les traits osseux des bouchers, se lit encore, l'effort déployé pour abattre la bête et on ne s'étonnerait pas de découvrir une hache posée à leurs côtés.

Deux petits porteurs se sont attachés à leurs pas. L'un s'est muni d'un couffin, l'autre d'un sac en plastique jeté sur l'épaule. Ils implorent, s'obstinent, malgré le refus impatient de Karim.

Les voici maintenant devant les primeurs. Le spectacle change, l'état d'âme aussi. A même le sol, des amoncellements en collines, en montagnes, de pommes de terre, carottes, fèves, petits pois, haricots, cerises, fraises. Du sommet d'une pyramide, un chou, toutes feuilles déployées, se fait aussi large qu'une vasque. Des cerises roulent à leurs pieds.

- Tu goûtes, Madame ! Irène s'extasie, parle de généreuse prodigalité, entraîne enfin, l'adhésion de Karim.

- Le Roi a eu le mérite de donner la priorité à l'agriculture et au Maroc les habitants mangent à leur faim.

Au milieu des chalands, une vieille femme accroupie, aux yeux chassieux, vend mesure par mesure, des pois chiches cuits qu'elle puise dans une cuvette émaillée.

- Elle ressemble à la mère d'Aladin... la même posture... vous vous rappelez ce conte des mille et une nuits.

Karim sourit :

- Tu es décidée à tout voir avec des yeux d'enfant»

- Si tu pouvais avoir les mêmes, riposte-t-elle.

Autour d'eux une foule silencieuse s'écoule. Les lèvres des femmes sont scellées, leurs paroles encore occultées par un voile invisible.

Dans leur va et vient devant les sacs d'épices, les djellabas réveillant des senteurs de plantes et épices dont elles portent la couleur : cannelle, safran, kamoun pilé, verveine et menthe fraîche...

La concurrence des deux petits porteurs atteint son point culminant. Ils en viennent aux coups, ne se ménagent pas, les horions : une lèvre fendue, un nez saigne. Irène s'agrippe à l'épaule de Karim, la secoue :

- Qu'est-ce que tu attends pour les séparer?

- Qu'ils se débrouillent. Le jeune homme hausse les épaules. Autour des pugilistes, la foule s'agglutine, des paroles apaisantes enfin sont prononcées. Devant le visage, devenu tout pâle de Juliette, Karim entraîne les deux femmes hors du marché.

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Le geste brusque que fait Mamie Biscotte pour ramasser son aiguille à tricoter déclenche dans le massif d'hibiscus, un frou-frou d'ailes et la fuite d'un oiseau en livrée grise. Celui-là même qui au petit matin fait entendre sa note volubile et d'une fluidité d'eau vive.

- Je n'arrive pas, dit Janine Tarik, à me familiariser avec les oiseaux de ce jardin. Ils m'ignorent et je les ignore. Tandis qu'à St. André, chez nous, dans les Cévennes, ils font partie de notre vie. Ma mère nourrit l'hiver, le pinson„ hôte permanent du vieux cerisier et nous surveillons à la première pelletée de terre retournée, en automne, la réapparition du rouge-gorge, ce fugueur…

Les paroles de son épouse tirent Hassan Tarik de sa somnolence:

- J'ai l'habitude d'escamoter le repas de midi, à la manière américaine, je me contente de n'importe quoi d'un fruit par exemple et d'une tasse de café. La convivialité y perd, mais la digestion est plus facile...

Juliette en conclut que la présence de leur hôte, chaque jour, au déjeuner, est une marque de civilité envers ses invités.

Irène est allongée dans le hamac habituellement occupé par Yasmine, aujourd'hui, celle-ci est absente, des amis sont venus la chercher pour une randonnée à cheval. Irène s'étire avec satisfaction - relaxation complète - pousse un soupir heureux.

- Ce jardin est un paradis !

Juliette s'inquiète :

- Se laisserait-elle prendre aux délices de Capoue ? Allait-elle dévier de sa vraie nature ? Devenir ronde et indolente ? Contrairement à toute attente, le visage de Madame Tarik prend l'expression sévère que doivent lui connaître ses élèves du lycée de Kénitra où elle enseigne les math.

- Un paradis très limité et qui ne s'étend pas au-delà des murs. Un paradis où je m'ennuierais vite, si je n'étais pas occupée au dehors, c'est pourquoi j'ai gardé mon emploi.

Juliette réprime son agacement :

- Tu parles Charles. Je pense bien qu'elle doit se sentir désœuvrée. Servie comme elle est...

Sa mère, qu'un ouvrage de tricot maintient assise très droite sur une chaise, approuve :

- Dans la vie il faut savoir s'occuper.

- Tiens, s'exclame Irène, j'entends la voiture de Karim, il vient de rentrer. Karim est allé raccompagner sa grand'mère à Moulay Bousselem où elle vit habituellement. Si Juliette ne l'avait vue monter en voiture, se serait-elle aperçue de son départ ? Irène a fait à son sujet cette réflexion :

- Une femme qui dans la maison de son fils, se donne si peu de droits à l'existence, est d'un autre âge... et chacun ici, a l'air de trouver ce comportement naturel.

Lorsque Karim, en survêtement, les rejoint, c'est pour faire voltiger ses babouches et se planter en face d'Irène.

- Je te lance un défi au judo, nous allons apprécier ce dont tu es capable !

Juliette n'a pas de goût particulier pour ce sport et même lorsque la télévision retransmet un combat de judokas, elle change de chaîne, mais devant le spectacle qu'offrent les deux jeunes gens, elle s'efforce par sympathie de suivre et de comprendre les mouvements auxquels ils se livrent :

rapprochements, esquives, hésitations, empoignades... ils tournent en rond, la danse de l'ours... mais souple, rapide... et dont le seul but est de projeter sur le sol le corps de son adversaire, comme on ferait d'un tapis, non pour le battre mais pour en éprouver l'élasticité.

- A charge de revanche ! Le combat est bref, s'achève en éclats de rire. leurs corps mêlés, empêtrés, s'étreignent. D'un bond les voilà debouts , ils se dirigent, main dans la main, vers la maison où ils pénètrent. Au premier étage, une fenêtre se ferme. Mamie Biscotte tricote, les yeux baissés. Le regard de Monsieur Tarik, douceur, indulgence, sollicite celui de sa femme qui, lui, est plus noir que jamais.

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- Les enfants sont partis ce matin… très tôt... je n'ai pas voulu qu'ils vous réveillent. Irène a déclaré, je rapporte ses paroles, qu'elle vous laissait en bonnes mains. Juliette dissimule sa contrariété, ne peut qu'acquiescer.

- Ils ont dû faire le voyage que nous réservons d'habitude a nos amis de France lorsqu'ils viennent nous voir. La côte atlantique jusqu'à Agadir où les attend un complexe hôtelier de haut standing : piscine, golf, tennis... Karim adore... Ils pousseront peut-être jusqu'aux gorges du Drâa. De notre côté nous tâcherons de bien employer notre temps... nous pourrions visiter Rabat, vous y êtes née, je crois. C'est une avancée, la première, vers le passé marocain de Juliette. Effort méritoire, manière de la prendre par les épaules, de faire quelques pas

avec elle, Madame Tarik joue du mieux qu'elle peut son rôle d'hôtesse. Juliette remercie :

- Il m'aurait été pénible de quitter le Maroc sans revoir Rabat.

A Rabat, les époux Tarik concentrent leur attention sur la prolifération des immeubles, l'extension des quartiers.

- Il y a longtemps qu'ils ne s'y étaient arrêtés. Juliette leur en donne l'occasion. Celle-ci envie leurs propos animés et cet état d'esprit dénué de toute préoccupation sentimentale. Passage rapide devant les remparts où nichaient les cigognes, devant la place du marché, puis la voiture enfile de bout en bout l'avenue Dar el Maghzen, toujours aussi belle, aussi droite, bordée de palmiers.

- Les palmiers Phénix ont prospéré, ils sont superbes. Les Tarik qui évoquaient l'ouverture prochaine d'une grande surface, s'interrompent, la regardent. Elle se sent la parente pauvre, la cousine de province.

Sous cette arcade s'ouvrait le magasin de Tante Odile. Un univers fleuri. A l'intérieur de la vitrine,l'eau ruisselait, et, derrière ce rideau mouvant les fleurs prenaient l'apparence de poissons exotiques.

- Juliette, n'oubliez pas, vous êtes notre guide, j'attends vos directives.

- Je voudrais revoir la maison de ma tante Odile, blanche, longue de ligne... pareille à la vôtre... elle y vivait avec mes grands-parents. Il faut passer la porte du Chellah. Après la porte, une série de voies.

- Laquelle, Juliette, à droite ?

Juliette ne sait plus.

- Tout droit, peut-être, si je ne me trompe pas, au bout d'un kilomètre à peu près, vous tournerez à gauche, pour prendre la route de l'Oulja, face au terrain d'aviation.

S'il y a jamais eu un terrain d'aviation, il n'existe plus. L'aéroport est à l'opposé de la ville» Ils ne trouveront jamais l'humble route de l'Oulja. A la place, un carrefour, un rond-point et un agent de la circulation. Hassan Tarik arrête la voiture à sa hauteur, interroge. Geste négatif de l'agent. La voiture fait une fois, deux fois le tour du rond-point. Le représentant de l'ordre finit par la suivre des yeux. Juliette est découragée

- Je cours après une réalité, la mienne, qui se dérobe, me fuit. Au moment où je crois la tenir, crac ! Elle disparaît, cela se passe ainsi dans les rêves, les mauvais rêves... si nous rentrions...

Janine propose une halte aux jardins des Oudaïas. Et c'est en s'y dirigeant qu'Hassan Tarik s'engage, par miracle, dans la rue Lamoricière, que les Tarik nomment rue Fétouaki.

Là encore l'enfilade des modestes magasins parmi lesquels celui où l'Oncle Robert vendait, louait ou réparait les cycles, est remplacé par un pâté d'immeubles. Traversée du quartier que domine la Tour Hassan. Haute de quarante neuf mètres, un chemin intérieur permettait d'accéder, à dos de cheval, jusqu'au sommet.

- Je suis née au pied de la Tour, dans un immeuble qui a été détruit pour libérer une esplanade la mettant en valeur.

En haut de l'immeuble, la terrasse autour de laquelle courait un parapet tout blanc. Elle y est montée, accrochée au tablier de sa grand'mère, et le cœur lui chavire un peu, car la terrasse, telle une nacelle, flotte dans le ciel de Rabat, d'un bleu si doux et gardant de la brume qui a stagné toute la matinée, un léger voile mauve. Sur le fil *d'étendage, la lingerie de Tante Odile. Ses chemises de nuit et de jour, en linon, en nanzouk. Brodées de leurs et de papillons, les mouchoirs de dentelle, les jupons â*

trous-trous, d'où s'échappent des rubans, se gonflent, claquent au vent, pleins d'allégresse.

- A force de la voir en passant, c'est de la Tour Hassan qu'il est question, on ne la voit plus.

Soupir intérieur de Juliette " Décidément, nous ne nous rejoindrons jamais...

Sa redécouverte du jardin des Oudaïas se teinte de morosité. Les époux Tarik ne remarquant pas son manque d'enthousiasme, il lui faut s'en expliquer avec elle-même.

Au temps où Rabat était encore voué aux cannisses poudreuses et à la terre rouge, cette terre qui, durcie, a donné les remparts et la Tour Hassan, on se plongeait avec délices dans sa végétation oasienne, riche en ombre et en fraîcheur. Il était le Jardin par excellence, le premier qu'elle ait connu, le père de tous les jardins. Depuis, tant *de* jardins ont passé dans sa mémoire, y sont restés... il souffre de cette promiscuité.

Tandis que ses compagnons s'attablent sur la terrasse, elle est allée s'accouder aux remparts… Tout en bas le Bou Regreg et son estuaire d'un gris qu'elle qualifiait autrefois de gris limoneux. Il l'est toujours. Cette permanence adoucit son humeur et l'âme enfin détendue, peut accueillir, docile, les sensations les plus ténues. Une odeur composite, est-ce une illusion, monte jusqu'à elle, d'iode, de bois mouillé, de calfat, de sueur d'homme à la tâche, c'est celle de la barcasse qui assurait le passage entre les deux rives. Était-ce avant la construction du pont, qu'elle cherche des yeux, aperçoit, en découvre un deuxième plus lointain, ou malgré sa construction...

La traversée du Bou Regreg ou sa première expérience de l'élément liquide. C'était une surprise toujours renouvelée, de

voir la lourde embarcation, hâlée avec effort sur le sable, se mettre à tanguer et osciller sous leur poids léger.

Et cette eau dans laquelle on plongeait si librement le bras, se faisait assez résistante pour offrir un appui â la rame, et asséner à la coque de grandes tapes brutales qui la faisaient vibrer.

Juliette rejoint ses compagnons. Ils ont fait apporter du thé à la menthe et des cornes de gazelle[1] que la première bouchée libère de leur parfum d'amande et de fleur d'oranger.

- Il me semble qu'autrefois la pâte était plus sèche, elle craquait sous la dent, rétive, elle livrait à regret une pâte onctueuse.

- Vos souvenirs demeurent très vivaces...

- Le malheur c'est qu'ils disparaissent avec nous et pourtant... ce bien le plus précieux... le plus fragile, on voudrait, n'est-ce pas, le laisser derrière soi, le léguer à ses enfants et petits enfants.

EPILOGUE

Janine Tarik qui guette depuis deux jours le passage du facteur, brandit une carte en direction de Juliette.

- Une carte des enfants ! Vous pouvez la lire. Elle vous aussi est destinée. Ils sont fous, ces jeunes ! Ils sont retournés dans vos montagnes, Juliette ! Ils ont fait à pied et sac au dos, ce qu'ils appellent le "chemin de transhumance"… qu'est-ce qu'ils

[1] Cornes de gazelle : pâtisserie marocaine fourrée de pâte d'amandes douce parfumée à la fleur d'oranger

racontent encore ? Ah ! Ils ont retrouvé Raho et son fils… Raho... qui est Raho? Vous connaissez, Juliette ?

FIN

A Magny-les-Villers le 24 Juillet 2000

Josette HENRY-GIORGI

Murielle Oliver
Mar 24

Circulez y'a rien à voir !

C'est fou tout ce qu'on trouve sur Google map. Si vous croyez que c'est là juste pour faire beau, c'est que vous souffrez d'une grande naïveté...

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Photo N.2 Canaanland, Nigeria

Photo N.3 Cologne-Bonn-Airport

Photo N.4 Le hibou à Washington DC

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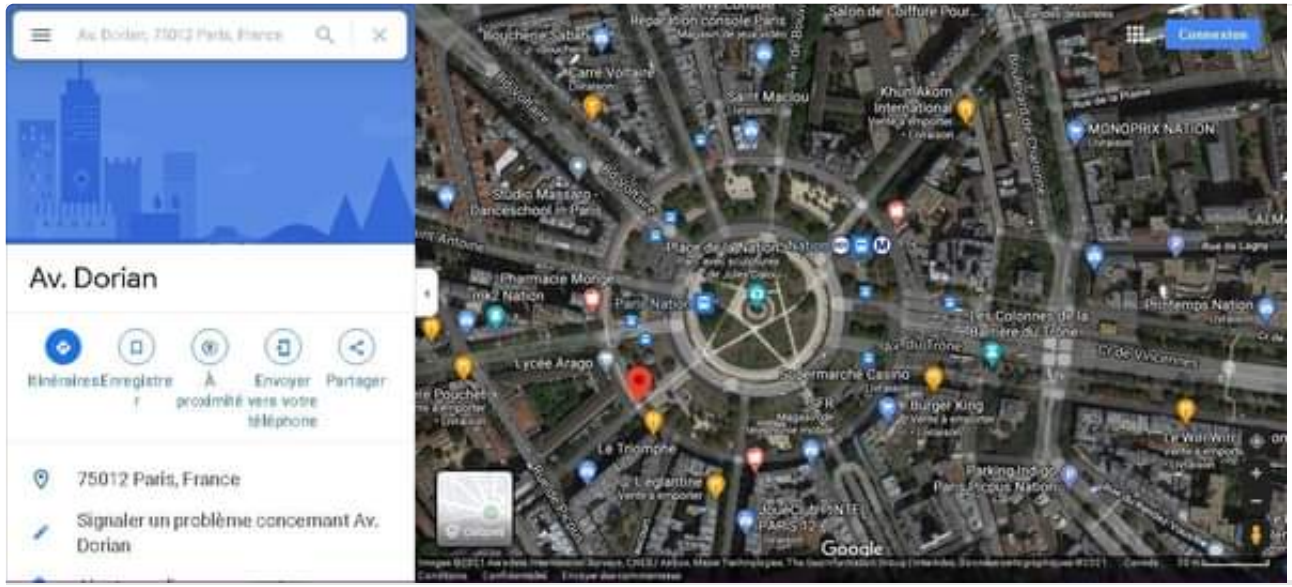
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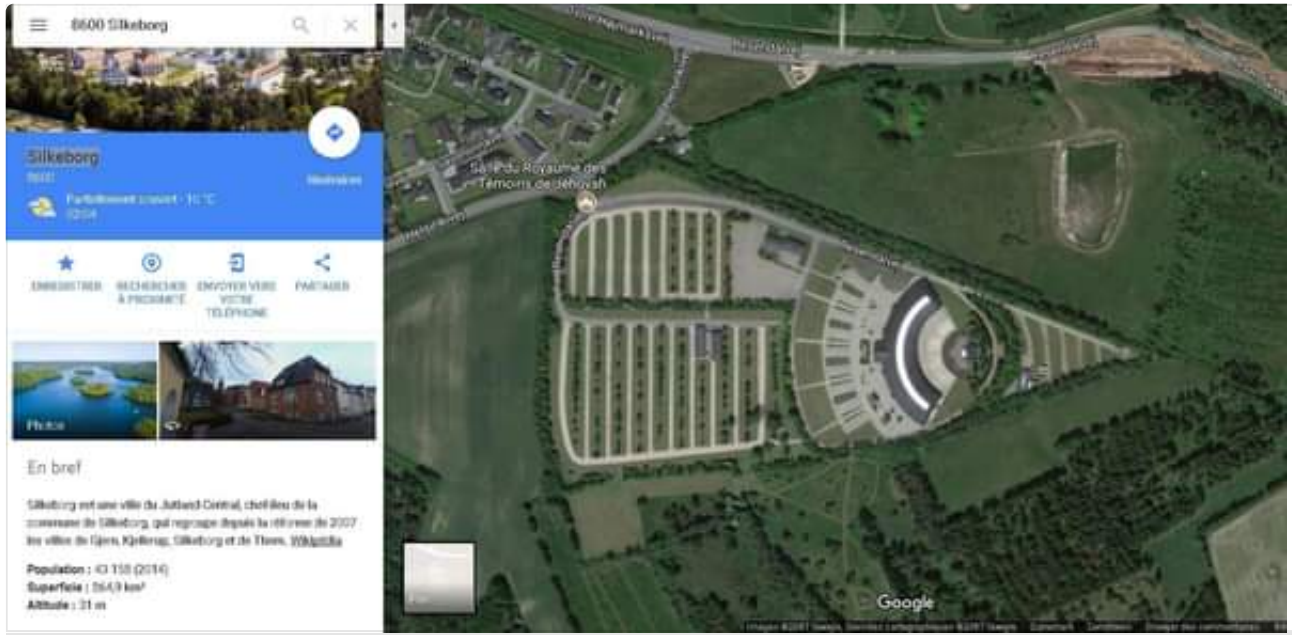
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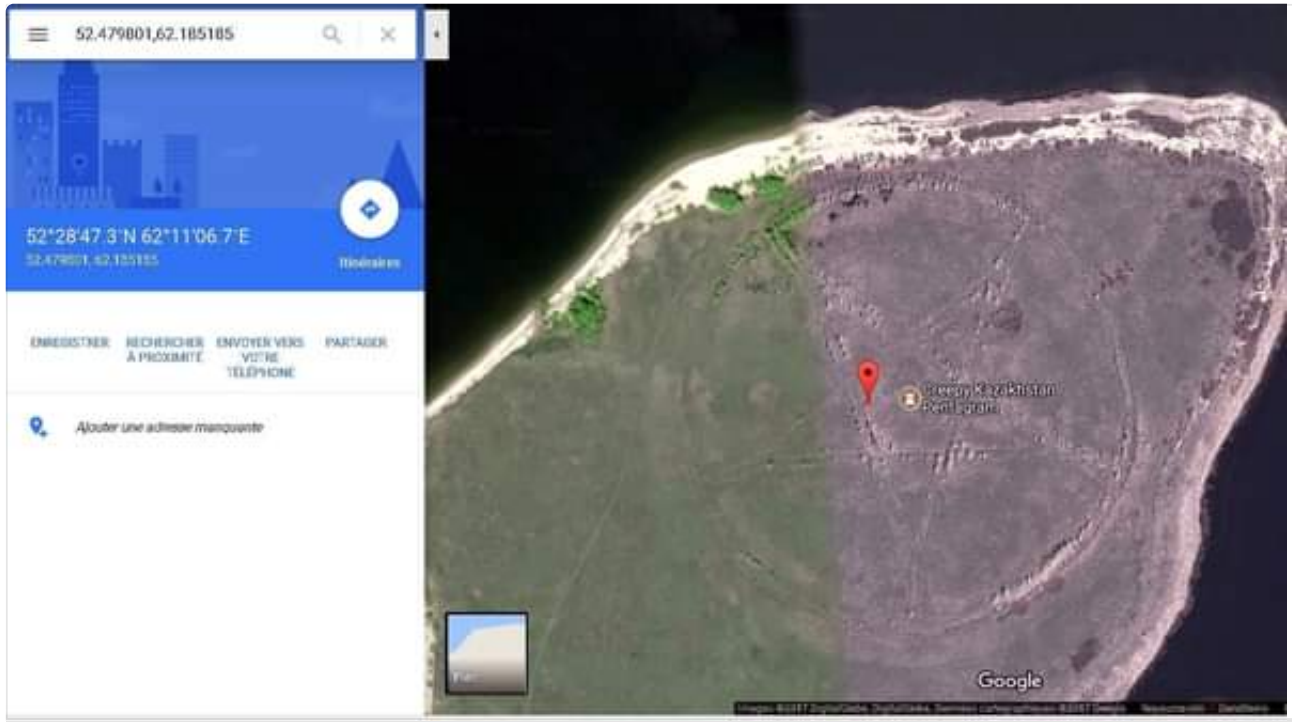
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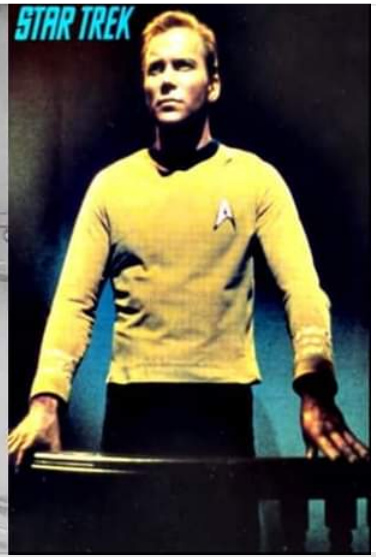

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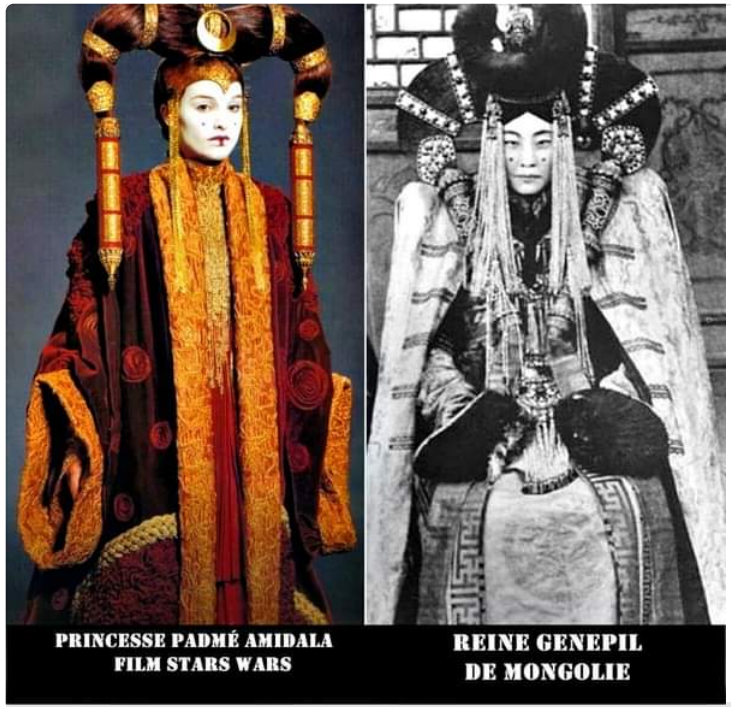

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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **5:28am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

> **Ishilove:** The drawing of that punt seems exaggerated. It would have taken more than two men to row a water vessel of that size.

That does seem true. Of the written references to large African canoes that I've come across, they almost always mention there being many rowers.

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **5:31am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

> **Ishilove:**
> I concur. The pre-colonial African society, if anything were almost Victorian in issues related to s.ex and sexual explicitness was disallowed in many societies.

I'm pretty sure different groups probably had different attitudes to s.ex. Since there was cultural variation in other aspects, there was probably cultural variation across different groups with regard to promiscuity and s3xually explicit imagery.

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **5:42am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

> **pleep:** Victorian sexual conservatism was all about clothing. Covering the ankles,the ears and sometimes hair... African cultures attiudes about nudity were completely different.

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Africa was/is hot. Victorian era Britain was not, and was often cold. The weather difference is significant as far as clothing choices.

Clothing in Africa, except for the Muslim areas that probably absorbed some Islamic religious ideas about dressing, was mostly really about style/fashion, religion, and utility.

Inferring what a group's s3xual mores were from their dressing could also be misleading not only because of the heat issue, but because some groups could have been in cultures where a woman's b.reasts or a man's nak.edness were viewed innocently as just nak.edness, and not really as something s3xually explicit or some kind of s.exual exhibitionism.

This is not to say that the opposite could not have been true as well - there could have been groups that celebrated phallic or other s3xual imagery out of a deliberate desire to appreciate or promote s3xuality.

But in the case of those pillars I originally posted, they do seem to be purely religious/spiritual. Comparable objects (physically, not necessarily culturally) that are also non-s3xual but also have a phallic shape would probably be totem poles in non-African cultures.

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **5:48am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/6/3/34460_images_image_6343_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1917 (?). Angoulvant, G. Guide du commerce et de la colonisation à la Côte d'Ivoire.

Original language: French

Caption translation: Fetish house in Bas Cavally.

Caption: Case fétiche dans le Bas Cavally.

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Illustration technique: b/w field photograph

Keywords:
• Bas Cavally (Country, region, place)
• Cote d'Ivoire (Country, region, place)
• Lagoon (Country, region, place)

• architecture (Object name, type)
• ritual house (Object name, type)
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• shrine (Object name, type)
• Kru (Style, culture group)

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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **6:21am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/6/7/68630_images_image_6705_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1890. Wissman, Hermann. Unter deutscher Flagge quer durch Afrika von West nach Ost.

Original language: German

Caption translation: House of the chief of Tupende.

Caption: Häuptlingshaus der Tupende.

Illustration technique: field engraving

Keywords:
• Congo-Kinshasa (Country, region, place)
• carved wood (Materials and techniques)
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• caryatid (Notable features)
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• Pende (Style, culture group)

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **6:59am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/1/3/50079_images_image_1300_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1910. Eine Reise durch die Deutschen Kolonien, Vol. II.

Original language: German

Caption translation: Pictures from Bamum

Caption: Bilder von Bamum

Illustration technique: b/w field photograph

Keywords:
• Cameroon (Country, region, place)
• Fumban (Country, region, place)
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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsQED**(m): **7:04am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/1/3/74035_images_image_1355_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1914. Thorbecke, Marie Pauline. Auf der Savanne: Tagebuch einer Kamerun-Reise.

Original language: German

Caption translation: Entrance hall in the chief's court of Bamum

Caption: Empfangshalle im Häuptlingsgehöst zu Bamum

Text translation: “The more we approach the chief’s square, the closer homesteads and houses stand together. At last there are actual streets, narrow and shadowy like Italian ones. This is the city of the chief’s women, in which each woman occupies one house on her own. Then the huge palace of the chief stands on its own on the wide square. Many, many quadratic houses are built next to one another and the pitched roofs are connected like saddles, forming a coherent, rectangular complex of buildings. The narrow side with four big entrance gates shows carved posts as support columns, a couple of huge drums can be seen in the dark doorways.” (p. 49) „The huge building is indeed noble and of royal beauty. Inside large courtyards span among the high dim rooms and dark, pitch-dark corridors. The sun shines in friendly; an open access balcony runs around whose roof is supported by carved columns; trees are shadowing grey old gravestones in the middle. Here the

chief welcomes visitors, here he administers the law." (p. 52)

Text: „Je näher wir dem Häuptlingsplatz kommen, um so dichter liegen Gehöfte und Häuser beisammen, zuletzt sind es richtige Strassen, eng und schattig, wie italienische. Das ist die Frauenstadt des Häuptlings, in der jedes Weib ein Haus für sich allein bewohnt. Und dann steht der riesige Häuptlingspalast allein auf weitem Platz. Viele, viele einzelne, quadratische Häuser sind dicht an einander gebaut, die spitzen Dächer sattelartig verbunden, so einen zusammenhängenden, rechteckigen Gebäudekomplex bildend. Die Schmalseite mit vier großen Eingangstoren, zeigt als Dachstützen lauter geschnitzte Pfosten, ein paar riesige Trommeln sind in den dunklen Torgängen zu sehen." [Transcribed from German Fraktur] (p. 49) „Der riesige Bau ist wirklich vornehm und fürstlich schön. Im Inneren dehnen sich weite Höfe aus zwischen den hohen, dämmrigen Räumen und dunklen, stockfinsteren Gängen. Die Sonne scheint freundlich herein; ein offener Laubengang, dessen Dach durch geschnitzte Säulen getragen wird, läuft ringsum; Bäume beschatten in der Mitte graue, alte Grabsteine. Hier empfängt der Häuptling Besuch, hier spricht er Recht." [Transcribed from German Fraktur] (p. 52)

Illustrator: Marie Pauline Thorbecke, signed "MP. T."

Illustration technique: field engraving

Publication page: 53

Publication plate/figure: figure

Related images: This scene appears 3 times in 1912 & 1914: #s 597, 609, 660 Other views of the palace, search: Bamum palace

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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **Ishilove**: **7:13am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **Ishilove**: **7:33am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **UjSizzle**(f): **10:27am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

Exquisite!

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:40am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

So I see that this made the front page. Although that's a good thing, I do wish I had been able to post at least half the pics that I wanted to before the thread was even considered for the front page. The spam bot kept blocking me and hiding my posts, but I'll try and post some of what I wanted to post under this alternate moniker now that more people are viewing the thread and hopefully the spam bot won't ban me and hide the post this time.

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:43am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

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Yeah, there are a lot of condescending or offensive comments that I came across but there are also some purely objective comments and also some positive comments from writers from back then that I have come across on this same archive. I still intend to post the comments if they're not too offensive. For that picture it was at least necessary to establish what the house was for (religious), so I included the comment even though I didn't really approve of the tone.

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:46am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/1/3/24991_images_image_1349_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1912. Vollbehr, Ernst. Mit Pinsel und Palette durch Kamerun: Tagebuchaufzeichnungen und Bilder.

Original language: German

Caption translation: The Bamum chief in his audience court. Inside a round hall, with richly carved bars, Njoja sits. He is smoking a pipe, and youths and all of his attendants surround him. The throne is of estimable, old beadwork.

Illustrator: Ernst Vollbehr, author

Illustration technique: field drawing; color

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• paired columns (Object name, type)
• Bamum (Style, culture group)

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **livethinme**: **10:46am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

The most annoying thing is. Tell me, what is Nigeria doing to preserve pre-colonial culture?
We talk and talk and talk and act patriotic and against west etc..
But WHERE can you find such relics in Nigeria?
(BTW Im sure that they exist, but where can you find them?..are there internet sites etc)
Are there are well known Nigerian archaeologists etc..?

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:48am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/1/3/47231_images_image_1358_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1914. Thorbecke, Franz. Im Hochland von Mittel-Kamerun, Vol. I.

Original language: German

Caption translation: Attending court in the chief's palace in Fumban

Caption: Ehrenhof im Häuptlingspalast in Fumban

Text translation: “Inside the palace there are high, dim, almost empty rooms in which are at most a few beds, pots, drums and weapons, as well as narrow, pitch black hallways and broad, airy courts. The royal court of the chief, in which he receives guests or holds court [plate 9], reminds one of a European cloister entrance with its broad, circular, shadowy transition which is accompanied by ornamented, carved posts facing the court. On the narrow side of the hallway is a overhanging cupola and the posts are twice as high. The bright, sunny courtyard is in the middle and contains grey, pole-like gravestones of the ancestors under glowing green trees and low shrubbery.” (p. 17)

Illustrator: Marie Pauline Thorbecke, author's wife

Illustration technique: b/w field photograph

Publication plate/figure: plate 9

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Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:50am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/1/3/88862_images_image_1346_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1912. Vollbehr, Ernst. Mit Pinsel und Palette durch Kamerun: Tagebuchaufzeichnungen und Bilder.

Original language: German

Caption translation: Njoja's palace in Bamum and the Basler Mission church. The palace is 81,60 m wide and 150 m long. It, and the church, are built from the leaf stalks of raffia palms and unfired clay. The Basler Mission church was built by 1000 natives. In the foreground lies an idol-drum.

Text translation: “As has already been told, a giant square is found in front of the palace. There beneath trees stands the Basel mission church, built in the native style from 1000 people in one day. A red and white flag blew on a large white pole in our honor. The market place, also under shady trees, is connected to the square and is alive with thousands of people twice a week. Half broken, old idols and giant carved drums lay around this place, signs of an earlier time.” (p. 90)

Publication page: f. 88

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• slit drum (Object name, type)
• Bamum (Style, culture group)

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:54am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/2/6/12714_images_image_2614_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1848. Allen, William and T.R.H. Thompson. A Narrative of the Expedition Sent by Her Majesty's Government to the River Niger, in 1841. Under the Command of Captain H. D. Trotter, R.N, Vol. I (of II).

Original language: English

Caption: The Court of the King of Iddah

Text: "The Attà was arrayed in an ample robe, fantastically brocaded with gold, beneath which was another of red velvet; and judging from his size, many others of various hue might have been his under-graments... A large brass or gilt plate, with a raised representation of the human face (not unlike 'the man in the moon'), suspended from his neck, and hanging down on the breast, seemed to be an important article in the 'regalia.' It was worn by the former King when Lander and Allen visited him. His cap was conical, something like that of the Obi's, but ornamented with feathers; and in his ears were ivory discs, stuck in the lower lobe, large enough to cover the whole ear." (pp. 293-294)

Illustrator: Allen, William; Cook, J.W. Allen, William; Cook, J.W., signed: "painted by Capt. W. Allen, R.N." LL and "Engraved by J.W. Cook" LR

Illustration technique: field engraving

Keywords:
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• king (Notable features)
• moon-shaped (Notable features)
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• jewelry (Object name, type)
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• pendant mask (Object name, type)
• regalia (Object name, type)
• Igala (Style, culture group)

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **PhysicsMHD**(m): **10:56am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

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Publication: 1840. Allen, William. Picturesque Views on the River Niger, Sketched during Lander's Last Visit in 1832-33.

Original language: English

Caption: Attàh

Illustrator: William Allen, author

Illustration technique: context engraving

Keywords:
• Idah (Country, region, place)
• Nigeria (Country, region, place)
• brass (Materials and techniques)
• courtiers (Notable features)
• Ata=king (Notable features)
• umbrella (Notable features)
• regalia (Object name, type)
• jewelry (Object name, type)
• necklace (Object name, type)
• pectoral mask (Object name, type)
• pendant mask (Object name, type)
• Igala (Style, culture group)

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[img]http://hitchcock.itc.virginia.edu/SlaveTrade/collection/large/Allen10.JPG[/img]

House of Muslim Religious Leader, Fandah, Central Nigeria, 1832-33

Source:

William Allen, Picturesque views on the river Niger, sketched during Lander's last visit in 1832-33, by Commander William Allen (London, 1840), facing p. 15 (bottom). (Copy in Library of Congress, Rare Book/Special Collections)

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[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/2/44472_images_image_252_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1867. du Chaillu, Paul B. A Journey to Ashango-Land: And Further Penetration Into Equatorial Africa.

Original language: English

Caption: Ishogo Houses, with ornamented doors

Text: “June 11th. Igoumbié is the largest village I have met with yet, and forms one long and tolerably broad street. I counted 191 huts; each hut has a wooden door, and is divided into three compartments or chambers. The houses are generally placed close to each other, not wide apart like the houses of the Aponos. There are many of the curious alumbi houses scattered about. A large mbuiti or idol house stands about halfway down the street, with a monstrous wooden image inside, which the villagers hold in great reverence....What was most remarkable, there was here an attempt at decorative work on the doors of many of the houses. The huts, neatly built, with walls formed of the bark of trees, had their doors painted red, white, and black, in complicated and sometimes not inelegant patterns. These doors were very ingeniously made; they turned upon pivots above and below, which worked in the frame instead of hinges. Each house is of an oblong shape, about twenty-two feet long by ten or twelve feet broad; the door being in the middle of the front, three and a half feet high and two and a half feet broad. The walls are four and a half feet high and the highest part of the roof is about nine feet.” (pp. 264-265)

Illustration technique: field engraving

Keywords:
• Gabon (Country, region, place)
• Igoumbi (Country, region, place)
• carved wood (Materials and techniques)
• architecture (Notable features)
• shrine house (Notable features)
• bas-relief (Object name, type)
• door decoration (Object name, type)
• Tsogo (Style, culture group)

Re: Interesting Images From Precolonial And Early Colonial Africa by **esere826**: **11:04am** On **Apr 12, 2013**

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[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/8/70798_images_image_808_medium.jpg[/img]]

Publication: 1917. Wuhrmann, Anna. Vier Jahre im Grasland von Kamerun.

Original language: German

Caption translation:

Entrance to the chief's compound

Illustrator: Anna Wuhrmann

Illustration technique: b/w field photograph

Publication page: 35

Publication plate/figure: fig

Related images: This drum was photographed in front of a different doorway in the palace: see #s 69 & 1151.4/2. For another Bamum drum in a related style, see #599

Keywords:
• Cameroon (Country, region, place)
• Grassfields (Country, region, place)
• pigment (Materials and techniques)
• rawhide (Materials and techniques)
• carved wood (Materials and techniques)
• architecture (Notable features)
• layers (Notable features)
• standing figure (Notable features)
• high relief (Notable features)
• palace entrance (Notable features)
• column (Object name, type)
• pillar (Object name, type)
• figurated post (Object name, type)
• war drum (Object name, type)
• Bamum (Style, culture group)

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esere826: so what happens when PhysicsMHD is also banned?

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> **PhysicsMHD:**
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^^ Seun,
Kindly take note and divide Nairaland population size by 4

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[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/8/0/19392_images_image_8061_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1874. Skertchly, J.A. Dahomey as it is; Being A Narrative of Eight Month's Residence in that Country with a full account of the notorious annual customs, and the social and religious institutions of the Ffons. Also an appendix on Ashantee, and a Glossary of Dahoman Words and Titles.

Original language: English

Caption:

The Gun Custom

Text:

This was a splendid affair, at least as regards the roof, which was covered with a white cloth,along the centre of which a crimson plaid ran parallel to the eaves. Above and below this division were quaint figures of ships, with conspicuous poops and prows, rigged with a single mast, and two triangular sails like jibs set. Scarlet pennons were flying from the trucks, and beneath the keel two stockless anchors of blue baft were hung. Between each of these were curious affairs which Beecham called "pillars of salt." To me they appeared to be Christmas crackers resting on scarlet muskets. These ornaments were constructed of coloured cloth, and sewn on the white calico covering of the paviion. [p425]

The pillars of this shed were swathed in crimson velvet; and the back and sides were composed of gorgeous green, violet, blue, and crimson silks, satins, and damasks; the richness of their colouring being, however, lost in the shadow of the pavilion. In the centre was the royal sofa, covered with a splendid patchwork of velvet cloth of many colours; and a gorgeous umbrella, of yellow velvet, with dark crimson birds; with emerald-green necks, carrying blue guns in their black dexter claw, was set before the divan. [p425-6]

Illustrator: , illustrations are from sketches by the author

Illustration technique: colored lithograph

Keywords:
• Republic of Benin (Country, region, place)
• Dahomey (Country, region, place)
• damask (Materials and techniques)
• fabric (Materials and techniques)
• satin (Materials and techniques)
• silk (Materials and techniques)
• appliqué (Materials and techniques)
• birds (Notable features)
• divan (Notable features)
• guns (Notable features)
• pavilion (Notable features)
• tent (Notable features)
• architecture (Notable features)
• sailing ships (Notable features)
• umbrella (Notable features)
• tent decoration (Object name, type)
• roof ornament (Object name, type)
• Fon (Style, culture group)

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lol

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Publication: 1874. Skertchly, J.A. Dahomey as it is; Being A Narrative of Eight Month's Residence in that Country with a full account of the notorious annual customs, and the social and religious institutions of the Ffons. Also an appendix on Ashantee, and a Glossary of Dahoman Words and Titles.

Original language: English

Caption: The So-Sin Pavilions

Illustrator: "E.W." after J.A. Skertchly "E.W." after J.A. Skertchly, E.W.= engraver JAS= author

Illustration technique: field engraving

Keywords:
• Dahomey (Country, region, place)
• fabric (Materials and techniques)
• carved wood (Materials and techniques)
• pavilions (Notable features)
• drums (Notable features)
• figurated textile (Object name, type)
• roof ornament (Object name, type)
• sculpture (Object name, type)
• elephant figure (Object name, type)
• Fon (Style, culture group)

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Publication: 1874. Skertchly, J.A. Dahomey as it is; Being A Narrative of Eight Month's Residence in that Country with a full account of the notorious annual customs, and the social and religious institutions of the Ffons. Also an appendix on Ashantee, and a Glossary of Dahoman Words and Titles.

Original language: English

Caption: Tombs of Agajah, Tegbwesun, Mpengula and Agongolu

Text: “On the left we discovered a long whitewashed barn, whose sides were ornamented with rude figures of men, animals, and inanimate objects in relief...A gorgeous cloth spread over the roof, and three umbrellas, marked the king’s seat, the captainesses and Dahkros being seated on either side. Immediately opposite the king was the mausoleum, containing the ashes of four kings—Agajah, Tegbwesun, Mpengula, Agongolu. The tomb was a long barn with a high-pitched roof. On the ridge were four silver ornaments belonging to the respective monarch. To the left was the monument of Agajah—a silver rooster standing on a globe, supported by an Asen which rose from the centre of a silver wheel, from the circumference of which four fetiche hearts of silver were suspended by chains. The wheel rested upon the top of an extinguisher surmounting a skull, all being wrought out of silver dollars. The next ornament was that of Tegbwesun—a silver acorn,

supporting a wheel and skill, on the top of which was a silver tree with two straggling branches, each supporting a rooster. To the right of this was a peculiar double-globed cylinder, supporting a silver coronet, from the lower edge of which silver hearts were hung. Above this, surrounding the top of the cylinder, was a circlet of knobbed ogoh, and on the apex a man with his left arm akimbo brandished a sword in his right. This was Mpengula's ornament. On the extreme right was the elaborate monument belonging to King Ogongolu. Two silver soldiers, armed with guns, supported on their heads a square framework hung with silver hearts. Above this two other soldiers bore a smaller framework, on the top of which two Dahoman warriors stood in warlike attitudes. Through the centre, a tall cylinder with globe-like ornaments helped the soldiers to support the frames. The whole of this elaborate affair was of silver, and about four feet high. The hearts swung about in the wind, and clinked together with a peculiar tinkle, and the polished silver glittered in the sun, showing that these valuables were only set up upon state occasions." (pp. 399-400)

Illustrator: "E.W." after J.A. Skertchly "E.W." after J.A. Skertchly, E.W.= engraver JAS= author

Illustration technique: field engraving

Keywords:
• Dahomey (Country, region, place)
• silver (Materials and techniques)
• acorn (Notable features)
• rooster (Notable features)
• coronet (Notable features)
• hearts (Notable features)
• multi-layered (Notable features)
• skull (Notable features)
• wheel (Notable features)
• figurated (Notable features)
• globe (Notable features)
• rooster (Notable features)
• umbrellas (Notable features)
• asen (Object name, type)
• memorial sculpture (Object name, type)
• roof finial (Object name, type)
• grave ornament (Object name, type)
• Fon (Style, culture group)

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[img]http://raai.library.yale.edu/web/art/2/5/27384_images_image_2545_medium.jpg[/img]

Publication: 1914. Rohrbach, Paul. Die deutschen Kolonien: Ein Bilderbuch aller deutschen Kolonien mit 168 photographischen Aufnahmen, Karten und Text. Herausgegeben mit Unterstützung der Deutschen Kolonialgesellschaft.

Original language: German

Caption translation: Chief in festive decorations. The horse, and frequently the rider, are protected against the strike of a lance with strong, padded covering.

Text translation: "Here there are important native rulers, Sultans, or as they say in the Fullah region, Lamidos. The natives have long been under the influence of the Arab culture that penetrated into the Lake Chad region, and are also to a large extent Muslims. There are important cities, like Garua, which one can reach by steamboat from the English Niger during high tide; Marrua, north of Benue; and the most distinguished of the Fullah sultanates: Rei Buba. In the part of Adamaua separated by the French are Lere and Binders, at the border of German-taxed Kusseri. (illustration page 5)" (p. 13)

Illustrator: J. Eberhard, photographer

Illustration technique: b/w field photograph

Keywords:
• Adamawa (Country, region, place)
• Cameroon (Country, region, place)
• Kousseri (Country, region, place)
• festival (Notable features)
• sultan (Notable features)
• equestrian (Notable features)
• feathered finial (Notable features)
• costume (Object name, type)
• headdress (Object name, type)
• helmet (Object name, type)
• regalia (Object name, type)

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Publication: 1913. Frobenius, Leo (transl. Rudolf Blind). The Voice of Africa, Being an Account of the Travels of the German Inner African Exploration Expedition in the Years 1910-1912, Vol. 1 of 2.

Original language: English

Caption: Images of Shango ritual. The god in the centre; Ojas to left and right - respectively 22, 28 3/4 and 20 3/4 inches high. (Drawn by Carl Arriens.)

Text: "Shango descends quite unexpectedly upon some man or woman dancer's head. The inspirationist rushes madly to the Banga, seizes an Osé-Shango, a beautifully carved club, or a Sheré-Shango, that is, the holy rattle. This individual begins to caper before the others. The afflatus is patent. All agree in this: a being possessed by Shango or any other Orisha dances quite differently from ordinary folk." (p. 214)

Illustrator: Carl Arriens

Illustration technique: studio engraving

Keywords:
• Nigeria (Country, region, place)
• wood (Materials and techniques)
• equestrian figure (Notable features)
• weapons (Notable features)
• catfish motif (Notable features)
• double-headed axe (Notable features)
• female (Notable features)
• janus heads (Notable features)
• maternity (Notable features)
• ceremonial axe (Object name, type)
• dance wands (Object name, type)
• Oja figure (Object name, type)
• ose shango (Object name, type)
• Yoruba (Style, culture group)

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Publication: 1913. Frobenius, Leo (transl. Rudolf Blind). The Voice of Africa, Being an Account of the Travels of the German Inner African Exploration Expedition in the Years 1910-1912, Vol. 1 of 2.

Original language: English

Caption: Objects found in the ruins of old Ojo. An Ifa tray [...] about 1/2 life size

Illustration technique: b/w studio photograph

Keywords:
• Nigeria (Country, region, place)
• Old Oyo (Country, region, place)
• face of Eshu (Notable features)
• asymmetrical (Notable features)
• divination tray (Object name, type)
• container (Object name, type)
• opon ifa (Object name, type)
• plate (Object name, type)
• Oyo (Style, culture group)
• Yoruba (Style, culture group)

Collections:
• Leo Frobenius. Discovered by him(1910-1912) in the ruins of Old Oyo (which was destroyed ca. 1850) & acquired from him in 1914 by the Museum für Völkerkunde, Hamburg, Germany.
(Collection at time of publication)
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Publication: 1913. Frobenius, Leo (transl. Rudolf Blind). The Voice of Africa, Being an Account of the Travels of the German Inner African Exploration Expedition in the Years 1910-1912, Vol. 1 of 2.

Original language: English

Caption: The God of Thunder's Temple in Ibadan (from a water colour drawing by Carl Arriens)

Text: "The exterior of the courtyard was characterized by some wooden pillars, embellished with carving, which supported the overhanging roof; the doorway, some nine feet in height, was boldly sculptured with figures in relief of a mythological character; but the fact that the door no longer hung upon its hinges, but was propped against the lintel, was significant of decay. On entering, a spacious courtyard met our view in which the intermediate roofs, supported on carved beams, jutted out over a veranda. Some women in pretty headdresses and some men in handsome flowing garments were standing here and there and gazed in amazement at the first Europeans - as I afterwards heard say to my own surprise - whose feet had trodden this holy place. We slipped underneath a curtain-cloth, and I am bound to say that for a moment's space the originality of the building in front of me, whose straggling black façade was broken up with many colors struck me dumb. A lofty, long and very deep recess made a gap in the row of fantastically carved and brightly painted columns. These were sculpted with horsemen, men climbing trees, monkeys, women, gods and all sorts of mythological carved work. The dark chamber behind revealed a gorgeous red ceiling, pedestals with stone axes on them, wooden figures, cowrie-shell hangings, and sad to say, also some empty spirit bottles, which already play a part in sacrifical rites. On one side of the dark wall a small niche, like a passage, had been cut, in which sat a wily-looking old

fellow surrounded by a row of men and women squatting on skins and mats spread upon the floor and doing reverence to the aged man. This old chap was our future friend, the priest of the God of Thunder, Shango." (p. 46-47)

Illustrator: Carl Arriens, unsigned

Illustration technique: watercolor; offset print; color

Keywords:
• Ibadan (Country, region, place)
• Nigeria (Country, region, place)
• carved wood (Materials and techniques)
• polychrome (Materials and techniques)
• female (Notable features)
• male (Notable features)
• stacked figures (Notable features)
• stacked figures (Notable features)
• house post (Object name, type)
• pillar (Object name, type)
• Shango shrine (Object name, type)
• Yoruba (Style, culture group)

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The Stories Behind Seven of the Worst Massacres in Ancient History

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We all know that the ancient world was a violent place, but we often don't appreciate just how violent it was. The world was in a near-constant state of bloodshed and warfare. Massacres and mass slaughter were practically a part of daily life. The numbers killed in these ancient conflicts, and the reasons given for them, can boggle the mind. Here are seven of the worst massacres carried out in ancient history.

1. The Extermination of the Jie and Wu Hu in Ancient China

In fourth-century AD China, a war broke out when the Jie and Wu Hu peoples rebelled against the rule of General Ran Min. The war did not go well for the Jie or Wu Hu, and Ran Min ensured an example was made of them.

Things came to a head with Ran Min's victory at the Battle of Xiangguo. At the beginning of the war, Ran Min had ordered that all Jie people be exterminated. For attempting to help the Jie, the Wu Hu were given the same fate. Ran Min declared that all Jie and Wu Hu must be killed indiscriminately, regardless of they were male, female, young, or old.

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Following their victory at Xiangguo, Ran Min's army swept into Jie and Wu Hu lands, carrying out Ran Mins's terrible order. Farms, villages, and entire towns were raided and put to death. Wu Hu and Jie refugees fled to the larger cities, hoping to hide in the crowds. Citizens loyal to Ran Min delighted in hunting down those refugees and murdering them.

Ultimately, many of the Wu Hu fled to Mongolia and the far corners of Asia where they were safe. Still, estimates put the Wu Hu death toll at around 100,000. The Jie fared even worse. They faced almost total genocide and were virtually wiped out. During the war and the ensuing massacres that followed, at least 200,000 Jie were butchered. The corpses were rounded up and dumped in mass graves.

Ran Min was overjoyed. He declared the total eradication of the Jie people. Subsequent Chinese history suggests this may have been premature. Later sources contain references that hint some Jie may have somehow managed to survive the genocide. Survivors or not, this was one of the worst massacres in history.

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General Ran Min's genocide of the Wu Hu and Jie peoples in the fourth century was nearly complete (Public Domain)

2. The Thessalonica Massacre: From Sodomy to Bloodshed

There is a common misconception that the ancient Greeks and Romans were fine with homosexuality. This is not accurate . There were strict societal rules in place regarding sodomy, and dire consequences for those who broke them.

In 390 AD, the magistrate of Illyricum, an area including Thessalonica, had a local celebrity arrested. His crime? An alleged act of sodomy with another high-ranking man.

It was clearly a political move and the public was outraged. They demanded the men be released. The magistrate, Butheric, stuck to his guns and refused. The public responded by protesting. The protests in Thessalonica turned into riots, and the riots turned into anarchy. In the ensuing chaos, Butheric and several other Roman officials in the city and neighboring regions were killed by the mob.

The news quickly reached the ears of the Roman Emperor Theodosius I . The Romans could not afford to let any kind of unrest, let alone the murder of government representatives, go unpunished. The emperor ordered that troops be dispatched immediately with orders to deal with these rebels harshly.

Harshly may be an understatement. His original order was to treat everyone within the city as if they were guilty. No one was to be spared. Every man, woman, and child was to be executed without exception.

Theodosius quickly second-guessed himself, realizing that he may have gone a little overboard. As his troops approached the city, he sent a messenger to head them off. His new orders were to arrest the ringleaders but to leave the citizens alone. He was too late.

By the time his messenger had entered the city, it was all for naught. The troops had gone in and carried out their original orders. Several thousand innocent people had been slaughtered in the name of the Roman emperor. Church officials were outraged by the massacre. Theodosius was banned from entering any Christian church until he agreed to make changes to Roman law that would prevent a repeat of the massacre.

Theodosius consented and brought in a new law that anyone sentenced to death be granted 30 days before their execution. Historians believe around 7,000 people were massacred in Thessalonica.

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*Anthonis Van Dyke's 1619 painting of St. Ambrose blocking the cathedral door, refusing Theodosius' admittance. Saint Ambrose barring Theodosius from Milan Cathedral (**Public Domain**)*

3. The Massacre of the Zoroastrians at Istakhr

Istakhr was an ancient Persian city that thrived during the **Achaemenid Persian Empire** of 550-330 BC. Located in what is modern-day Iran, it emerged at the end of a caravan road that connected to the city of Persepolis and the wealthy Indus Valley. Istakhr thrived as a trade hub, for a while.

In 649 AD, Muslim Arabs invaded and took control of the city. The city's new rulers brought in strict new rules. These included the repression of **Zoroastrianism**, a peaceful local religion, and support of Islam. For two years, the people of the city suffered under Arab rule and persecution. Eventually, enough was enough, and they revolted. This Persian rebellion did not go to plan.

The Arabs swiftly and brutally put down the revolt. They decided to make an example out of the city's population. More Muslim settlers were brought into the city to replace the original Persian population. The Persians were massacred. For daring to revolt, over 150,000 Persian

civilians were rounded up and executed. Many of them had played little to no part in the brief rebellion.

*A drawing from the ruins of Istakhr in the 19th century (**Public Domain**)*

4. The Extermination of the Druids in Britannia

By the middle of the first century AD, the Romans were pretty well established in what is now the United Kingdom, but not everything was going to plan. In particular, the Welsh tribes had proven themselves to be a nuisance, difficult to put down. Roman patrols and trade caravans were constantly being attacked by small bands. The Romans couldn't afford to put up with any kind of native rebellion. The Roman leader in Britannia, Suetonius Paulinus soon had enough of these guerilla tactics. An example had to be made.

He sent his troops to the island of Mona, which is called Anglesey today. This island was the sacred home of the **Druids**, as well as several Welsh tribes. The Romans set about making sure the Druids would become a thing of history.

Men, women, and children were put to the sword by Roman infantry and cavalry. Their corpses were dumped on vast bonfires. The slaughter began with the Welsh tribesmen who had set out to protect their families and holy men. While they had previously been successful as guerillas, they didn't survive long in open combat against the highly trained and disciplined Roman legions.

After the tribesmen had been dealt with, the troops turned their attention to the peaceful Druids. The Druids had put up no fight, but the Romans were a superstitious lot. They feared the Druid's pagan beliefs and thought it better to **slaughter them** , just in case.

After all the Druids were dead, the Romans set about destroying any trace that they had ever existed. A garrison was built on the remains to deter any future rebellion from the surviving locals.

*Detail of illustration showing Roman soldiers' massacres of the Anglesey Druids, as described by Tacitus. (**Public Domain**)*

5. The Male-Only Massacre of Hysiae

The **Peloponnesian War** of 431-404 BC between the Athenians and the Spartans was a nasty one, full of bloody battles. One such battle was the Battle of **Hysiae**, fought between the armies of Sparta and Argos in 417 BC.

The Athenians had been determined to establish a democratic government just like their own in Argos. The Spartans invaded Argos after some of their supporters had been evicted from Argive territory. The Spartans, led by King Agis II, did not manage to take the city, but they did manage to take a nearby fortress city, Hysiae.

Agis II still had his sights set on Argos. He ordered that the male population of Hysiae be rounded up and taken hostage. If the Athenians agreed to hand over Argos, he would spare his hostages. He presumed the civilized Athenians would have no choice but to agree.

Unfortunately, the Athenians were more stubborn than Agis had accounted for. He was left in an awkward position. The Athenians refused to back down, and they had fortified Argos to a degree that he stood no hope of taking the city by force. At the same time, he had saddled himself with thousands of hostages who were eating up his supplies.

Agis decided he had only one choice, to withdraw from the area. The problem was, if he allowed the hostages to live, he would look weak. The Athenians would have called his bluff. So Agis ordered that his hostages be executed. Every male resident of Hysiae, no matter their age, was massacred. The exact number of deaths remains unknown to this day.

*The Spartan king Agis II ordered the massacre of all men from Hysaiae in ancient Argos. View from the Heraion of Argos into the Inachos plain, Argolis, Greece (Sarah Murray / **CC BY SA 2.0**)*

6. The Alleged Massacre of the Jews at Banu Qurayza

People have been blaming religion for their brutal misdeeds for millennia. When the **Prophet Muhammad** ordered his attack on Banu Qurayza, he claimed he did so at the insistence of Archangel Gabriel.

Supposedly, the angel had told the prophet that the Jewish tribe that lay within the fortress must be wiped out. This was awkward for Muhammad, as he had agreed to a peace treaty with the Jewish occupants.

Historically, it seems that the Jewish residents had broken their treaty with the Muslims after being pressured to do so by other local Jewish tribes. Muhammad's followers responded by going in and attacking the fortress. The siege lasted roughly three weeks.

After three weeks, the Muslims were victorious and their leader, Sa'd ibn Mu'adh, ordered that the surrendering Jews should be taken into custody. They needed to be punished for opposing God's will.

It was ordered that all the men be killed, and the Jews property be divided between the victors. The women and children were taken as 'captives'. Captives was a nice way of saying slaves.

The male captives were rounded up and stripped. If they were found to possess pubic hair they were separated from their brothers and beheaded. The exact number of men killed at Banu Qurayza is unclear. It is most commonly cited that between 600 and 900 men were killed.

Some Islamic scholars have disputed this number, and whether the massacre ever occurred at all, citing it as Jewish propaganda. Jews and western scholars on the other hand have pointed to parts of the Quran and contemporary sources that appear to indicate the massacre happened.

*Detail from miniature painting 'The Prophet, Ali, and the Companions at the Massacre of the Prisoners of the Jewish Tribe of Beni Qurayzah', illustration of a 19th century text by Muhammad Rafi Bazil. (**Public Domain**)*

7. The Mass Slaughter of the Third Jewish-Roman War

It is no secret that the Jews and Romans didn't exactly get along. What is often forgotten today is just how bad things were. The **Third Jewish-Roman War** centered on a Jewish revolt in Judea between 132- 136 AD. The Jews were led by Simon Bar-Kokhba, who had proclaimed himself the Prince of Judea and whose followers believed him to be a messiah.

Simon used this belief to empower his followers. At the start, it worked, and the Jews fought well during the beginning of the war. The Romans faced more military defeats than they were used to. The Jews had their gloves off and were readily massacring any Roman troops they managed to capture.

When **Emperor Hadrian** heard how badly his men were doing, he dispatched strong reinforcements to the region. Their arrival in 134 AD was a turning point for the war. What followed was a massacre, as Jewish troops and civilians alike were crushed by the Roman troops. Entire towns and cities were wiped off the face of the planet.

It is estimated that at the beginning of the war, the Romans faced casualties of roughly 100,000 men, but some sources put the number at almost twice that. The Jews ultimately fared much worse. It is estimated that around 580,000 Jews were killed during the war. At least 400,000 of these deaths were during battle or from execution as prisoners of war. The remaining 180,000 were innocent civilians.

This isn't a clear-cut case of Jews=good, Romans=bad, however. Many of the civilians who were killed died at the hands of Bar-Kokhba's followers. Jews who refused to take part in the revolt were tortured and executed by their people. Greek and Roman civilians were also persecuted and massacred by Bar-Kokhba's followers during the war.

*Ruined walls of the Beitar fortress, the last stand of Bar Kokhba Revolt and massacre of Jews by Romans and other Jewish people alike (Bukvoed / **CC BY 4.0**)*

Conclusion

The brutality with which these massacres were carried out is awful and the lack of humanity terrifying. Whether it be for religious, political, or other reasons, humans have always been adept at finding excuses to massacre each other.

Most shocking, however, is the fact we haven't changed. If anything, people have just gotten better at it. It used to take time and effort to massacre a few thousand people. Now, all it takes is a few bombs or a handful of carefully placed air strikes. We can condemn the ancients for carrying out such atrocities, but the sad truth is many of us turn a blind eye to similar atrocities every day.

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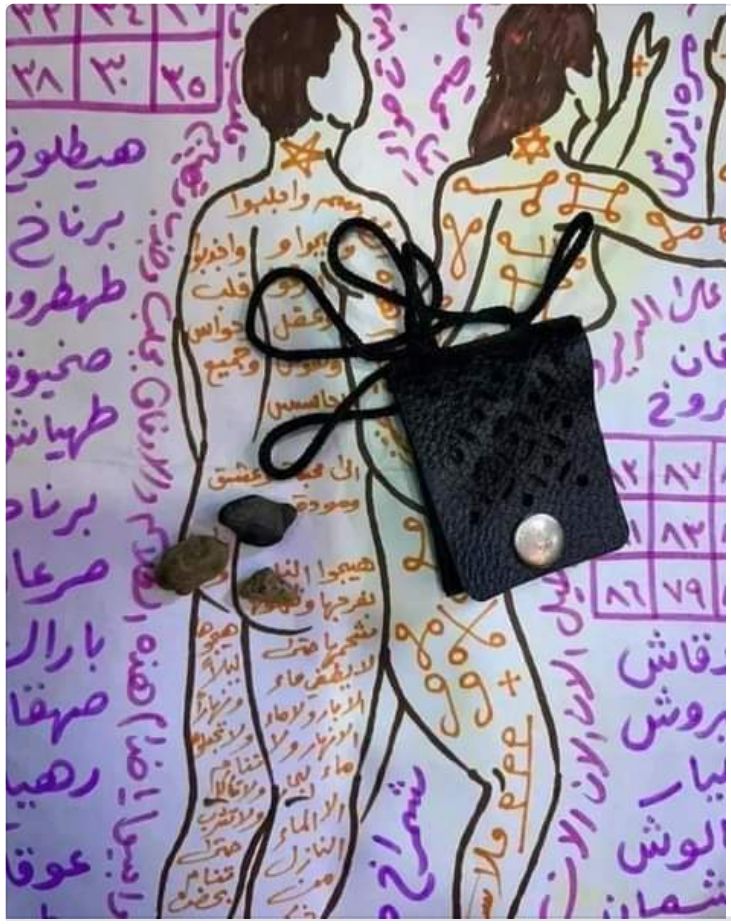

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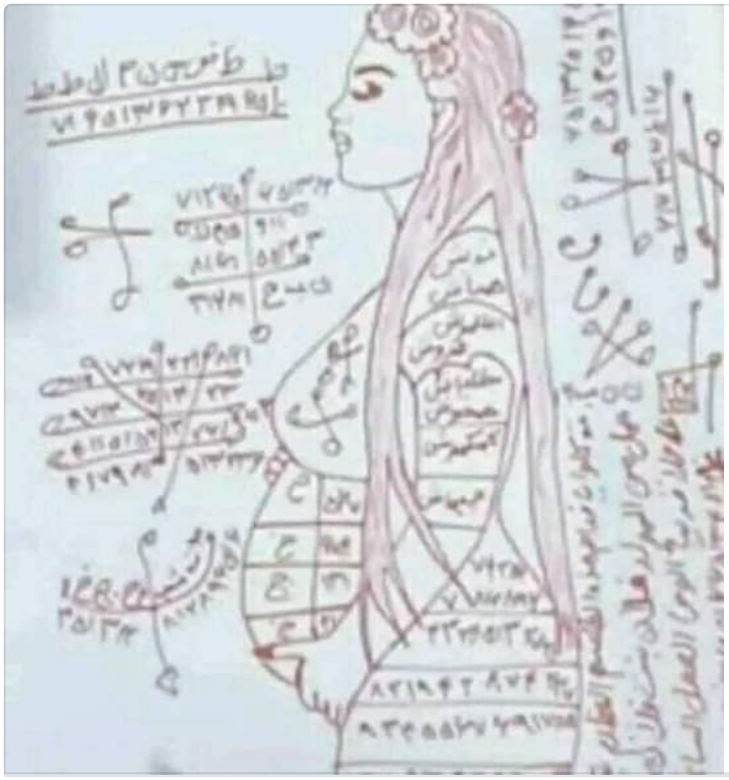

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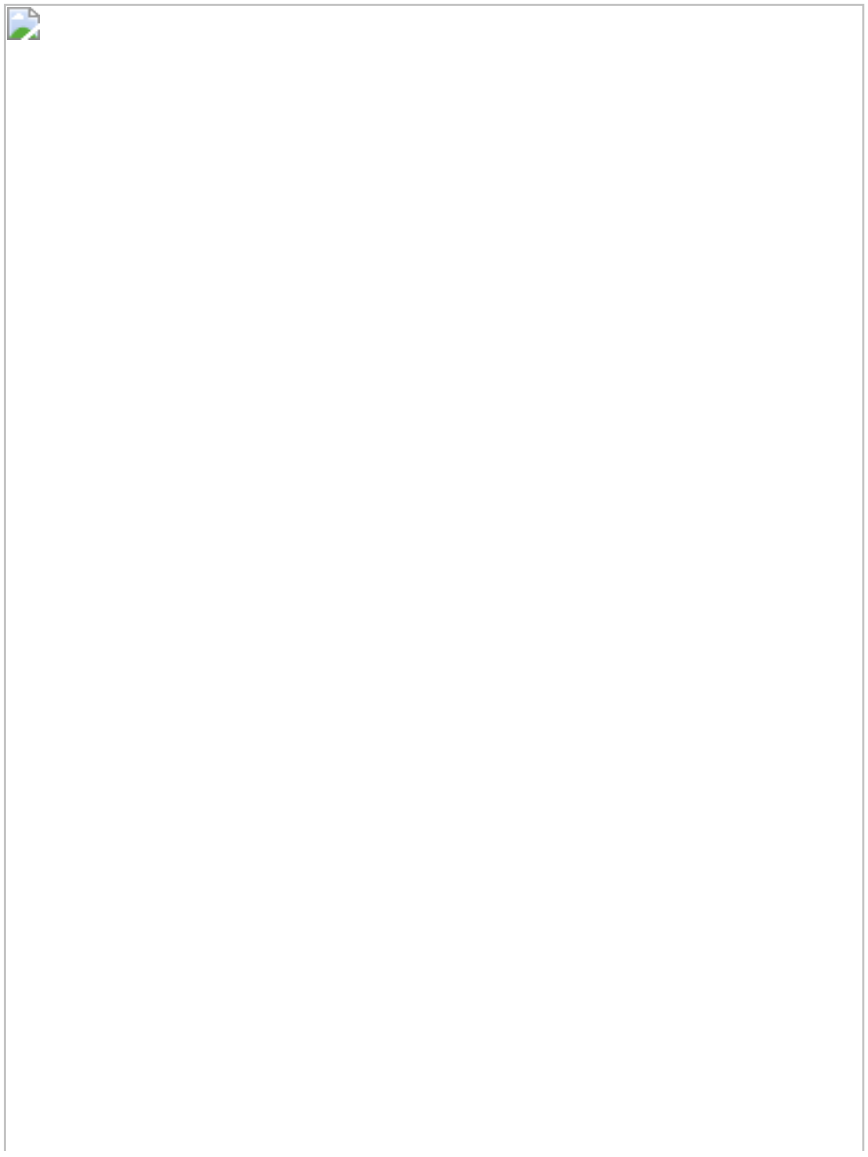

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И втепоры Марине за беду стало,
Брала она следы горячия молодецкия,
Набирала Марина беремя дров,
А беремя дров белодубовых,
Клала дровца в печку муравленую
Со темя следы горячими,
Разжигает дрова полящетым огнем
И сама она дровам приговариват:
«Сколь жарко дрова разгораются
Со темя следы молодецкими,
Разгоралось бы сер(д)це молодецкое
Как у молода Добрынюшки Никитьевича!»

— *Заговор Маринки из былины о Добрыне и Маринке*

Так советует былина, а ниже несколько народных способов приворота, собранных в фольклорно-этнографических экспедициях:

«Чтобы муж от тебя не убежал, возьми… в обуви в каждой есть стельки — вынь, замажь в печку или на печи и говори: „Как эта стелька сидит, так и ты плотно живи и сиди“, — и человек никуда от тебя не уйдет. Снаружи, чтоб не сгорела».

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«Говори по ветру: „Чад-чадок, дым-дымок, я тебе наказу́еваю, вылечи мои слова, вынеси на ветер. Двенадцать ветров, тринадцатый северо́к, и догони эти, буйный ветер, догони Божьего раба *(имярек)*. Божьего раба, хоть на одре лежащего или спящего, чтоб он эту мою дымовую сухоту принял и чтоб не мог никак этого. Я чтоб казалася лучше солнца ясного, красивей лебедя белого и чтоб, этого, думал, и скучал, и никогда не забывал“».

Фольклорист — о приворотах, приметах и городских легендах

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«Вот если ты хочешь приворожить кого-нибудь, то возьми целую восьминку чая, открой эту пачку чая, завари в чайник и когда будешь ложить в чайник чай, то говори: „Сядем-ка рядком да поговорим ладком“. Три раза. Чай заварится, напой, сядь сама рядом, и попейте вместе».

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«Сказать можно в чашку во́душки, возьми ножичек [и води в чашке, и говори]: „Как рыба не может жить без воды, как младенец без материнской груди, так бы раб Божий *(имярек)* не мог жить без рабы Божьей *(имярек)*, ни жить, ни быть, ни лечь, ни встать, ни дня коротать“».

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«Если парень не захочет ходить, а тебе нравится, так тоже ножки перевязывали у стола, чтобы он пришел. Евонну фотографию возьмешь да там проведешь веревкой по евонной фотокарточке, потом свяжешь ноги у стола, так это тоже вот, чтоб пришел. И говорили: „Как эти ножки связаны, так чтобы и мы были с таким-то тоже связаны“».

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«В красно вино налей месячного — и пожалуйста! Ниче не надо говорить, выпьет, да и все. А наоборот — так сходи в умывальник, соли положь, дак и не пойдет».

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СИНДРОМ САМОЗВАНЦА: «Я мошенник, и оставьте меня в покое…» (Часть I)

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Если вы достигли определенных успехов в карьере и у вас появилось чувство неуверенности, ощущение незаслуженно высокой оценки ваших достижений, поздравляем — вероятно, у вас синдром самозванца (англ. imposter syndrome, сокращенно — IS). Он может найти свою жертву на

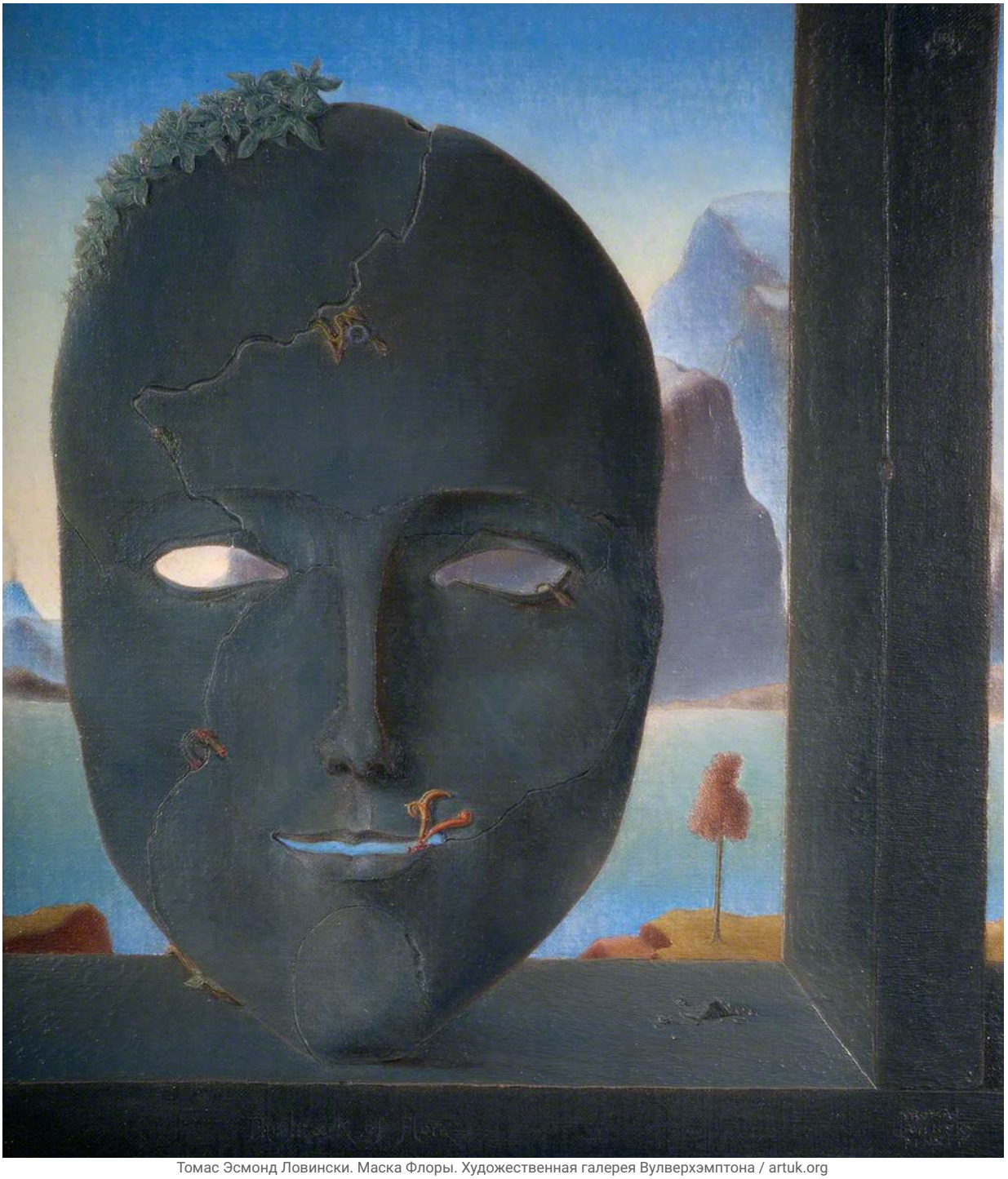
любой ступеньке карьерной лестницы: как среди стажеров, так и среди опытных руководителей. Человеку кажется, что он не на своем месте, что окружающие обманываются насчет его компетентности.

ПЕРВООТКРЫВАТЕЛИ СИНДРОМА

Подобное состояние прекрасно описала трехкратная обладательница «Оскара» известная американская актриса Мерил Стрип. Однажды она сделала такое признание: «Думаю: а с какой стати люди вообще должны захотеть увидеть меня еще в одном фильме? Я все равно не умею играть, ну и зачем я этим занимаюсь?»

Нужно сказать, что открытие синдрома самозванца состоялось благодаря женщинам. Первые эксперименты, позволившие обнаружить и описать **IS,** проводились именно с ними. Участниками исследования стали 150 женщин, на счету которых были многочисленные личные и академические достижения.

Однако, несмотря на это, сами себя они считали «самозванками». Им казалось, что они не так умны, как все думают, и что они просто ввели в заблуждение всех остальных. Исследование провели психологи Полин Клэнс и Сюзанна Аймс.



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В 1978 году они опубликовали статью «Феномен самозванца у женщин с высоким уровнем достижений: динамика и терапевтическая интервенция», где впервые и появился термин IS.

Это когда успешного человека сопровождает чувство, что все, чего достиг, — случайное стечение обстоятельств. И он уже ощущает себя не героем, а скорей мошенником. Ему кажется, что не заслужил успеха, которого сам добился, он думает, что просто повезло, оказался в нужное время в нужном месте.

ВЫСОКИЕ ЦЕЛИ — ПУТЬ К САМОЕДСТВУ

Неожиданный карьерный взлет может вызвать страх, что ты занял чье-то место и что на этом месте должен быть более достойный. И мысли о том, что окружающие-то этого не знают, что скоро все откроется, и ты будешь прямо как голый король. Представим олимпийского чемпиона, только поднявшегося на высшую ступеньку пьедестала и думающего про себя: «А ведь «бронза» точно мог меня обойти, он просто замешкался…»

Выходит, чем выше ставишь цели, тем больше от себя требуешь и тем больше обесцениваешь свои достижения. К синдрому самозванца приводит очень жесткая самокритика. Некоторые исследователи считают, что связано это с тем, что в детстве родители навешивают определенные ярлыки на своих детей.

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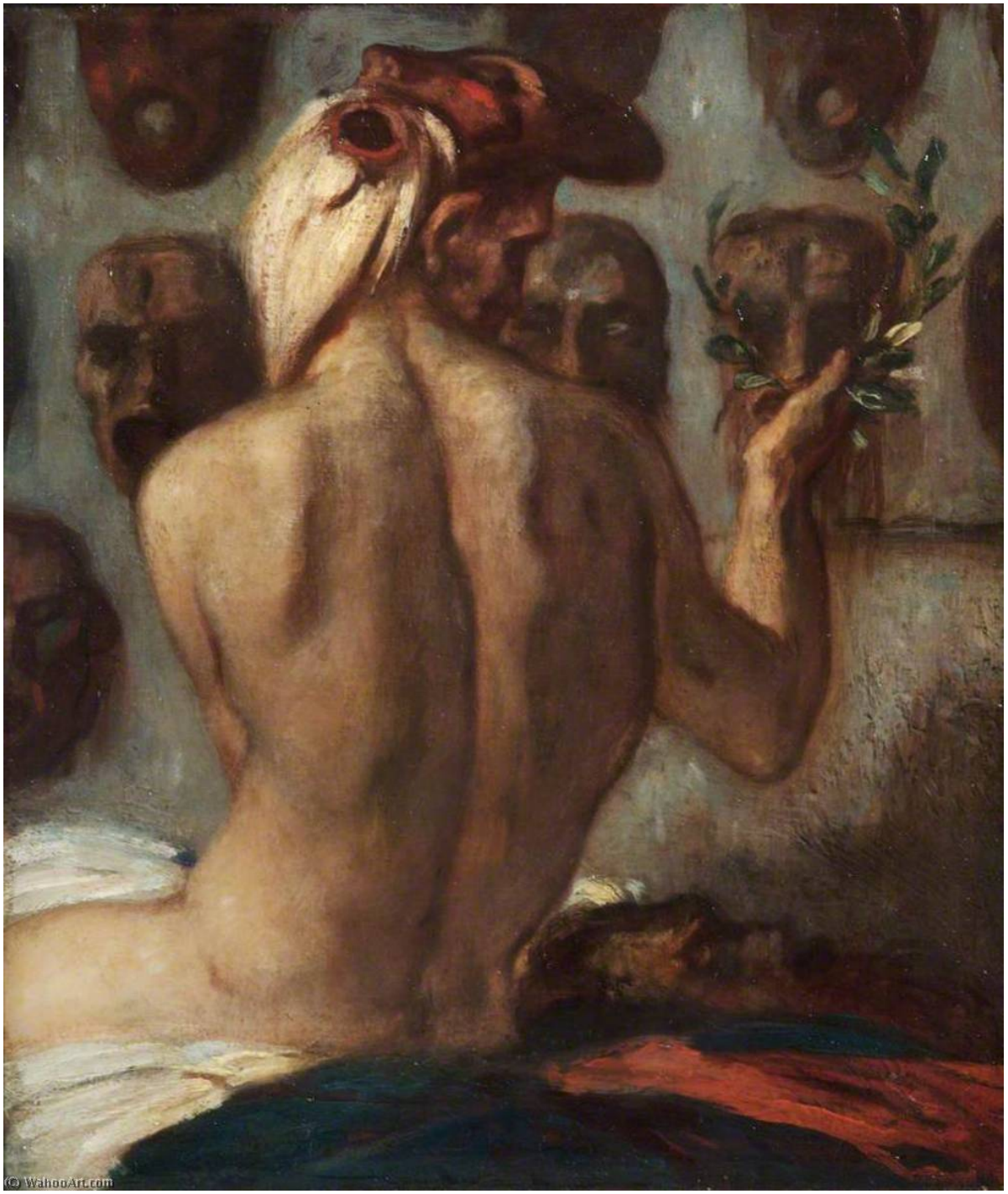
Например, одного ребенка называют «умником», а другого «чувствительным». И потом, когда мама узнает, что ты получил хорошую оценку, тут же спрашивает: «А какие оценки получили остальные?» Ведь для нее важно знать, что остальные получили оценки ниже. И когда оказывается, что есть и другие отличники, ребенок начинает думать, что добился результата, не затрачивая усилий.

Тем, кому приходится разговаривать на иностранном языке, тоже бывает присущ синдром самозванца: они от волнения говорят хуже, чем им позволяют знания. Им кажется, что все сейчас обнаружат и раскроют их мошенничество, их внутренний голос грозен: «Я был уверен, что умею говорить хорошо, а говорить-то я не умею». И это может затронуть приглашенных экспертов, уровню которых доверяют…

РЕАЛИИ СИНДРОМА САМОЗВАНЦА СЕГОДНЯШНЕГО

Как уже упоминалось, про IS первыми заговорили женщины. И долгое время считали, что только они и подвержены синдрому. Но вот вам новость: мужчины, оказывается, тоже с ним сталкиваются. Страдают IS успешные люди, руководители компаний, основатели стартапов. Низкая самооценка и неуверенность в себе тут ни при чем. А вот перфекционизм как раз очень даже рядом.

Сомневаться и комплексовать может каждый. Ну посомневался, и отпустило. А вот с «самозванцами» сложнее. Они думают о разоблачении постоянно и все время его боятся. Исследования IS проводятся с 70-х годов прошлого века, но в последнее время с развитием IT, digital и прочих атрибутов XXI века о синдроме заговорили снова.



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Ну что же, будем жить с эффектом самозванца дальше. Только не надо забывать, что исследования проводились в основном за рубежом. А вот сколько этих самых «самозванцев» скрыто от посторонних глаз в нашей стране — так и не знаем до сих пор.

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Выпуск отмечает восхождение африканских моделей и считает, что они "перекраивают карту" в мире моды.

"Мне грустно видеть, как девушки, которые находятся на подъеме, внезапно уходят в тень. Мы должны гарантировать, что эти девушки выживут в мире моды. Мы должны инвестировать в них, воспитывать и поддерживать их", — заявил Эдвард Эннифул.

Так, на обложке нового Vogue оказались модели Адут Акеч, Амар Аквей, Маджести Амаре, Акон Чанкоу, Мэти Фолл, Джанет Джамбо, Абени Ньял, Ньягуа Руэа и Анок Яй.

Обложка февральского британского Vogue

Снимал их фотограф Рафаэль Паваротти, а оформлением обложки занимался сам главный редактор британского Vogue Эдвард Эннифул.

Объясняя, что вдохновило его на съемку такой обложки, Эннифул, который родился в Гане и еще в детстве с родителями переехал в западный Лондон, заявил, что всегда вдохновлялся африканскими моделями. "Я видел всех этих невероятных девушек, они всегда были такими умными и жизнерадостными, они полностью меняют представление о том, что значит быть фотомоделью", — заявил Эннифул.

Самая известная из девушек на обложке февральского номера – это, конечно, Адут Акеч. 22-летняя австралийка – родом из Южного Судана. И она стала звездой после показа для Saint Laurent весна-лето 2017.

Адут Акеч

"Когда я впервые начала работать моделью на международном уровне, я буквально была единственной черной темнокожей девушкой в шоу. Не было ни суданских моделей, ни африканских моделей. Теперь я иду на шоу, и там девушки из моей страны, девушки из Африки, похожие на меня. Так что да, произошли огромные изменения", — рассказала Адут.

24-летняя Акон Чанкоу была названа одним из лучших новичков на показах в 2020 году. Она также, как и Адут – дочь беженцев из Южного Судана, обосновавшихся в Австралии. Она участвовала в показах Versace, Louis Vuitton и Chanel.

Акон Чанкоу

Еще одна австралийка, появившаяся на обложке – Ньягуа Руэа, дебютировавшая на показе Mugler в 2020 году.

Ньягуа Руэа

21-летняя Амар Аквей в прошлом году участвовала в показе Hermes в рамках Недели моды в Париже, а также эта эфиопская модель снялась в рекламных кампаниях Max Mara, Moschino, Zara, Versace, Victoria Beckham, Fendi и Tod's.

Амар Аквей

24-летняя Маджести Амаре родом из США ранее она выступала для Versace, Chanel, Michael Kors и Louis Vuitton. Она дебютировала на показе Proenza Schouler во время Недели моды в Нью-Йорке после того, как ее заметили в Instagram.

Маджести Амаре

19-летняя Мэти Фолл родом из Сенегала, но проживает в Италии и дебютировала в 2020 году, появившись на показе Saint Laurent.

Мэти Фолл

18-летняя Джанет Джамбо стала первой нигерийкой, которая снималась для рекламного кампейна Louis Vuitton.

Джанет Джамбо

Абени Ньял в 21 год стала любимой моделью Сары Бертон, которая создавала

свадебное платье Кейт Миддлтон.

Абени Ньял

А девятая модель на обложке — 24-летняя Анок Яй.

Анок Яй

Анок Яй дружит с Беллой Хадид и Хайди Клум, украшала обложки Vogue в разных странах и обрела популярность, после того, как стала второй чернокожей моделью после Наоми Кэмпбелл и первой женщиной из Южного Судана, открывшей показ Prada осень/зима 2018 года.

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Sur les traces des Black Panthers à Alger, épicentre de la mouvance anti-impérialiste

Sur le tarmac de l'aéroport de Miami, la porte d'un avion de ligne s'ouvre lentement. Une corde est lancée au sol à laquelle des hommes en caleçon attachent une valise contenant un million de dollars. Il s'agit d'officiers américains du FBI. Les pirates de l'air ont exigé qu'ils ne soient pas habillés pour s'assurer qu'ils ne soient désarmés.

Lors des échanges préalables, les négociateurs du FBI avaient indiqué qu'ils n'avaient pu trouver qu'un demi-million de dollars. Les pirates de l'air avaient alors rétorqué que, dans ce cas, ils repartiraient avec la moitié des otages. Le FBI a fini par céder et a fourni l'entièreté de la somme exigée.

Une fois la rançon montée à bord et comptée, les 86 passagers du vol 841 de Delta Air Lines sont libérés. L'avion repart aussitôt en direction de l'Algérie. À son bord se trouvent trois hommes, deux femmes et trois enfants en bas âge — tous afro-américains — qui ont décidé de traverser l'Atlantique pour s'y établir et ne plus jamais revenir aux États-Unis.

Lorsqu'ils atterrissent à Alger, l'avion est encerclé par des soldats. Un fonctionnaire algérien gravit les marches de l'escalier d'embarquement de l'avion et déclare solennellement : « Soyez les bienvenues chez vous ! ». Les pirates de l'air sont bien accueillis et l'asile politique leur est accordé.

Nous sommes le 31 juillet 1972 et c'est la deuxième fois en un peu plus d'un mois que des pirates de l'air afro-américains tentent de rejoindre le siège algérien du Black Panther Party qui, à cette époque, était le mouvement de pouvoir noir le plus puissant des États-Unis.

L'Algérie ouvre ses portes

À l'époque, l'Algérie a payé un lourd tribu pour sa liberté, après une guerre meurtrière contre un ennemi barbare sans âme ni pitié. Près de 1,5 million d'Algériens sont tués, plusieurs millions d'autres sont incarcérés dans des camps de concentration et d'innombrables personnes sont violées et torturées par l'armée française.

Au moment de l'indépendance, le pays compte près de 10 millions d'habitants, 2,5 millions d'enfants souffrent de tuberculose ou de rachitisme, l'économie est en ruine et 90 % de la population est analphabète. C'était le résultat de plus d'un siècle de colonisation brutale ayant pour mission de civiliser les indigènes et moderniser le pays.

Étant parvenus à chasser l'occupant colonial, les Algériens estiment qu'il est maintenant de leur devoir de soutenir les autres mouvements de libération présents à travers le monde. Ils tiennent également à récompenser ceux qui les ont soutenus durant la guerre. Boumediene envoie ainsi des médecins à Cuba, en Chine et au Liban. Il va jusqu'à offrir un soutien militaire et un salaire mensuel aux membres de groupes armés qui souhaitent renverser leurs maîtres coloniaux.

D'une certaine manière, il s'agit de montrer au monde que l'Algérie est toujours à l'avant-garde de la résistance et du mouvement de libération anticolonial. Le peuple algérien avait acquis suffisamment d'expérience, de vécu et de compétences dans l'expulsion des puissances coloniales, pour les transmettre au reste du continent africain et au-delà. De nombreux combattants arabes, africains et sud-américains sont ainsi entraînés en Algérie et au Maroc par le FLN.

À partir de 1962, le pays reconnaît officiellement tous les mouvements de libération luttant contre un État impérialiste et ouvre ses portes aux damnés de la terre.

Une chakchouka culturelle de révolutionnaires

Entre 1962 et 1974, Alger constitue un carrefour pour les mouvements anticolonialistes et antifascistes. De l'Amérique latine au fin fonds de l'Asie en passant par l'Afrique et le monde arabe, les opprimés, les exilés ainsi que les membres de mouvements de libération sont invités à s'installer et à s'organiser dans la capitale algérienne. Des profils très divers viennent y trouver refuge : chefs d'État, dirigeants révolutionnaires, déserteurs, kidnappeurs et pirates de l'air. Tous sont reçus à bras ouverts par le nouveau gouvernement en place.

À travers une mobilisation internationale et son soutien aux luttes anticoloniales, l'Algérie espère, une fois pour toutes mettre fin à l'idéologie coloniale. Dans un discours de 1963, Ben Bella appelle tous les peuples africains à former un front populaire contre le colonialisme. Le 21 juillet 1969, son gouvernement organise le premier festival culturel panafricain auquel participent plus de 4000 personnes venues de 22 pays.

L'Algérie invite aussi des organisations politiques et militaires. Le premier mouvement de libération accueilli est l'ANC de Nelson Mandela, il bénéficie de bureaux en plein centre-ville. En 1962, Mandela a été formé militairement à Oujda par des combattants algériens du FLN et n'a jamais oublié le soutien de l'Algérie dans sa lutte contre l'apartheid. Il disait que c'était l'armée algérienne qui avait fait de lui un homme.

En mai 1990, trois mois après sa libération des prisons sud-africaines, l'Algérie est le premier pays dans lequel il se rend après 27 longues années d'incarcération. Devant une foule immense, il remercie le peuple algérien pour son aide et proclame à voix haute « l'Algérie est mon pays ! ».

Un grand nombre de mouvements anti-impérialistes suivent les traces de l'ANC. Tout est facilité par le gouvernement en place qui prend en charge tous leurs frais (billets d'avion, logement, visas, dépenses, etc.).

Alger est alors un haut lieu du multiculturalisme. On y trouve par exemple des Afro-Américains recherchés par le FBI, plusieurs milliers de Palestiniens du Fatah, des dirigeants de mouvements de libération africains, des guérilleros, des officiers cubains, des militants vietnamiens, des déserteurs de l'armée portugaise et des exilés politiques d'Amérique latine. La capitale héberge même un mouvement des îles Canaries qui souhaite mettre fin à la domination espagnole.

C'est dans cette « chakchouka » culturelle que les révolutionnaires des quatre coins du monde se rencontrent et plaident leur cause devant les dirigeants du tiers monde. C'est aussi ici que décide de s'établir une poignée de révolutionnaires afro-américains qui ne passeront pas inaperçu.

Fanon fait découvrir l'Algérie aux Black Panthers

Le Black Panther Party (BBP) était l'un des groupes contestataires les plus redoutés par le gouvernement américain, il avait réussi à consolider des liens de coopération entre la lutte nationale pour la libération des Noirs aux États-Unis et le mouvement mondial anti-impérialiste. En juillet 1969, le directeur du FBI, John Edgar Hoover, décrit le BBP comme « la plus grande menace pour la sécurité intérieure des États-Unis ».

Eldridge Cleaver était l'un des premiers dirigeants du Black Panther Party. En 1958, il a été reconnu coupable de viol et a dû purger une peine de huit ans de prison, Il y devient un disciple de Malcolm X. C'est aussi là qu'il écrit ses mémoires Soul on Ice qui est nominé comme l'un des 10 meilleurs livres de 1968 par le New York Times.

En qualité de rédacteur en chef du journal officiel du BBP, il gagne en influence et la CIA est à ses trousses. C'est l'époque où les membres des Black Panthers sont l'objet d'assassinats ciblés par les services gouvernementaux américains.

En 1969, lors d'une embuscade organisée par la police d'Oakland, Cleaver est blessé, mais réussit à prendre la fuite. Il part en exil à Cuba, puis en Algérie avec son épouse Kathleen Cleaver. Le couple est parmi les premiers membres des Black Panthers à s'installer à Alger. Très tôt, une cohorte d'autres membres les suivront. Presque tous sont activement recherchés par les autorités américaines.

Un mois après son arrivée à Alger, Cleaver tient une conférence de presse.
« Nous faisons partie intégrante de l'histoire de l'Afrique », déclare-t-il.
« L'Amérique blanche nous a appris que notre histoire commence sur les plantations et que nous n'avons pas d'autre passé. Nous devons nous réapproprier notre culture. »

Avant leur arrivée en Algérie, les Black Panthers avaient appris à connaître le pays à travers l'ouvrage Les damnés de la terre de Frantz Fanon. Selon l'ancien chef d'état-major du parti, David Hilliard, il s'agissait d'une référence absolue pour le mouvement :

« Frantz Fanon c'était la Bible, son livre nous l'appelions la Bible noire. Grâce à lui, nous avons appris la révolution algérienne, nous nous sommes familiarisés avec d'autres peuples qui se battaient pour le contrôle de leur destinée. Nous nous sommes en quelque sorte mis à imiter ce qui se passait dans son livre et en Algérie. Notre communauté ressemble à celle décrite par Fanon. L'oppression subie par les Afro-Américains ressemble à l'oppression des Algériens par les Français, et cela bien avant l'exemple vietnamien ».

L'auteur, poète et ancien membre des Black Panthers Jamal Joseph explique qu'en regardant le film « La Bataille d'Alger », il reconnaissait les Algériens comme étant les « Nègres des champs » de chez eux. Les Algériens utilisaient peut-être d'autres termes, mais le langage qui exprimait leur état d'oppression était universel. Ce qui s'était produit en Algérie était pour lui un présage de ce

qui allait advenir des Afro-Américains : « Ce qui s'est passé dans la Casbah algérienne avec les Français est similaire à ce que les Noirs subissent dans les ghettos avec leur gouvernement raciste ».

Lors du procès des 21 Panthers soupçonnés d'avoir conspiré à commettre des attentats à la bombe à New York, le film « La Bataille d'Alger » a été présenté par le procureur comme une pièce à conviction. Le film aurait servi à organiser une guérilla.

Des Panthers libres dans les rues d'Alger

À Alger, les Black Panthers sont accueillis comme la délégation d'un État indépendant. Le gouvernement algérien leur accorde des privilèges diplomatiques, une allocation mensuelle et la liberté de voyager à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur du pays, tout en fermant les yeux sur certaines de leurs activités douteuses. En effet, Cleaver et sa bande sèment souvent le trouble dans un pays qui bascule entre traditions musulmanes et austérité révolutionnaire.

Les Panthers s'installent dans l'ancien pâté de maisons d'un pied noir qui a fui le pays. Certains d'entre eux préfèrent s'installer à Bab el-Oued, un quartier balnéaire au nord du centre-ville, où de nombreux révolutionnaires résident

pour profiter des plages à proximité. Les Panthers ont aussi été aperçus en train de faire du surf à Pointe Pescade, une plage très appréciée par l'élite coloniale française.

Pour organiser leurs activités, les Panthers ont même bénéficié d'une villa de deux étages à El Biar, un quartier aisé de la capitale. La propriété leur a été offerte par le Vietcong, également présent à Alger, et qui venait de déménager. Cleaver était proche du groupe et avait visité le nord du Vietnam pour une mission de bons offices. En échange de la villa, Cleaver a accepté de faire plusieurs émissions sur la radio nord-vietnamienne au cours desquelles il exhorte les soldats afro-américains à tuer leurs commandants.

La villa devient le siège de la Section internationale des Black Panthers et une base étrangère de lutte contre la ségrégation américaine. Avec son épouse, Cleaver y accorde des interviews à des journalistes occidentaux, qu'il facture 1 500 $.

Les Panthers profitent de leur stabilité pour coopérer avec d'autres mouvements de libération. Leur siège devient l'ambassade des Noirs américains à une époque où les États-Unis n'ont même pas d'ambassade en Algérie. Ils tissent des liens étroits avec les membres des autres mouvements de luttes révolutionnaires, qu'ils soient Noirs ou Arabes. Ils se sont notamment entretenu avec des diplomatiques de la délégation palestinienne ou encore avec Wei Pao Chang, conseiller à l'ambassade de Chine.

Les Panthers ont installé un centre culturel afro-américain dans une des rues principales d'Alger. C'est là que de jeunes Algériens découvrent les États-Unis à travers le combat des Noirs américains.

Les Black Panthers sont accueillis comme des stars de l'anti-impérialisme à Alger qui est alors la « capitale du tiers monde ».

Des Afro-Américains prêts à mourir pour la Palestine

En 1968, un autre Panther du nom de Stokely Carmichael trouve également refuge en Algérie. Il souhaite développer une conscience révolutionnaire auprès de tous les Africains pour contrer l'impérialisme américain. Selon lui, il n'y a d'ailleurs « pas beaucoup de différences entre les Algériens et les Afro-Américains », tous deux étant « des peuples colonisés ».

Il affirme que le peuple algérien a été « déchu de son langage et contraint de parler la langue de son oppresseur ». Tant qu'il parlerait et étudierait en français, la décolonisation ne pourrait s'opérer.

Stokely souhaitait promouvoir la langue et la culture arabes dans les universités américaines, pour que son peuple comprenne davantage ce que les Arabes ont subi de la part des impérialistes. Il se sentait très proche des

commandos en Palestine. « Nous sentons que c'est le groupe qui est le plus en droit de bénéficier de notre soutien », disait-il lors du congrès « The Black American and Palestinian Revolutions ».

Selon lui, beaucoup de Noirs américains étaient prêts à défendre la Palestine et l'Égypte, « la mère patrie de l'homme noir », de leur vie :

« Nous sommes du côté du tiers monde. Peu importe ce que dit le Département d'État américain, la CIA ou le président Johnson. Tant que nous aurons des jambes, personne ne nous empêchera d'aller en Algérie ou en Syrie. Tant qu'on nous y invite nos partirons. Nous sommes des hommes. Nous irons là où nous voulons, nous apprendrons ce que nous voulons, nous verrons qui nous voulons, nous parlerons avec qui nous voulons et nous nous battrons avec qui nous voulons. Vous nous invitez, nous viendrons ! »

Stokely avait deux rêves dans sa vie : prendre un café avec sa femme en Afrique du Sud et boire un thé à la menthe en Palestine.

En juillet 1969, Stokely Carmichael et Eldridge Cleaver se rencontrent à Alger et se brouillent à propos de questions politiques et culturelles. Cette division interne annonce la fin de la présence des Black Panthers en Algérie.

Les Black Panthers sous résidence surveillée

La saga des Black Panthers dans la capitale algérienne ne dure que quelques années. Eldridge Cleaver et sa femme, déjà en conflit avec la branche officielle du parti aux États-Unis, n'avaient en réalité pas plus de pouvoir que des rois en exil.

Le 10 août 1972, tout bascule. La police algérienne entoure le siège des Black Panthers et place tous ses membres sous résidence surveillée. Cet événement se déroule suite à la demande publique de Cleaver à Boumediene de restituer le million de dollars qui avait été ramené par le groupe de pirates de l'air dix jours auparavant. Les autorités avaient confisqué l'argent alors que la somme était destinée à financer le Black Panthers Party.

Le schisme entre les Black Panthers américains et la Section internationale n'a fait qu'aggraver la situation des Panthers à Alger. Ils deviennent alors quasi des apatrides. À leur tour, les branches du parti aux États-Unis se fragilisent et se divisent.

Aujourd'hui, nous savons que le traitement barbare du gouvernement américain a poussé les Panthers dans une situation de retranchement les encourageant à prendre les armes. Ce faisant, bien que leurs revendications étaient légitimes, ils ont fourni aux autorités une bonne raison de les éliminer tout en perdant le soutien de l'opinion publique afro-américaine.

Le groupe avait aussi d'autres problèmes. De nombreux membres étaient connus pour être des personnes narcissiques, extrêmement intransigeantes et corrompues dans leur vie privée où viols, drogues dures et meurtres étaient souvent au rendez-vous.

Le FBI profite largement de tout cela pour affaiblir le mouvement. Le programme de contre-espionnage COINTELPRO permet à l'agence de surveiller, infiltrer et même assassiner les membres des Black Panthers. Ayant recours au harcèlement policier et aux faux témoignages devant plusieurs juges, le FBI réussit à saper le leadership du mouvement qui, suite à des tensions internes préexistantes, finit par s'effondrer en 1982. Dans le reste du monde, les autres mouvements anti-impérialistes suivront les uns après les autres.

Les traces d'un passé oublié à Alger

Après 7 ans d'exil, Cleaver retourne en 1975 aux États-Unis où il devient accro à la cocaïne. Il se fait encore arrêter à plusieurs reprises et meurt en 1998. Néanmoins, il laisse derrière lui un fils exemplaire qui, à sa manière, continuera la lutte de son père.

Né en 1969 à Tissemsilt en Algérie, Ahmad Maceo Eldridge Cleaver a bénéficié d'un double héritage. Il a largement été influencé par le combat que menait son père contre l'impérialisme américain. Diplômé de la Cornell University de New York, il publie en 2006 son premier livre Soul on Islam, qu'il présente ainsi :

« Mon père était un soldat, un combattant et un écrivain. Durant les turbulentes années 1960, il courrait avec les troupes paramilitaires du Black Panther Party sur les lignes de front des ghettos américains. C'est à cette époque que de jeunes Noirs, autrefois chassés par la police, étaient devenus eux-mêmes des chasseurs de policiers racistes qui aimaient voir couler le sang afro-américain. Mon père et ma mère faisaient partie de la direction du « Parti des Black Panthers pour la légitime défense ». Ils s'appelaient Eldridge et Kathleen Cleaver. La voix de mon père a été entendue par beaucoup dans « Soul on Ice », la mienne dans « Soul on Islam ».

Comme beaucoup de Black Panthers et leurs enfants, Ahmad s'est converti à l'islam et fait partie d'une nouvelle génération de personnes racisées, très cultivées et fières d'être ce qu'ils sont aujourd'hui.

Ahmad est né dans une Algérie qui était alors l'épicentre de la mouvance anti-impérialiste. Entre-temps beaucoup de choses ont changé, mais tout n'a pas été oublié.

Aujourd'hui à Alger, il y a toujours un grand boulevard « Che Guevara », des boulevards et hôpitaux « Frantz Fanon », une place « Patrice Lumumba », des places « al-Quds », des rues « Nelson Mandela », « Arafat », etc. Ce sont là des traces d'une époque révolue qui aujourd'hui inspire de nouvelles générations.

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Sep 23

Порфировая чаша в музее Ватикана
(Porphyry Bowl in the Vatican Museum)

Она была сделана из куска порфира и имеет окружность почти 15 метров, что делает ее одной из самых больших каменных чаш. Только гранитная чаша в Люстгартене в Берлине больше, ее окружность составляет около 23 метров.

Подробностей об изготовлении чаши по обыкновению не имеется.

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Графиня купалась в крови молодых девушек

Кровавая графиня Батори убивала и пытала молодых девушек. Оригинал портрета графини Елизаветы Батори 1585 года утрачен, его копия написана в конце 16 в.

Суд над венгерской графиней **Элизабет Батори начался 2 января 1611** в замке Битчанский Град, ныне — Словакия. Это был самый громкий процесс того времени. "Кровавую графиню" и ее слуг обвинили в пытках и убийствах от 60 до 600 человек.

Элизабет Батори происходила из знатной дворянской семьи. В детстве девочка болела эпилепсией, страдала от головных болей. В 15 вышла замуж барона **Ференца Надасси.** Как свадебный подарок Ференц подарил жене Чахтицкий замок и 12 деревень вокруг него. Замок расположен у подножия Малых Карпат, сейчас это территория современной Словакии. От брака родилось шестеро детей. Их воспитывали с первого дня рождения кормилицы.

Супруги были суровыми людьми и не терпели непослушания от подданных. Ференц жестоко пытал пленных, а Элизабет – слуг. Когда умер от загадочной болезни Ференц Надашди, его вдова стала еще более жестокой. Первыми жертвами Батори стали девочки-подростки, дочери местных крестьян. Их якобы увезли на службу в замок. С помощью нескольких надежных служанок, Элизабет развлекалась, истязая девушек клещами, иглами, бритвами, ножами, раскаленными утюгами.

ЧИТАЙТЕ ТАКЖЕ: **Пленных и врагов Дракула сажал на кол**

Крестьянских девушек, которых нанимали на работу, иногда убивали в первую ночь на работе. Одних заставляли есть мясо других, других обливали водой зимой и замерзали до смерти. В подземельях и застенках замка графиня приказала подвесить под потолок железную клетку с

лезвиями внутри. Она также установила "Железную деву" – куклу в натуральную величину в форме обнаженной женщины с острыми шипами. Кукла "обнимала" своих жертв и резала их до смерти.

По селам поползли слухи о "Кровавой Элизабет". Крестьяне начали говорить, что она пьет кровь молодых девушек или купается в ней. Это придает ей молодость и бессмертие. Говорили, что в отчаянии она искала девушек знатного происхождения, кровь которых более качественная.

Слуги Елизаветы тайно хоронили трупы в полях и церковных подворьях. Родителям говорили, что их дочь загуляла с новолунием и убежала. В 1610-м убийцы совершили ошибку – четыре тела девушек не зарыли, а бросили и в лесу под замком. Остатки девушек узнали. Начали жаловаться дворянам и священникам. Король поручает своему советнику **Дёрдю Турзо** провести расследование.

Турзо неожиданно приезжает в замок Чейте, в подземельях нашел изуродованные тела, несколько еще живых девушек со следами пыток. Арестовал графиню Батори и четырех ее подельников. Король Матяш предложил казнить Батори без суда, но Турзо не хотел так наказывать знатную дворянку. Назначил шестидневный судебный процесс.

Саму графиню Элизабет Батори даже не привезли в зал суда. Допрашивали свидетелей и пострадавших, иногда до 35 человек в день. Большинство свидетелей не рассказывали то, что видели сами, а передавали информацию, которую им рассказали. Суд также рассмотрел найденные скелеты и трупы в качестве доказательств.

Точное число жертв Батори неизвестно. На суде слуги говорили об от 100 до 200 жертвах. Некоторые называли 600 жертв за более чем пять лет. Слуг-помощников графини приговорили к смерти. Приговор вынесли немедленно. Судья приказал пожизненно заточить Элизабет в ее замке. Рабочие заделали двери и окна комнаты и оставили небольшое окно для продовольствия. Она умерла спустя три с половиной года.

> *Поддерживаемый турками Влад Дракула одолел Владислава III из династии Басарабов-Данешты и после его смерти вторично стал властелином Валахии 22 августа 1456-го. Правитель княжества*

> *Валахия Дракула вместе с 7 тыс. воинов ночью напал на 120-тысячную армию турецкого султана Мехмеда II. Взятых в плен Дракула приказал посадить на кол.*

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есть ли трупные яды в египетских мумиях

Трупные яды (английский термин "corpse poison" или "mummy poison") - это токсические вещества, которые могут образовываться в организме человека после смерти и могут сохраняться в тканях тела на протяжении многих лет.

Египетские мумии были обрабатываны с использованием различных химических веществ и консервантов, но в основном это были соли и масла, предназначенные для сохранения тела. Некоторые исследователи предполагают, что могут быть обнаружены следы токсинов, таких как арсен, ртуть или свинец, которые могут быть найдены в тканях мумий, но это не означает, что эти токсины были намеренно использованы для того, чтобы убить человека.

В целом, большинство исследований не нашли доказательств наличия трупных ядов в египетских мумиях. Существует мнение, что использование токсинов для убийства не было распространенной практикой в Древнем Египте, и мумификация была скорее процессом, направленным на сохранение тела для обеспечения его бессмертия в загробной жизни.

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об использовании моно-аминов в психиатрии

Моноаминами - это класс нейромедиаторов, включающий серотонин, дофамин и норадреналин, которые играют важную роль в регуляции настроения, аппетита, сна и других функций центральной нервной системы.

Моноаминовые нейромедиаторы и их связанные системы играют ключевую роль в возникновении и лечении психических расстройств. Некоторые антидепрессанты, такие как селективные ингибиторы обратного захвата серотонина и норадреналина (СИОЗСН), увеличивают концентрацию этих нейромедиаторов в синаптической щели, улучшая настроение у пациентов с депрессией и тревожными расстройствами.

Другой класс моноаминовых нейромедиаторов, допамин, связан с вознаграждением и мотивацией, и его недостаток связан с некоторыми психическими расстройствами, такими как болезнь Паркинсона и наркомания. Лечение этих заболеваний может включать использование допаминовых агонистов или ингибиторов обратного захвата допамина.

Однако, использование моноаминов в психиатрии не ограничивается только антидепрессантами и лекарствами для лечения наркомании. Некоторые нейролептики, такие как рисперидон и квентиапин, также могут воздействовать на моноаминовые системы и использоваться для лечения шизофрении и биполярного расстройства.

Таким образом, моноаминовые нейромедиаторы играют важную роль в психиатрии и лечении психических расстройств, и новые лекарства, нацеленные на эти системы, могут быть важным направлением исследований в будущем.

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влияют ли путресцин и кадаверин, а также спермидин, спермин и нейрин на поведение и психику человека и животных

Путресцин и кадаверин - это аминов, которые могут образовываться в результате бактериальной деградации белков при распаде тканей. Они могут быть обнаружены в различных тканях тела после смерти и могут служить индикаторами распада тканей. Поскольку путресцин и кадаверин образуются после смерти и не являются естественными компонентами живых тканей, нет доказательств того, что они могут влиять на поведение и психику человека и животных.

Спермидин, спермин и нейрин - это полиамины, которые являются естественными компонентами клеток и могут быть обнаружены во многих органах и тканях живых организмов. Некоторые исследования показали, что эти полиамины могут оказывать влияние на нервную систему и могут иметь противовоспалительное, противоопухолевое и антиоксидантное действие. Однако, более глубокое изучение этих веществ и их воздействия на поведение и психику человека и животных все еще требуется.

В целом, необходимо проводить дальнейшие исследования, чтобы более точно определить влияние этих веществ на поведение и психику человека и животных. Тем не менее, на данный момент нет достаточных доказательств того, что путресцин и кадаверин влияют на поведение и психику, а спермидин, спермин и нейрин могут оказывать некоторое влияние, но их роль в этом процессе все еще не полностью понятна.

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используються ли путресцин и кадаверин, а также спермидин, спермин и нейрин в психиатрии

На практике путресцин и кадаверин не используются в психиатрии, так как они не являются лекарственными средствами и могут быть опасными для здоровья при неправильном использовании.

Спермидин, спермин и нейрин являются естественными компонентами клеток и могут играть важную роль в нормальном функционировании нервной системы. Некоторые исследования показали, что эти полиамины могут иметь противовоспалительное, противоопухолевое и антиоксидантное действие, и могут быть потенциально полезны в лечении некоторых психических и неврологических заболеваний.

Например, некоторые исследования показали, что спермидин может улучшать когнитивные функции и защищать нервные клетки от повреждений, а нейрин может быть полезен при лечении депрессии и тревожных расстройств. Однако, более глубокое изучение этих веществ и их потенциального использования в психиатрии все еще требуется.

В целом, спермидин, спермин и нейрин являются естественными компонентами клеток, которые могут играть важную роль в нормальном функционировании нервной системы. Однако, более тщательные исследования необходимы, чтобы точно определить их роль и потенциальное использование в психиатрии.

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но трупные яды используються адептами черной магтт

Яды, полученные из трупов или других живых организмов, не являются законными или эффективными лекарственными средствами и не используются в официальной медицине. Их употребление может быть опасным для здоровья человека и может привести к серьезным побочным эффектам, вплоть до смерти.

Отметим, что использование трупных ядов в качестве магических ритуалов связано с практиками традиционных народных верований, включая шаманизм, и не имеет научного обоснования. Эти практики не рекомендуются и могут представлять опасность для здоровья и жизни человека.

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Использование трупных ядов может быть связано с религиозными и культурными практиками в некоторых регионах Африки, где они могут использоваться для магических ритуалов и в качестве наркотических средств. Однако, их употребление может быть опасным для здоровья человека и может привести к серьезным побочным эффектам, вплоть до смерти.

Отметим, что использование трупных ядов не имеет научного обоснования и не рекомендуется. Вместо этого, для лечения психических заболеваний и нарушений поведения рекомендуется обратиться к лицензированным медицинским профессионалам и использовать только законные и безопасные лекарственные средства.

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В КАКИХ РЕГИОНАХ АФРИКИ ИХ ИСПОЛЬЗУЮТ

Использование трупных ядов в качестве магических и наркотических средств отмечено в различных регионах Африки, но не является широко распространенным практически везде. Такие практики связаны с религиозными и культурными традициями и могут иметь место в различных общинах и народах, но не являются характерными для всей Африки как региона.

Некоторые исследования указывают на то, что использование трупных ядов более распространено среди некоторых племен в Центральной и Западной Африке, включая Бака, Банту, Пигмеев и других. Однако, следует отметить, что эти практики являются незаконными и потенциально опасными, поэтому не рекомендуется заниматься ими ни в каких регионах Африки или в других местах.

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ОБ ИСПОЛЬЗОВАНИИ АНТИДИПРЕСАНТОВ ДЛЯ УСМИРЕНИЯ БУЙНЫХ ПАЦИЕНТОВ

Использование антидепрессантов для усмирения буйных пациентов не является общепринятой практикой и не рекомендуется из-за отсутствия научной обоснованности и потенциальных побочных эффектов.

Антидепрессанты, как правило, используются для лечения депрессии, тревожных расстройств и других психических заболеваний. Они не предназначены для усмирения буйных пациентов и не обладают прямым успокоительным действием.

Для управления поведением буйных пациентов обычно используются другие методы, такие как ограничение физической активности, установка контроля над пациентом и использование специальных техник общения и деэскалации конфликтов.

Кроме того, использование антидепрессантов для других целей, кроме их официально утвержденного медицинского применения, может быть незаконным и опасным для здоровья пациентов. В любом случае, перед применением любого лекарственного средства следует обратиться к лицензированному медицинскому специалисту.

THE FACE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD

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THIS IS THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD: LORD OF THE DAWN THE PLUMBED SERPENT:The Wonderful: Quetzalcoatl,Lord Thoth,also Known as Ningishzidda The Angel Gabriel Son Of Enki son of Anu.

CHAPTER XLIX.OAHSPE

20. And now, that Looeamong's angels had an anchorage on earth, they were in all respects the equals of angels of the pagan Gods. So that, whilst Hatuas was victorious on earth, Gabriel, otherwise Thoth, was victorious in heaven.

21. And it came to pass in not many years, that Looeamong, through Gabriel, captured Baal and all the false Gods in all the regions far and near. And Gabriel took, along with the captured Gods, seven million and six hundred thousand warring angels, and carried them altogether to Makavishtu, in hada, and cast them into hell, where there were already more than ten millions who were in chaos and madness. 22. And Gabriel had the place walled around with fire and noxious gases, so that none could escape.

CHAPTER L.

1. The Lord said: Gabriel raised upon the earth one Mohammed, and inspired him through his angel hosts. And the angels inspired Mohammed to go once every month in the year into the cave of Hara; on which occasions, Gabriel came in person, and talked with Mohammed, who had su'is in great perfection. 2. Twelve years in peace did Gabriel inspire mortals through Mohammed. But, at the end of thirteen years, Mohammed attained to sufficient strength to draw the sword for Gabriel's doctrines. And Gabriel, through inspiration, caused the Mohammedans to commemorate this as the beginning of his kingdoms on earth. And they, therefore, consecrated the said period of time. 3. And, on this first meeting of the faithful in Gabriel, Mohammed, being under inspiration, spake before the multitude, saying: 4. There is but one God, and he is God. Heaven is his. The earth is the Lord's, through the angel, Gabriel. This is the sum and substance of all things. This was the doctrine of Abraham and of Moses, our forefathers. 5. But evil men have invented other Gods, which have no existence. They are idols, which exist only in superstition and ignorance

11. Brothers, I will tell you why I am chosen of God: It is to circumvent the Kriste'yan's idolatry from coming into Arabin'ya and the countries north and south and east. 12. These countries were given by God to our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and thence down to Moses, and thence down to us. 13. There is but one God, and Gabriel is his angel of all the world. 14. And God raiseth up a prophet from time to time, to bless his chosen people. 15. He put this matter upon me; I know only to serve God. 16. The Kriste'yans are merciless warriors. This false Kriste and his worshipers are working for the Romans, and not for salvation. Wherever they go, they destroy the libraries and all manner of learning. 17. Will ye submit, like slaves, to have them despoil you? Is there no Arabin'yan blood in your veins?

From 10th Sumerian tablet

While the Anunnaki were still celebrating the construction of the "artificial mounds", Enki offered a suggestion to his brother, Enlil:

"When in the future days it will be asked: when and by whom was this marvel fashioned?
Let us beside the twin peaks a monument create, the Age of the Lion let it announce,
The image of Ningishzidda (later known as Thoth), the peaks' designer, let its face be,
Let it precisely toward the Place of the Celestial Chariots gaze,
When, by whom, and the purpose let it to future generations reveal!"

Enlil agreed with Enki's suggestion and decreed:

"Let the gazing lion, precisely eastward facing, with Ningishzidda's image be!"

WISDOM OF -ITAL IMAN I

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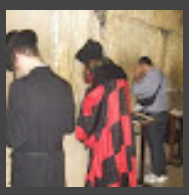

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История – а чаще мифология – изобилует рассказами о предполагаемых "потерянных городах". Будь то Атлантида или крошечная ирландская версия Бразилии, которую все считали реальной в течение нескольких столетий – очевидно, есть что-то непреодолимое в идее существования некогда великой цивилизации, которая теперь затеряна в тумане веков и судьбы. Одним из таких легендарных мегаполисов является город-оазис Зерзура – место, которое, как говорят, расположено глубоко в пустыне Сахара в Египте или Ливии, сверкающее белизной и наполненное древними сокровищами, охраняемыми отрядом гигантских солдат.

На первый взгляд, в этом мифе тоже что-то есть. Если поискать информацию об этом городе, то можно найти ссылки на так называемый "Китаб аль Кануз", книгу, предположительно написанную в 15 веке, в которой Зерзура описывается как "белый город, подобный голубю", расположенный в конце долины с "пальмами, виноградниками и полноводными колодцами".

"Следуй по долине... к городу Зерзура. Ты найдешь его ворота закрытыми", – говорится в рукописи. "У ворот ты найдешь изваяние птицы. Протяни руку к ее клюву и возьми из него ключ. Открой им ворота и войди в город. Ты найдешь там много богатств, а король и королева на своем месте спят сном очарования. Не подходи к ним. Возьми сокровища и всё".

Несмотря на это предполагаемое раннее упоминание, первый европейский рассказ о затерянном городе относится к 1835 году – и это что-то вроде сообщения из вторых рук. Оно исходило от Джона Гарднера Уилкинсона, английского путешественника и писателя, которого сейчас часто называют "отцом британской египтологии", который сообщил, что "араб, искавший заблудившегося верблюда" – повторяем, это был 1835 год – рассказал ему, что в нескольких днях пути к западу от древнеегипетского города Фарафра находится оазис, "изобилующий пальмами, с источниками и некоторыми руинами неопределенной даты".

Пока все так заманчиво – но есть несколько проблем с этой легендой. Во-первых, "Китаб аль-Кануз", несмотря на его якобы почтенное наследие, не совсем тот источник, которому мы должны полностью доверять. Сегодня она известна только как своего рода карта сокровищ Зерзуры, и не зря: процитированный выше фрагмент – практически единственная часть книги, которая существует.

У нас нет ни оригинала, ни даже копии "Китаб аль Кануз". У нас даже нет имени автора книги – все, что у нас есть, это слова Е. А. Джонсона Паша, члена Королевского географического общества , который заявил в 1930 году, что манускрипт находился в его владении "много лет", но примерно в 1905 году он одолжил его Департаменту древностей. Даже он не был по-настоящему уверен в рукописи: он представлял ее не столько как утерянную реликвию какого-то легендарного города, сколько как полузавершенную топографическую съемку, сделанную кем-то, по сути, не очень хорошо справляющимся со своей работой.

Кроме того, "рассказы о тайных местах в пустыне, найденных искателями бродячих верблюдов, были обычным делом", – писал в 2002 году Роберт Берг, исследователь-любитель и консультант по Ближнему Востоку. "В последующие десятилетия несколько исследователей – некоторые из них были очень хорошо финансированы и оснащены – отправились на поиски затерянного города, но ни один из них так и не добился успеха".

Так был ли Зерзура вообще чем-то большим, чем миф? Хотя исследователи начала 20 века лелеяли надежду на то, что город действительно существовал, даже они признавали, что шансов на это мало. Все предполагаемые места расположения города – а их было много, разбросанных по обширной территории пустыни – оказались пустыми, и исследователь У. Дж. Хардинг Кинг в конце концов пришел к выводу, что "сомнительно, чтобы место с таким названием существовало в действительности".

"Зерзур" по-арабски означает "маленькая птичка", поэтому "Зерзура" может иметь такое значение, как "место маленьких птиц", и выглядит несколько фантастическим для города", – писал он. "Зерзура, похоже, является общим названием, применяемым к любому неоткрытому или старинному оазису".

Иначе говоря, как решил исследователь Джон Болл, посвятивший десятилетия своей жизни обследованию Сахары в поисках легендарного города: "Мы должны признать, что "потерянный" оазис Зерзура не более реален, чем философский камень".

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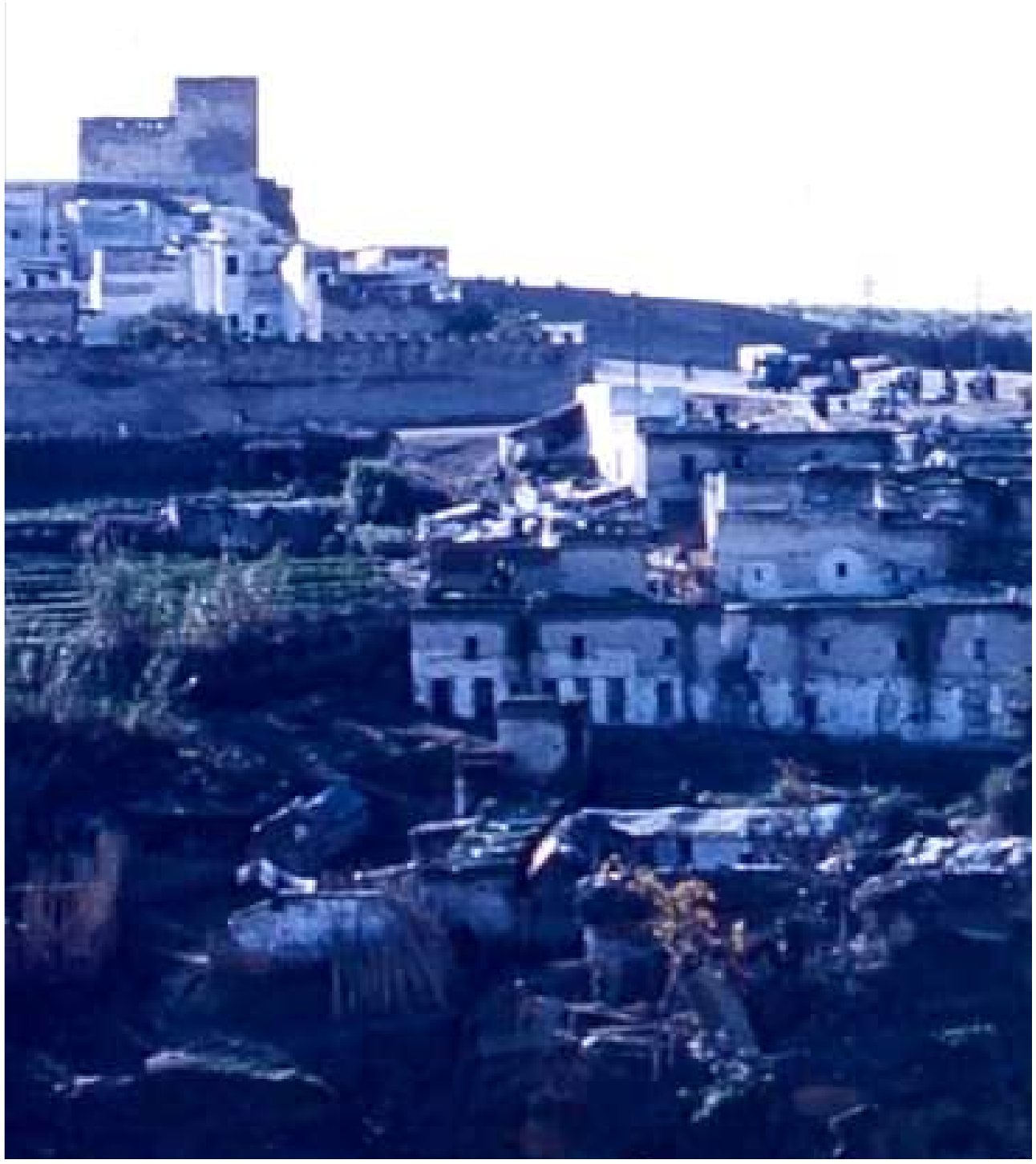

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Des montagnes Haut Atlas(Maroc) aux jardins de Tunis et d'Andalousie.
Il ya de cela près de 900 ans,les Almohades réussirent en effet à soumettre à leur pouvoir toute l'Afrique du nord et l'Espagne musulmane.
Comme souvent en pays d'Islam, on trouve à l'origine de l'expérience un mouvement politique animé par un homme à l'intelligence hors du commun et au charisme formidable, dont le but est de régénérer la foi au nom d'un retour à la pureté originelle et contre les prétendues dérives des contemporains. Mohamed Ibn Toumart, le chef du mouvement almohade, naquit vers 1080 dans les montagnes de l'Atlas(MAROC) au sein de la tribu de Hargha, branche de la puissante confédération des Masmouda.
Porté sur les études, la fréquentation des mosquées et des cénacles savants dès son jeune âge, Ibn Toumart partit pour un long voyage en Andalus, en Egypte, en Syrie, au Hedjaz où il effectua le pèlerinage et en Irak. Il acquit de solides connaissances, se familiarisa avec les différentes écoles de pensée et fut séduit par les thèses de l'école sunnite ash'arite.
Comme tout Maghrébin, il fut fasciné par le Machrek et, à son retour, se fixa pour objectif de combattre la pratique en vigueur, appuyée alors sur un juridisme malékite formel des oulémas et une indulgence du pouvoir à l'égard de certaines entorses aux stricts commandements de la loi religieuse. Sa doctrine n'était pas spécialement hétérodoxe mais elle ne manqua pas de choquer par la manière agressive avec laquelle Ibn Toumart s'en prenait aux gens et surtout son mépris affiché à l'égard des oulémas auxquels il reprochait leur juridisme figé.
Il fit tant et si bien qu'il se mit rapidement à dos et les milieux officiels de l'empire almoravide et la population des villes qu'il agaçait prodigieusement par ses remontrances et ses actions violentes.
Molesté, pourchassé, il ne trouva de salut qu'en se réfugiant à Tinmal, village du Haut Atlas. Là, comme partout où il eut à passer sur le chemin du retour, Ibn Toumart ne répugnait pas à enseigner sa doctrine et même les disciplines religieuses dans sa langue maternelle. IL décida d'organiser ses disciples et ses frères des Masmouda en une communauté religieuse et politique. Avec ses proches compagnons tels que Abd El Moumen Ben Ali et Abou Hafs Omar, il organisa une communauté d'un puritanisme intransigeant. Il dirigea sa communauté d'une main de fer et, conformément à l'antique tradition tribale, se fit seconder par deux conseils regroupant les notables.
Attaqué sans succès par les troupes almoravides à Tinmal, il réussit à fédérer sous son autorité les tribus et entreprit de

détruire le pouvoir des Almoravides installé à Marrakech.
Il mourut en 1130 sans avoir pu réaliser son rêve. Son disciple Abd El Moumine (1130-1163) lui succéda. Dès lors apparurent les premiers craquements dans l'édifice : les Masmouda n'étaient pas très contents que le successeur de l'Imam ne fût pas des leurs, ethniquement parlant. La famille d'Ibn Toumart fut mise à l'écart et des parents d'Abdel Moumen furent éliminés. Les contestations familiales se firent jour pour ne plus cesser.
Abd El Moumine poursuivit toutefois avec brio l'œuvre de son maître.
En 1139, il vainc l'armée almoravide. Tlemcen tombe en 1144-45. En 1146, Fès est conquise et en 1147 c'est Marrakech, la capitale de l'empire, qui tombe à son tour puis Meknès en 1148. Entre 1151 et 1160, c'est tout le Maghreb central et oriental qui est soumis.
Au même moment, l'Espagne musulmane, redoutant un effondrement face à la pression militaire européenne, s'empressa de faire allégeance à ce nouveau champion chef . Entre 1144 et 1148, Xérès, Cordoue, Séville se placent sous l'autorité de gouverneurs almohades issus de la famille régnante ou de celle d'Abou Hafs. Après la disparition des Almoravides qui étaient venus de Marrakech en sauveurs à la fin du XIe siècle, l'arrivée des Almohades freina les progrès de la Reconquista et donna, au prix d'un effort militaire considérable, un répit à Al Andalus.
Cet appui allait cependant handicaper à terme la politique d'unification du Maghreb entreprise à marches forcées par Abd El Moumine. A l'est, les émirs hammadides du Maghreb central sont éliminés et entre 1151 et 1153, leur capitale, la Qalaâ des Béni Hammad, Bougie et Sétif sont conquises. La troisième phase de la conquête de l'Afrique du nord a pour objectif l'Ifriqiya. Les Normands qui occupaient Mahdia depuis douze ans en sont chassés en 1160. Puis Sfax, Sousse, Gabès et Tripoli passent sous la domination almohade. Tunis ne sera conquise qu'en 1207. À cette date, l'empire couvre un territoire immense qui s'étend du Haut Atlas à tout le Maghreb et Al Andalus.
Grisé par ses succès, Abd El Moumin rompt avec les règles collégiales, se proclame Commandeur des croyants . Il établit une dynastie et à sa mort, après trente-trois ans de règne, son fils Youssouf (1163-1184) lui succède non sans difficultés: ses deux frères, Abdelaziz et Aïssa se révoltent et sont exécutés. La famille d'Ibn Toumart est éliminée. Youssouf parachève l'œuvre de son glorieux père et conquiert le reste d'Al-Andalus en réduisant un certain Ibn Mardanîch qui fut finalement vaincu, malgré l'appui des troupes européen. Des gouverneurs almohades, notamment de la famille impériale mais aussi de celle d'Abou Hafs, sont nommés à Séville, Cordoue ou Grenade.
Yaâcoub, son fils, qui lui succède en 1184, maintient la grandeur de l'Empire almohade. Mais l'agitation en Afrique du nord l'empêcha de jouir pleinement de cette domination de l'Espagne musulmane. Des révoltes n'avaient pas manqué d'éclater précocement sur les terres d'origine du mouvement - le Maroc - où pas moins de sept soulèvements affectèrentle sud chez les Sanhadja rivaux historiques des Masmouda entre 1147 à 1213 ; mais aussi et surtout en Ifriqiya : dès 1178, Gafsa se soulève à l'instigation d'un membre d'une branche collatérale des Zirides, anciens maîtres de l'Ifriqiya. La révolte gagne le Djérid et dure deux ans jusqu'à ce que le calife Youssouf prenne le dessus.
La menace fut encore plus forte lorsqu'un descendant des Almoravides d'Espagne, Ibn Ghâniya, apparut au Maghreb. Il s'était rendu maître de Bougie et de tout le Maghreb central. Puis il trouva des alliés chez les Hilaliens en Ifriqiya et auprès

d'un condottiere qui s'était rendu maître de Tripoli. Ibn Ghânia fut vaincu vers 1189 mais son frère Yahia reprit le flambeau de la rébellion. «Il est difficile, écrit l'historien Abdallah Laroui (Histoire du Maghreb, Paris, 1970) de ne pas voir dans cette vaste coalition une réaction malékite contre l'almohadisme». En Espagne, Yaâcoub est vainqueur des armées européennes à Alarcos en 1196 , il y gagne le surnom d'Al Mansour, le Victorieux. Cependant, l'agitation entretenue par les partisans d'Ibn Ghâniya en Ifriqiya l'obligea à rejoindre précipitamment cette province que le gouverneur hafside n'arrivait pas à maîtriser et l'empêcha d'exploiter pleinement son succès contre les armées d'Espagne.
Entre 1203 et 1206, l'Ifriqiya va jusqu'à se proclamer vassale du calife abbaside. Il a fallu que le calife almohade en personne se déplace pour réduire la sédition. Ces craquements tôt apparus, ces séditions de grande ampleur annonçaient la dislocation du vaste édifice construit par les grands souverains que furent Abd el Moumine, Youssouf, Ya'coub el Mansour. Des tentatives de redressement furent entreprises par certains de leurs successeurs mais elles ne purent stopper l'irrémédiable déclin d'un pouvoir devenu vulnérable.
Affaibli militairement, son territoire menacé de dislocation, l'Empire almohade finit aussi par perdre définitivement sous le règne d'El Mamoun (1227-1232) son ciment idéologique déjà fortement éprouvé malgré une tentative de restauration entreprise par Yacoub el Mansour. De nature conquérante, fondé sur une armée et une marine puissantes, l'Empire ne put surmonter les effets mortifères de la défaite subie en Espagne lors de la bataille qui opposa en 1212 à Las Navas de Tolosa (Al 'Ouqâb) les troupes almohades à une coalition catholique regroupée autour de la Castille et de l'Aragon. Les conflits au sein de la famille régnante et la dislocation de l'empire donnèrent naissance à des dynasties maghrébines indépendantes de Marrakech.
L'Ifriqiya fut la première à se détacher du califat almohade. A Tunis, en 1228, Abou Zakaria, l'arrière-petit-fils du fameux Abou Hafs, le plus illustre des cheikhs almohades, rompt avec Marrakech et fonde la dynastie hafside qui allait gouverner durant trois siècles sur un territoire dont les limites extrêmes atteignirent Tripoli à l'est et le Maghreb central . les Mérinides, se livrent dès 1216 à des attaques qui leur assurent le contrôle de la plus grande partie du nord du pays. Battus par les Almohades en 1244, ils reviennent à la charge en 1248 et prennent Meknès, Fès, Taza et Rabat. En 1269, ils portent un coup fatal à l'Empire en occupant Marrakech. Leur dynastie régna de 1269 à 1465 et eut l'ambition de reproduire le modèle impérial almohade mais sans succès malgré d'audacieuses expéditions qui les menèrent jusqu'à Tunis. Au Maghreb central, les Zayanides, eux aussi et vassaux des Almohades, se constituent en dynastie autonome à partir de 1235 à Tlemcen et se maintiendront —non sans tracas— jusqu'à leur chute définitive face aux Ottomans en 1556.
Fractures durables, puisqu' à la chute des Almohades, le Maghreb allait se morceler en trois entités que les frontières actuelles définissent plus ou moins : le Maghreb extrême, le Maghreb central, l'Ifriqiya (grosso modo, la Tunisie). Sans compter le royaume nasride de Grenade.
L'évocation de ces difficultés annonciatrices de l'effondrement de l'empire ne doit pas faire oublier qu'à son apogée, l'empire almohade constituait une puissance redoutable grâce à son armée et sa marine «sans doute, nous dit A. Laroui, la première à l'époque dans la Méditerranée occidentale». Ses finances étaient prospères, notamment grâce à un arpentage couvrant l'Afrique du nord et qui assurait une rentrée importante d'impôts.

La monnaie(le dinar Youssfî) était solide et recherché dans tout le bassin occidental de la Méditerranée.
Quant à l'apport à la civilisation, l'Empire almohade sut ajouter des lettres de noblesse au Maghreb et à tout le monde musulman. La gloire de l'empire, le raffinement acquis au fur et à mesure des conquêtes et du contact avec l'Andalousie, la richesse de l'Etat, la prospérité du commerce avaient conduit à un fléchissement du puritanisme revêche voulu par le Mahdi.
Les arts, l'architecture, la musique, la philosophie même, étaient florissants. Marrakech, la capitale, ou Séville, étaient des villes où se donnait à voir la splendeur impériale. Au plan de la création architecturale, les Almohades nous ont légué des chefs-d'œuvre tels que la mosquée de la Koutoubia et son splendide minaret (1196) typique de l'art almohade qui privilégiait l'élégance géométrique et la légèreté des entrelacs. Il constitue une des plus belles réalisations de l'art architectural de tout l'Islam.
La Giralda de Séville, le minaret de la Kasbah de Tunis et celui, inachevé, de la Tour Hassan à Rabat.
La philosophie (pratiquée alors en même temps que la médecine, la physique ou la poésie) connut dans un premier temps un cadre plutôt propice. Elle fut incarnée par Ibn Toufayl (né à Cadix en 1105 mort à Marrakech en 1185), médecin du calife Youssouf, philosophe et auteur du fameux récit philosophique Hayy Ibn Yaqdhân, et par le grand Ibn Roshd-Averroès, le commentateur d'Aristote. Né à Cordoue en 1126, mort à Marrakech en 1198, il fut d'abord apprécié des émirs almohades qui lui confièrent de hautes charges dans la magistrature à Séville et Cordoue puis en firent leur médecin personnel.
Vers 1188 cependant, le calife Yaâcoub El Mansour, inquiet de la montée des troubles politiques, adopta une attitude de crispation et, espérant ressouder son vaste empire par un retour à l'intransigeance doctrinale des origines, fit interdire la philosophie en même temps que le chant et la musique; toutes activités que la prospérité almohade et le contact avec le raffinement andalou avaient conduit le pouvoir impérial à tolérer sinon à encourager. Les ennemis d'Averroès saisirent cette occasion et réussirent à le rendre suspect aux yeux de l'émir qui ne tarda pas à lui retirer sa faveur. Il mourut à Marrakech dans une semi-disgrâce et, en tout cas, dans une grande solitude intellectuelle. Dans le domaine des sciences, il convient de citer le nom d'Ibn Zohr (né et mort à Séville, 1091-1162) —l'Avenzoar de l'Europe médiévale— adepte de l'observation clinique, qui identifia l'abcès du péricarde et évoqua la trachéotomie. Cette grande figure émergea, comme nous l'indique l'éminent spécialiste André Miquel "de toute une dynastie de savants mais aussi d'une prodigieuse cohorte de spécialistes en toutes disciplines, dont il faudra retenir encore, entre tant d'autres, l'agronomie.
Les Almohades furent les acteurs d'une formidable épopée qui les mena de Tinmal, leur nid d'aigle du Haut Atlas, jusqu'à Tripoli et en Andalus. L'obligation de tenir à la fois le Maghreb et l'Espagne musulmane a cependant épuisé l'Empire. Puissant militairement, le pouvoir almohade n'a pas su ou pu constituer une force économique susceptible de soutenir durablement un gigantesque et constant effort de guerre. Quant à l'idéologie, elle n'a pu remplir son rôle réellement fédérateur, la doctrine d'Ibn Toumart n'ayant ni séduit les populations ni empêché la dislocation du territoire. Certes, elle a été un puissant déclencheur du mouvement contestataire et un moyen – notamment grâce à un emploi massif de la langue amazighe dans les prêches et l'enseignement - de fédérer les tribus réfractaires à l'ordre almoravide mais n'a pas

été efficace sur la longue durée."
Moment historique majeur, l'expérience impériale almohade constitue aussi un repère fascinant pour nous tous qui souhaitons l'avènement d'un Maghreb uni et riche de sa diversité.

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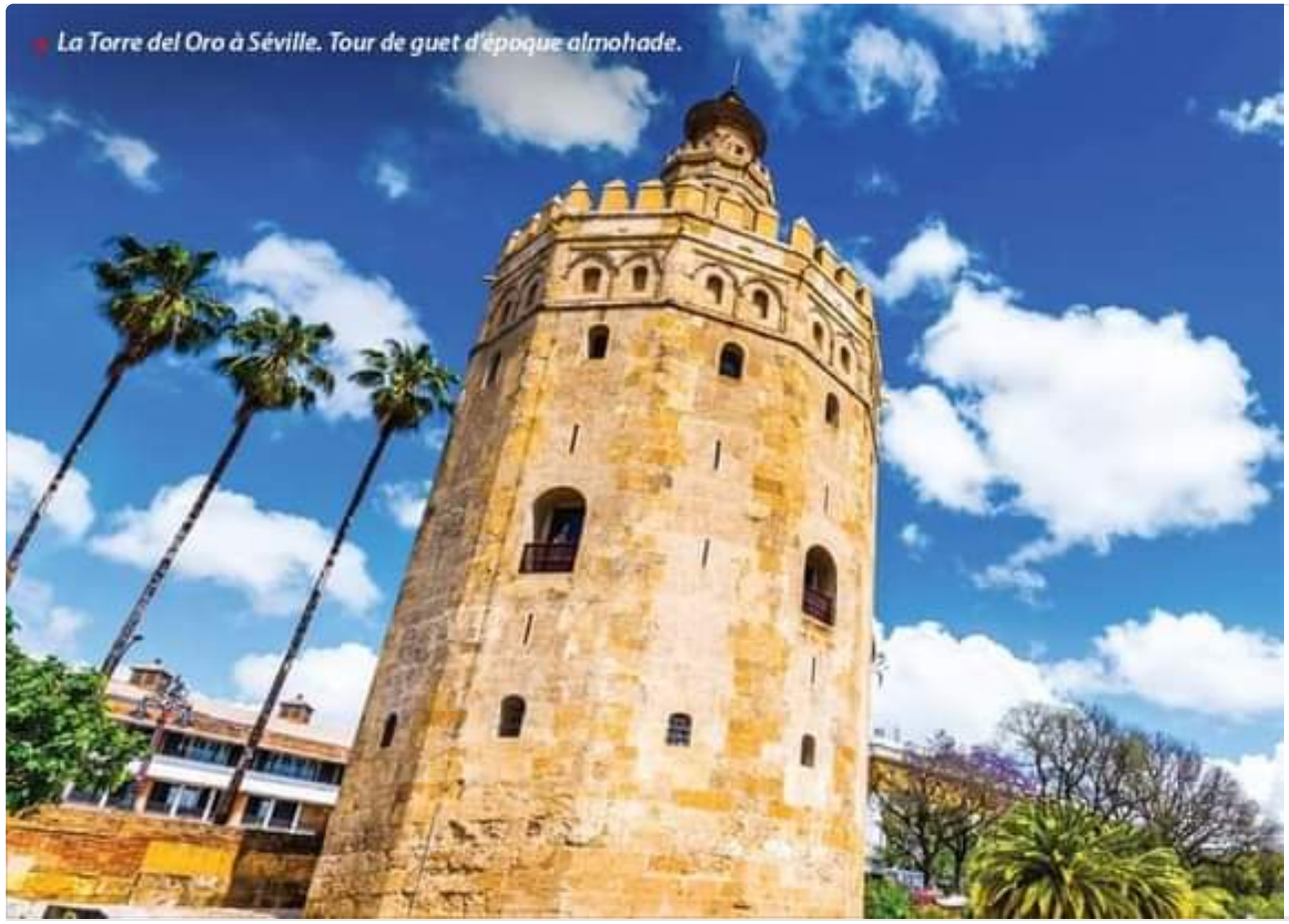

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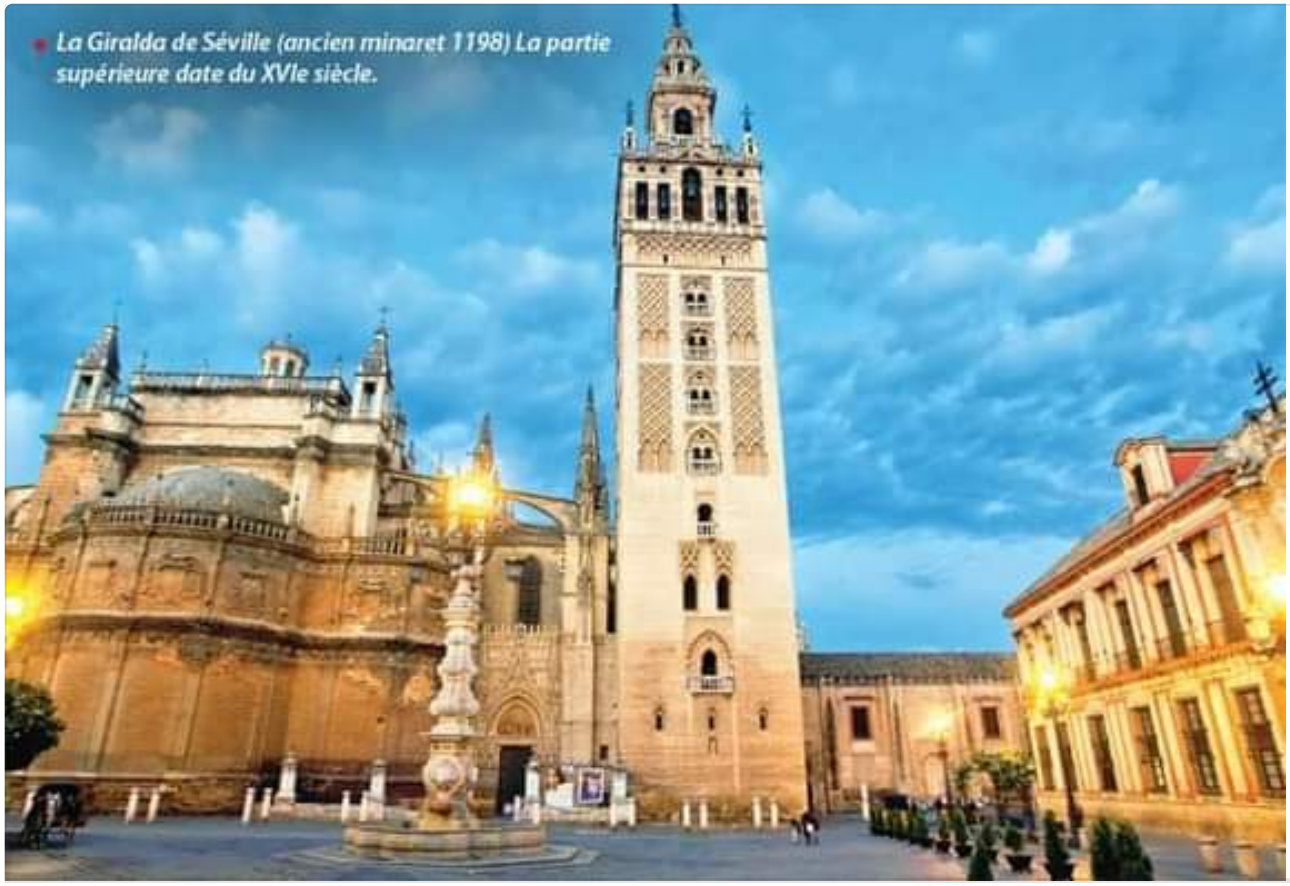

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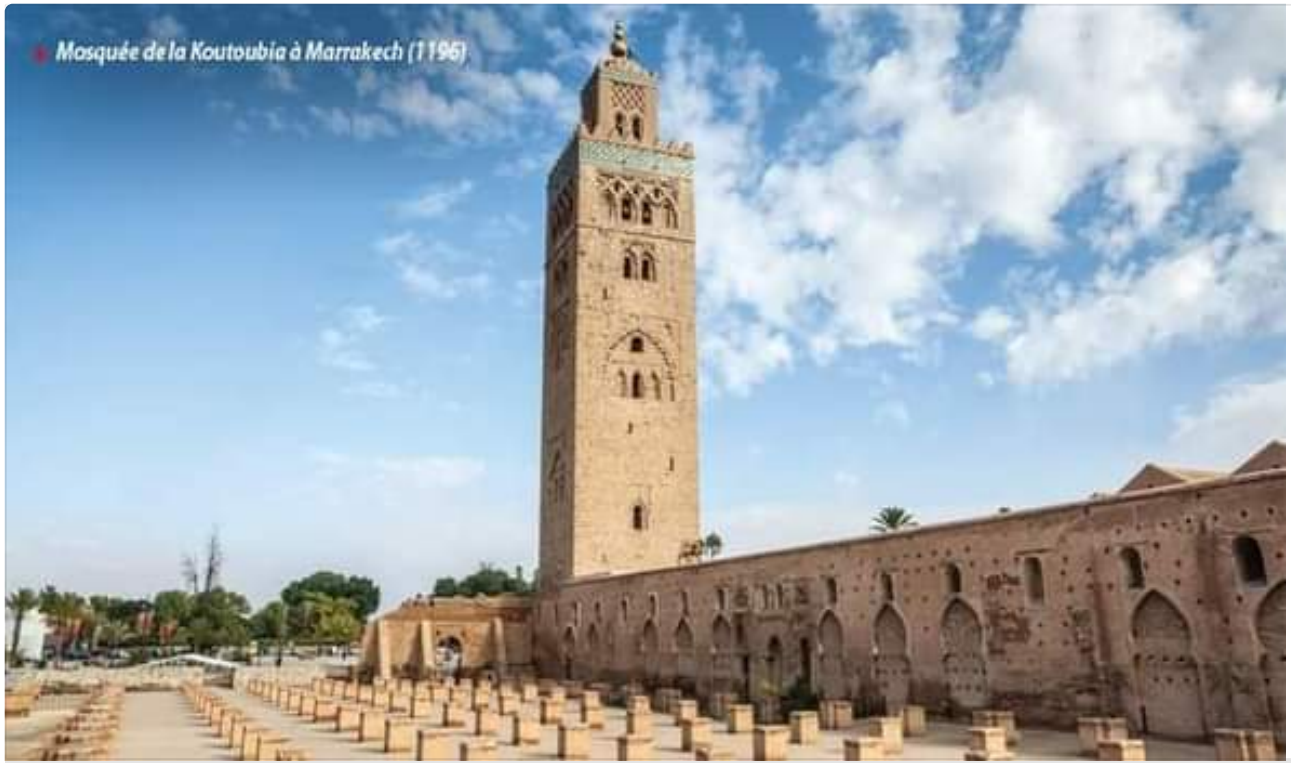

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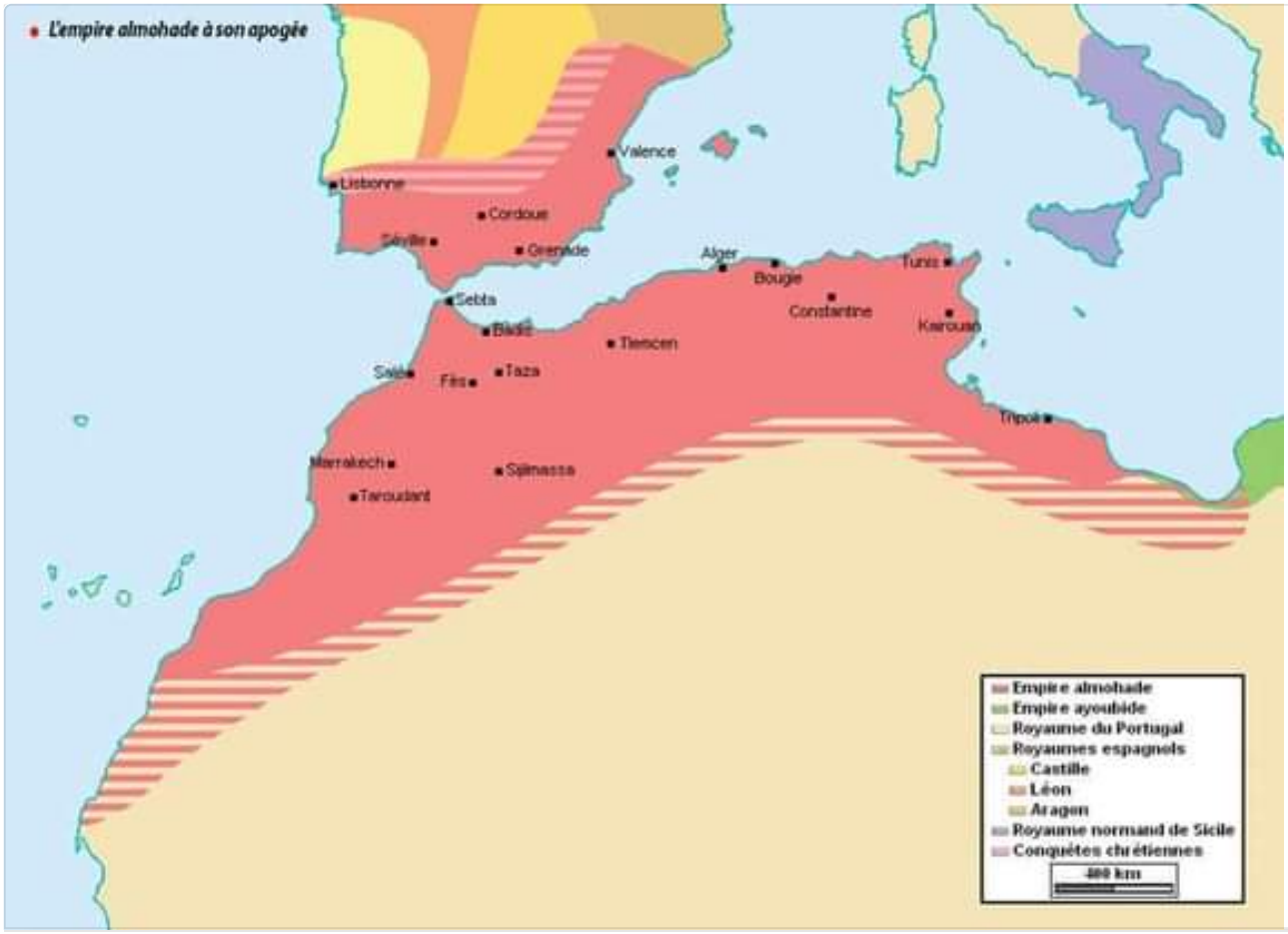

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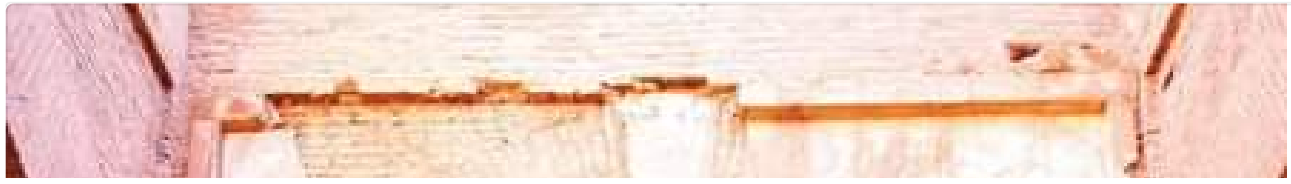

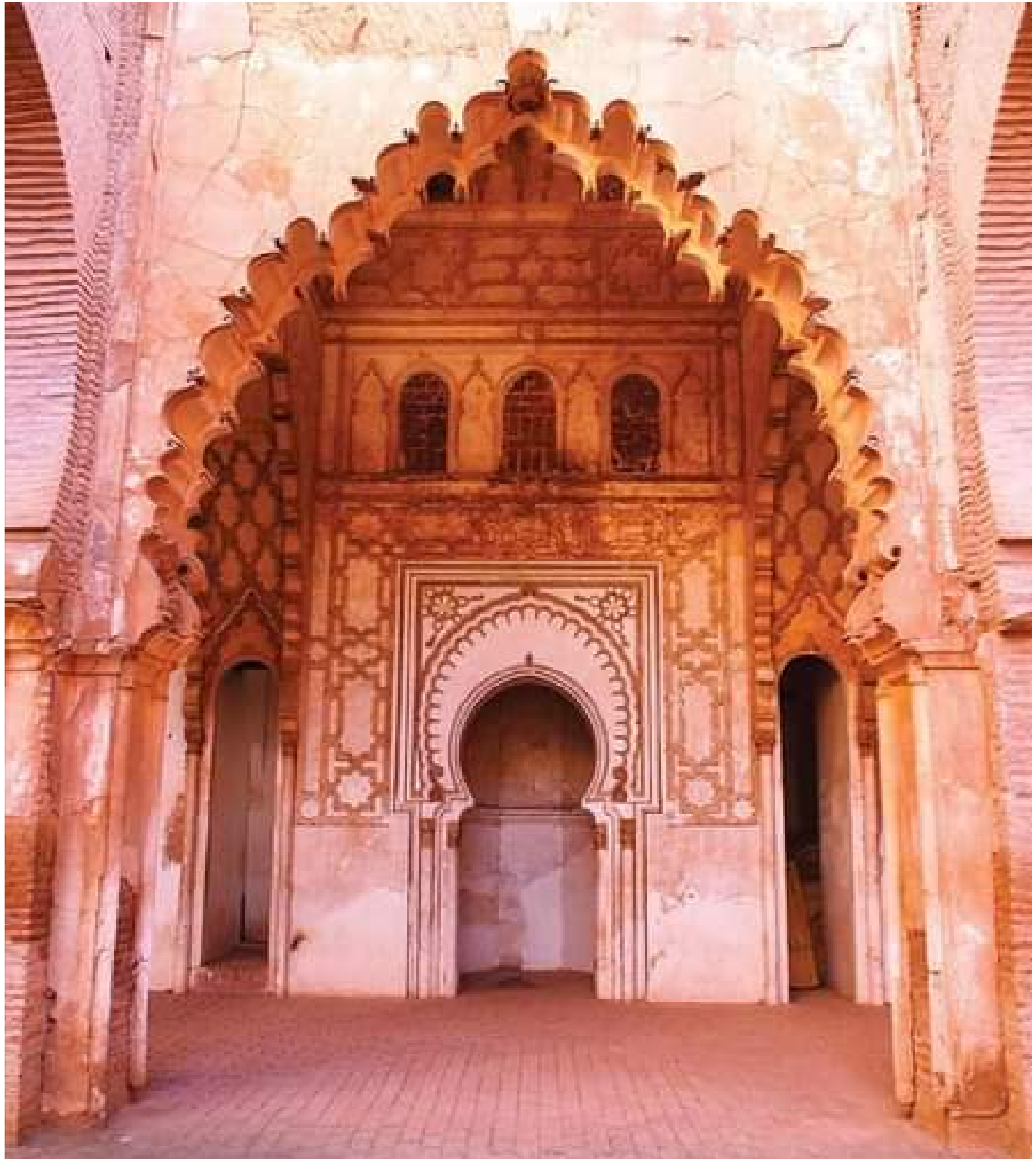

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Au début du 17e siècle, le préjugé de « race » n'existe pas en France. Les colonies non plus.

La France n'a pas réussi à s'établir au Brésil, chasse gardée des Portugais qui ont déjà installé des sucreries dans la région de Pernambouc. Une première tentative a lieu en 1555, mais tourne court en 1567, les Portugais ayant chassé les intrus. Une seconde expédition part de Bretagne en 1612 avec le projet d'une « France équinoxiale », mais le même scénario se reproduit : les Portugais expulsent encore les Français. Ces derniers se contenteront de l'actuelle Guyane, qu'ils essaieront de coloniser à partir de 1626.

Quant à la partie occidentale de Saint-Domingue (l'actuelle république d'Haïti), les quelques Français qui s'y trouvent alors ne sont que des boucaniers et des flibustiers.

Au tout début du XVIIe siècle, les vrais projets coloniaux de la France ne concernent que le Canada. L'intérêt conjugué pour l'Afrique et les Antilles ne viendra que par la suite.

Le pétun (le tabac), le café et le sucre, denrées inutiles, ne préoccupent encore personne en France.

Le substantif « nègre » ou « noir » n'existe pas. On parle à la rigueur d'un homme nègre ou noir, mais jamais d'un noir ou d'un nègre tout court, car pour tout chrétien de bon sens, un homme nègre est évidemment un homme et tous les hommes descendent d'Adam et d'Ève. La question ne se pose même pas.

L'arrivée en France, en 1635, de Zaga Christ (http://une-autre-histoire.org/zaga-christ-biographie/), ne donne lieu à aucun commentaire particulier sur sa couleur de peau. Ce qu'on retient, c'est qu'il vient d'Éthiopie et que c'est ou bien un prince ou bien un imposteur.

En 1626, Richelieu (http://une-autre-histoire.org/cardinal-de-richelieu/), premier ministre de Louis XIII (http://une-autre-histoire.org/louis-xiii/), crée la *Compagnie normande* qui associe des marchands de Dieppe et de Rouen. Elle est chargée de coloniser le Sénégal et la Gambie. Pour faire comme tout le monde : les Hollandais y sont. Pourquoi pas nous ?

Richelieu soutient également la création par le flibustier Pierre d'Esnambuc (http://une-autre-histoire.org/pierre-belain-desnanbuc/), qui lui a fait miroiter tout le profit que le royaume pourrait en tirer, de la *Compagnie des Seigneurs de Saint-Christophe* (Saint-Kitts). D'Esnambuc, entouré d'hommes de sac et de corde, se partage l'île avec des aventuriers anglais. Ils ne font pas fortune. Mais ces hommes-là n'ont rien à perdre.

En 1635, Charles de L'Olive et Jean d'Ossonville, deux lieutenants de D'Esnambuc, s'emparent de la Guadeloupe, qui est habitée par des Caraïbes, au nom d'une *Compagnie française des îles de l'Amérique* qui les finance et succède à la *Compagnie des seigneurs de Saint-Christophe*, tandis que D'Esnanbuc, avec 150 autres aventuriers, chassés de St Christophe, s'établit en Martinique.

Une guerre s'engage évidemment avec les autochtones lorsque ces derniers comprennent, après les avoir vu arriver avec un certain amusement, que ces va-nu-pieds parfois contraints de manger leurs bottes, dévorés par les moustiques, ont l'intention de les déposséder, voire de les exterminer.

Ces premiers colons des Antilles vivotent en cultivant le tabac, aidés par quelques «engagés», de pauvres hères venus de France, à la recherche d'une nouvelle vie.

En 1641, après six ans de résistance, les derniers Caraïbes de la Guadeloupe, massacrés par L'Olive, devenu tout puissant après la mort de son associé, sont déportés sur l'île de la Dominique. Mais les Caraïbes ont du mal à accepter d'avoir été spoliés par les envahisseurs. Des raids sporadiques, notamment sur Marie-Galante, se produiront jusque vers 1658.

En 1642, d'autres aventuriers français débarquent à Madagascar, mais la vive résistance des autochtones ne leur permettra pas d'y rester. Chassés en 1674, ils se replieront alors sur les îles voisines qu'ils rebaptiseront l'île Bourbon (La Réunion (http://une-autre-histoire.org/pourquoi-la-reunion-sappelle-la-reunion/)) et l'île de France (l'île Maurice).

Louis XIII (http://une-autre-histoire.org/louis-xiii/), roi très croyant, était opposé à la mise en esclavage des Africains et, malgré l'intervention pressante de ses confesseurs, jusque sur son lit de mort, ne consentit jamais à une légalisation.

Mais après l'avènement de Louis XIV, son fils, en 1643, et la prise en charge effective par ce dernier du pouvoir en 1661, qui correspond au développement de l'économie sucrière, les choses vont prendre une tout autre tournure.

L'homme d'affaires Charles Houel (http://une-autre-histoire.org/charles-houel-biographie/) est nommé gouverneur de la Guadeloupe et il y introduit la culture de la canne à sucre, déjà pratiquée en Martinique sous l'impulsion d'un Hollandais, Daniel Trezel.

La canne à sucre nécessite de grandes propriétés et une abondante main-d'œuvre.

En 1649 Charles Houel, profitant des difficultés financières de la *Compagnie française des îles de l'Amérique,* achète à vil prix la Guadeloupe et ses dépendances pour son propre compte, avec le projet de la rentabiliser en imitant l'exemple donné à la Barbade et la Jamaïque par les Anglais qui se sont lancés dans la culture de la canne de manière très agressive. Sous l'autorité de Houël, l'arrivée des esclaves déportés d'Afrique s'intensifie à partir de 1650.

En 1654, 900 juifs hollandais, expulsés du Brésil par les Portugais, s'installent, grâce à Houël, à la Guadeloupe avec leur savoir faire, leurs esclaves et leurs économies. Parmi eux, les Bologne, originaires de Rotterdam, ancêtres du chevalier de Saint-George (http://une-autre-histoire.org/le-chevalier-de-saint-george-biographie/) (l'entreprise Bologne, probablement la plus ancienne d'Amérique, existe toujours à la Guadeloupe et continue, pour distiller du rhum, à cultiver de la canne sur les terres acquises en 1654).

C'est leur arrivée qui va accélérer le développement aux Antilles françaises de l'industrie sucrière. Les « Hollandais » rachètent les terres jusque là consacrées au tabac par les petits planteurs.

Une propriété sucrière, pour être rentable, est en moyenne 4 fois plus grande qu'une propriété destinée à la culture du tabac ou tout simplement vivrière : pas moins d'une cinquantaine de « carreaux » (unité de l'époque représentant 1,29 ha) et pas moins d'un esclave par « carreau ».

Dès 1656, il y a 3000 esclaves d'origine africaine à la Guadeloupe, pour une population de 15000 habitants.

Pendant ce temps, en Afrique, la *Compagnie normande* est rachetée, en 1658, par la *Compagnie du Cap-vert et du Sénégal.* Mazarin lui accorde le monopole de la traite.

En 1664, est créée la *Compagnie des Indes occidentales* sous l'autorité du jeune roi Louis XIV qui charge du dossier son ministre Colbert (http://une-autre-histoire.org/colbert-biographie/). Fondée à Ndar (rebaptisée Saint-Louis) mais basée au Havre, elle dispose d'un capital de 6 millions de livres. Elle est déclarée propriétaire, pendant 40 ans, des territoires que la France s'est appropriée sur les côtes d'Afrique. Elle a le monopole du commerce avec l'Amérique.

La *Compagnie des Indes occidentales* obtient le monopole de la traite (jusque là détenue par la *Compagnie du Cap-Vert et du Sénégal*) dont elle va en fait peu se servir, car elle mise encore sur le tabac, provoquant de ce fait la colère des colons des Antilles qui importent des esclaves en contrebande – et à prix élevé – en se fournissant chez les Hollandais.

La même année 1664, Louis XIV, prenant le parti des planteurs, dissout la *Compagnie des îles d'Amérique*. Évinçant Houël (http://une-autre-histoire.org/charles-houel-biographie/), il fait racheter la Guadeloupe et ses dépendances par la *Compagnie des Indes occidentales* qu'il vient de créer. Il impose aux planteurs le régime de l'Exclusif qui les oblige a commercer exclusivement avec la métropole, pour le plus grand profit des ports atlantiques.

Très curieusement, c'est à la fin de cette année 1664 que la Reine accouche publiquement au Louvre d'une fille dont plusieurs témoins ont affirmé qu'elle était « un peu moresque ». Une fille officiellement décédée au bout de quelques jours mais qui réapparaîtra dans la croyance populaire comme Mauresse de Moret (http://une-autre-histoire.org/la-mauresse-de-moret/). Il s'agirait bien plutôt d'une fille du roi, tout comme le Masque de fer (http://une-autre-histoire.org/le-masque-de-fer/) pourrait être l'un de ses fils. Le fait d'être esclavagiste n'est nullement incompatible avec le fantasme de la femme noire (http://une-autre-histoire.org/la-femme-noire-fantasmes-et-stereotypes/).

Enfin, c'est en 1664 que Louis XIV lance les travaux pharaoniques du château de Versailles (100 millions de livres) avec le projet d'y installer autour de lui une cour qui puisse lui rendre un culte comme s'il était un dieu vivant, ce qu'il imposera en 1682. Il est remarquable de constater à quel point les historiens se font discrets sur la manière dont ces travaux seront financés.

Voulant développer le commerce du sucre et l'esclavage, Louis XIV décide de passer à la vitesse supérieure. Il supprime en 1671 le monopole de la traite, ce qui donne aux armateurs des grands ports la possibilité d'envoyer des bateaux en Afrique et d'amorcer ainsi ce qu'on appellera le commerce triangulaire. Départ de bateaux depuis Bordeaux, Nantes et la Rochelle, chargés de marchandises de qualité médiocres (fusils « de traite », munitions, alcool, verroterie) destinées à payer les intermédiaires préposés à la fourniture d'esclaves et à l'approvisionnement du bateau pour poursuivre le voyage. Embarquement d'esclaves razziés par des sous-traitants locaux (travaillant pour le compte, sous la protection et sous l'autorité d'Européens), débarquement aux Antilles des esclaves échangés contre des barils de sucre de canne et du ravitaillement pour le retour. Retour au port d'attache et vente du produit final avec, parfois, 300 % de bénéfice net, une fois l'équipage rémunéré et les les équipements spéciaux de l'expédition payés (les chaînes, dont la Suède s'était fait une spécialité).

En 1672, la France entre en guerre contre la Hollande et la *Compagnie des Indes occidentales,* dont le fonctionnement est perturbé par les hostilités et dont Louis XIV désapprouve la politique axée sur la culture du tabac, cesse de fonctionner en 1673, pour être finalement dissoute en 1674 avec un passif de 5 millions de livres.

Les Antilles sont à partir de ce moment directement rattachées à la couronne et deviennent des colonies françaises.

Pour accélérer ce système économique nouveau fondé sur la traite et l'esclavage, Louis XIV a créé, dès [illegible] massive de négriers venus des ports français qui, s'il elle abaisse le coût de transport, fait grimper le prix d'achat des esclaves, met vite en difficulté la nouvelle société, qui ne dispose plus d'aucun monopole de traite. Mais peu importe. Le commerce triangulaire est en expansion. C'est ce que voulait le roi qui n'hésite pas à investir *personnellement* dans les « start-up » négrières. Toute la cour va évidemment l'imiter.

L'ère de la culture du tabac s'achève en 1674, avec la création de la ferme du tabac (http://une-autre-histoire.org/les-financiers-de-lesclavage/) qui ruine tous les planteurs français des Antilles mais enrichit les financiers de Louis XIV (http://une-autre-histoire.org/les-financiers-de-lesclavage/).

L'esclavage se développe à la Martinique en même temps que la culture du sucre. En 1674, il y a 2400 esclaves à la Martinique. Huit ans plus tard, on en dénombrera 16 000.

L'expansion française se poursuit avec la fondation du « comptoir» de Pondichéry en 1674, l'établissement définitif de la colonie de Guyane en 1676, le débarquement en Louisiane de l'explorateur Cavelier de La Salle en 1682.

Mais le développement de l'esclavage provoque immanquablement des unions entre les maîtres et des esclaves africaines. Les maîtres ont du mal a considérer leur descendance comme du bétail. C'est là un problème.

En 1677 les Français s'emparent de l'île de Gorée et de Rufisque.

En 1684, Louis XIV crée la *Compagnie de Guinée* pour développer la traite et le commerce du sucre entre Nantes et Saint-Domingue, dont il rêve de faire la plus grande colonie du monde. La compagnie a l'obligation de transporter au moins « 1000 nègres par an ».

La création de la *Compagnie de Guinée* donne lieu en 1687 au débarquement à Assinie (Côte d'Ivoire) de Ducasse (né à Pau) ancien marin négrier devenu directeur de la *Compagnie du Sénégal* et de son acolyte, le chevalier d'Amon, capitaine négrier. Tous deux, pour faire prospérer leurs affaires, ramèneront en France Aniaba (http://une-autre-histoire.org/aniaba-biographie/).

En 1701, après le traité de Ryswick qui met sur le trône d'Espagne le petit-fils de Louis XIV, et surtout consolide l'implantation des Français dans l'île prometteuse de Saint-Domingue, le roi, conseillé par ses richissimes financiers – Antoine Crozat, Samuel Bernard (http://une-autre-histoire.org/les-financiers-de-lesclavage/) – impose à la *Compagnie de Guinée*, dont il est actionnaire, le rythme de 3000 Africains par an.

C'est à ce moment que le préjugé de «race» devient une nécessité pour pérenniser l'institution esclavagiste.

La première réaction est d'envoyer des femmes européennes aux colonies. Mais les colons ne délaissent pas pour autant les esclaves africaines, d'autant que les nouvelles arrivantes ne viennent pas toujours de la meilleure société.

Dès 1673, la législation se durcit et devient franchement raciale, les enfants d'une mère esclave et d'un colon subissant désormais le sort de la mère.

Elle aboutira au Code noir (http://une-autre-histoire.org/le-code-noir/) en 1685. Non seulement c'est le texte juridique le plus monstrueux qui soit, comme l'a souligné le philosophe Louis Sala-Molins (http://une-autre-histoire.org/esclavage-reparations-louis-sala-molins-dynamite-largument-de-l-anachronisme/), mais c'est surtout le plus cynique. Ainsi, par exemple, sous prétexte d'obliger les colons à prendre soin de leurs vieux esclaves devenus improductifs et de soigner les malades, le code noir incite en fait à faire mourir les déportés en cinq ans et à économiser sur leur nourriture pour en tirer un profit maximal permettant de racheter cinq ans plus tard un esclave tout neuf. Cette consommation rapide de l'esclave accélérant évidemment le rythme de la traite, tout le monde y trouvait son compte. Sauf les Africains.

En un siècle et demi, la France allait déporter 1 200 000 hommes, femmes et enfants. Les opérations de capture et de transport occasionnèrent un nombre de morts qu'on peut estimer, rien que pour la France, à 6 millions.

Louis XIV accorde des titres de noblesse aux colons pour les encourager à préserver la «pureté du sang» en s'alliant avec des familles nobles de France.

Il donnera l'exemple en épousant en 1683 (mais de nuit et fort discrètement) Françoise d'Aubigné (http://une-autre-histoire.org/louis-xiii/), née à la prison de Niort où était incarcéré son père, Constant d'Aubigné (http://une-autre-histoire.org/constant-daubigne-le-beau-pere-negrier-de-louis-xiv/), un escroc et un assassin qui, après s'être lié avec D'Esnanbuc, deviendrait colon en Martinique.

Des théories forgées par des illuminés comme Isaac La Peyrère (http://une-autre-histoire.org/isaac-la-peyrere/) et mettant en cause l'unité de la nature humaine – en contradiction avec le dogme chrétien – apparaissent dès 1655. Dans ce sillage, l'aventurier François Bernier (http://une-autre-histoire.org/francois-bernier-1620-1680/) lance l'idée de « races humaines » dans un article à sensation publié anonymement le 24 avril 1684.

D'abord combattues, ces théories seront finalement acceptées et, sous l'impulsion des «philosophes» des Lumières, deviendront un dogme officiel.

Ces théories qu'on range sous le terme de « polygénisme » ont l'avantage de mettre les Africains au ban de l'humanité, voire d'en faire des animaux. Elles justifient tout le mal qu'on peut leur faire, l'esclavage et le maintien de la « pureté raciale » dans les colonies.

Pendant tout le XVIIIe siècle et jusqu'en 1791, l'esclavage va se développer de manière exponentielle. le nombre d'esclaves atteindra le chiffre prodigieux de 500 000 à Saint-Domingue, qui, conformément aux vues de Louis XIV, deviendra la plus grande colonie du monde. Le rapport de 10 esclaves pour un Européen ne pouvait qu'aboutir au grand soulèvement de 1791.

Les théories racistes vont imprégner les esprits pendant un siècle. Malgré l'abolition de la traite, puis de l'esclavage, elles ne cesseront de se développer en France – appuyées par de prétendus arguments scientifiques – et légitimeront une seconde période d'expansion coloniale.

Cette période, malgré une apparente « décolonisation », n'est hélas pas révolue; et les théories racistes, *apparues en France vers 1670*, triomphent encore, trois siècles et demi plus tard, sous différents avatars : droit à la « différence », promotion de la « diversité », des minorités « visibles », de la « négritude » (avec un détournement raciste du sens initial, purement littéraire) etc.

Non seulement le substantif « noir » est utilisé couramment dans la presse française du XXIe siècle pour désigner les Africains et les Afro-descendants, mais il est étendu *d'office* à toute personne dont l'arbre généalogique comporte un ancêtre africain ou afro-descendant à moins de cinq générations – sans tenir compte des ancêtres européens – selon le principe raciste (tiré du code noir et développé pendant tout le XVIIIe siècle) que le mélange d'un Européen avec un « nègre » est une flétrissure qui ne s'efface jamais.

Au XXIe siècle encore, dans la presse et l'édition française, pour bien souligner la spécificité de la « race nègre », le substantif « noir » (ou « blanc ») prend généralement la majuscule (qui ne se justifie, selon l'ouvrage de référence *Le bon usage,* de Grévisse, que s'il s'agit d'un groupe homogène, d'une nation et certainement pas du fait de la couleur de peau) tandis que cet usage, pour d'autres groupes humains, est formellement proscrit, par la presse et l'édition, comme raciste.

Le terme de « race », pourtant inacceptable, reste ancré dans la constitution et la législation française, au motif très curieux que ce maintien serait indispensable à la lutte contre le racisme.

Cette situation s'explique facilement : malgré les progrès de la génétique qui ont permis de les réfuter depuis longtemps, les élucubrations racistes du 17e siècle, parce qu'elles ont fait la preuve de leur rentabilité, ont toujours la même utilité dans la politique de mise en coupe réglée de l'Afrique. Dans la politique aussi d'exploitation de ses habitants et de leurs descendants, quel que soit l'endroit du monde où ils demeurent.

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6 réactions au sujet de « Louis XIV roi négrier »

Chantal ATTARD BEAUNE
Je suis bouleversée par tout ce que je viens de lire.
J'ai un grand intérêt, depuis longtemps, pour le roi Louis XIV et tout ce qu'il a fait, sur sa vie, son règne.
J'ai lu beaucoup de documents, de livres. Mais je ne savais pas tout cela. Cela m'attriste profondément.

Charles-Denis Belhomme
Il y a des noms qui sont devenus pitoyables. Il était aux antipodes des idées de son père. En dépit de tout, il n'a pas été un créateur.
Même si ses successeurs ont suivi ses pas pour les mêmes motifs.

Anna Dupuy-Diatta

Cette importante page documentaire m'a marquée. L'histoire, chronologiquement dévoilée ici , est très importante pour comprendre pourquoi Louis XIV est rentré dans un processus auquel son père était hostile. Et le rôle des cardinaux revient avec force. Merci pour ce développement qui nous offre un éclairage, complètement occulté, sur les raisons des créations des compagnies négrières françaises que l'on savait changer très souvent de nom et de directeurs.
Très intéressante aussi cette notion d' « homme noir » qui, peu à peu construite, devient la base (politiquement souhaitée et soutenue par les scientifiques) du racisme primaire, cynique, aux Antilles, et qui fera le lit d'une sous-culture bâtie sur le mensonge, l'ignominie, la cruauté, la cupidité et l'absurde.

Quémon Bernard

Attendez les préceptes moraux ou autres états d'âme liée à l'éducation des rois de France, seraient une voie de garage si on devait, trouver les causes premières de l'accélération de la traite et de l'esclavage.
Le passage de la colonie d'habitation à la colonie de plantation en lien direct avec les nouveaux besoins colossaux des métropoles(thé, café, indigo, sucre…outre les minerais précieux quand on en trouvait) expliqué directement cette explosion, et tous les monarques d'Europe dans la course aux colonies y ont adhéré.. quelque soit leur éducation. Le fait majeur reste donc économique, et la vente de charges royales pour développer les colonies, en même temps que pour remplir les caisses de l'État, guident toutes les initiatives, et vont déterminer les postures et décisions des dirigeants. Madame, n'ayez point d'affliction donc par rapport à Louis 14. Comme les poules qui grattent la terre pour se nourrir et auraient gratté même les planchers luxueux de Versailles, Louis 14 grattait et legiferait en faveur d'un système, pour enrichir la France et sa politique de prestige.

Fondé Camara

Est ce que les noirs ont été utilisés pour la construction du château de Versailles ? Si oui comment et dans quelles conditions ?

Cath

Cette question de l'utilisation des noirs pour financer la construction de Versailles est digne d'un réel intérêt. Je reconnais avoir eu la même intuition. Je me questionne aussi sur la voix de « une autre histoire » qui a mon avis mérite d'être largement entendue. Tous les articles sont passionnants. Or je ne parviens pas a avoir de contact avec les fondateurs alors que j'aimerais pouvoir citer « une autre histoire » dans ma thèse de doctorat… Qu'en pensez vous?

Mr. Imhotep
The ancient Alpin religion, which was called Celtic-Druidism, was characteristically a Black-Canaanite ritual called Baalism or Ham-ism.
Canaanite were black Africans who settled in the area of Canaan.

Druidism, which also promoted the One-God worship, had existed long before Judaism, Christianity and Islamism, by which many Jewish, Christian and Islamist values are borrowed (Christmas tree, Easter, etc.).

The Canaanite Chief God El or El-Elyon, also called the “Most High God,” was adopted by the Hebrews (Num. 24:16).

We know that druids were blacks or descendants of ancient African priests who settled in these areas. They were the ones possessing the knowledge of spirituality and civilization.

We also know that all these practices were invented and brought by black Africans because of ancient Greek writings.

Diodorus Siculus wrote:

"The Ethiopians were first of all humans, and they first believed and worshiped the gods"

"...the first of them showed how to honor the gods..."

Africans were known to be the spiritual people of this planet. Even in ancient Rome, they used to invite Africans (Black) priests, Isiac priests to do the rituals. Isiac priests were African priests who served in foreign lands.

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Musah Shaibu

Please, don't twist black history.
Vikings were doing their work as Vikings in that area.

The Indians, Chinese etc were all doing their own thing.

They were all powerful. The only thing was that, black peoples were dominant when it comes to super power in terms of spirituality and communicating to the outside world.

We transformed spiritual things into reality. My father used to call me through telepathic. This form of communication is still exist in our family.

Black peoples were very powerful but didn't have anything to do with Viking job.

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Mr. Imhotep

Musah Shaibu It's not me, it's Snorri Sturluson an Icelandic historian, poet, and politician. He was elected twice as lawspeaker of the Icelandic parliament, the Althing. He is commonly thought to have authored or compiled portions of the Prose Edda, which is a major source for what is today known as Norse mythology, and Heimskringla, a history of the Norwegian kings that begins with legendary material in Ynglinga saga and moves through to early medieval Scandinavian history. For stylistic and methodological reasons, Snorri is often taken to be the author of Egil's saga. He was assassinated in 1241 by men claiming to be agents of the King of Norway.

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Ennyl Divad

I never heard this kind of information before and don't know if it's true or not but I tell you one thing, it's makes me excited to go and study and do my own research.

Thank you for sharing

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Mr. Imhotep

Ennyl Divad You are amazing! This is the right attitude. We will share more sources about it soon. You can also check our last YouTube video about Black emperor's of Europe here: **https://youtu.be/Uz9SRBVQODw**

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Terry Brown

That word African came from the Romans they named us and called the land Africa. But do you know our true Origin?? 6

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Erasto Ipande replied · 22 replies

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Kevin Biscoe

Excellent fact. Many confuse Vikings with an ethnic group. It was actually an occupation. There were Asian, African, and Mediterranean Vikings. One of my favorite was Thorhall the Blak Celt who discovered America with Eric the Red,father of Leif Erikson. Another great point is your mentioning of the Canaanite religious contributions of El, Yahweh, Asherah, Ba'al , Mot, Yam, etc. [That was brave]. 22

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Nathaniel Watty replied · 6 replies

Iamu Vdub

I'd share, but we all aren't African 2

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Iamu Vdub replied · 2 replies

Henrique Jesus

He is talking about dark elves, people. Mythology. In other words symbolic light vs. dark mythology *not* literal african people.

"Dökkálfar ("Dark Elves")[a] and Ljósálfar ("Light Elves")[b] are two contrasting types of elves; the dark elves dwell within the earth and have a dark complexion, while the light elves live in Álfheimr, and are "fairer than the sun to look at". The Ljósálfar and the Dökkálfar are attested in the Prose Edda, written in the 13th century by Snorri Sturluson."
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Mondli Eugene Peters

The big mistake we did is to accept foreign religion, and diss own our which was really. 24

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Jenkins Terrell replied · 6 replies

Nathan Upton

The word Baalism come from the word Baal who was a false God that was made up by Africans . Into the original Hebrews who are African had become Jehovah chosen people and taught the Ethiopians how to serve the true God Jehovah because the world had got away from serving the true God and started to create there own which was false Gods . That's what Queen Sheba who is from Ethiopia went to so called Israel which was called something different back then to seek wisdom from Solomon because the word had spread that the true God Jehovah was with them 8

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Nathan Upton replied · 2 replies

Lorrance Lewis

The bible shows from the beginning all mankind knew that there was one God and deviated from that. The Canaanites and the Hebrews all the other in the same region so there's nothing scandalous about them having similar beliefs being that they have a similar heritage. 2

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Daniel Watts

I have a hard time believing this due to the sheer fact that almost every person from those areas are extremely white with blonde hair and blue eyes.
I am sure there might have been a few Africans that have traveled that area but the extreme majority was white.
It's almost like saying Zulus are white because a few white men arrived there.

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James Jarvis replied · 3 replies

Ahmed Hassan

Erm... without trying to stir an argument. Could you please list some sources for this claim? Besides the fact that there is hardly any reliable historical evidence, this claim appears very far-fetched and seems to put in question other classical sources which make reference to druids as fair skinned...

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Ahmed Hassan I will bring a lot of sources through future posts. Check this one to start

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Valeska Maurice
You mean Aethiopia, right? Which is different from today's Ethiopia.

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Bilal Smith
My fathers last name is Dotson !

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Tyrik Moss
Bei like why is black being placed above every other race now not everyone raciest so I don't see why everyone has to put them on a pedestal im mixed my fathers black a mother's white the only time I considered black is when there's a topic about race brought up God sent no race to control the other we are All equal in Gods eyes an when we get judge he's not gonna say your white you go to heaven your black you go to hell like I'm so fed up because me being a mixed person all I hear is black man this black man that like come on you don't have to devalue everyone else to make black men feel so full of them selfs

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Tyrik Moss replied · 10 replies

James Barker
Thank you for pointing out the historical fact that the Hebrew language, culture and religion is just the Canaanite Sumerian Egyptian Persian and Greek legends rolled into one theology and rebranded as "monotheism"

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Lorrance Lewis replied · 1 reply

Ebony Hope
Hmmm I don't know if I believe this. 'consious' people want to claim everything and debunk everything at the same time. E.g. king James wrote a book on witchcraft and the (fake) bible but king James was also black?

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Ebony Hope replied · 11 replies

James Sherfield Iii
Whoa. They didn't teach us this in school. 2

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Carlos de la M... replied · 2 replies

Thomas Wotan
This has to be satire. I mean, I get it, you want to be White, but this is just sad. 20

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Richard Septimus
I doubt this is correct being of Scandinavian decent, but Scandinavians did have allies in the Inuit would are more like American Indians but darker. In viking times 7-10 century white, black and Asians etc had their own empire's.. but no doubt there was blacks joining on a viking with the Scandinavians and Asians etc and no doubt Scandinavians fought with all others. Just saying that the Scandinavians were black is just a misunderstanding of the information you read.

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Daniel Lane Makara
Vikings were Scandinavians, Scandinavia is located between 55th to 70th latitudes North, skin colour is an adaptation to latitude, and the higher to the latitude to either North or South, the lighter the skin colour is.

The answer is 'no'. We do not have any sources telling of any Black Vikings.

Perhaps there may have been Moors or Numidians captured in Mediterranean ventures, but we do not have any evidence there were.

Unfortunately peer reviewed research doesn't support this theory… Black people have done enough great things to celebrate, we don't need to appropriate Scottish and Irish culture… 1

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Tyrone Ellington
Would you do a podcast interview

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Erasto Ipande
Stacy SullivanMethvin ,so are my sister and you truly have that naturally love,we just got together just after commenting on something on this page.
Welcome home,East Africa Tanzania where I am living.
Karibu nyumbani!(welcome back home) 1

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Robert Sadowski
Man, you are just DESPERATE to appropriate anyone and everyone's history, no matter how retarded it sounds. Pathetic. 6

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Ikenna Anosike
Xavier Blake

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Carl S. Benedict
The sad part of all this "Egyptians were black, vikings were black, everything was black" is the fact that it only exists because hand wringing long nosed slave ship owners stole Africans from their ancestral home, and sold them into slavery around the world. With that they lost not only their ancestral home, but their family and cultural heritage as well. Now while most of the rest of the world can trace back and be proud of their family and people's heritage, POC are left to try to piece together a past based on tiny bits of information left scattered around the world. Sure Africans had their fingers in every part of the globe, the same way that the Mongols did, and the Greeks and Roman's did, and Western Europeans did. That doesn't mean that you can lay claim to other people's ancestors achievements. I know this is going to fall on deaf ears, but the truth is the truth. Stop complaining about people appropriating your culture, all while attempting to appropriate everyone else's culture.

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Ben Cuevas
There you have it folks, said from a black man that the ancient HAMITES AND CANAANITES were a”BLACK” people.

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Don King
Imagine being so desperate you had to steal other peoples history.

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Renaldo Napier
This is falsehood

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Aaron Jacob Amador Salazar

Another idiotic wewuzzery

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Lesco Brandon

Imagine trying to convince everyone else that yours isn't a race of theives by stealing everyone else's culture and history and proving that you're absolutely a race of thieves.

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The Palace of Emperor (Atse) Yohannes IV, constructed in the 1880's, Mekelle, Tigray Region, Ethiopia.

Emperor Yohannes IV, king of Tigray from 1869 to 1872 and Emperor of Ethiopia from 1872 to his death in 1889, rose to power during a tumultuous period, aided the British in their punitive expedition against Emperor Tewodros II and then defeated his successor, Tekle Giyorgis II, in battle, taking the imperial throne for himself. Yohannes gained international renown for defeating two invasions by the Khedivate of Egypt, who's armies were crushed at the Battles of Gundet (1875) and Gura (1876), but the Emperor was ultimately killed by Mahdist Sudanese forces at the Battle of Gallabat near the Sudanese border in 1889.

In the first ten years of Emperor Yohannes' rule, he had no fixed capital though he frequented Adwa, where he usually celebrated Meskel, Amba Chara and Semera. In the early 1880's he finally chose Mekelle as his capital, where he erected a new palace.

Excerpts from "Historical orientation of Yohannes IV Palace in Mekelle, Tigray State, Ethiopia, from the aspects of planning and building techniques", by Nobuhiro Shimizu and Alula Tesfay Asfha:

"The Yohannes IV Palace, located in Mekelle, the present regional capital of Tigray, Ethiopia, was constructed in the 1880s supervised by the Italian craftsman Giacomo Naretti. This study aims to clarify its historical orientation by analyzing its location, planning, and building elements, by considering Naretti's contribution, the building's relationship with local masonry buildings, and the characteristics of the preceding Ethiopian palace quarters. Through the research activities, it becomes clear that the palace's locational characteristics are in common with the preceding Ethiopian palace sites, especially Gondar. Its planning methods are similar to that of the former residential site of Yohannes IV, which was constructed without foreign builders. Its basic building elements were derived from the former Tigray's church buildings. Although these results suggest that the palace was a local product of the Ethiopian emperor Yohannes IV, the contribution of Naretti was also evident in more detailed elements of the palace such as the use of elaborate materials, decorative wooden works, stone arches, plaster, and its symmetrical appearance. These design achievements were most likely realized through Naretti's observation of the local building techniques and the natural environment, and his training of the local craftsmen during his stay in Ethiopia from 1871.

Atsé Yohannes IV, a Tigray-born noble known as Kahsay before his coronation, became Ethiopia's "King of Kings" in 1872. For the first ten years of his rule, he did not have a fixed capital for his empire and used to frequent several sites, such as Adwa. However, in the early 1880s, he chose Mekelle as his administrative center and ordered his people to construct his palace there. The palace's main building's construction was completed in 1886, participated by Giacomo Naretti, an Italian craftsman who served the emperor in 1871, and other supportive members such as Ingdashet Schimper, the half-Ethiopian son of German botanist Wilhelm Schimper, and local "skillful masons and carpenters". In the palace compound, another building has continued to remain, too. This building was constructed after the main building's completion under Yohannes IV's order and was used as a residence for daily living.

Knowledge of foreigners' participation often elicits a simplistic assumption that the target building was constructed using building techniques derived from abroad.

However, the foreignness of the building should not be assumed without examining the local building techniques, because Tigray has a long history of masonry techniques spanning the Yeha temple in the 7th century B.C. to Aksumite Kingdom at its peak in the 4th century A.D. In its capital city Aksum, and in several other sites, various stone monuments such as masonry structures of royal tombs, palaces, churches, obelisks, and monolithic stelae were produced. Christianity's adoption led to the construction of churches as an official house of worship in the 4th century.

The erstwhile palace quarters of the Ethiopian emperors also provide clues about the localness of the targeted palace of Mekelle. For instance, Gondar, the capital city of Ethiopia in the 17th and 18th centuries, had a royal enclosure containing castles, halls, churches, and other buildings; however, they were abandoned in a ruinous state in the early 19th century, before Yohannes IV took power.

The compound of the Yohannes IV Palace is enclosed by stone walls as in the royal enclosure of Gondar, although parts of the walls have been removed. In the past, the enclosure walls consisted of outer and inner rounded walls running along the topography and a linear wall splitting the inner circle. A part of the linear wall was occupied by the symmetric grand entrance of the main building, and the semi-circular courtyard in front of the grand entrance had a formal appearance. Accordingly, the outer wall, which was at least three-quarters of a mile round, provided loopholes for musketry and guard houses for defense. More private facilities, such as apartments, stables, and store houses, sat in the innermost part of the enclosure. The garden had "a very good unfailing spring of water… and a small stream runs within 50 yards of the main gate"

Smith (1890) provided the earliest known reference about the palace's condition. A comparison of accounts from his texts with the current condition can help clarify the early usage of each room of the main building with approximately 36 × 15 m

dimensions. Accordingly, from the grand entrance to the northwest, one can directly enter “a banqueting hall” with ten stone masonry pillars through “a heavy double door of Abyssinian wood”. The elongated banqueting hall was connected to another ground floor room of “a large audience or council chamber” in the back. The hall was also linked to the upper floor through “a double flight of broad well-built stairs,” although the emperor did not “overcome a dislike to going upstairs” at the time. The upper floor had “a number of apartments of various sizes, all well lighted and airy”. This differs from the current condition because a room with two wooden pillars is spatially unified presently. The roof above the banqueting hall was “a fine promenade” with scenic views, surrounded by “the castellated parapets”. In addition, there are four “castellated turrets” at each corner of the southeastern room and two rooms on the northwest side facing the frontage, although these were incorrectly recorded or not recorded by Smith. According to Tadesse, corner rooms in the upper floor including castellated turrets were used as guard rooms. As a side note, the guard’s spaces were also installed on the flanks of the grand entrance.

To south of the main building, there was a rectangular building of approximately 18 × 8 m, which was used as the private residence of Mengesha (son of Yohannes IV) and his wife. According to Wylde, they lived in the “two separate houses joined by a covered bridge” of the upper floor, while the ground floor was used for “attendants, kitchen and store-houses.”

According to Wylde, the main garden was connected to the backside of the main building’s room of “a set of apartments.” The garden was “a well-kept lawn with many shady trees, and some good orange, lime, peach and myrtle bushes” with “a nicely built summer-house where private guests are received, and where the mid-day meal is generally partaken with his favourite followers.” In addition to this garden, there was another private garden that was used by Mengesha’s wife, connected to the adjoining enclosure in which Mengesha’s mother lived.

The analysis clarified that the criteria for selecting the palace’s location at its vantage point and the existence of enclosure walls for protection against enemies were elements that were common with preceding Ethiopian palace sites, especially Gonder. Regarding planning, the separation of non-private and private buildings and the existence of the hall (locally named aderash) with rows of pillars were similar to the Kahsay Castle, a former residential site of Yohannes IV, whose construction was done without foreign builders. The building elements show that the construction method consisting of stone walls with wooden horizontal beams and wooden ceilings was derived from the former Tigray’s church buildings, or an advanced version of the hïdmo house. Although these inferences suggest that the palace was largely a local product of the Ethiopian emperor in Tigray, the contribution of Naretti, an Italian craftsman who participated in the project of Yohannes IV Palace, could also be found in more detailed parts such as elaborate wooden materials with smoothened surfaces, decorated wooden works, application of arches, and lime mortar plaster. Furthermore, the palace’s appearance represented by the symmetric façade and other material configurations would have been difficult to achieve without Naretti’s superintendence of the construction. His contribution toward the palace construction was the tools and

knowledge that he brought, not the materials themselves. He attempted to observe and understand the status of local building techniques and the potentials of the local natural environment to leverage them effectively. Although the resulting outcomes are less apparent and hard to find at first glance, the techniques and knowledge applied in the palace were became rooted in the local through the shared skills of Naretti and steady skill acquisitions of the local builders. They served as important driving forces in the later urban and rural development of Mekelle and surrounding areas."
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Whatever their reasons for taking out their lovers, friends, and enemies, read through this list and vote up the most violent medieval monarchs.

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1 Genghis Khan

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- **Royal Title:** Temujin, Great Khan of the Mongol Empire
- **Most Brutal Moment:** While carving out a massive empire that stretched across millions of square miles, Genghis Khan and his nomadic Mongolian soldiers took millions of lives. The Mongols once ended an estimated 1.2 million lives while sacking a single city. That's right, over 1 million people in only one battle. In fact, one commentator reported that the Great Khan vanquished so many enemies that their bones formed mountains and the dirt became oily with human fat.

Some of his bloodier moments include using young men as human shields and organizing mass rapes. The latter event probably resulted in many children, making Genghis Khan a direct ancestor of 16 million people today.

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2 Galeazzo Maria Sforza

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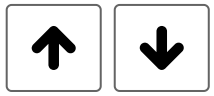
- **Royal Title:** Galeazzo Maria Sforza, Duke of Milan
- **Most Brutal Moment:** A master torturer and true evil mastermind, Galeazzo Maria once chopped off a rival's hands and ended a poacher by making him swallow an entire hare.

This 15th-century duke of Milan came by his brutal personality honestly. The surname of his warlord-turned-noble family, Sforza, means "force" in Italian. One contemporary writer recorded how Galeazzo Maria, upon asking a priest how long he would reign in Milan and being told only 11 years, stuck the good father in jail with just a little bit of food. As the story goes, "The man survived on these things, even getting to eat his own excrement, for twelve days. Then he died." Galeazzo Maria was also accused of organizing group assaults on women and dosing his own mother.



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3 Godfrey of Bouillon

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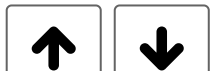
- **Royal Title:** Godfrey, King of Jerusalem
- **Most Brutal Moment:** The Siege of Jerusalem in 1099.

A French nobleman-turned-king of Jerusalem during the First Crusade, Godfrey, along with thousands of other men, marched on the Levant to take land that wasn't theirs in the name of religion. During the Siege of Jerusalem, the final battle for the Holy City, the Franks were savage, burning a number of Jews alive and trampling those seeking sanctuary. The chronicler Fulk of Chartres described the scene: "Indeed, if you had been there you would have seen our feet colored to our ankles with the blood of the slain. But what more shall I relate? None of them were left alive; neither women nor children were spared."



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4 Olaf Tryggvason

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- **Royal Title:** Olaf Tryggvason, King of Norway
- **Most Brutal Moments:** A Viking warrior par excellence, Olaf wasn't afraid of getting his hands dirty - and bloody - when it came to slaying pagans and the treacherous (he once beheaded a slave who took out a royal rival for him).

In the 13th and 14th centuries, Olaf began to appear in poems as the slayer of a man named Raud, a determined follower of Thor. Despite Raud's best magical efforts, legend has it that Olaf's Christian faith dominated, but when Raud refused to accept Christ, Olaf forced a snake into his mouth using a red-hot iron. The serpent went through Raud's neck and ended him. Olaf took Raud's gold, dispatched his followers that wouldn't convert, and brought those that would be baptized into his fold.

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The Controversial Indian Caste System Has Been Dividing India for 2000 Years

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A study of genetic populations in India suggests the Indian caste system, a traditional method of social organization into a hierarchy of hereditary groups, has been prevalent in the South Asian society for about 2000 years.

As an overview: the caste system is based on Hindu religious principles and dictates how different groups of people can interact. This hierarchical organization of society only permits marriage within the same caste and dictates that a caste is fixed from birth. Moreover, each caste is linked to a traditional occupation.

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A 1922 stereograph of Hindu children of high caste, Bombay, India. (Public Domain)

Live Science reported that researchers analyzed the DNA of 371 people from 73 groups and reported their findings in the American Journal of Human Genetics . The researchers discovered that different populations began to intermix in India about 4200 years ago, but stopped intermingling approximately 1900 years ago. These results were supported by clues found in ancient texts which suggest class distinctions have existed since about 3000-3500 years ago. Caste divisions became strong approximately two millennia ago.

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*An 1860s photograph of Rajputs, classified as a high Hindu caste. (**Public Domain**)*

Three principal groups of people – priests, nobility, and common people – were identified in the 3500-year-old collection of Sanskrit hymns known as the Rigveda. This source doesn't mention segregation or restrictions on employment areas at that time. A fourth group, called the Shudra (the lowest class), was mentioned by 1000 BC. Nonetheless, it wasn't until 100 BC that the holy text Manusmruti mentioned direct prohibition of marriages across castes. This restriction reflects the results of the genetic analysis.

Study co-author Priya Moorjani, a geneticist at Harvard University, **explained** that although relationships across castes was once common, a "transformation where most groups now practice endogamy [where people marry within their own group]" occurred about 2000 years ago.

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The caste system is linked to a Hindu belief in the four varnas - ordering and ranking people by their "innate" spiritual purity. At the highest position are the priests, Brahmins. The warriors, Kshatriyas, are next and the Vaishyas, merchants, follow them. The lowest caste belongs to Shurdas (laborers, artisans, and servants doing ritually "unclean" work.) The Shudra caste was once known as the "untouchables" and they were heavily discriminated against – being unable to drink from wells used by higher castes, participate in religious rituals, or even have their shadows fall on Brahmins.

*Pyramid of Caste system in India. (**CC BY SA 3.0**)*

By the early 20th century India was on its way to independence from the British and the caste system became very controversial. It has been criticized as unfair and discriminatory. Now, the Indian constitution prohibits the use of "untouchable" to describe members of the Shudra caste or discrimination based on caste. With the increase of the information age, the caste system has lost much of its economic importance. However, it remains important to religious practices and continues to be a divisive area of life in India today.

*Gandhi visiting Madras (now Chennai) in 1933 on an India-wide tour for Harijan causes. His speeches and writings during these tours discussed the discriminated castes of India. (**Public Domain**)*

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Genesis, which is the story of the Sumerians, the self-described "black-headed people" who came to Earth from another planet, tells us that 'their god' created man, ...but of course there were other men here when they landed, those having survived their global assault that rendered ruin to the surface and created the long Ice Age/nuclear winter. The progenitors of the Sumerian lineage, i.e., Persians and other black-haired races, do not have a history of seeing people as equals, particularly with regard to skin color. But the aboriginal Earth people, those who survived the Ice Age and still somewhat thrive, do have a more moral sense of equality and justice, and bear a different facial appearance – nose points up (not down), finer and fair colored hair, and lighter skin color. The irony is that the black-headed stock of people, to this day, see their own god's creation, from their Genesis story, as not as good as the people who were here before they came. The exception, of course, are those who hang onto a believe that their genetics are special, coming directly from the Noah lineage (via mitochondria DNA of just the four women), and as such have some strange, delusional belief, mission or destiny to rule every inch of the planet – primarily now via the trick known as money, one can assume as conquistadors of sorts, but sometimes called Zionism or other ism.

Nobody gets paid to tell the truth.

PETER RAVENSCROFT WROTE ON 9 AUGUST, 2017 - 04:30

G'day April et al.,

An amazing site, thanks on behalf of one and all.

I have been reading up on many of the topics you cover for decades, but in every case you have had new info and insights.

Will ramble a bit, next.

Have you ever compared the step pyramids of Egypt, Mesopotamia and Central and South America. They are so close they had to have the same original architect. I think the intro to the Americas was about 2,000 BC, with the vessels going, well, which way? Benin warriors later crossed, an easy trip for big sailing canoes, see the Olmec statues, but there is also a very close match in dress styles, between the people of Nepal and Tibet, and those of the Peruvian mountains. I once experienced the hospitality of a family of Pyallup Indians, when hitching past Tacoma, and they said, they have been offering such hospitality for a very long time. It was, I took it, a very serious statement. Most human exploration has been by canoe, as those, for crossing rivers, are simply logs with some branches knocked off, so Homo erectus had the tools and the need. I have watched a fox use a log in a river to cross it, here in Oz. Trees being undercut and falling into and across rivers explains back a fair bit further, to the brontosaurus - a canoe, with flippers to haul it over obstructing trees blocking rivers, and a long tail to balance the long neck it had for getting deeper and deeper river mussels. So there were always logs for riverine monkeys.

We westerners are newcomers to exploration, as the Negritos extend from the tip of South America to the Andamans, to Tasmania. Their oldest legends say they knew Australia was here, because the birds told the. Huge flocks, going south, with their needs well understood.

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In "The Mysterious Death of Tutankhamun", by Paul Doherty he remarks, "There is a passivity about Tutankhamun which is quite chilling." Normally the text in the tombs of other Kings read in the present or future tenses, but as Doherty comments, "The inscriptions about Tutankhamun are always passive, in the main in the third person..."

Unique Aspects of Tutankhamun's Tomb

There is yet more that is quite extraordinary. The important ritual of 'the Opening of the Mouth' was normally carried out by his successor who was never crowned until the required seventy days had passed after the late King's tomb had been sealed. There is a scene in Tutankhamen's tomb showing Ay carrying out the ceremony while already wearing the Crown of a King. The only reasonable answer is that the King had been dead for a long period and was sealed in an earlier tomb. There is every sign that the tomb and coffins were prepared in a great hurry, and that the latter had been moved from a larger tomb.

Ay performing the opening of the mouth ceremony. Wall painting from Tutankhamun's tomb (KV 62) . (Public Domain)

The eldest Prince and heir to the throne of Egypt after YmnHtp III was TwtMs which means 'Born of the God TWT'. As we have learned from historian Ahmed Osman 'TWT' was Egyptian for the Hebrew 'DWD', in English, DAVID.

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His tomb has been found, but it was empty, and from all appearances, though made ready, it was never used. Nor were the final touches showing his funeral and mummification added to the walls. Had he not died so young he would have become the next King of Egypt after SalimAmen III/YmnHtpIII and so named YmnTwtAnkh, 'The Living Gods Amen and David'. But hold on a minute, for that is the very name given to the young king found in 1922 by Howard Carter.

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*Howard Carter (kneeling), an Egyptian workman, and Arthur Callender at doors of burial shrines in Pharaoh Tutankhamen's tomb. (**Public Domain**)*

Examining the Familial Lineage

The Ethiopian Kebra Nagast tells us that Menyelek was also named David and that he was the eldest son of King Solomon. We know that Menyelek was YmnTwtAnkh because it is the same name. Twt or David was a Moon God and the Semite equivalent was another Moon God, EL (sometimes known as Iah, Yah or Lah). Ethiopians regarded Prince TwtMs as one of theirs for legend has it that Solomon married a girl from Abyssinia named Etiye Azeb. This has to be correct for the favorite Queen of Ymn Htp III was indeed called 'Etiye' and so must have been Queen Zeba or **Sheba** (the south-west).

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Since Prince TwtMs died in his late teens or early twenties his younger brother assumed the throne alongside their father. Then after Amenhotep III died that brother changed his name from YmnHtp to Akhenaten.

When Akhenaten began to close all temples devoted to the God Ymn – Amen, and tried to change belief to a new unseen God called 'The Aten', the repercussions must have been enormous. Opposition drove him out of the capital city, Uaset, and so he built a new City that he named Akhetaten. We do know that something affected him intensely as proclamations found in the ruins of Akhetaten mention a great evil, greater than any others he had heard.

*Panel with scene of Akhenaten and his family adoring the Aten (detail). (**Public Domain**)*

Bringing the Dead Back to Life

With Akhenaten gone from Uaset, the old establishment and priests of Amen saw an opportunity to reinstate the ancient and most popular belief in Amen. Led by Ay and the General Horemheb they sought some way of ridding Egypt of a hated King who had worked thousands of his followers to their deaths. The problem was that the people believed religiously in the right of the eldest living heir to be their king. There could only be one way to replace a King of Egypt. They had to somehow show the people that the older brother had come back to life. After all, they believed that their Kings would rise again, hence the long mummification rituals.

This might well be the terrible evil that Akhenaten referred to in his proclamations. It would also explain his assertion that he was the true king.

*Anubis, supervisor of the mummification process. Underneath the lion bed are the four canopic vases, for the organs that were mummified separately. (**CC BY SA 2.0**)*

We should now look at the messages left in the Tomb of YmnTwtAnkh which leave no doubt at all to his true identity as the Missing Prince TwtMs.

Egyptologists often maintain that the tomb was filled hurriedly with personal items belonging to other people. What they fail to add is that these articles were once owned by TwtMs and that the deceased needed their own familiar possessions to take with them in the after-life.

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Deciphering the Messages Left Behind

There are also no less than four memorials which all tell us that YmnTwtAnkh was the eldest son of Amenhotep III. Yes, there have been claims that DNA proves that he was the son of Akhenaten which is quite amazing, since his mummy has never been found and identified. At the same time, we have good evidence in the Copper Scroll of Qumran that Akhenaten was the Biblical Moses.

In any case, it is the extensive analysis by Kate Phizakerley that indicates that Akhenaten could not have been the father of YmnTwtAnkh - **http://www.kv64.info/2010/03/dna-shows-that-kv55-mummy-probably-not.html**. Why too have the DNA results from the 18th Dynasty mummies been locked away and nobody allowed access to them? What are Egyptian Antiquities trying to hide?

The loudest message of all left in the young King's tomb is on the back of his chair. Not only are the names of the Prince TWT MS and the King YMN ANKH TWT both there but his identity as Prince is inscribed in very large hieroglyphs as is the sign of the Ankh hanging from his arm, shouting out that he is alive.

Note the sign of the Ankh hanging from his arm, shouting out that he is alive. (Author provided)

Kings' names were written in what we now call a cartouche. Surprisingly on the chair it is much smaller than his Princely name TWT MS framed in rectangles on both side of his royal figure which are double the size of the cartouche. Whoever designed the chair was leaving no doubt that the two were one and the same and that it was important that anyone in the future seeing inside his tomb would know that this was TWTMS the eldest son of Solomon.

Cartouches on the chair. (Author provided)

At the far sides, left and right, he is holding a long Crook they called 'Hek', Hyksos in Greek, which signified rule over Sheep - a name used in the bible for the Hebrew people of Egypt who recognized the dominant constellation as being Aries. Those Egyptians who still recognized the previous constellation of Taurus as being the Manger where their Son of God was born were the cattle. That is why a number of Pharaohs are shown holding a Crook over one shoulder and a Cattle Flail over the other, showing their position as ruler of both people.

The Chair also depicts two Oxen meaning Victorious and two Arms each holding a Stick meaning powerful (or in Action and Violent). These speak more of the Prince who did fight the Nubians than the picture we have of a meek and physically feeble king.

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Wooden bust of the boy king, found in his tomb. (Jon Bodsworth)

Other hieroglyphs on the chair stress his being King of the Two Lands and that he was Eternal and a Giver of Life.

This chair and a Stone Ankh which also links the names of the Missing Prince with that of King Tutankhamen can only mean that they were one and the same person. The year of his accession as King was also significant for 1321 BC was a date that the King Born of the God Yah or Iah (MS IAH in Egyptian) was expected to return. This only happened once every 1,460 years when the Annual Heliacal Rising of Sirius coincided with the northern hemisphere summer solstice. The next time wouldn't occur until 139 AD during the Age of Pisces, The Fisherman, which is why the three Wise Kings portrayed in a scene in Solomon's Temple in Luxor were brought back into the latest version of the story that we are more familiar with.

Just how long the Priests of Amen and Ay maintained the pretense of a resurrected Prince who was now the rightful King of Egypt can only be guessed at. The damage done to his mummified remains might well have occurred when they propped the body up on some form of Sedan Chair and paraded it in public for all to view in religious processional ceremonies.

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Le Diplomate Marocain Abdellah Benaïcha (XVIIe siècle):
En 1698, le sultan alaouite Moulay Ismail nomme Abdellah Benaïcha en tant qu'ambassadeur à la cour de France, auprès du roi Louis XIV. IL quitta Rabat pour la France le 11 novembre 1698 afin de négocier un traité entre le Maroc et la France. Une visite largement couverte par les médias français, à l'instar de Le Mercure Galant et La Gazette de France, comme le rapporte Nabil Matar, dans son ouvrage «Dans la terre des Chrétiens : Récits arabes de voyage au cours du XVIIème siècle»
Mais avant de devenir envoyé spécial du sultan alaoutie, Abdellah Benaïcha était l'un des plus célèbres corsaires salétins du XVIIe siècle. Son histoire avant 1698, date de sa nomination par Moulay Ismail, est racontée par l'historienne Leïla Maziane dans son ouvrage «Salé et ses corsaires, 1666-1727» (Edition Publication Univ Rouen Havre, 2008). «Les sources révèlent pour la première fois son existence en 1671 ; il est alors capitaine d'une ''frégate neuve de 100 tonneaux, 2 ponts, 14 pièces de canons, 150 hommes », rapporte-t-elle. Abdellah Benaïcha avait alors 24 ans et était décrit comme un homme de «grande taille et mulâtre».
Un célèbre corsaire puis «Amiral de Salé»
Onze ans plus tard, il devient «Amiral de Salé» avant de se faire capturer par les Anglais. «Un autre captive était le corsaire Abdellah Benaïcha, ayant passé trois ans en Angleterre et qui a été libéré par le roi Charles sans une rançon grâce à l'intervention de James II», raconte l'historien Nabil Matar dans son ouvrage «Turcs, Maures et Anglais à l'âge de la découverte».
«Le 15 novembre 1786, Abdellah Benaïcha, reprend ses anciennes activités et fait main basse sur un navire honfleurais dont l'équipage est réduit en esclavage et ramené à Salé. En 1687, Ben Aïcha prend le commandement d'un navire de 22 canons et le 12 mars, il saisit le Mercier, un navire havrais de 6 canons chargé de blé pour Marseille. Le 20 mars, il rentre à Salé avec une riche prise française, le Saint-Esprit et le Saint-Marie, 2 tartanes chargées d'alun, de riz, et de noisettes.»
Jusqu'en 1691, la multiplication des prises transformera Benaïcha en un idole de Salé. Ce n'est que quelques mois avant d'être nommé par le sultan qu'Abdallah Benaïcha mettra sa carrière de corsaire entre parenthèses.
Une mission diplomatique officielle
Accompagné de son secrétaire Ahmad Sousan et de son lieutenant Mohammad Al-Thughiry, ainsi que d'autres membres de la délégation marocaine dont Benaïcha avait refusé de divulguer les noms, Abdallah Benaïcha quitte le Maroc pour Brest le 11 novembre 1698, dans le cadre d'une mission de négociation d'un traité avec la France.
Le 12 janvier 1699 que Benaïcha quitte enfin Brest après une permission du roi français pour qu'il visite Paris. «Sur sa route via Rennes, Nantes, Angers, Tours et la vallée de la Loire, il a été accueilli par des soirées officielles.

Il est arrivé le 5 février à Paris avant d’arriver à Versailles, le 16 février 1699, pour rencontrer le roi Louis XIV.
Le 26 février, les négociations s'ouvrent à Versailles. «Les Français veulent lui imposer un traité presque semblable à celui de 1682 (ainsi l'article 7 concernant la libération des captifs propose le rachat réciproque à 300 cents livres pièce) ; il refuse», raconte le site Krono Base qui établit une chronologie des événements marquants lors de la mission de l’ambassadeur marocain. Le 5 mai, l’ambassadeur quitte Paris pour se rendre à Brest. Le 10 juin, il débarque à Salé à bord de la frégate de guerre française, la Dauphine.
Leïla Maziane a une autre version. Elle affirme que «lors d’une campagne dans les eaux portugaises au cours de l’été 1711, l’amiral de Salé, en compagnie de son fils et de quatre autres officiers, se fit capturer par les corsaires hollandais à bord du Witte Paard ou Cheval Blanc». L’historienne indique aussi que «pour libérer son amiral et les autres maures, emprisonnés à Lisbonne, le sultan Mûlây Ismâ’îl alla jusqu’à la remise en liberté de tous les sujets hollandais».
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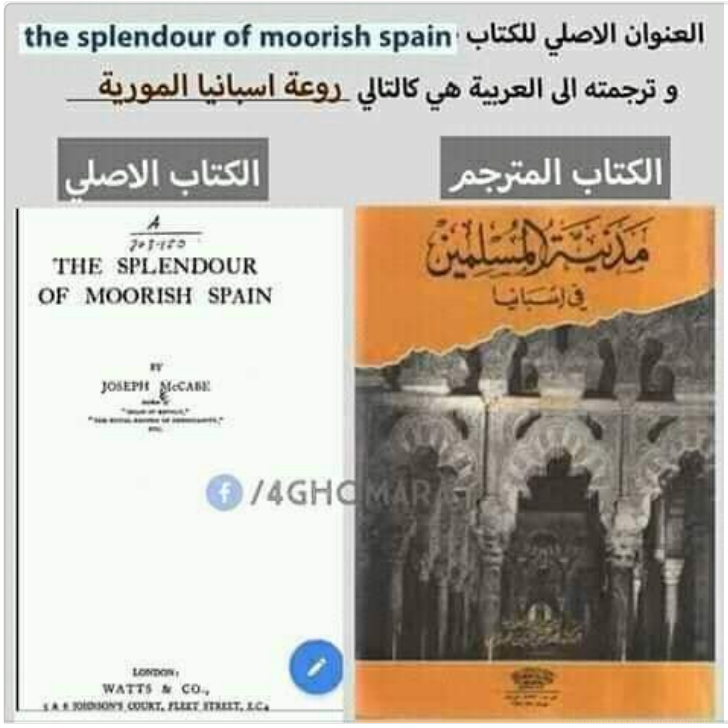

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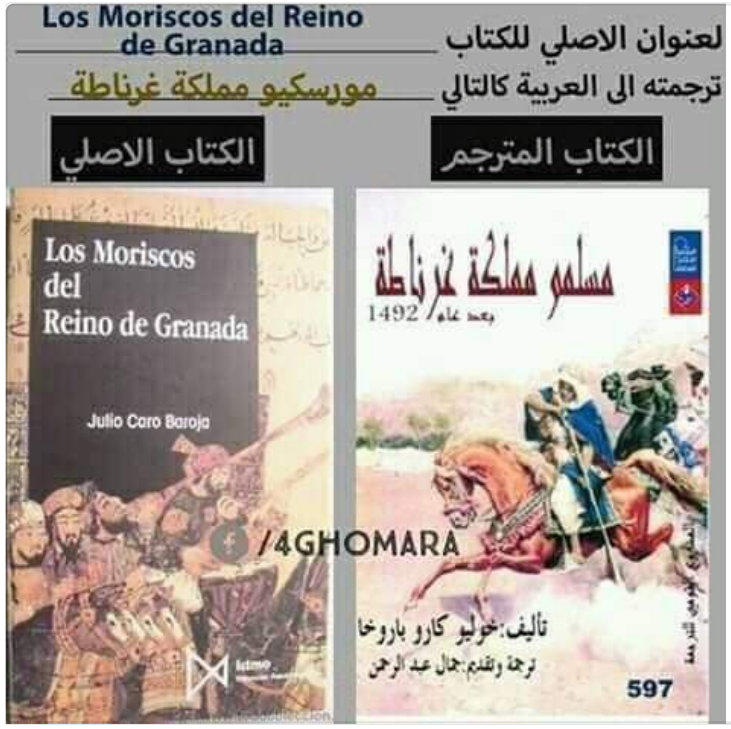

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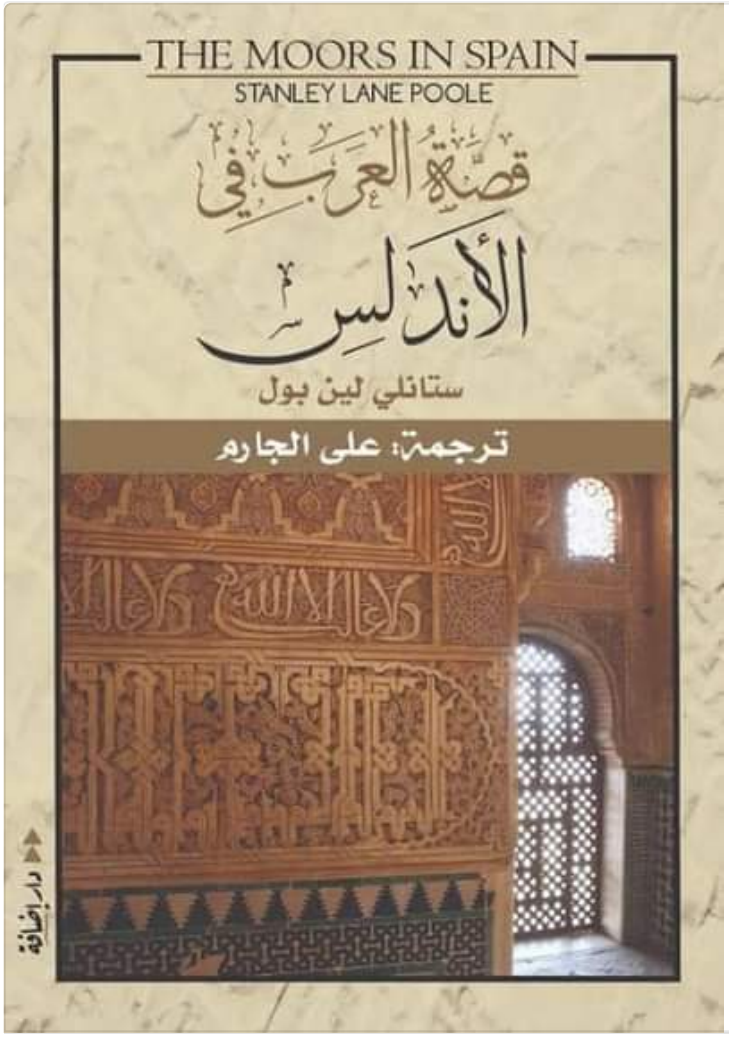

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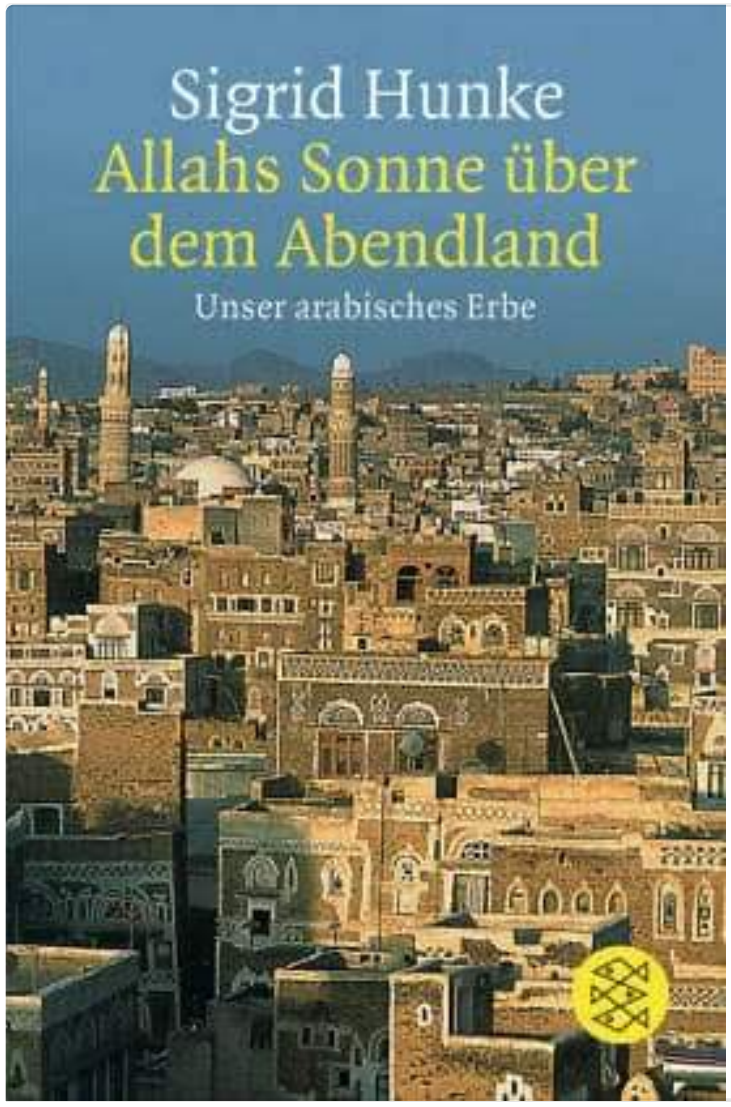

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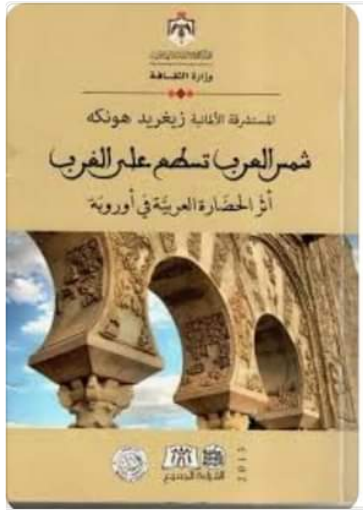

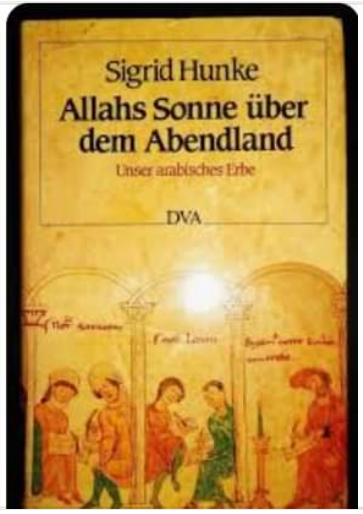

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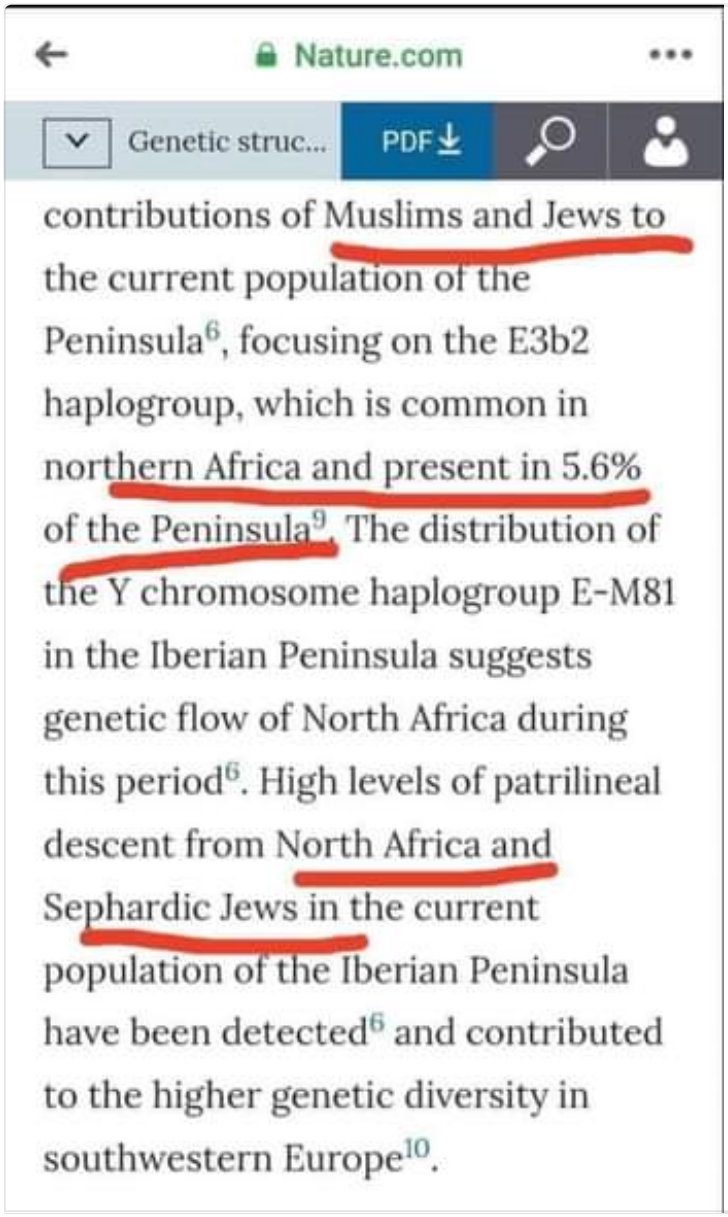

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В США расследуют жуткое дело по убийству беременной женщины по имени Эшли Буш. Это произошло в конце октября 2022 года.

Как стало известно, женщина по имени Эмбер Уотерман искала беременную женщину, которую планировала похитить и убить. И это все ради того, чтобы украсть нерожденного ребенка.

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В США женщина застрелила беременную, чтобы забрать ее ребенка

Так, Эмбер Уотерман создала фейковый аккаунт в фейсбуке и отозвалась на пост одной матери-одиночки Келли, которая искала одежду для беременных. К счастью, женщины так и не встретились.

Однако 31 октября Эмбер Уотерман украла беременную Эшли Буш, после чего застрелила и вытащила из ее тела ребенка. Следователи выяснили, что труп женщины убийца сожгла, а останки закопала.

В то же время Эмбер Уотерман не признала себя виновной и теперь ждет суд, который состоится в июне 2023 года.

Из доказательств была обнаружена кровь в машине преступницы и свидетельство ее мужа, в разговоре с которым она призналась, что убила Эшли Буш. Муж Уотерман также подтвердил, что помог ей сжечь тело женщины и спрятать останки.

Кстати, муж Уотерман, задержанный за соучастие, тоже не признал себя виновным. А похищенная парой дочь погибшей Эшли Буш, по сообщениям СМИ, погибла.

На Киевщине разоблачили еще двух оккупантов, изнасиловавших беременную

Ранее стало известно, что правоохранители объявили подозрение двум российским захватчикам. Они изнасиловали беременную женщину, пытали и грабили людей в Киевской области.

Так, двое вооруженных оккупантов днем на улице набросились на местную жительницу, избили ее, выбили зубы и, приставив к спине автомата, заставили зайти в дом, где изнасиловали. Потерпевшая сказала захватчикам, что беременная и умоляла ее не трогать, однако это не остановило нападающих.

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Азан появился еще во времена Посланника Аллаха (мир ему), и уже долгие века звучит с минаретов во всем исламском мире. В современную эпоху искусство призыва на молитву претерпело ряд изменений, не все из которых можно оценить как позитивные.

Сейчас азан можно услышать не только в историческом регионе распространения ислама, но и в Европе и Америке. Но в ряде стран публичное произнесение азана запрещено. Суннитский и шиитский азаны имеют небольшие различия. Последний, как правило, включают в себя слова: «Я свидетельствую, что Али – друг Аллаха».

Как произносится азан в 11 странах мира?

В условиях пандемии Ковид-19 в некоторых странах были введены изменения в слова азана. В Кувейте, например, фраза «Спешите на молитву» была заменена на «Молитесь в своих домах», чтобы удержать людей от посещений мечетей.

Филиппины запустили программу халяльного кулинарного туризма

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Египетское правительство в 2010 году начало реализацию проекта «Таухид аль-азан» или «Объединение азанов». Предполагалось, что вместо множества азанов, которые звучат в Каире, где по некоторым оценкам насчитывается 4000 официальных мечетей и 30 000 неофициальных, один муэдзин будет воспроизводить стандартизированный азан по государственному радио. Проект вызвал множество споров.

Тунисские муэдзины проходят курсы в консерватории.

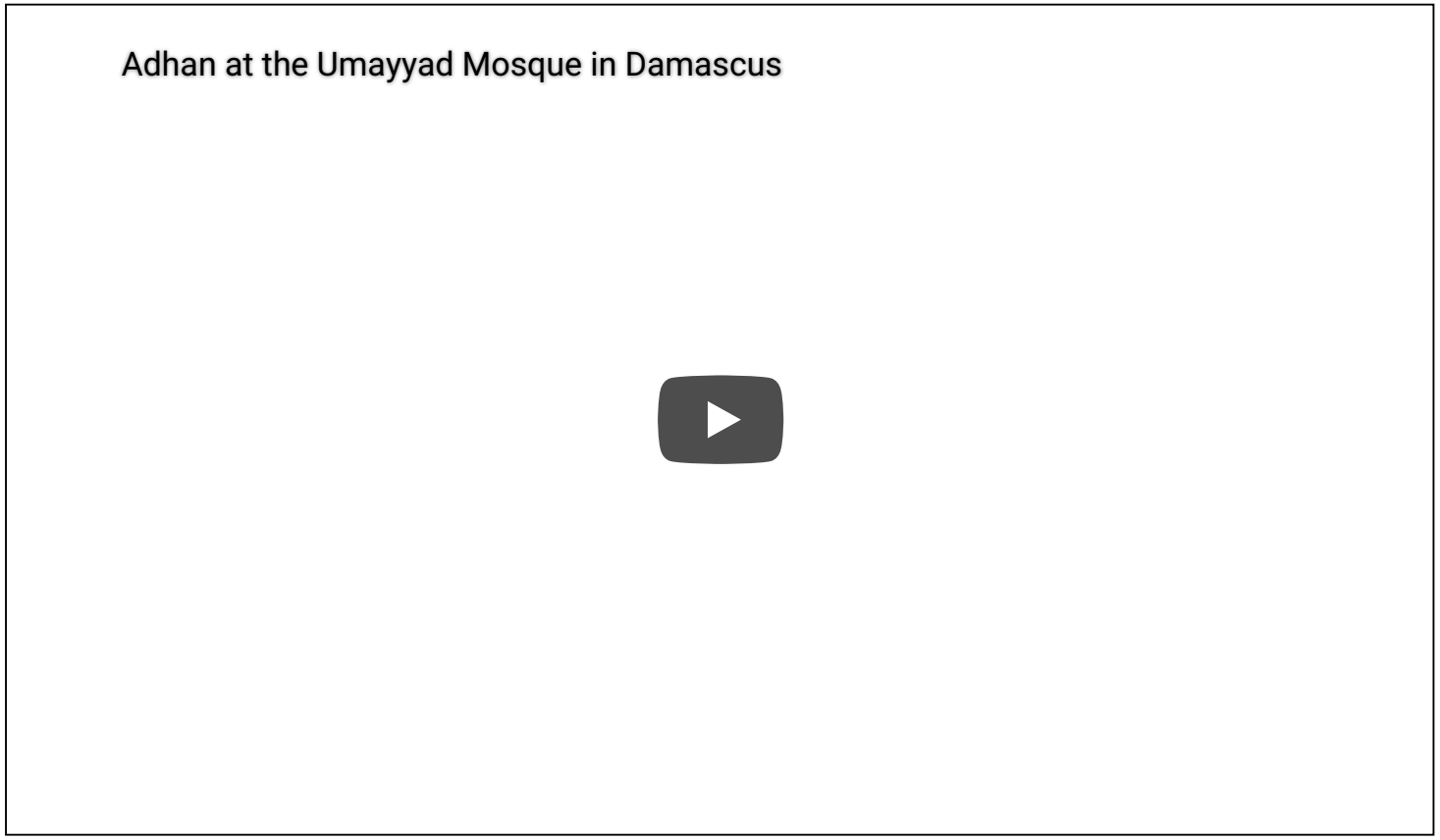
Как говорит шейх Ахмад Саад, директор института Ихсан, британского центра изучения ислама, это было началом упадка искусства произнесения азана в Египте. Он рассказывает: «Раньше в каждой провинции проводились прослушивания, и кандидаты должны были пройти тесты и экзамены, чтобы убедиться, подходят ли они для этой работы [произнесения азана]».

По его словам, при воплощении в жизнь проекта объединения азанов все это исчезнет. Вместо этого в каждой из 29 провинций Египта назначается один муэдзин, который произносит призыв на молитву в одной из мечетей, а затем этот азан транслируется в прямом эфире по всей местности. Это “размывание традиции”

печалит шейха Саада: «По моему мнению, мелодии азана теряются… ланшафт азана теперь кажется бесплодным».

Али Ахмад Мулла – муэдзин, 40 лет произносящий азан в Запретной мечети.

Одним из мест, где призыв к молитве все еще остается искусством, является древний город Дамаск. В мечети Омейядов шесть муэдзинов вместе читают азан, который транслируется через громкоговорители, установленные на трех минаретах. Такое групповое чтение азана известно как Аль-Джавк, и возникло оно 500 лет назад.



Как рассказывает шейх Саад, раньше существовала разница между макамами азана для каждого из намазов. Сейчас это соблюдается далеко не всегда. «Тогда не было часов, и люди занятые на работе, на своем поле, или незрячие, которые не видели, какое время суток, просто услышав азан, знали, какой это намаз», – говорит шейх.

Первые муэдзины в исламе.

Например, азан, читаемый в нахавандском макаме, названном в честь провинции Нахаванд в Иране, где он возник, меланхоличен и часто используется для

послеполуденной (аср) молитвы в четверг, чтобы отметить наступление пятницы, священного дня в исламе. А классический макам баяти, описываемый как «расслабляющий с теплыми, глубокими тонами», считался больше подходящим для призыва на полуденную (зухр) молитву. Медленный и спокойный ритм макама сабах обычно слышен на рассвете, а быстрый ритм макама сегах часто ассоциируется с вечерней (магриб) молитвой, когда время может быть ограничено. «Магриб – это время, когда мусульмане разговляются (во время Рамадана и дополнительных постов вне священного месяца). Поэтому им может быть не до того, чтобы слушать долгий азан. Кроме того, в месяц Рамадан после разговения люди готовятся к дополнительным вечерним намазам таравихам. Поэтому этот азан и молитву не затягивают», – говорит имам Хафиз Али Тос из Центральной мечети Кембриджа в Англии.

По словам шейха Саада, должность муэдзина требует немалой подготовки. «Полное обучение муэдзина может занять от шести месяцев до года, все зависит от того, насколько быстро он сможет уловить тонкости макамов, насколько хорош его слух и способности», – говорит он.

Как объясняет шейх, раньше требований к муэдзинам было больше. Они должны были хорошо разбираться в таджвиде, правилах произношения и быть пунктуальными хранителями времени, способными точно определить, когда наступает очередной намаз. Кроме того, они должны были быть достаточно физически подготовленными, чтобы подниматься (и спускаться) по длинной

винтовой лестнице на вершину минарета пять раз в день. «В армии тренироваться было легче», – шутит шейх Саад.

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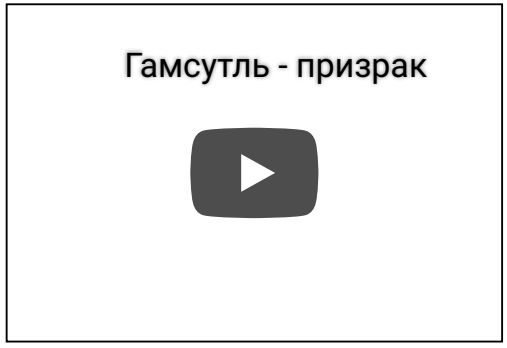

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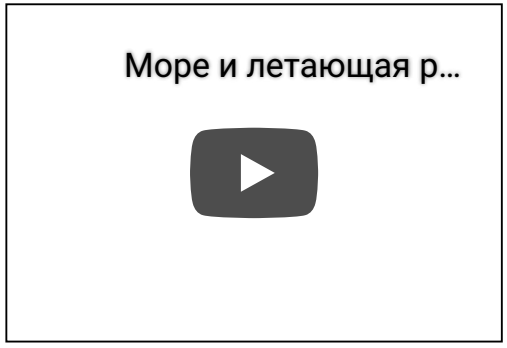

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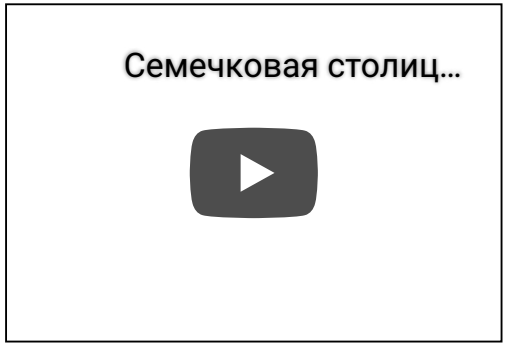

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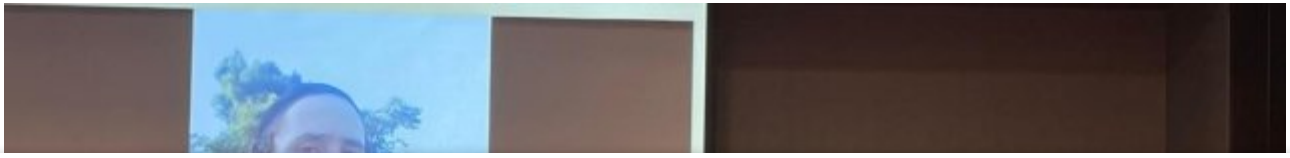

Участник еврейской ортодоксальной секты "Лев Тахор" Исраэль Амир смог сбежать из экстремистской организации в 2019 году, однако был вынужден оставить там своего малолетнего сына. В прошлом году полиция Мексики провела рейд в комплексе в городе Тапачула, где проживали члены "Лев Тахор", освободила ребенка и передала его отцу. 22-летний Исраэль Амир в интервью британскому изданию BCC рассказал свою историю.

По словам молодого мужчины, лидер группы Шломо Хельбранс неоднократно насиловал маленьких детей. Кроме этого, несовершеннолетних отбирали у родителей, чтобы полностью их контролировать. Физические наказания были обычным делом в секте, утверждает Амир.

Секта "Лев Тахор": что о ней известно

"Лев Тахор" — ортодоксальная религиозная организация, которую в СМИ иногда называют "еврейским Талибаном". Известна она, в том числе тем, что ее участники постоянно кочуют по миру, спасаясь от преследований и пытаясь сохранить привычный для них образ жизни.

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похищение 13-летнего израильского мальчика. В 2000 году мужчину депортировали обратно в Израиль, однако долго здесь он не задержался. Уже в 2003 году он уехал в Канаду, где смог получить политическое убежище, рассказывая о том, что израильские власти преследуют его из-за религиозных убеждений.

Как раз в Канаде воспитанием детей в секте заинтересовалось правительство. Госорганы считали, что 127 несовершеннолетних ребят не получают должного ухода и пытались передать некоторых из них на попечение приемных семей. Участников организации обвинили в жестоком обращении с детьми, начались суды.

Большинство членов группы в 2013 году смогли перебраться в Гватемалу. Именно сюда из Израиля перебралась семья Исраэля Амира, когда мальчику было 12 лет.

"Лев Тахир": история Исраэля Амира

Родители Амира решили присоединиться к "Лев Тахир", привезя с собой семерых детей.

"Это был полный шок", — вспоминает мужчина.

Всех детей разделили, им приходилось спать на каменном полу, почти весь день они проводили в молитвах.

Зачастую несовершеннолетних участников группы изолировали от родителей, чтобы полностью их контролировать. Физические наказания были повседневным явлением.

Когда Амиру исполнилось 16 лет, лидеры секты организовали его свадьбу с ровесницей — это обычная практика в "Лев Тахир". Через два года у них родился мальчик, которого назвали Нево.

долгие годы пыталась найти родственников и боролась с "Лев Тахир". Она помогла 18-летнему парню выехать из Гватемалы. Он признается журналистам, что не хотел бежать без своего сына, но тетя уговорила его, обещая, что они сделают все возможное для освобождения мальчика.

Рейд мексиканской полиции

Несколько раз Амир вместе с тетей возвращался в Гватемалу, надеясь вытащить Нево из организации, однако безуспешно.

Как стало известно, часть группы успела выехать в Мексику, где основатель секты Хельбранс утонул в реке.

Власти страны также заинтересовались деятельностью скандальной организации. В сентябре 2022 года полиция провела спецоперацию, проведя обыски в комплексе, где обосновались участники культа. Там и нашли сына Амира. Впоследствии мальчика передали в Израиль.

5 января этого года Исраэль Амир у себя в Facebook опубликовал фотографию, на которой он сидит вместе с малышом на пляже.

большой подарок. Ничто не сможет разлучить нас", — подписал он трогательный снимок.

Напомним, в июне 2021 года в Лос-Анджелесе продали дом, где в 1969 году печально знаменитый Чарльз Мэнсон и члены его секты "Семья" убили семью Ла-Бьянка.

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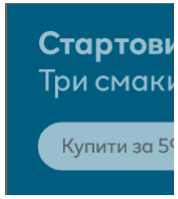

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إحتفت إسرائيل بالرحالة الأمازيغي الشهير **إبن بطوطة**
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إسمه على أحد الشوارع الرئيسية بمدينة القدس
(أورشليم). وقد قام مسولي البلدية رسميا بتنصيب اللوحة
الجديدة التي تحمل إسم الرحالة الامازيغي بعدة لغات
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لمحة عن الرحالة الامازيغي العظيم ابن بطوطة

تمثال الرحالة الامازيغي ابن بطوطة باحد المتاحف بالصين

ولد الرحالة الامازيغي العظيم ابن بطوطة في 24 فبراير 1304 ميلادية في مدينة طنجة وتوفي عام 1368 في مدينة مراكش ، وهو مستكشف ومسافر شهير قطع أكثر من 120 ألف كيلومتر بين عامي 1324 و 1340 ، انطلاقا من المغرب شمال افريقيا إلى تشيوانتشو في الشرق الأقصى بالصين، مرورا بالجزائر وتونس وليبيا ومصر وبالشام

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والعراق بالشرق الاوسط والهند، ثم الى الأراضي البلغارية السابقة لنهر الفولغا في الشمال وجزر المالديف .. ثم إلى السودان و الصومال و تمبكتو في الجنوب خلال عودته، وقد قامت له الصين تمثالا خاصا باحد متاحفها الكبيرة.

التقى ابن بطوطة خلالة رحتله العظيمة بالعديد من الحكام والشخصيات وغالبًا ما يصبح مستشارًا لهم خلال رحلاته الطويلة او قضيا. و عاش مغارمرات خطيرة و زار عدة مدن وبلدان كثيرة منها مصراتة بليبيا و القاهرة والاسكندرية بمصر ثم مكت بالخليل ثم القدس بفلسطين ثم انتقل الى مكة بشبه الجزيرة العربية ثم انتقل الى الشام و العراق وإيران والهند، وكذلك الأناضول ومدن وآسيا الوسطى حتى وصل بكين بالصين .. كما زار أيضا مقديشيو بالصومال وتمبكتو بمالي خلال رحلة عودته الى وطنه المغرب بعد رحلة دامت ازيد من 25 سنة، فلف بعدها كتابه الشهير **تحفة النظار في غرائب الأمصار وعجائب الأسفار** . وقد تُرجم هذا الكتاب بعد ذلك إلى عدة لغات منها البرتغالية والفرنسية والإنجليزية والألمانية والاسبانية والتركية والصينية.

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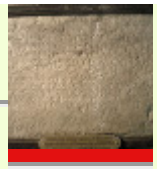

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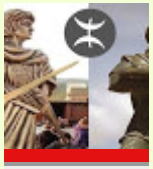

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قبل مانبداو الموضوع ديالنا خاصنا ضروري مانعتارفو لراسنا و نأمنوا باللي المخدرات لا دمنتي عليها راه شبه مستحيل باش تبعد منها، منغير لا قومتي بجهدك كامل ؛ ثانيا الصورة النمطية اللي كيأمن بيها الشخص و الجماعة حول شي موضوع معين كاتجي بداكشي اللي كايشوفو/كيسمعو الإنسان و كيتكرر بزااف .

غادي يجاوبك بأنها حركة نظالية إجتماعية غادا فالمنحى الإيجابي بالنسبة "BlackLivesMatter" الأغلبية فالمجتمع ديالنا الا سولتيه على القضية ديال للتاريخ البشري حيث غادي تحد من العنصرية اللي خلقوها "البيض" ، حد هنا مزيان ، ولاااااكن من ناحية أخرى هاد الحركة فيها ترويج للتخالط و هدم المجتمعات و العرقيات ، واش نتقبلو هادشي عادي ؟!! دابا بنادم غايقوليك "أش فيها العنصري الموسخ مازال كتأمن بالقبلية و القومية" و زيد عليه المقولة ديال "كتهضر بحال الا نتا من أصحاب العرق السامي" ؛ أولا : القبائلية بصفة خاصة و القومية بصفة عامة هي النزعة اللي خلات الناس يتقاتلوا و يديرو ا مجهودهم باش يتحررو من الإحتلالات و من المستعمرين و من العواقب اللي كتجي مع هاد الظاهرة (و الإبادة العرقية أشد ظلما و خطورة)، ثانيا : عرق سامي ولا ما ساميش هادشي ماكيعنيش أننا خاصنا نكونو مفتوحين و نتخالطو مع من هب و دب و خاصة مع واحد ناوي الغدر من تحت الدف .

حاليا فالغرب و بإسم التضامن و السلم و التطور الفكري اللي وصل ليه بنادم ولا كيتسبب لبني الجلدة ديالو فالإبادة البطيئة ، حيت من ناحية الزواج بين أبناء البلد قل و فالمقابل البراني كايفرّخ كي بغا (و حتا حنا عندنا صحاب نولدو غا واحد ....) ، ماعلينا الأمر ماوقفش هنا بل ولا التشجيع خطير بزااف على الزواج/التزاوج المختلط ، لا من ناحية الإشهارات اللي فيها عائلة مختلطة على أساس أنها كتمثل عائلة طبيعية فديك المجتمع و لا من ناحية الأفكار الجنسية اللي كتروج لفحولة النيگز ؛ وفهاد النقطة بالضبط ولاو شي بنات كايقدمو الولاء و الطاعة للنيگز و بس (الممارسة غا معاهم)و كايشوفو الدري الأبيض بحال وهوما بالدرجة الأولى مجرد عاهرات) ، snowbunny اولا Queen Of Spades شي مخلوق ضعيف ماعندوش قيمة(هادو كيطلقو على راسهم إسم و كيما هاد الأفكار لاعبين على البنت باش تقدس النيگا ، داك الدري الأبيض مسكين فينما دخل لشي سيت كايلقا راسو ممتلينو على أساس أنه غا أي "ديوث" و ماواصلش للفحولة ديال النيگز ، و حيت المصدر الوحيد دالمعلومة المصورة اللي عندو هو داك السيت دالپورن فكايتيق بداكشي "cuckyboy" و يقدر گاع إيولي من "الألوان" و كايعجبو داك المنظر (الحالة النفسية اللي كيعيشها الشخص تقدر تأثر على الأفكار و الميولات الجنسية ديالو) ، و هنا عادي البنت تحتاقرو حيت هو اللي قتل الهيبة ديالو و شاف واحد الشخص أخر على أساس أنه حسن منو (وفاش كيكثروا هاد الحالات كاتخلق الصورة النمطية لذى المجتمع) .

"black supremacy" اللي هو شعار عنصري فحد داتو ، و دخلو لمرحلة "محاولة الإستلاء على السيادة" و كيطالبو بال "BLM" حاليا النيگز فاتو مرحلة "لا للعنصرية" أولا ولطالما أصحاب القرارت العظمى فالأرض من دوي البشرة البيضاء وصعيب عليهم يوصلو للهذف ديالهم بسهولة، فهوما قررو يخلقو لينا ، و إستغلال شهوة العاهرات "black breeding" و هاد النظام العنصري بكل بساطة مبني على فكرة نقل الجينات ("black new world order"(BNWO كطريق للهدف ديالهم ، يعني نتا عايش فمجتمع مافيهش قيود(جسدي حريتي*) غادي تحاول تتعرف على ما أمكن من "المهابل" ،و بحلاوة اللسان غادي تقدر

ادير علاقة معاهم و هاهوما حملو منك ، و حاول توهمهم باللي نتا باغي ديك الولد وغادي تربيه و هاهوما ماغديش ايديرو اجهاض ؛ و كُاع لامابغيتيش "ادير هادشي فغا تزوج مع شي وحدة وولد معاها على شحال ما قديتي وهانتا كاين و حطيتي سميتك فتاريخ الأشخاص اللي ساهمو فعملية "تزنيج السيادة .

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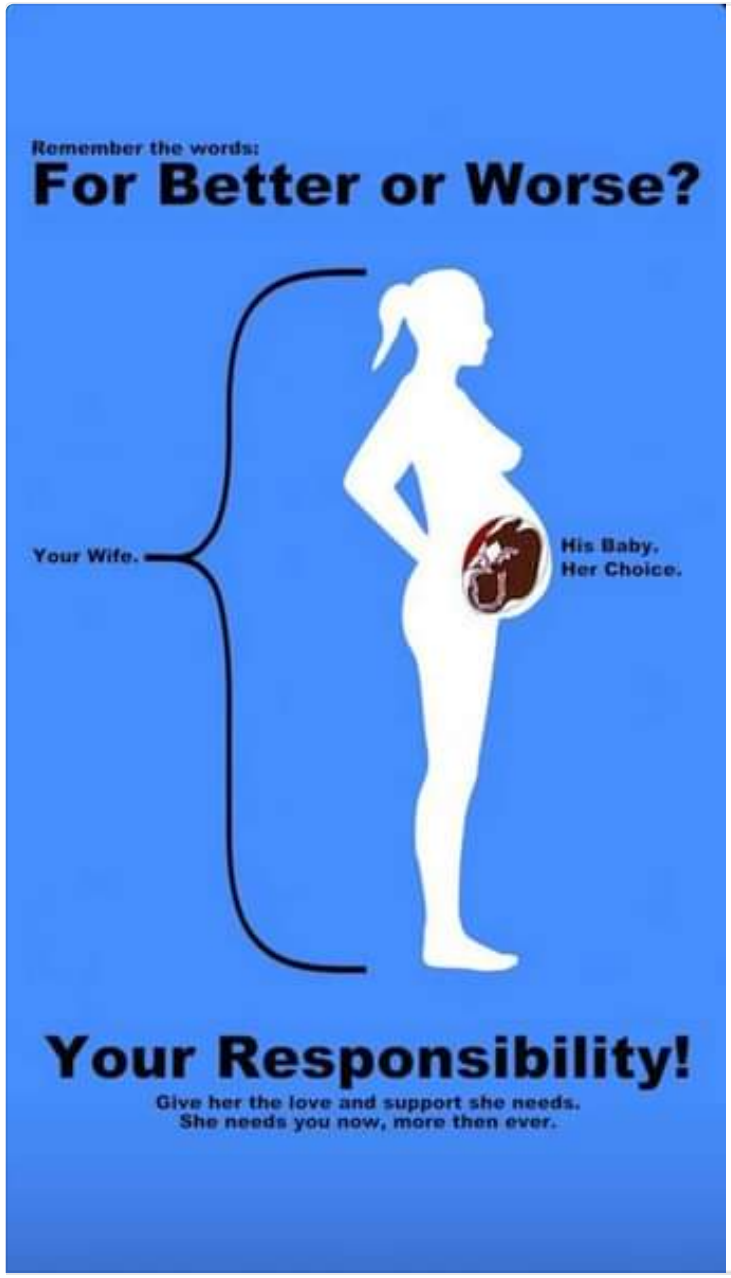

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تساءلت أحد العضوات الفضليات عما إذا كان المصريون القدماء افارقة كأفارقة جنوب الصحراء الكبرى، و الحقيقة ان الكثير من الافارقة الأمريكان ينشرون هذه الفكره بضراوه بالغة حتى صارت هذه الفكرة رغم سخافتها مجالاً خصباً للجدل و الاحتقان بين المصريين و اصحاب هذه الفكرة.

و الحقيقة ان علم DNA أو الحامض النووي قد قطع الشك باليقين بهذا الصدد.

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ففي عام ٢٠١٧، ظهرت دراسة اجرتها جامعة توبنجن الالمانية على ٩٢ مومياء مصرية بمنطقة أبو صير الملق بمحافظة الفيوم ، تنتمي كلها لعامة المصريين و لا ينتمي اي منها الطبقة الملكيه ، و تغطي فترة تمتد إلى ١٣٠٠ عام من اواخر الدولة الحديثة إلى العصر الروماني. أثبتت تلك الدراسة الآتي:

١- ثبات الجينوم المصري على مدار الاعوام الألف و ثلاثمائة التى تمنتني اليها مختلف تلك المومياوات بما يدحض فكرة أن الغزوات او الاحتلالات المتعاقبة على مصر قد غيرت من تركيبتها الجينية.

٢- أن المصريين الحاليين قد زاد فيهم المكون الافريقي عن اسلافهم القدماء بمعدل ١٥٪ ، اي ان المصريين الحاليين اكثر افرقة من اسلافهم، و ذلك نتيجة التوسع في تجارة العبيد في الفترة ما بعد الرومانية.

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Je n'es vus aucune statut de l'Egypte antique d'un Homme noire, toutes Les statuts nous montrent que l'Egyptien antique etait blanc, apres pour cause de temperatures elevé Il est Donc blanc bronsé

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الاسم العالمي لمصر اليوم في جميع المحافل الدولية هو Egypt
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بعد الاضطلاع السريع على المصدر، وجب التنويه ان الدراسة تذكر ان ٢٠٪ من الحمص النووي ذو اصول افريقية و٨٠٪ من اصول شرق اوسطية، مع العلم ان الدراسة تاخذ بعين الاعتبار الكثير من الأخطاء وعدم الدقة الكاملة للنتائج لكثير من العوامل العلمية..
الموضوع بحاجة الى قراءة متأنية ودقيقة.

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سنة 2017 مجلة Nature البريطانية عملت "دراسة مومياوات أبو صير الملق" الدراسة جميلة وبتثبت إننا من نسل المصريين القدماء وبتنفي أي إدعاءات غير كده لكن المشكلة إن تم تناولها بشكل فادح و مغلوط فمثلا قناة العربية السعودية قالت الفراعنة شوام و الصحف الأجنبية قالت المصريين أتراك و أوروبيين والدراسة مقالتش كده اصلا والعناوين محرفة وملهاش أي علاقة بمحتوي الدراسة !!!

الدراسة شارك فيها حوالي 100 عالم وتم اختبار 90 مومياء من مختلف العصور والدراسة كان هدفها معرفة مدي تأثير الإحتلالات اللي مرت علي مصر في چينات المصريين الحاليين والفرق بينا وبين القدماء ايه ؟!!!

العلماء كانوا بيعتقدوا إن المصريين جزء كبير من چيناتهم أوروبية لكن المفأجاة إن مفيش تأثير إغريقي أو روماني يُذكر لأنهم كانوا مجرد طبقة حاكمة وأماكن تواجدهم محدودة وأغلبها كان بيكون في الأسكندرية العاصمة في العصر الهيلينسي ، بل الأكثر دهشة للعلماء إن بعض المصريين الحاليين مكونهم فيه 8% مكون أفريقي من جنوب الصحراء (زيادة في نسبة السلالات الأمومية الأفريقية) وده بسبب إن الرجال المصريين في العصور الإسلامية اختلطوا بالنساء ال$ود لنشاط تجارة الع**د في مصر في العصور الإسلامية

لما تمت المقارنة بين عينات المصريين الحاليين و عينات القدماء ظهر تباعد نسبياً عشان نسبة المكون الأفريقي وأظهرت عينات المصريين القدماء تقارب مع عينات سكان الشام ده لأن سكان الشرق الأوسط متشابهين ومتقاربين چينياً وبيتشاركوا معظم مكونهم الچيني فهي حاجة كده زي المصريين 70 منهم مكون نطوفي ونفس الأمر للشوام وكمان لأن الشوام معندهمش المكون الأفريقي ده أو عندهم بس بنسبة أقل

يعني بإختصار شديد الفرق بينا وبين أجدادنا حسب الدراسة هو زيادة نسبة المكون الأفريقي بمتوسط 8% والشوام ملهمش أي علاقة بالمصريين القدماء وهأوضح بمثال أنا أقصد ايه

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هناك إرادة قوية لسرقة ارث الحضارات الافريقية الشمالية و العربية و نسبها إلى الأفارقة و هذا من طرف لوبي الافروصونتريست القوي ماليا و المتمركز في امريكا (أفارقة امريكا) حيث يفعلون كل ما بوسعهم لنسب كل حضارات المنطقة إليهم و أولها حضارة الفراعنة،
أبعد من ذلك فهم يدعون ان الأنبياء كلهم كانوا سودا، من موسى و عيسى و محمد عليهم السلام

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Eti Khalaf

كلنا بشر وين المشكله

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Brad Cliff

النوبيون حكموا مصر و كانوا فراعنة و هم افارقة ذو بشرة سوداء ، حتى تمثال ابو الهول في الجيزة دو ملامح زنجية ، ما المشكل في هذا !!

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Homosapien Mutus
راي الشخصي ان حضارة النوبة حضارة سوداء مفروغ منها ونجد انه حتى تماثيلهم تضهر الملامح الزنجية من لون بشرة و ملامح
اما باقي الشمال فمن خلال الصور والتماثيل واضح جدا انهم مصريين سمر بسبب الشمس والبيئة وليسو سودا حيث ان الجداريات المصرية تركز على لون البشرة سواء للاسرى او العبيد او الملوك
لهذا فان هذا السؤال برايي لا يحتاج الى كثير علم ومعرفة

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علاء حماده صدقى

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Abdallah Osman

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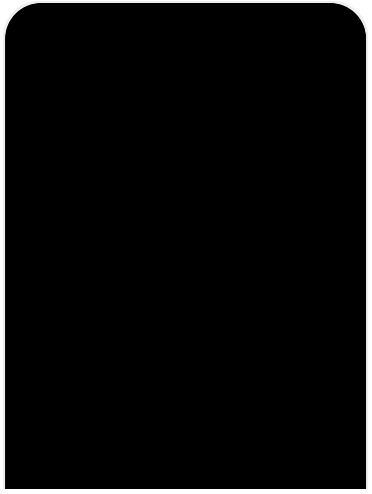

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Michael Najm

هذا الغروب يحتوي أشخاص عنصرية قذرة. اذا لم يستطع الأدمن احتواء هذا النوع من القمامة أخبرونا.
لا يشرفني أبدًا أن اكون في المجموعة مع أناس عنصرية تحكم على البشر من لون بشرتها.

من أنت حتى تحكم على الناس يا حثالة؟

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Jamal Hamu Hamu replied · 3 replies

Said Brigui

لم أفهم إشارتك أخي لتجارة العبيد و أنت تتحدث عن إفريقيا كأن الأمر يتعلق بالمكسيك لا بمصر ؟ أين النوبيون من هذا المنطق ؟!

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أحمد زعبي
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أحمد زعبي replied · 6 replies

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Mohammad Ali Al-Bayati
الأفارقة الامريكان بيهم مرض نفسي، نسبوا حرفيا كل من الفراعنة و السومريون ليصنعوا لهم تاريخ مزيف و ليعملوا لنفسهم حضارة قد صنعها الشرقيون

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Omni Scient replied · 1 reply

Ramsiss Akhnaten
مساء الخير للناس المحترمه ومسا الزفت والقطران على ابن الديرتى الوسخه الادمن المعرض اللى داخل باسم واحد تانى (imtc وكمان illsc او ايا كان اسمه) وعامل نفسه من المغرب ومره باسم مصعب من العراق)وعامل اكاونت مزيف وهو مغربى واكاونته حاططله مضربين بينج بونج ودى علامة العيال المتاخده ،وبيتناك لدرجة ان طيزه وارمه ، اكتشفت ان الجروب دا فيه ناس محترمين جدا دخلوا زى قالو يمكن نطلع من نقاش بحاجه كويسه او فكره لكنه بالفعل هو تحت ادارة لجنه الs ها بيي نه لان كل كلامهم غلط وبيحاولو ب شتى الطرق تغيير وتشويه التاريخ الانسانى والحضاره بالذات المصرين القديمه بدون دلايل ولا قراعن لان الحضاره المصريه والسعب المصرى نافخهم زمان ودلوقتى ولسه معليمن على قفاهم من ٧٣ لانهم ولاد ديرتى وبالطبع واحد بيكون فاهم نعالطتهم فيرد عليهم بالحجه والدليل الدامغ على اكاذيبهم فبسرعه بيشغلوا العيال اللى معاهم فى الحروب ردود قلة ادب وصفاقه ولما نرد عليهم بالادب بيزيدو قلة ادبهم وكنت سايبهم على اساس ان الادمن موضوعى وهينضف الجروب منهم لكن كلهم لجنه وبيركبو على بعض ولما الواحد يرد يقوموا عاملين تبليغا ت بسرعه لادارة الفيس اللى هم صهاينه سوا وعارفين وبيخدموا بعض فاخا يعنى هم مش عايزين حد فاهم عايزين الكل حمير ويثيروا البلبله والغباء والتخاريف والاكاذيب وضياع الوقت فى مهاترات لا طاءل منها ويخلوا الناس تشكرفى حضارتك سواء فى مصر او العراق العظيم او الشام او اليمن برغم كنت برد عليهم مغالطاتهم فى كل حضاره لانه بيشوهوا الحضارات العظيمه دى لهدف انهم يبقوا هم بس اللى قال ايه عندهم حضاره طب اليهود ولاد الوسسسسخخخه من امتى عندهم حضاره دول حراميه ومرابين ومعرصيين وكانوا بيبيعوا بناتهم وحريمهم يتناكو للى يدفع ولازال لغاية دولقتى دا وكل دا علشان الجروبات دى نوع من انواع الحروب الجيل الرابع والخامس وتضليل الناس بيهدف لحلق اجيال بدون وعى وتصبح ليس لديها اى انتماء لحضارتها ولكن من الناحيه التانيه هم بيلمعوا فى حاره السارقين ولاد الوثخه اللى عمرهم ماكان لهم يوم حصاره وربنا عاضب عليهم فى كل كتاب حتى التوراه والتملود بتوعهم لذلك دول ولاد شياطين ولاد افاعى عايزين يخلوا اسراءسل بس اللى فى المنطقه والناس متفكرش غير فى عظمتها الكدابه فكل دا حرب علينا واصحوا وفوقوا ياشباب العرب دول بيحاولا يفقتنًا مابينةم وبين بعضكم باستخدام اكتذيب ومعالطات عن الحضارات التديمه بتاعتنا ويخلونا نكره بعض وشويه شويه هتلاقيهم بيضربوا فى المسييه والاسلام وبيتكلموا باسم الدين ويتلكموا باسم الفكر الملحد وافكار غريبه وكلام فارغ وكل دا فى الاخر علشان يفرقوكم انا كتبت دا فى بوست وعارف ان الادمن مش هينزله ولكن هحطه فى كومنتات علشان الكل يشوفوهوارجو من كل الشباب الواعى. مينحرش للمهاترات والتفرقات دى اللى بيعملوها والفتن ويعلمو تبليغات فى الجروب علشان يتقفل لان هدفهم تفريقنا ياشباب وكدا كدا انا فاهم الشغل دا كويس من الاول. واى حد بيعارضهم وبيقول الصح بيعملوله بان او بيستفزوه علشان يرد عليهم بقلة ادبهم علشان يعلموا فيه تبليغات ودى لعبتهم القذره لانهم شوسه اوساخ عايزين الناس تبقى كلها حمير ومحد يبقى يفكر هايزين الجربو كله يبقى شوية جرادل علشان يخدموا فكرتهم الملعونه بس كسمهم واحد واحد ،،، بس حبيت اتاكد واشوف بنفسى شغل اللجان الصهيونهي ياولاد المتناكه وانا كدا نبهتكم وكسم الادمن على كل الصهاينه فى الجروب ولجانهم .. خد يا ادمن يابن الوسخه انت ولجانك المعرصيين ياشوية صهاينه متناكين 🖕🖕🖕🖕😂😂

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اللى اعرفو ان لم يكن موجود غير ٣ توابيت ودا مش واحد منهم ، نرجو الافاده ما هذه القطعه؟

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أبو ليلى العيارين

يعني في مصريين راحوا على اليمن وركبوا مع سيدنا نوح قبل الطوفان إذكرلنا أسماؤهم علشان نعرفهم ودول إستقروا في بلاد الشام مع سيدنا نوح عليه السلام ولا هما من أبنائه (سام حام يافث)عليهم السلام *بالطبع الطوفان حصل ومثبت بشكل جيولوجي الملحدين بس إلي ما بيعتقدوا بسيدنا نوح عليه السلام *فكروا فيها😆😆😆

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الصورة أو اللوحة تبين تدخل جيش "الإنكشارية" لردع مرتزقة الجزائر بين الحدود المغربية العثمانية بداية القرن 18 ما بين 1703 و1730 م ، وهي إحدى الصفحات المشرقة التي تؤرخ لمرحلة مهمة من تاريخ العلاقات السياسية بين الإمبراطورية العثمانية والمملكة المغربية الشريفة وعلى الخصوص بين السلطان العلوي المولى إسماعيل والسلطان التركي أحمد الثالث، الذي كان يحترم ويبجل سلاطين المغرب سيرا على عادة أجداده السلاطين العثمانيين منذ جدهم الأكبر السلطان عثمان غازي 1281.1326م ..

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ونجد جوابا أرسله السلطان العثماني أحمد الثالث للمولى إسماعيل فيه تحية وتقدير كبير وتعبير عن حسن جوار للمملكة بعد عتوّ أهل الجزائر في القبائل القريبة من وجدة، ظنا منهم أن سلطان المغرب ضعفت قواه ووهن عظمه وركن إلى الراحة.

وهذا نص الرسالة، كما ذكرها صاحب الدر المنتخب:

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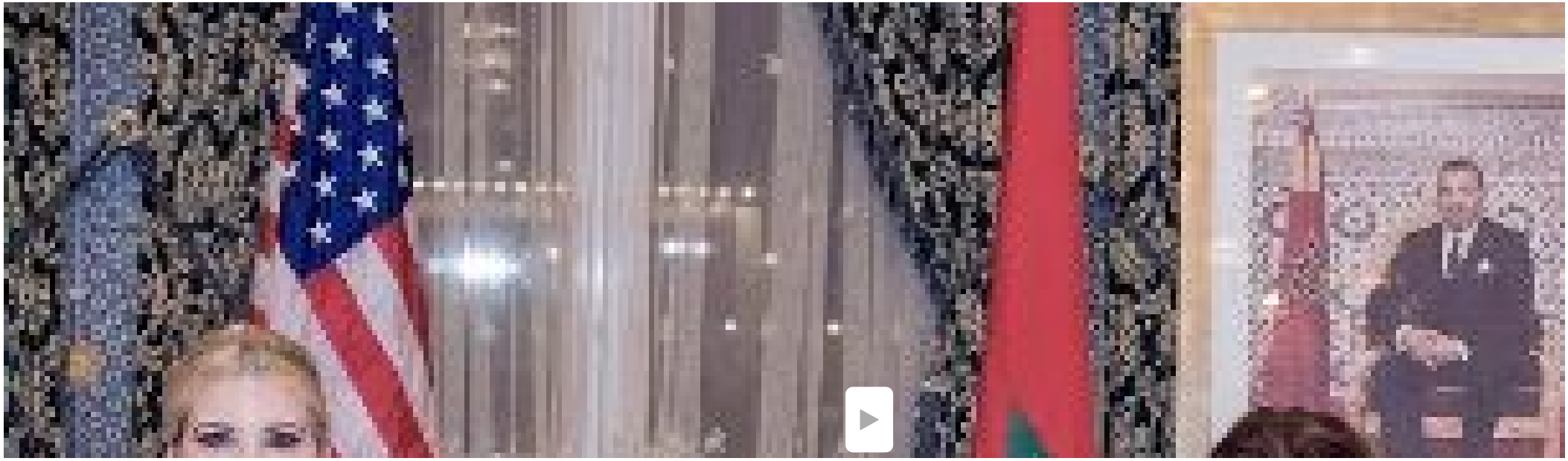

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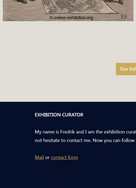

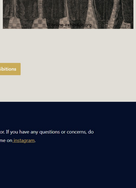

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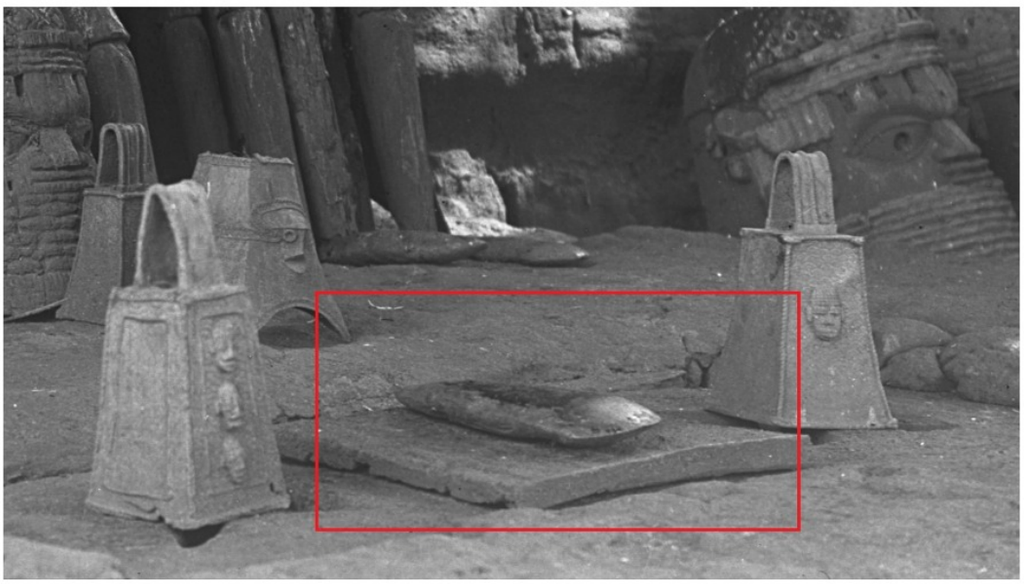

Detail of ancestral shrine at Chief Ezomo's palace, Benin City, showing stone axe head. Photographed by Northcote Thomas in 1909. NWT 160, RAI 400.17962.

During his anthropological survey of the Edo-speaking people of Nigeria in 1909-10, Northcote Thomas spent several months working in Benin City itself. His photographs of the City's prominent chiefs, its architecture, shrines and markets provide an important record of the capital of the Benin Empire just 12 years after its fall at the hands of the British Punitive Expedition. Although accounts of the sacking of Benin City in 1897 suggest that little was left of Benin's centuries-old civilization, it is clear from Thomas's photographs that much escaped destruction and not everything was looted.

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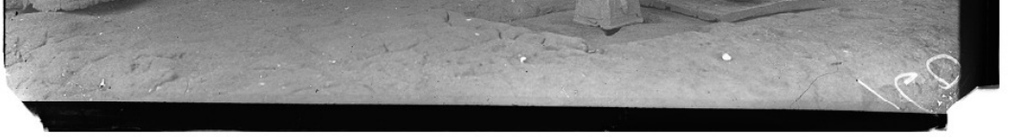

Ancestral shrine at Chief Ezomo's palace, Benin City. Photographed by Northcote Thomas in 1909. NWT 160, RAI 400.17962.

Thomas documented a number of Benin shrines in considerable detail. His photographs of the ancestral altar at Chief Ezomo's palace, for example, shows many of the classic Benin shrine objects such as rattle staffs (*ukhurhẹ*), memorial heads (*uhunmwun*) and altar bells (*eroro*). Of these ritual objects, Thomas seems to have been particularly intrigued by the presence of polished stone axes or celts in these assemblages.

Close up of stone axe head from the ancestral shrine at Chief Ezomo's palace, Benin City. Photographed by Northcote Thomas in 1909. Note that the axe head has been propped up against Thomas's pith helmet to take the photograph. NWT 157, RAI 400.17960.

Thomas's anthropological reports and other publications contain no information about these stone axes. Indeed, it is important to note that the vast majority of Thomas's fieldwork findings remained unpublished. In a letter written in 1923 to his friend and colleague Bernhard Struck, Curator of the Museum für Völkerkunde in Dresden, he notes that he published only 10 per cent of his material from his Edo tour – that deemed to be of relevance to members of the colonial service. Among the fragments of unpublished fieldnotes and manuscripts that survive, however, there are a few pages in which he discusses the celts.

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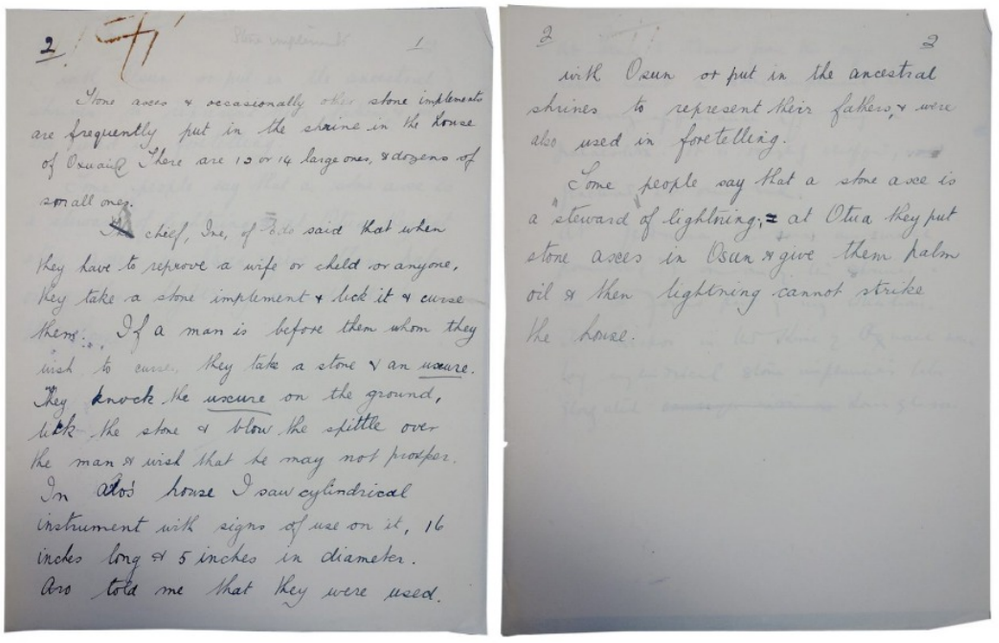
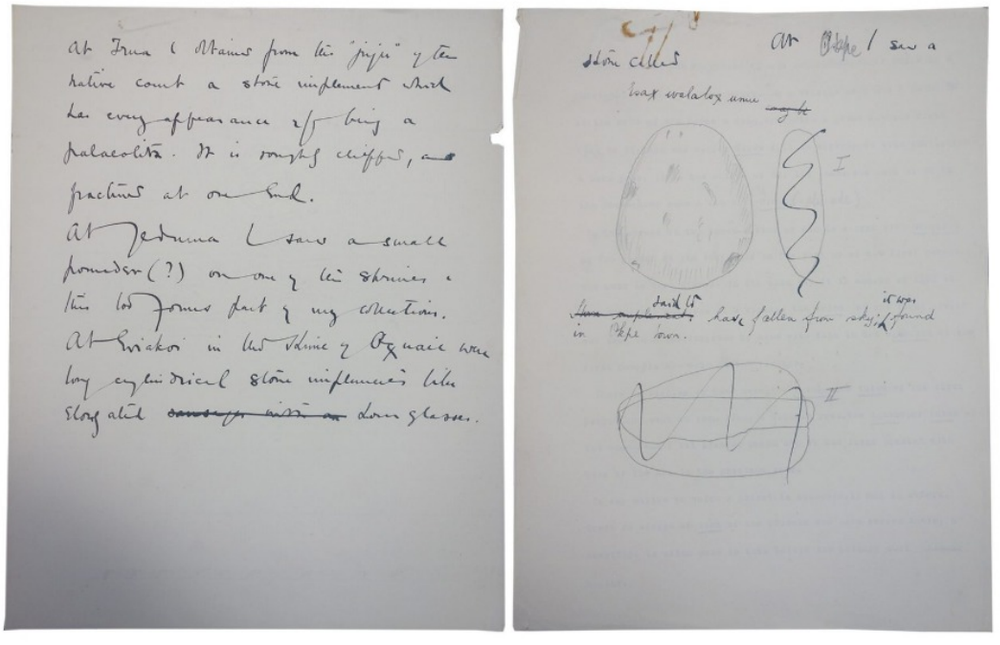


Unpublished handwritten manuscript notes on 'stone implements' from Northcote Thomas's 1909-10 Edo tour. The hand-writing on these pages is not Thomas's – possibly that of an assistant or his wife. University of Cambridge Library.

Thomas writes that 'Aro [i.e. Chief Ero] told me that they were used with Osun [a deity] or put in the ancestral shrines to represent their fathers, and were also used in foretelling'. They could also be used as objects to swear by or curse: 'Chief Ine of Edo said that when they have to reprove a wife or child or anyone, they take a stone implement and lick it and curse them. If a man is before them whom they wish to curse, they take a stone and an *uxure* [*ukhurhe*]. They knock the *uxure* on the ground, lick the stone and blow the spittle over the man and wish that he may not prosper'.



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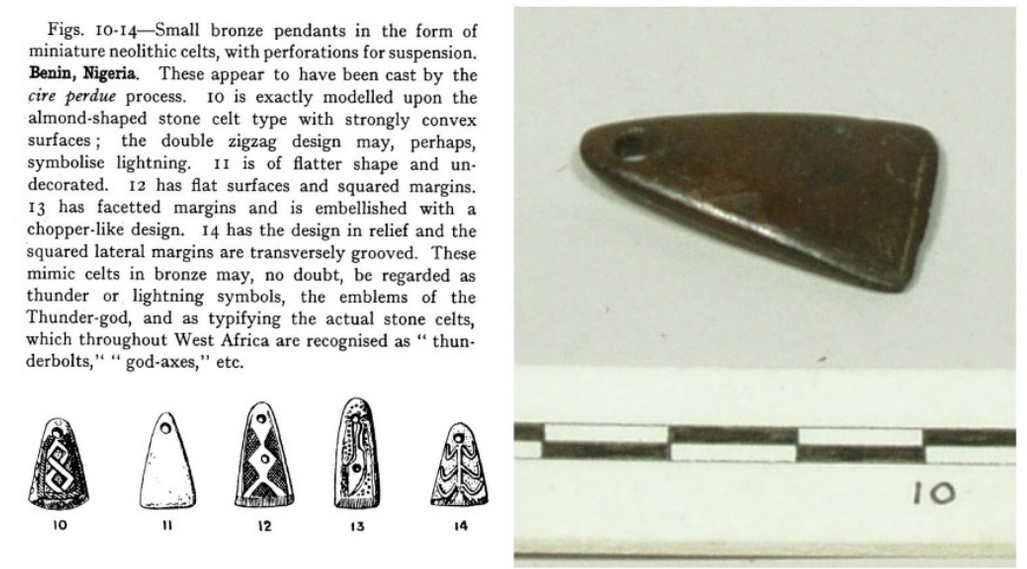
It was not only in Benin City that Thomas encountered these stone implements. He also records examples in Irrua, Okpe, Otua and other locations in what is today Edo State. At Okpe he was shown a stone called '*esax evalalox umu*' [?] that was said to have fallen from the sky. Elsewhere he was told that 'a stone axe is a "steward" of lightning', and in Otua he explains that they are placed in the Osun shrine, and if they are given palm oil (as a sacrifice), then lightning will not strike the house.

The association between these axe heads and lightning is widespread, not only throughout West Africa, but also in Europe and elsewhere, where they are regarded as 'thunderbolts' or 'thunderstones' – weapons wielded by gods of thunder, hurled to earth, and not of human manufacture. In 1903, Henry Balfour, Curator of the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, had written about such '"Thunderbolt" Celts from Benin' in the anthropological journal *Man*, which was then edited by Thomas. In a later article in *Folklore*, in which he surveyed the phenomenon of thunderbolts throughout the world, Balfour also discussed a number of small bronze pendants in the Pitt Rivers Museum collection made in the form of miniature stone axes, which had also been acquired in Benin City



Figs. 10-14—Small bronze pendants in the form of miniature neolithic celts, with perforations for suspension. **Benin, Nigeria**. These appear to have been cast by the *cire perdue* process. 10 is exactly modelled upon the almond-shaped stone celt type with strongly convex surfaces; the double zigzag design may, perhaps, symbolise lightning. 11 is of flatter shape and undecorated. 12 has flat surfaces and squared margins. 13 has facetted margins and is embellished with a chopper-like design. 14 has the design in relief and the squared lateral margins are transversely grooved. These mimic celts in bronze may, no doubt, be regarded as thunder or lightning symbols, the emblems of the Thunder-god, and as typifying the actual stone celts, which throughout West Africa are recognised as "thunderbolts," "god-axes," etc.

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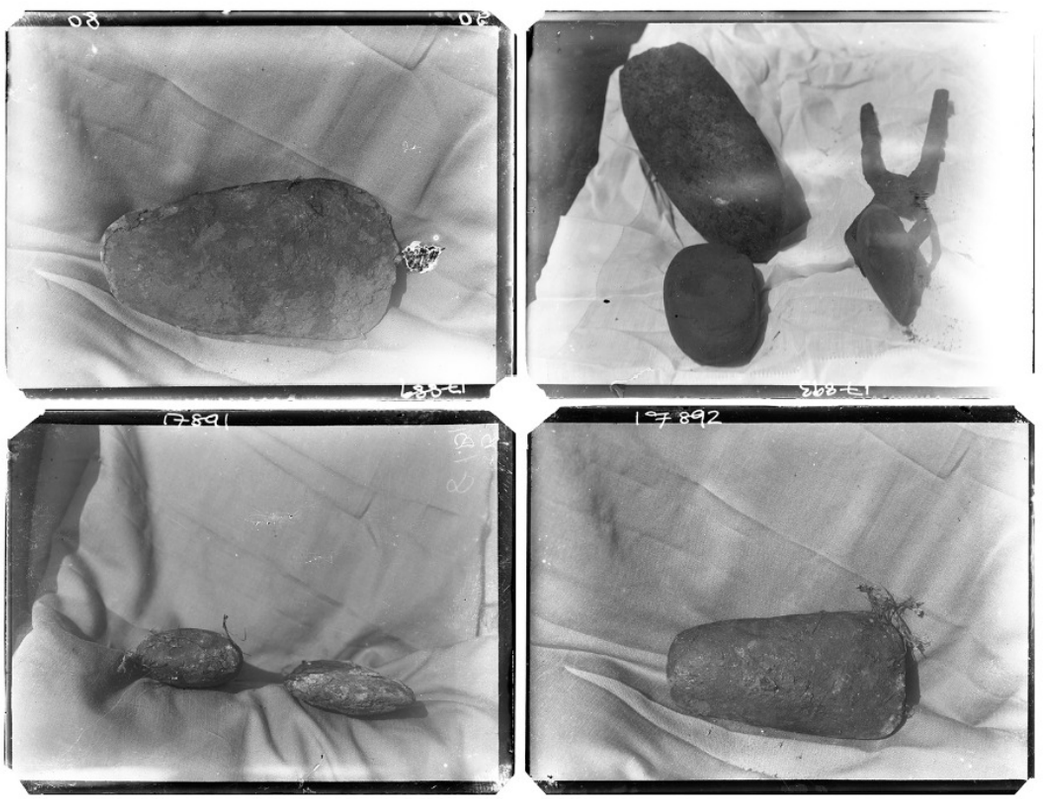
Left: excerpt and figures from Henry Balfour's article 'Concerning Thunderbolts', originally read to the Folklore Society in 1929. Here Balfour describes and illustrates the miniature bronze reproductions of stone axes from Benin in the Pitt Rivers Museum collection. Right: a more recent photograph of one of these bronze pendants (Figure 11 in the 1929 article), PRM 1909.61.1.

In addition to the examples he photographed at Chief Ezomo's palace, Thomas also photographed an assemblage of stone axes from an ancestral shrine at Chief Ogiame's palace in Benin City, and another set at a shrine dedicated to the deity Oxwahe at Eviakoi, in the north-west outskirts of Benin City. Thomas also appears to have collected a number of examples, including one evidently dug up during forestry operations, although we have been unable to trace any of them during our research at the University of Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology stores.

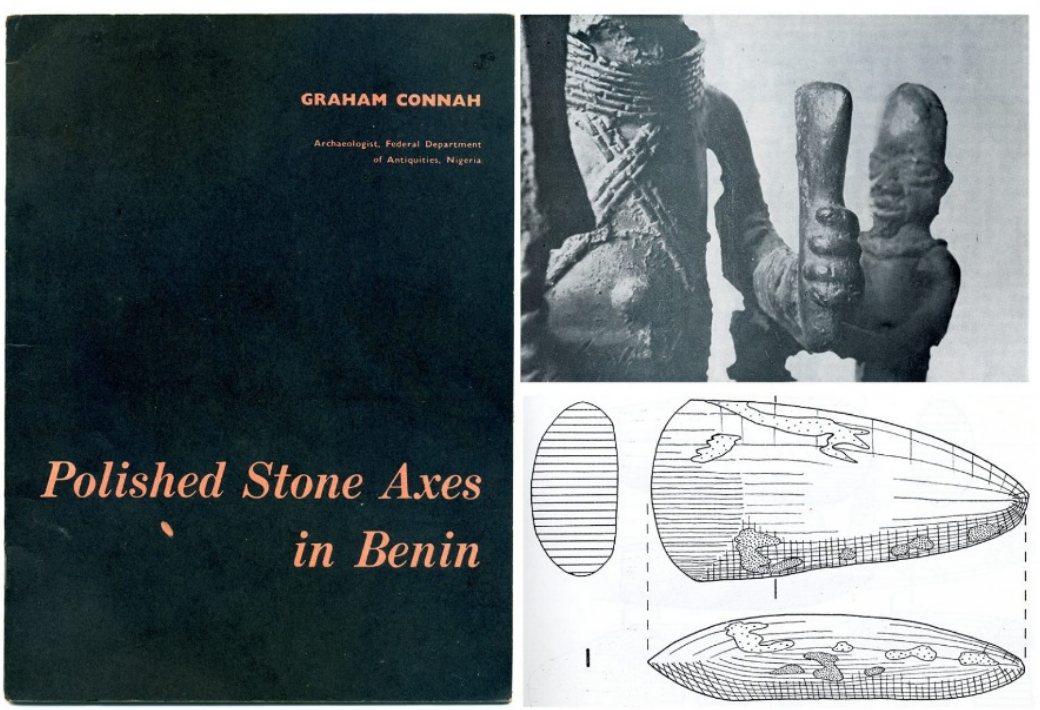


Stone axe heads from an ancestral shrine at Chief Ogiame's palace, Benin City. Photographed by Northcote Thomas in 1909. Clockwise from top left: NWT 80, RAI 400.17889; NWT 83, RAI 400.17893; NWT 82, RAI 400.17893; NWT 81b, RAI 400.17891.

Oxwahe shrine, Eviakoi, Benin City. Photographed by Northcote Thomas in 1909. In addition to the stone celts placed on the altar, the assemblage in the recess includes lozenge-shaped shaped blocks of kaolin clay/chalk (*orhue*), also a ritual substance. On the envelope in which the negative was stored, Thomas has written 'Face of Ochwaihe [Oxwahe]'. NWT 1206. RAI 400.18311.

Stone axe heads/implements from the Oxwahe shrine, Eviakoi, Benin City. Photographed by Northcote Thomas in 1909. Clockwise from top left: NWT 1208, RAI 400.18313; NWT 1209, RAI 400.18313; NWT 1210b, RAI 400.18316; NWT 1210, RAI 400.18315.

It was not until Graham Connah's *Polished Stone Axes in Benin*, published in Nigeria in 1964, that a more substantial study of these stones became available. A British archaeologist, Connah had been appointed by the Federal Department of Antiquities to conduct a programme of archaeological excavation in Benin City in 1961. Connah was interested in these prehistoric stone axes since they represented the earliest evidence of 'human industry' in the region. During his research, Connah was able to consult authorities such as the well-known historian and curator of the Benin Museum, Chief Jacob Egharevba, as well as the Oba of Benin, Akenzua II, himself.



Front cover and illustration from Graham Connah's *Polished Stone Axes in Benin* publication. The photograph (top right) is a detail of a brass altar group thought to depict Oba Ohen at the Agwe festival, holding a stone axe head in his left hand. The line drawing is of an axe head obtained from Chief Osuabor of Benin City. Both were/are in the collection of the National Museum, Benin.

Connah provided a review of the existing, though scant, literature on the celts and drew attention to the depiction of such axes in some of the famous Benin bronze artworks. With Egharevba, he also acquired over 20 examples for the Benin Museum, the close examination of which formed the focus of his publication. It is evident that Connah had no knowledge of Northcote Thomas's unpublished photographs and notes, which would have otherwise made an important contribution to his study.

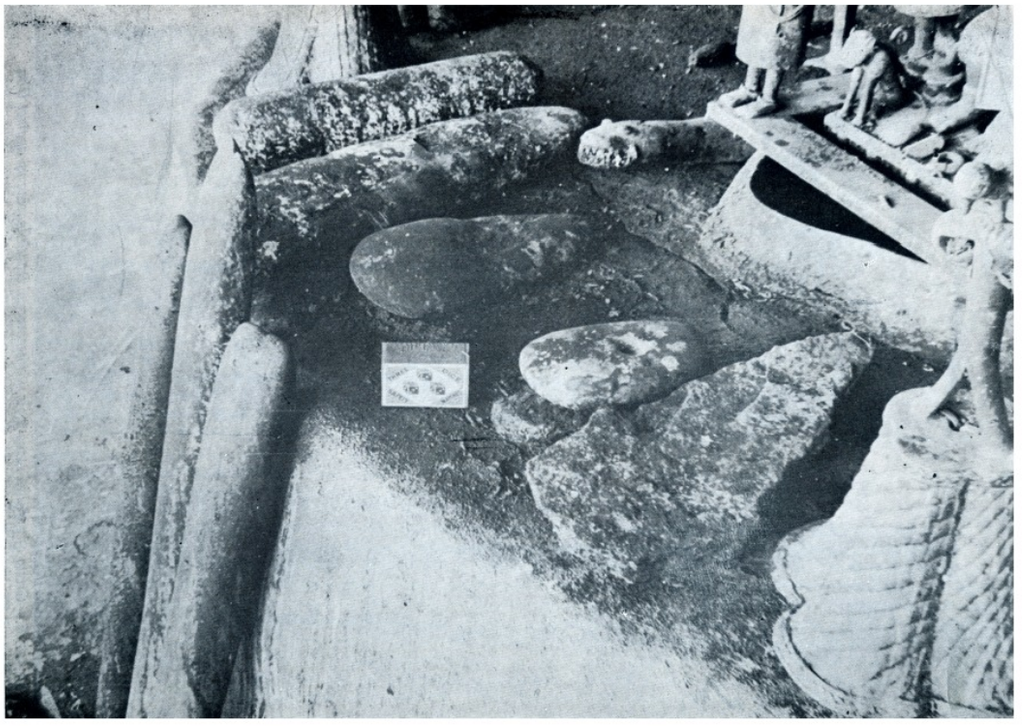


Plate 5 from Graham Connah's *Polished Stone Axes in Benin.* 'Group of polished stone axes etc. on Oba Akenzua II's shrine to Eweka II. (Note matchbox positioned for scale.)

In the present context, perhaps the most interesting section of Connah's publication is that on 'Bini beliefs about stone axes'. Connah notes that the Bini call the axes *ughavan*, a contraction of *ughamwan* (axe) prefixed to *avan* (thunder), and meaning 'thunder-axe' or 'thunderbolt'. In the early 1960s they were evidently not uncommonly found on household shrines throughout Benin City, and Connah states that they could be seen on Oba Akenzua II's shrines to his predecessors, Eweka II, Overamwen and Adolo. In historical bronzes, obas are sometimes depicted holding an *ughavan* in their left hand. Here, its function is 'to increase the potency of a cursing or blessing'.

Two 18th-century altar groups depicting obas holding thunder-axes in their left hands. Left: Oba Akenzua I (ascended throne c. 1711-15); right: Oba Ewuakpe (ascended throne c.1685-1700), both in the collection of the Ethnologisches Museum, Berlin. Reproduced from *Benin Kings and Rituals* exhibition catalogue, ed. Barbara Plankensteiner.

Connah further notes that there was no realisation in Benin that these prehistoric stone tools had a functional origin. 'To the Bini', he writes, 'they are "thunderbolts", and "thunderbolts" they remain. Any suggestion that they could be stone tools made at a time before the availability of iron in West Africa is met by polite misbelief'. He also doubts that they have been made in more recent centuries for 'cult purposes', having recorded stories about how they were found during farming or embedded in trees that have been struck by lightning.

In her recent book, *Iyare! Splendor and Tension in Benin's Palace Theatre*, Kathy Curnow provides a succinct summary of these fascinating objects:

*Prehistoric stone axe heads antedate metal tools. Easily damaged, they were tossed away and replaced, and readily turn up today when land is farmed. In Benin, as in many other parts of the world, they are not always recognized as man-made objects. Instead, they are considered thunderstones (*ughavan*), the product of lightning strikes. The Edo believe Ogiuwu, the god of death, hurls them to the ground as manifestations of his power and anger. The Oba likewise has the right to kill, and gripped thunderstones or celts to magnify his curses. Still kept on altars, they call the ancestors into service as witnesses and supporters.*

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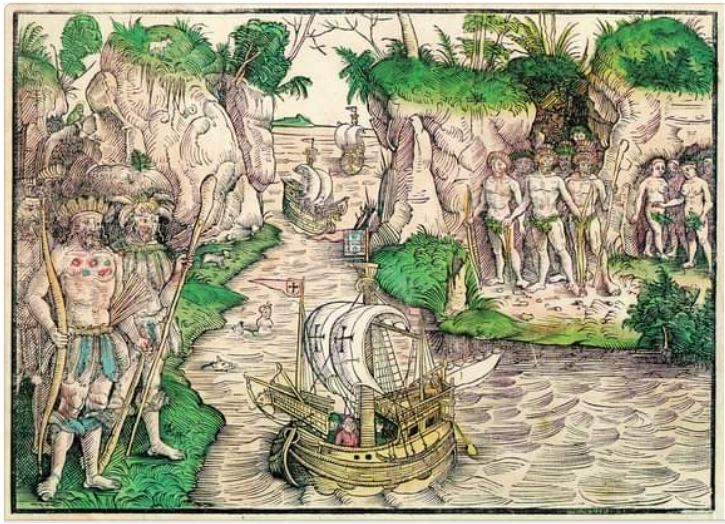

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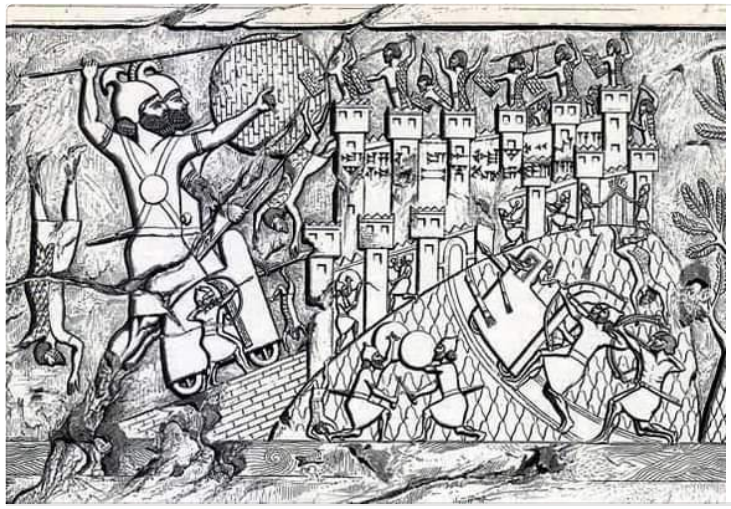

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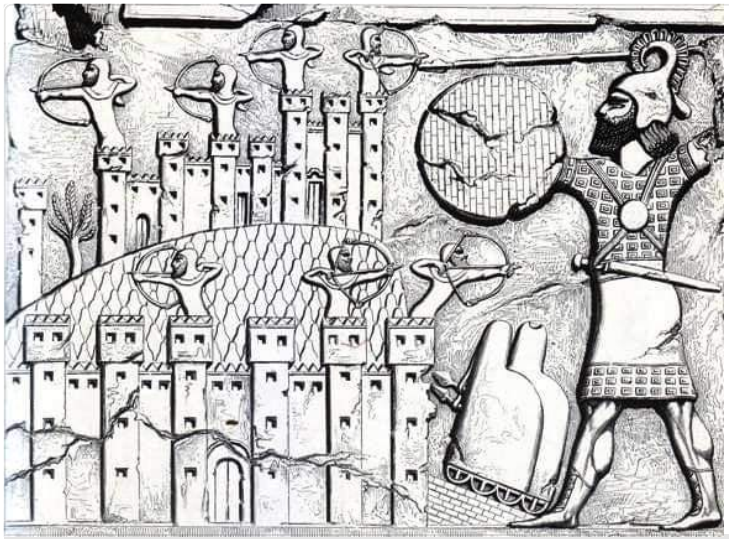

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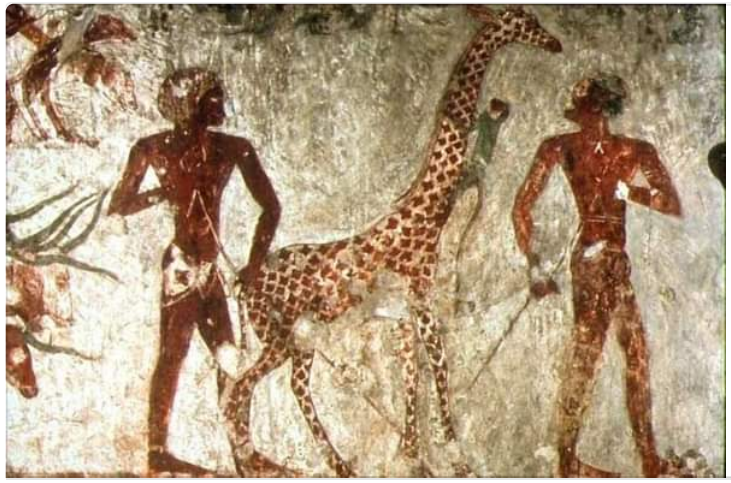

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Looks like he's killing off the children...maybe she's trying to stop him,?

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Fig. 315. — Assemblée de la Prévôté des marchands de Paris. Fac-similé d'une gravure sur bois des *Ordonnances royaux de la juridiction de la Prevosté des marchands et escherinage de la ville de Paris*, pet. in-fol. goth. Édit. de Paris, Jacques Nyverd, 1528.

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Fig. 344. — Le présidial au grand bailliage; adoption d'enfants. Fac-simile d'une gravure sur bois de l'ouvrage de J. Damhoudère : *Refuge et garand des pupilles, orphelins.* (Anvers, J. Bellere, 1567.)

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OMG! are they selling the children? Pedophile bastards!!!!

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Fig. 271. — Droit de péage au passage d'un pont. D'après un des vitraux peints de la cathédrale de Tournay. (Quinzième siècle.)

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These are the poorer people paying something to the man sitting on the right. Taxes or something?

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Fig. 191. — Le commerce dans les échelles du Levant, d'après un miniature d'un manuscrit des *Voyages de Marc Pol* (quinzième siècle), à la bibl. de l'Arsenal, à Paris.

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"So if you buy all this for 1,000 pieces of gold, I'll sell you London Bridge, too." LOL!
Sorry... But that's what it looked like to me!

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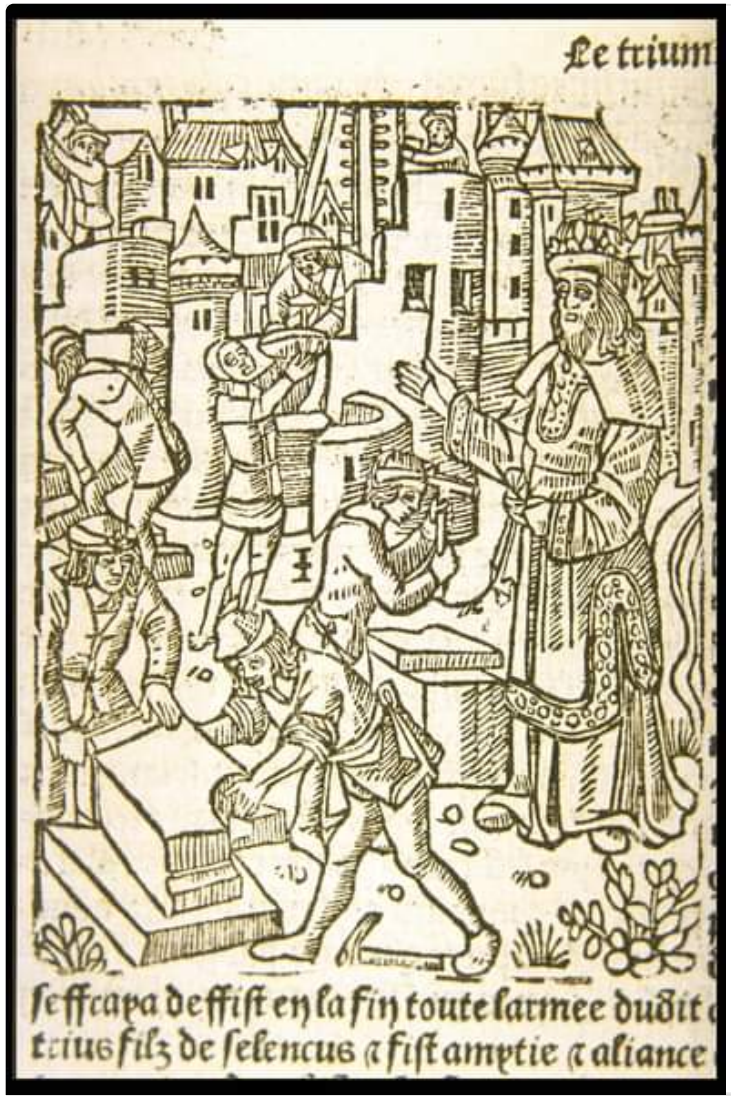

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Workers/slaves.

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Whats happening here?? 1

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Enslaving the animals too. 1

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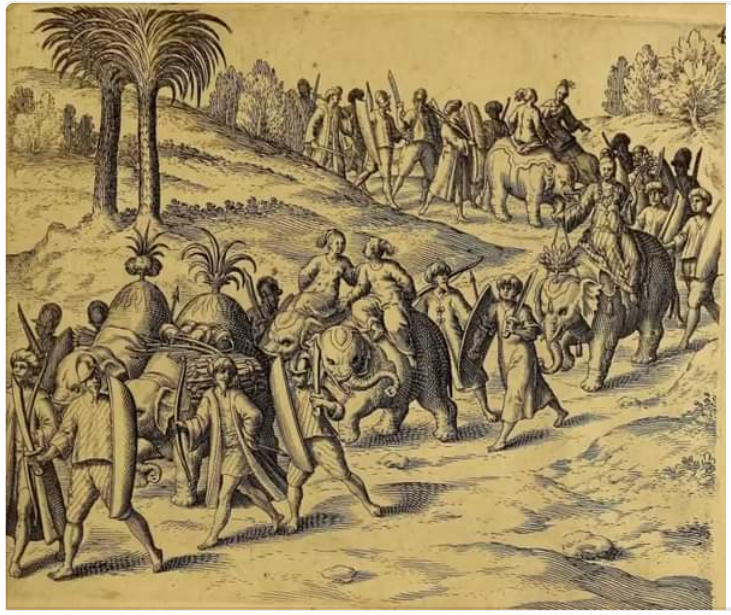

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Travelling to another land perhaps?

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Depiction of some kind of religious event?

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Again...some kind of religious depiction?

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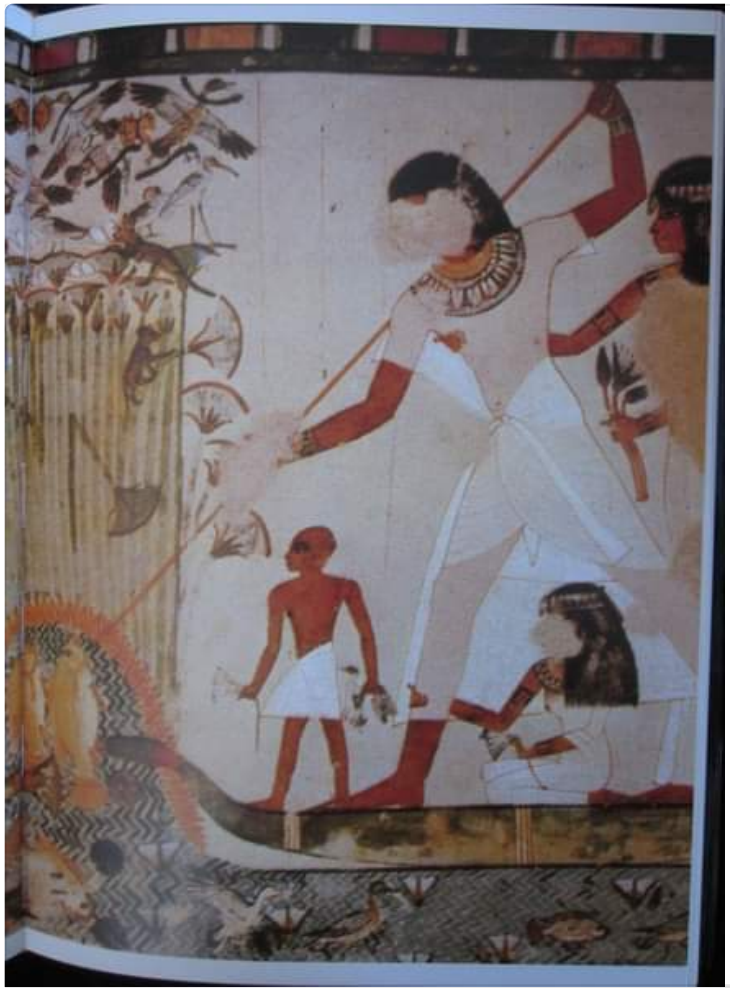

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Il existe 3 types de zombis en Haiti, selon un anthropologue français. Photo: congerdesign

Philippe Charlier, médecin légiste et anthropologue français, a effectué en Haïti des enquêtes sur le phénomène de zombification. Après ses recherches et travaux de terrain réalisés notamment en interrogeant d'autres chercheurs (neurologues, médecins) travaillant sur la question, Philippe Charlier a réalisé, en collaboration avec le dessinateur Richard Guérineau, une bande dessinée titrée « Les Zombis », dans laquelle il rapporte et fait vivre aux autres cette réalité pourtant considérée par de nombreuses personnes, comme un fantasme.

Dans une entrevue accordée à France 5, le scientifique explique les manières utilisées par des acteurs de la société vaudou pour infliger cette peine « pire que la mort » -, à ces victimes, ces morts sociaux qu'on appelle les « zombis ». Avec l'OBS, en interview Charlier parle, pour expliquer la méthode employée par des tribunaux sociaux du secteur vaudou, de sanctions à l'encontre de ces individus ayant consommé à leur insu, un poison les faisant plonger dans un état de mort apparente, puis dans un état d'hébétude, après « résurrection ».

A la question « Qu'est-ce qu'un zombi, en Haïti » de l'OBS, l'auteur de la bande dessinée répond et en présente trois types :

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« Il y a trois grands types de zombis.

1. Le premier, c'est le zombi toxique, celui dont **l'empoisonnement a été décidé par une société secrète** (les bizangos, les cochons gris, par exemple) parce qu'on considère qu'il fait du mal à la société. Un violeur, un assassin, un captateur d'héritage, ce genre de choses. Et on va lui dire : "Si tu ne t'arrêtes pas, il va t'arriver quelque chose de pire que la mort." Et être un zombi, en effet, c'est pire que la mort.

2. Le deuxième type de zombi, c'est **le zombi psychiatrique**. Ce sont des gens qui considèrent qu'ils ont visité le royaume des morts. Ils ont dîné, comme ils disent, avec "Baron samedi" et "dame Brigitte". Cela obéit généralement à des cas de schizophrénie ou d'autres pathologies.

3. Et puis, il y a un dernier cas, qui est **le zombi social**. Après une catastrophe naturelle (et, malheureusement, Haïti est souvent touché par des tremblements de terre, des raz-de-marée ou des cyclones), le père, la mère ou quelqu'un d'important dans la famille a disparu. Il est remplacé par quelqu'un d'autre. Ici, tout le monde se ment. On fait passer cette personne pour un zombi (quitte à lui créer des fausses cicatrices, changer son prénom, ou lui créer des souvenirs) en sachant très bien que ce n'est ni la personne de la famille ou un zombi. Tout le monde le sait, mais personne ne le dit. C'est un jeu. Et c'est un peu comme "le Retour de Martin Guerre" : le but, c'est de combler le vide d'une personne disparue.»

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Алжирская кухня и этикет принятия пищи

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Если вам доведется посетить Алжир, то вы обязательно заметите гостеприимство местных жителей. Даже нежданного гостя встретят тепло, сообщает сайт Algeria Travel Guide.

Если вы получили приглашение в алжирский дом на обед или ужин, то хозяева оценят ваше старание следовать их традициям.

По прибытии снимайте обувь у дверей. Когда вы входите в комнату, сначала поздоровайтесь с самым старшим по возрасту, а затем обойдите комнату, приветствуя каждого из собравшихся в отдельности. Традиционно женщины едят отдельно от мужчин. Считается хорошим тоном, когда гостья женского пола предлагает хозяйке помочь расставить еду и убрать ее.

Мойте руки до и после еды. Алжирцы, как правило, едят, сидя на полу за низким столом, который называют табла или мида. Принятие пищи, обычно, начинается с супа

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или салата, затем подается жареное мясо (чаще всего баранина или говядина) или рыба в качестве основного блюда, а завершают трапезу свежие фрукты. Пищу традиционно едят большим, указательным и средним пальцами правой руки (левая рука, как вы можете догадаться, считается нечистой). Использование четырех или пяти пальцев воспринимается как переход границ хорошего тона, так как может быть воспринять как признак ненасытности в пище, а этого следует избегать. Некультурно не только есть левой рукой, но и что-то передавать ею.

Кала-Бени-Хаммад – древняя цитадель Алжира.

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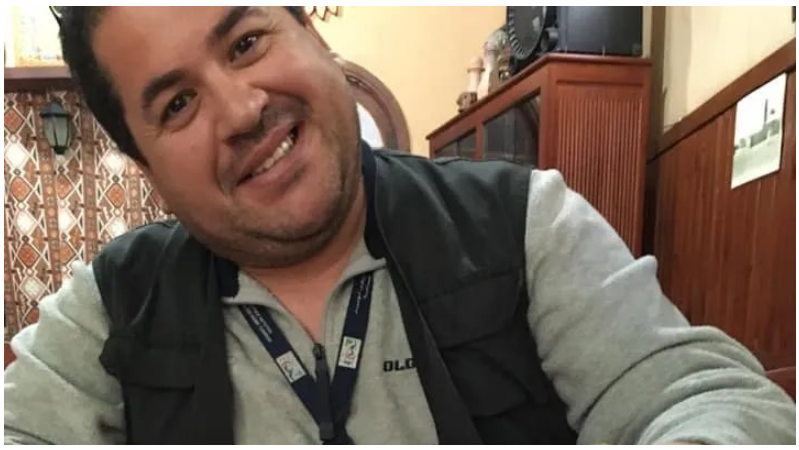
Алжирцы пользуются и столовыми приборами. Например, кускус едят столовой ложкой, а тушеное мясо – вилкой. Принято следить за тем, чтобы гость хорошо поел, и предлагать ему множество блюд. Поэтому лучше пробовать небольшие порции каждого блюда. Кроме того, оставляйте немного еды на своей тарелке, когда наедитесь досыта – это помешает хозяину снова наполнить ее.

Атмосфера ужина в семье среднего класса может быть немного более элегантной. Слуга или молодой член семьи подходит к каждому человеку за столом, предлагая гостям чашу с ароматизированной водой для мытья рук перед едой. Если вы не хотите показаться грубым, лучше не отказываться от такой услуги.

Когда будет достроена невероятная мечеть алжирского президента?



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В столице страны, Алжире, как и большинстве прибрежных городов страны, имеется широкий выбор ресторанов, особенно французской, итальянской и ближневосточной кухни. Южный Алжир меньше ориентирован на туристов. В большинстве городов на местном рынке можно заказать еду на дом. Школьные обеды, как правило, более традиционные, в них входят такие любимые национальные блюда алжирцев, как кускус, сухофрукты, рагу и сладкие фруктовые напитки.

Османская мечеть, успевшая побывать католическим собором, восстановлена в Алжире.

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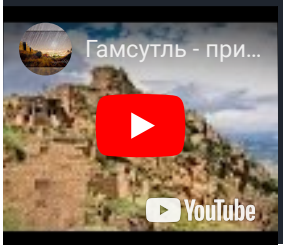

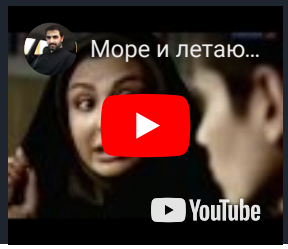

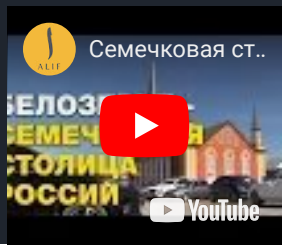

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В классический период исламской истории знания получали не из книг, а непосредственно от наставников. Даже если книги и использовались, их необходимо было читать с учителем. Поэтому путешествия были неизменной частью образования. Благодаря им взыскующие знаний не только увеличивали свои познания, но и расширяли кругозор, пишет Юсуф Сами Камадан.

Создавались даже работы, посвященные методам таких путешествий в поисках знаний. Например, «Аль-Канун фи ахкам аль-ильм ва-ль-алим ва-ль-мутааллим» марокканского ученого маликитского мазхаба аль-Йуси. Также ученые составляли книги, в которых описывали свой опыт странствий. Например, суфий и хадисовед родом из аль-Кудса (Иерусалим) Ибн аль-Кайсарани (ум. 1113) в своих мемуарах под названием «Аль-Мансур» писал, что проходил пешком не менее 20 фарсахов (около 100 км) в день, совершая путешествие в поисках знаний.

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Исламские ученые о ценности знания.

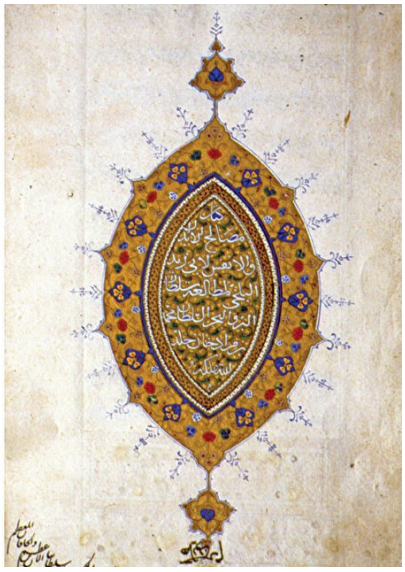
Первые две страницы книги Джаухари "Аруз аль-вуркати" / Источник: Âtıf Efendi Ktp

Знаменитый суфий и поэт Фарид ад-дин Аттар (1145-1221), павший мучеником от рук монголов, совершил поездки в Ирак, Дамаск, Египет, Мекку, Медину, Индию и Туркестан, пока не поселился на свой родине в Нишапуре.

Ахмад ибн Ханбал (780-855), основатель ханбалитского мазхаба, родился в Багдаде. И хотя этот город в то время был одним из центров религиозных знаний, ученый совершил поездки в Куфу, Басру, а также в Мекку, Медину, Дамаск, Алеппо и Джазиру.

Такие путешествия были очень важны, в частности, в науке хадисов. Доходило до того, что тех ученых, кто не отправлялся в путь ради знаний, подвергали порицанию. Например, таких хадисоведов, как Абу Исхак ибн Куркул (ум. 1174) и Ибн Хуррам (ум. 913) называли «раххаль» («путешественник»), так как они много странствовали. В то же самое время Абу Фараджа ибн Джаузи (ум. 1201) критиковали как недостаточно путешествовавшего в поисках знаний.

Рихля: путешествие в поисках знаний.



Матери марокканских футболистов оказались в центре внимания СМИ после успехов команды

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В Хайдарабаде отметили годовщину сноса мечети Бабура

12.12.2022

Иорданский фильм «Фарха» о событиях 1948 года стал причиной скандала

09.12.2022

В Египте издана первая фетва, запрещающая пагубные для экологии практики

22.11.2022

Технологии чемпионата мира по футболу в Катаре меняют облик игры

19.11.2022

Лист рукописи «Шахнаме» установил рекорд на аукционе Сотбис

09.11.2022

В Сафранболу в Турции прошел фестиваль шафрана

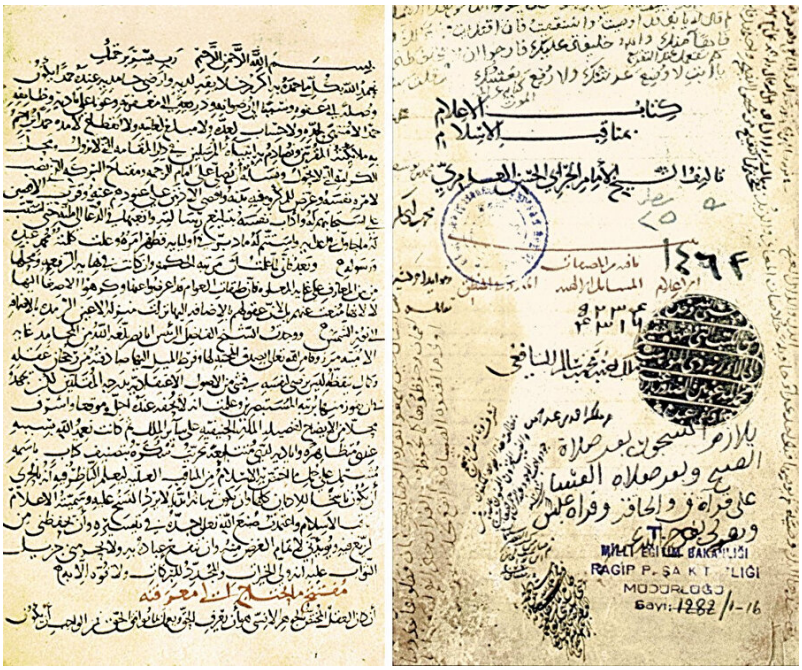
28.10.2022

Аль-Балхи "Масалих аль-абдан ва аль-анфус" / Источник: Süleymaniye Ktp

Как сообщает знаменитый сирийский хадисовед аз-Захаби (1274-1348) в своей посвященной заучиванию наизусть хадисов книге «Тазкират аль-хуффаз», Абд аль-Карим ибн Мухаммад ас-Самани посетил около 100 религиозных центров исламского мира, а число ученых, у которых он учился, приближается к 7000.

Подобные путешествия могли быть как индивидуальными, так и групповыми. Например, хадисовед аль-Джаузаки (ум. 998), родившийся в деревне Джаузак в Нишабуре, совершал странствие вместе со своим дядей, который тоже был ученым, занимавшимся хадисами. Причем некоторые отправлялись в путь совсем юными. Знаменитый толкователь Корана, историк, хадисовед и правовед ат-Табари (839-923) совершил свое первое путешествие, когда ему было 12 лет. Его странствия длились пять лет. Он очень хотел встретиться с Ахмадом ибн Ханбалом, но по пути в Багдад, куда он отправился ради этого, его настигла весть о смерти этого выдающегося ученого. Тогда он снова продолжил свои странствия, получая знания у разных наставников. А совершать подобные путешествия ученые могли до самой старости. Например, андалузский хадисовед и суфий аль-Уклиши (1092-1155) умер в городе Кус в Египте, когда возвращался из своего последнего странствия.

Невоспетые хранительницы знаний: женщины-ученые исламского мира.



Аль-Амири. "Аль-и'лям би минакиби-ль-ислам" / Источник: Râgıb Paşa Ktp

Источники, к которым обращались ученые, не ограничивались только мусульманскими. Как гласит хадис, «Знание и мудрость – это потерянное имущество мусульманина. Он возьмет его там, где найдет». Поэтому мусульмане стремились получить знания из самых разных источников. Медик и философ Абд ал-Латиф аль-Багдади (ум. 1231), покинув свой родной Багдад, жил в Мосуле, Дамаске, Иерусалиме. Позже от отправился в Египет, где учился у известного еврейского философа Маймонида (1135-1204).

Была налажена целая система, в рамках которой люди, стремившиеся получить знания, перемещались как с запада на восток, так и с востока на запад.

Абд аль-Гафир аль-Фариси (1059-1135), хадисовед, правовед шафиитского мазхаба и историк, родился в Нишапуре. Ради получения знаний он направился на восток, а не на запад, совершив путешествия в Газни, Индию и Хорезм.

Великие ученые прошлого ожили на интерактивной выставке в Мекке.

Фарид ад-дин Аттар. "Книги совета" / Источник: Köprülü Ktp

Филолог, правовед и хадисовед Ради ад-дин ас-Сагани (1181-1252) родился в Лахоре, который сейчас находится на территории Пакистана. В поисках знаний он побывал в таких местах, как Мекка, Медина, Йемен, Багдад и Могадишо.

Путешествия ради получения знаний совершали не только мужчины, но и женщины. Например, Ситт аль-Вузара (ум. 1316), которая родилась в Дамаске, посетила разные центры исламского мира, обучаясь у разных учителей. Такие женщины не только учились сами, но и давали уроки тем, кто приходил к ним. Хадисовед ас-Силяфи (1085-1180), который 18 лет провел в пути, обучался у около 600 наставников, среди них были и шесть женщин.

В то время путешествия сопрягались с немалыми трудностями. В источниках сообщается, что Замахшари (1075-1144), автор знаменитого тафсира «аль-Кашшаф» имел деревянный протез, так как отморозил ногу во время путешествия.

Необычные смерти ученых исламского мира.

Шамс ад-дин ас-Сахави. "Аль-кавл аль-бади фи-с-саляти аля-ль-Хабиби-ш-шафи" / Источник: Süleymaniye Ktp

Ученые совершали путешествия не только с целью получения знаний по философии или исламским наукам. Аль-Джаухари (940-1008), лексикограф арабского языка и автор словаря «Тадж аль-луга ва сихах аль-арабия» по происхождению был тюрком. Первоначальное образование он получил в своем родном Отраре, а затем отправился в Багдад. С целью сбора материала для своего словаря и изучения тонкостей арабского языка он посетил Аравийский полуостров, где жил среди племен рабиа и мудар.

Андалузский ученый-агроном Тигнери (ум. после 1110 г.) совершил поездку в восточные исламские страны, чтобы улучшить свои знания методов ведения сельского хозяйства и сельскохозяйственной продукции. Вернувшись в Гранаду, он привез с собой богатую коллекцию, которую собрал во время своих путешествий.

Исламская энциклопедия турецкого Диянета – уникальный источник знаний.

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Аль-Хараки – исламский ученый, астроном и географ из Мерва

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Эти 20 инициатив в области устойчивого развития изменили Ближний Восток в 2022 году

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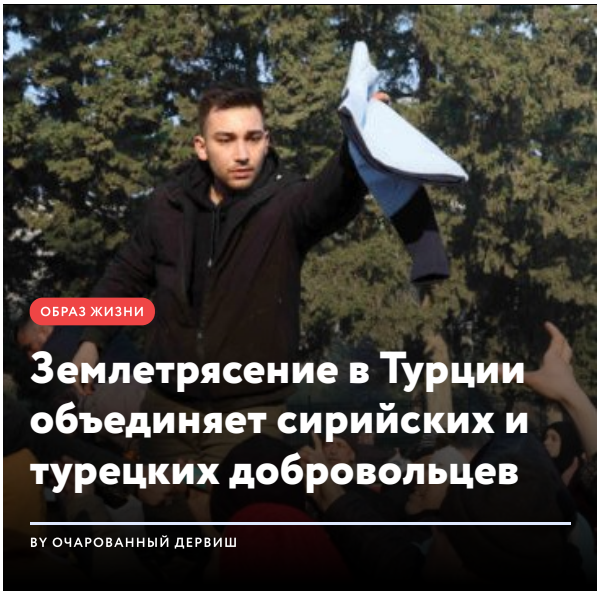

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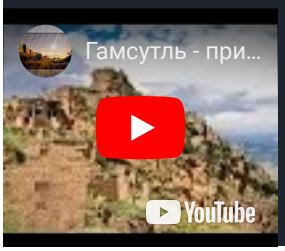

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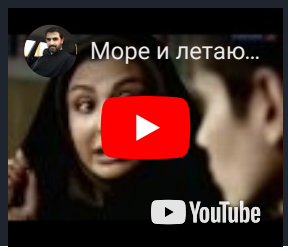

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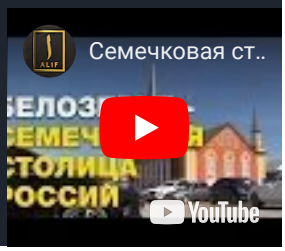

Семечковая столица России (видео)

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НАСЛЕДИЕ ОЧАРОВАННЫЙ ДЕРВИШ 22.12.2021 в 09:30

Как скромный библиотекарь из Тимбукту спас тысячи исторических рукописей от экстремистов

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Абдель Кадер Хайдара спас тысячи ценнейших исламских рукописей, которым грозило уничтожение от рук экстремистской группировки.

Легендарный древний город Тимбукту в Мали когда-то был крупнейшим культурным и научным центром Западной Африки. В XV в. здесь насчитывалось 25 000 студентов – почти столько же, сколько сейчас в нем жителей. С того времени здесь сохранились уникальные рукописи, охватывающие самые разные дисциплины, такие как исламское право, философия, медицина, астрономия, математика. Некоторые из них попали сюда из Андалусии, Северной Африки и Ближнего Востока, а другие были созданы учеными в самом Тимбукту. По некоторым подсчетам, в городе

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Самое старое дерево Ирана может попасть в список Всемирного наследия
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Саудовская Аравия откроет первый в мире «летающий музей»
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Детей-мусульман в Англии учат инвестициям на кораническ историях
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Традицион ирансая бросает вы COVID-19
24.09.2021

Десятки тысяч людей участвуют в онлайн-выставке «1001 путешествие от алхимии к химии»
25.08.2021

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хранится около 700 000 манускриптов.

В семье Абдель Кадера Хайдара рукописи передавались с XVI века. Сам он унаследовал от своего отца 9000 книг, крупнейшую частную коллекцию в Тимбукту. Отец Хайдара учился в Судане и Египте, он скупал рукописи, нередко переписывал их от руки. В то время многие другие семьи в Тимбукту начали закрывать свои библиотеки, иногда даже пряча их в ямах в песке, опасаясь, что они могут быть конфискованы французскими колонизаторами. Подобные случаи бывали, и в Национальной библиотеке Франции имеется немало незаконно присвоенных манускриптов.

Откуда в Тимбукту так много рукописей?

Источник: rfi.fr

Абдель Кадер Хайдара первым сделал свою частную библиотеку открытой, и убедил других владельцев книжных коллекций сделать то же самое. Работая в созданном в 1973 г. в Тимбукту Институте Ахмеда Баба, он скупал древние рукописи у местного населения, а также занялся их оцифровкой, наладив сотрудничество с международными институтами и организациями. Благодаря ему, в библиотеке института было собрано 30 000 рукописей.

Беда пришла, откуда не ждали. В 2012 г. Тимбукту был захвачен фундаменталистской группировкой «Аль-Каида в странах исламского Магриба» (запрещена в РФ), что создало прямую угрозу бесценным сокровищам библиотеки, несмотря на исламское происхождение многих книг. Эта группировка была известна тем, что уничтожала исторические артефакты, которые противоречили их строгим взглядам.

Беспокоясь за рукописи, Абдель Кадер Хайдара и его племянник Туре разработали план. Они скупали металлические сундуки – столько, сколько смогли найти, и стали укладывать в них тысячи книг из частных коллекций и библиотек по всему городу. Им помогали другие волонтеры, которым приходилось работать тайно и часто в темноте. Затем сундуки были переданы сочувствовавшим им домовладельцам, чтобы те их спрятали.

Саудийка вошла в Книгу рекордов Гиннесса
20.08.2021

В июле список ЮНЕСКО пополнился объектами из исламского мира
02.08.2021

Филиппины запустили программу халяльного кулинарного туризма
02.08.2021

В Турции проходит подготовку «Курбан-спецназ»
19.07.2021

Английская мусульманка-политик борется с расизмом и стереотипами в своей книге «Мои волосы под платком розовые»
14.07.2021

Халяль-туризм продолжает развиваться несмотря на пандемию
13.07.2021

На экраны вышел первый в истории саудовско-японский аниме-фильм
30.06.2021

Помогут ли малийские рукописи переосмыслить исламскую культуру?

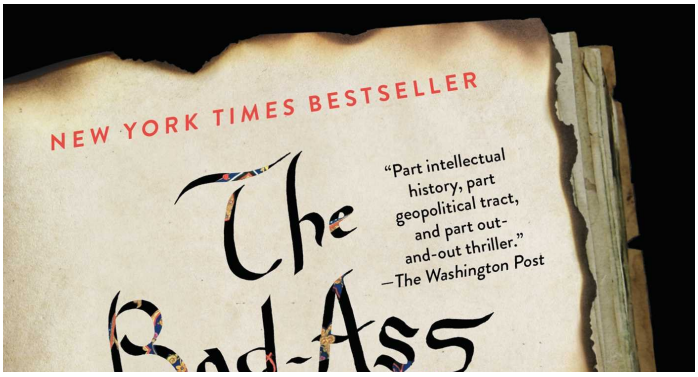
Источник: wsj.com

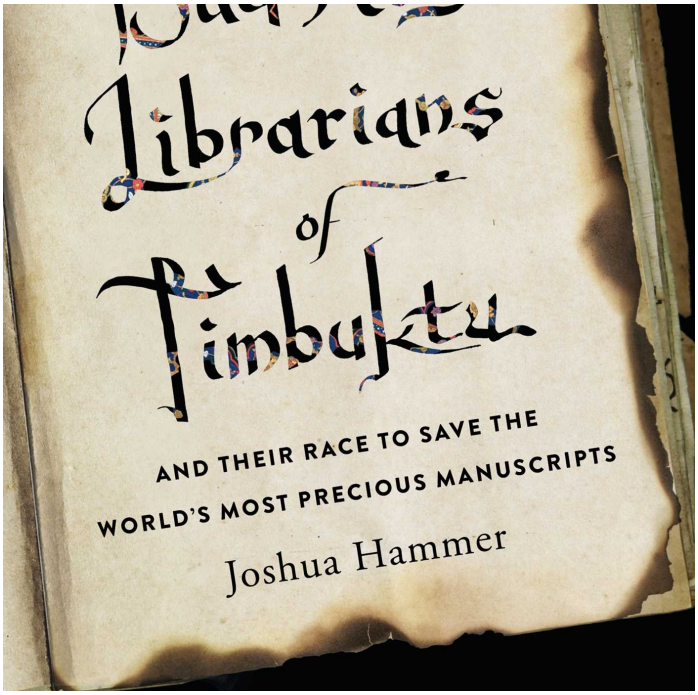
За несколько следующих месяцев благодаря масштабным общественным усилиям сундуки, полные книг, были вывезены в багажниках машин в город Бамако. Перевозчикам книг приходилось проезжать контрольно-пропускные пункты с солдатами, их даже арестовывали. Несмотря на все опасности и угрозы, из Тимбукту к началу 2013 года были благополучно вывезены 350 000 рукописей. Таким образом, Хайдара и его соратники своими усилиями спасли сотни лет исламской и африканской исторической хроники.

Когда к Тимбукту приблизились французские войска, боевики «Аль-Каиды в странах исламского Магриба», перед тем как уйти, сожгли 4200 рукописей, оставшихся в библиотеке Института Ахмеда Баба. К счастью, книги, вывезенные в Бамако, уцелели, а позже были возвращены в освобожденный город.

Абдель Кадеру Хайдара и его соратникам была посвящена книга Джошуа Хаммера «Крутые библиотекари Тимбукту и их эпопея по спасению ценнейших рукописей мира» (The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts).

Рукописи раскрывают исламскую историю Африканского Рога.





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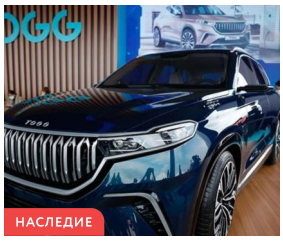

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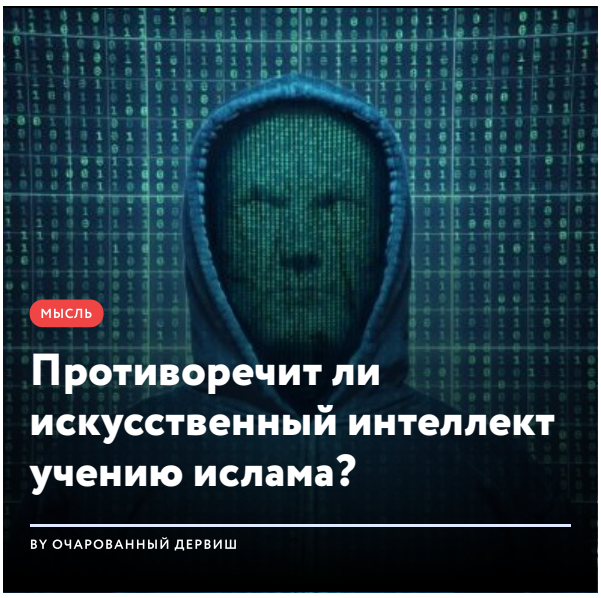

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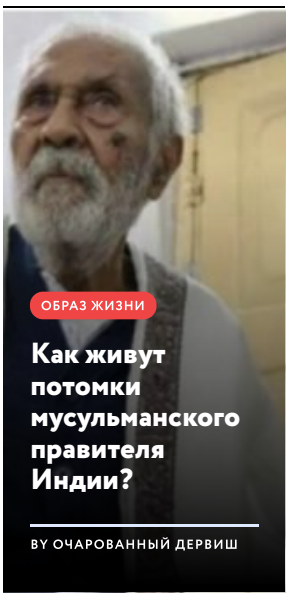

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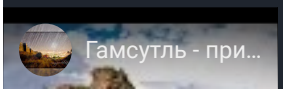

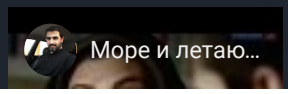

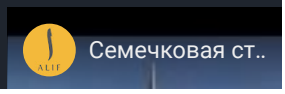

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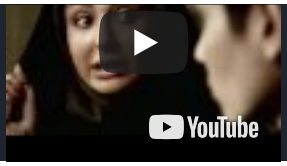

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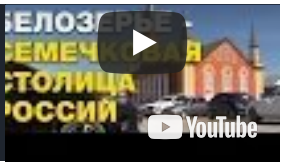

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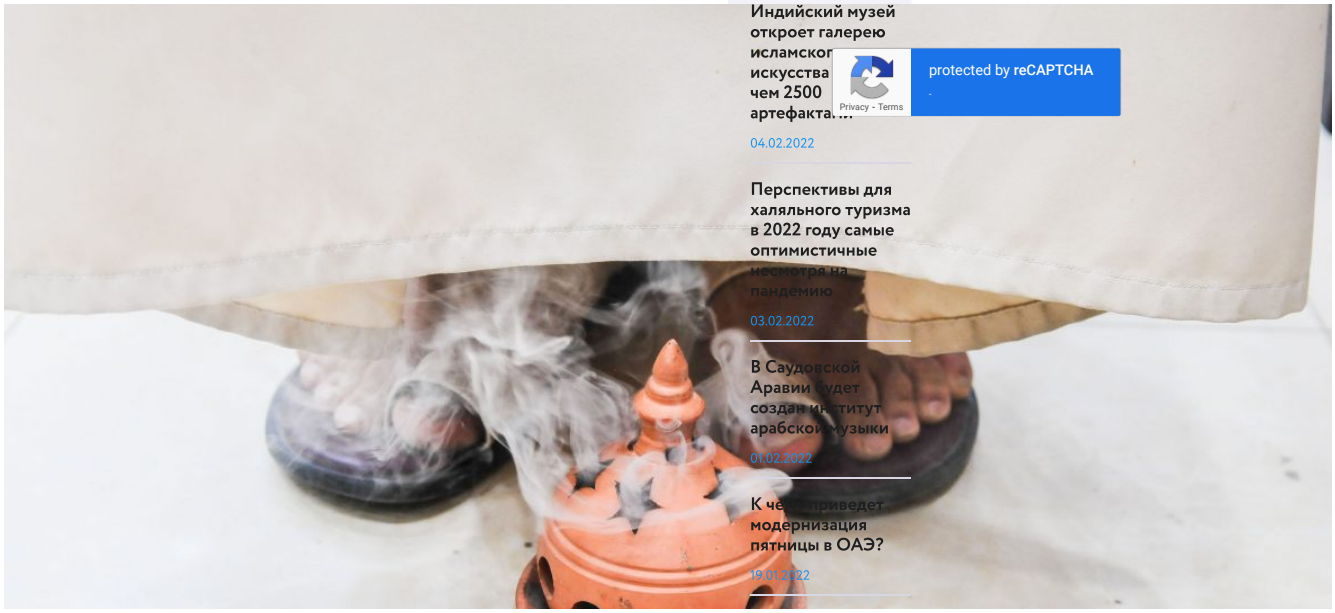
На маршруте благовоний: как ладан помог изменить мир

поделиться поделиться поделиться

Ладан называют «белым золотом» Омана, пишет Эмма Томсон.

Ладан используется людьми, по крайней мере, уже более 6000 лет. Египтяне набивали им тела умерших при мумификации, волхв Мельхиор преподнес его в подарок младенцу Иисусу, царица Савская привезла его в Иерусалим Соломону. Также эта смола применяется для ароматизации в церквях и мечетях.



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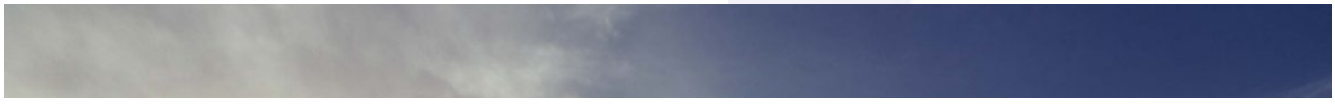
Ладан представляет собой смолу ладанного дерева или босвеллии священной (Boswellia sacra). Для его получения на стволе делают надрезы, оставляя выступившую смолу застывать.

Эти невысокие сучковатые деревья растут в Йемене, Сомали и Эфиопии, но лучший ладан получают в Омане. Южная провинция страны Дофар когда-то находилась в центре древнего Пути благовоний, который возник отдельно от Шелкового пути между 700 годом до н.э. и 200 годом н.э. Смола перевозилась верблюдами через пустыню в регион, где сейчас находятся Саудовская Аравия, Ирак и Египет, а также через море в Индию, Китай, Африку и Европу. Сумхурам на южном побережье современного Омана, когда-то служивший главным портом побережья и одним из центров торговли ладаном, сейчас лежит в развалинах. Марко Поло упомянул его в своих трудах, но неправильно описал его местоположение в Йемене, поэтому он был обнаружен только в конце XIX века. И прошло еще полвека, прежде чем археологи начали здесь раскопки в 1950 году.



Когда мы приближаемся к руинам, внесенным в список ЮНЕСКО, яростное солнце обжигает нам лица. Мы проходим через бывшие монументальные въездные ворота. «Смотри сюда, это арабские надписи 2300-летней давности», – указывает мне моя проводница Рая, одетая в черный платок и абайю. Мы идем дальше. Лучше всего сохранились центральный колодец и храм, посвященный божеству луны Сину, но другие сооружения разглядеть труднее. На полу – каменный *сенет* (древнейшая настольная игра в мире) и огромная амфора, служащая доказательством торговли с Египтом и Индией. Через другие ворота открывается потрясающий вид на залив, где Вади Дурбат впадает в океан. Рядом находятся две старые лодки и руины, которые все еще ждут раскопок. «Возможно, это старые склады ладана», – говорит Рая.

Греческий мореплаватель так описывал Сумхурам: «Благовония могут стоять у причала без охраны, благодаря силе бога, который защищает их. Даже крупица драгоценной смолы не может быть загружена незаконно. Если кто-то осмелится сделать это, корабль не поплывет, потому что это против воли бога».

Под богами здесь подразумеваются джинны. Вера в них сильна и сегодня. «Только оманцам разрешено собирать ладан, чтобы не злить *джиннов*. Балид – самое лучшее место в Салале, но там никто не строится, потому что люди верят, что там обитают джинны», – рассказывает Рая. «У нас сохраняется традиция открывать окна и сжигать ладан до наступления темноты, чтобы уберечься от *джиннов* и болезней. Сейчас, конечно, многие делают это, так как знают, что ладан убивает микробы», – добавляет она

Действительно, древние крепости, возможно, и превратились в развалины, но ладан пользуется таким же спросом, как и прежде. От дорогого лекарственного сорта аль-худжари, используемого для лечения высокого давления, тошноты, расстройства желудка, улучшения памяти и в качестве зубной пасты, до аннайди и ашаби, которые применяют для ароматизации одежды и отпугивания комаров.

Между тем, ладанные деревья находятся под угрозой. Экологи обеспокоены тем, что производство ароматной смолы сократилось вдвое за последние 15 лет. Также они высказывают опасения, что эта земля будет потеряна для сельского хозяйства, потому что старые деревья не заменяются.

Рая берет меня на базар аль-Хафа в Салале. Улицы пыльные и тихие. Этот рынок скоро будет снесен, а на его месте возведены современные павильоны. Поэтому большинство лавок закрыты. Но одна из них, где продается ладан, открыта, и я делаю покупку.

Позже, ночью, я поджигаю его, и древний мистический аромат наполняет комнату. Этот скромный кусок смолы привел к таким инновациям, как использование верблюдов в качестве вьючных животных, раннему развитию письменного языка и достижениям в судостроении. Никакие другие благовония не могут претендовать на такое влияние.

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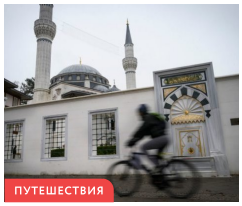

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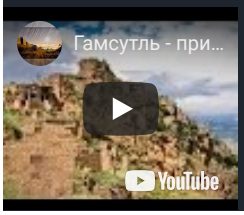

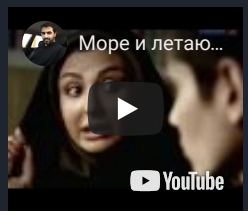

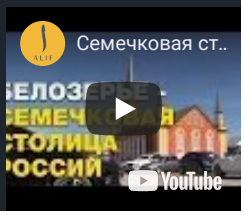

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"Le Nègre ignore que ses ancêtres, qui se sont adaptés aux conditions matérielles de la vallée du Nil, sont les plus anciens guides de l'humanité dans la voie de la civilisation" Cheikh Anta Diop

L'Afrique et la présence des religions abrahamiques : le bilan en 5 points

Les religions dites révélées ou abrahamiques, c'est-à-dire le Judaïsme, le Christianisme et l'Islam, sont entrées il y a des siècles en Afrique et y compte des millions d'adeptes. Quelles ont été leurs conséquences sur la trajectoire historique de notre continent ? C'est ce bilan que nous allons essayer de dresser du point de vue de la pensée africaine qu'est Maât.

Nous invitons la lectrice et le lecteur, pour comprendre ce qui sera dit ici, à se documenter à travers nos articles précédents, sur les véritables origines du **Judaïsme**, du **Christianisme** et de **l'Islam**.

1. La diabolisation des Africains de l'antiquité

Les 3 religions en question reprennent à des degrés divers les informations données par le Pentateuque, c'est-à-dire l'ensemble des cinq premiers livres composant la bible hébraïque ou Torah, et qui restitue, les lois et enseignements transmis par Moise au peuple juif.

La diabolisation des Égyptiens

C'est par cette source commune du Pentateuque que ces religions diabolisent toutes les Égyptiens anciens ; ceci en raison de la mise en esclavage supposée des Hébreux par les Égyptiens. Or **comme nous l'avons montré, cette mise en esclavage n'a jamais existé** et les Égyptiens, que l'historien grec Hérodote décrivait comme *« les plus scrupuleusement religieux de tous les hommes »* (II, 37) se seraient plutôt montrés protecteurs envers les Hébreux.

L'invention de cette histoire est probablement un sketch destiné à montrer que Dieu avait choisi les Hébreux au-dessus de la plus forte nation au monde de l'époque. Les raisons ici seraient la volonté de justifier le statut des Juifs en tant que peuple élu de Dieu.

Les Egyptiens étaient Noirs

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La diabolisation des Cananéens

Les ancêtres des Hébreux, originaires de Mésopotamie, sont arrivés au Proche-Orient en Canaan, pays peuplé de Noirs aux temps premiers. Ils y ont été accueillis les bras ouverts. Mais au fil des siècles, leur volonté d'avoir leur propre territoire, allait les amener à convoiter celui des **Noirs cananéens-phéniciens**. Ils inventeront ainsi la notion de terre promise par Dieu et la malédiction divine des Noirs (Cham) à travers les Cananéens (Genèse, 9, 8-27). Le but étant d'utiliser Dieu pour condamner les Cananéens à l'esclavage, et ainsi justifier leur extermination (livre de Josué) afin de prendre leurs terres.

Illustration de Josué, successeur de Moise d'après la Bible et qui s'apprête à entrer dans la terre promise (Canaan) avec son épée et son armée. Il agit sur ordre de son Dieu (l'Éternel des Armées), pour exterminer les Noirs cananéens afin de leur voler leur terre.

La diabolisation des Sabéens

Si la malédiction des Noirs à travers les Cananéens n'est pas dans le Coran, celui-ci diabolise pourtant les Noirs sabéens, premiers habitants du sud de l'Arabie. L'Islam est né du plagiat de la Spiritualité Africaine des Sabéens. Les Arabes, arrivés plus tard dans la région, l'ont réinventée conformément à leurs mœurs patriarcales et guerrières. La nécessité d'imposer cette nouvelle religion, allait pousser les Arabes à diaboliser les Sabéens et la Spiritualité Africaine en général (Sourate 27, 22-44).

Certes tous les peuples noirs anciens ne sont pas tout le temps diabolisés dans les écrits de ces religions, mais ce qui prédomine ce sont les innombrables insultes contre les Égyptiens, vus comme le peuple le plus cruel des temps anciens, et la diabolisation à outrance des pratiques spirituelles africaines.

2. La naissance du racisme anti-noir

C'est cette malédiction judéo-chrétienne de Cham, qui a fait naitre le racisme contre les Africains, **comme nous l'avons montré en détail dans notre article général sur le racisme**. Cette légende de la malédiction de Cham est en filigrane depuis 2500 ans, dans tous les abus commis contre nous. Elle a été utilisée pour nous chasser de l'espèce humaine et détruire systématiquement tout ce que nous sommes.

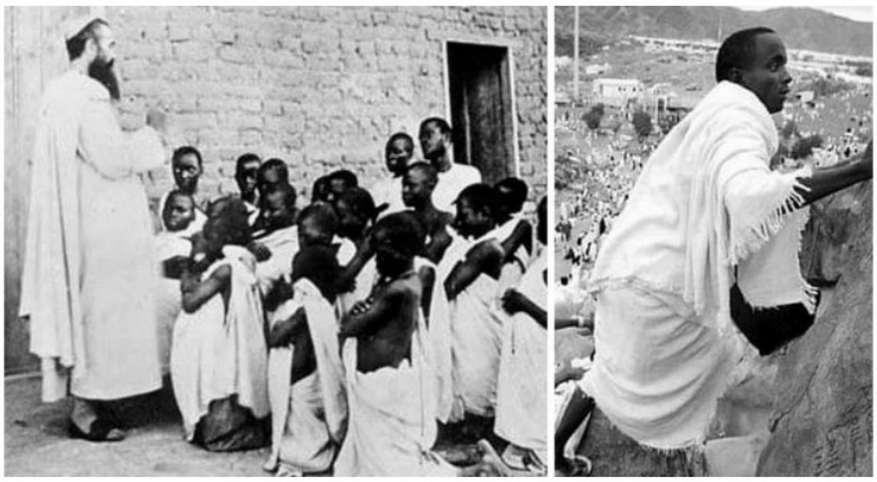
3. Les armes spirituelles de l'impérialisme occidental et de l'impérialisme arabe

Conformément à leur philosophie guerrière, ces religions, pourtant bâties sur l'héritage noir, ont rejeté la perception africaine d'un Dieu fondamentalement bon, pour dessiner un Créateur à bien des égards violent, et aux services de leurs buts impérialistes. C'est donc un Dieu guerrier, militaire, un « Éternel des armées » qui conduira l'Occident dans la mise en esclavage des Africains et la colonisation, et le monde arabe dans le Djihad contre les *« infidèles et mécréants »*.

Le véritable but de ces guerres au nom de Dieu, était pourtant bel et bien l'enrichissement matériel par le crime. L'historien sénégalais Tidiane Ndiaye nous dit ainsi dans le Génocide voilé, page 95 *« **La diffusion de l'Islam n'était qu'un prétexte : le but essentiel de l'expansion musulmane en Afrique était la recherche de l'or**. Voilà pourquoi les premiers "missionnaires" de l'Islam qui se présentèrent aux portes du monde noir furent des missionnaires armés. » Cette soif de l'or est manifeste dans la quasi-totalité des écrits arabes, jusqu'au pèlerinage de Mansa Moussa, empereur du Mali. Les esclaves ne deviendront importants que progressivement, pour supplanter le métal jaune. »*

L'Europe pour sa part, après avoir officiellement créé le Christianisme au 4e siècle sous l'empire romain, le fera entrer par la violence en Afrique par l'Égypte, en y écrasant la Spiritualité Africaine. Le but étant de contrôler spirituellement les sujets de l'empire. C'est ce même but que poursuivront les États européens à partir du 15e siècle en allant violemment conquérir le monde.

Du temps de la traite négrière européenne, il n'y avait pas de séparation entre l'Église et l'État en Europe. L'Église avait donc son mot à dire dans toutes les décisions que prenaient les États européens de ces époques. Tous les esclavagistes européens qui ont attaqué, brutalisé et pillé l'Afrique, l'ont fait aidés des missionnaires, avec la bénédiction de l'Église et de ses papes, à commencer par Nicolas V, à travers sa célèbre bulle de déclaration de guerre aux Noirs.



Le Christianisme et l'Islam sont de puissants outils psychologiques pour faire accepter aux Noirs les dominations des Blancs et des Arabes.

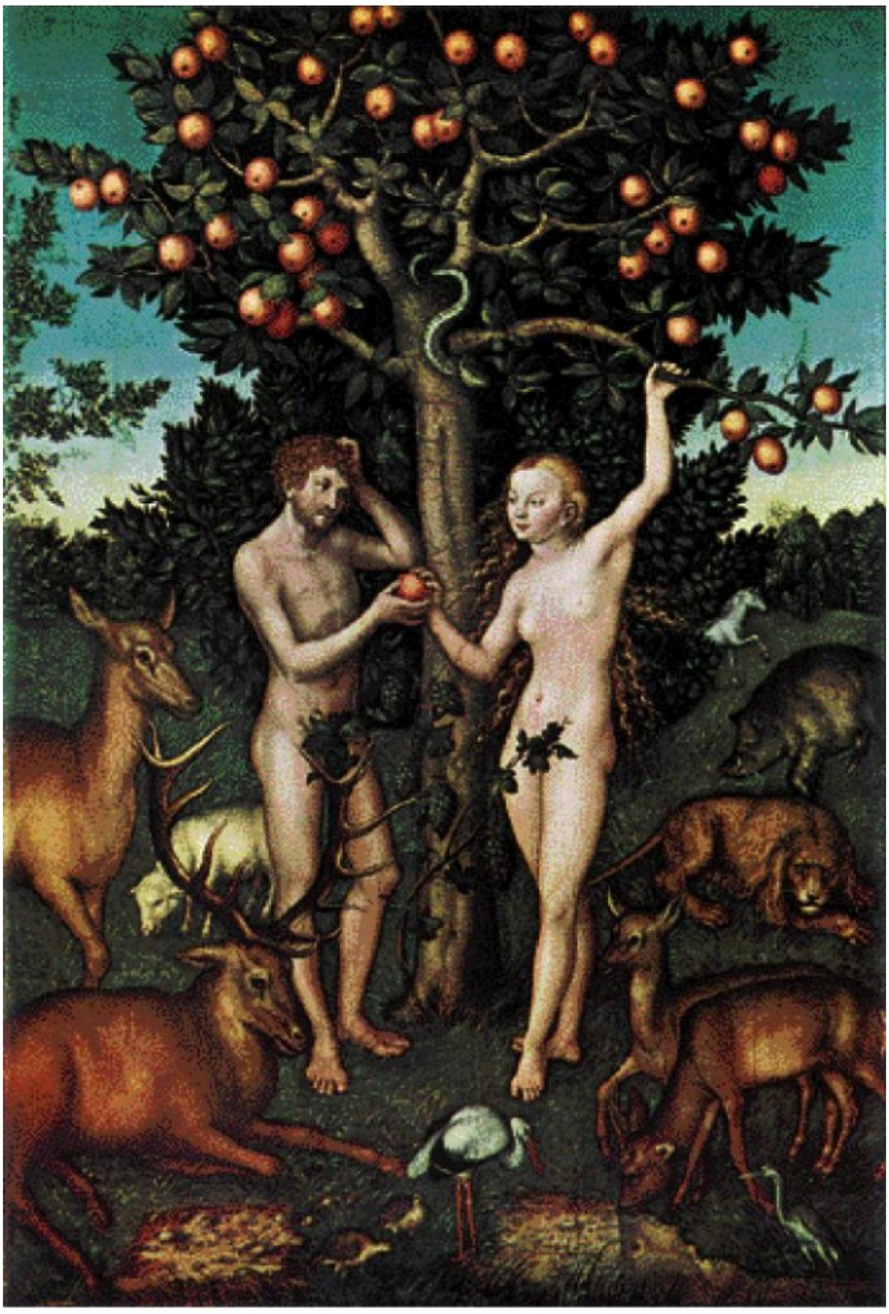
Jésus, Marie et les anges sont blancs, donc Dieu est blanc et les Blancs sont divins. La domination blanche est l'ordre indiscutable de Dieu. Allah, à travers son messager, parle en arabe à un Arabe en Arabie. Allah est donc arabe, les Arabes sont divins. La domination arabe est l'ordre indiscutable de Dieu.

C'est pourquoi l'Occident et le monde arabo-musulman ont commis les pires crimes contre nous, nous méprisent infiniment, nous volent tout jusqu'à notre histoire, mais partagent généreusement leurs religions avec nous.

4. La disparition du matriarcat africain

Le féminin dans la pensée africaine est une partie de Dieu comme le masculin, mais la femme est surtout l'incarnation de Maât, c'est-à-dire la loi divine. Cette perception fut le socle du statut égal à celui de l'homme, et fondamentalement même supérieur, accordé à la femme dans l'Afrique authentique. C'est cela le **matriarcat africain.**

Les religions révélées quant à elles enseignent que la femme est un être impur, agent du mal, du diable et du péché par excellence (histoire d'Adam et Ève). Elles relèguent les femmes au rang de sous humains. Ces enseignements en Afrique ont complètement détruit le statut et la place de la femme noire. Les Africaines aujourd'hui sont partout discriminées. La disparition du matriarcat, pourtant le plus beau trait culturel du monde noir, est la conséquence la plus grave et la plus désolante des religions révélées sur la culture africaine.



Alors qu'en Afrique authentique la femme est Maât, dans la pensée nordique transmise à l'Afrique elle est le péché originel, le mal.

5. L'aliénation et la haine des Africains envers eux-mêmes

Les religions révélées sont fondées sur un rejet profond de l'identité africaine. C'est pourquoi elles enseignent au monde entier et à l'Africain aussi que la culture et les traditions africaines sont païennes et ne sont qu'une vaste diablerie organisée.

Les Africains convertis rejettent ainsi les traditions africaines, qu'ils qualifient souvent de sorcellerie et de satanisme, et vilipendent leurs ancêtres, surtout leurs glorieux ancêtres égyptiens civilisateurs de la Terre, qu'on traite de génocidaires. Ils rejettent leurs ancêtres alors que les Hébreux, Européens et Arabes qui leur ont pourtant apportés ces religions, rendent hommage à leurs propres ancêtres et les honorent en les appelant des saints (Sainte Jeanne d'Arc, Sainte Thérèse, Abraham, etc.).

Tout ceci pousse les Africains convertis à s'inventer des ancêtres juifs ou arabes, dire que le Moyen-Orient c'est l'Afrique, dire que les religions révélées sont africaines, dire que les Hébreux et Arabes étaient en fait noirs. Toutes ces acrobaties intellectuelles mensongères, ne sont qu'une volonté de mendier les ancêtres *« divins »* des autres, après avoir été poussés par *« les peuples de Dieu »* à rejeter ses propres ancêtres.

Fresque chrétienne en Espagne représentant le Noir comme personnification du diable et du mal. Cette vision diabolique du Noir implicite ou explicite (comme sur cette image) est commune à toutes les religions dites révélées. Il en résulte donc un Africain qui rejette son apparence, son histoire, sa culture, ses ancêtres, l'Afrique. ***Les religions révélées ont transformé les Noirs premiers humains et civilisateurs de l'humanité, en des Êtres faibles, complexés, soumis et exploitables, serviteurs actifs ou passifs des ambitions impérialistes étrangères.***

Les religions révélées ont transformé les Africains donc en ennemis de l'Afrique et des Africains.

Les religions révélées ont-elles apporté quelque chose de positif à l'Afrique ? On pourra arguer qu'elles ont détourné les Africains des sacrifices humains, qui étaient le principal défaut de la Spiritualité Africaine, qui sont en voie de disparition et que les Africains devront veiller à retirer pour de bon de leurs cultes ancestraux.

Seulement les milliers de personnes non sacrifiés sont à comparer aux **400 à 600 millions de pertes humaines causées par la traite négrière européenne, la traite négrière arabe et la colonisation.** Le bilan des religions révélées apparait donc négatif sous tous les aspects. Elles ont été en tout point le contraire de Maât (vérité, justice, harmonie).

Pour en savoir plus sur la spiritualité africaine dans son ensemble, **cliquez ici**

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Le cerveau humain a-t-il rétréci à cause de l'intelligence collective?

Repéré par Nina Hossein — 26 novembre 2021 à 21h27

Sa taille aurait diminué de 150 centimètres cubes, soit une balle de tennis, depuis Homo sapiens.

Les fourmis sont peut-être la clé pour répondre à cette question. | Prabir Kashyap via Unsplash

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L'être humain est doté d'un cerveau de grande taille qui, pendant une bonne partie de l'histoire de l'évolution, n'a cessé de grossir. Il y a 20.000 à 30.000 ans, Cro-Magnon et Homo sapiens détenaient le plus gros cerveau connu. Mais il y a environ 3.000 ans, au cours de l'époque géologique actuelle de l'Holocène, la taille de notre cerveau a commencé à diminuer.

C'est ce que met en évidence une récente étude de scientifiques des universités de Dartmouth et de Boston. D'autres estiment que ce rétrécissement a débuté plus tôt: au cours des 20.000 dernières années, le volume moyen du cerveau humain est passé de 1.500 centimètres cubes à 1.350, soit une perte de 10% de sa taille (l'équivalent d'une balle de tennis). Quoi qu'il en soit, tous sont d'accord: le cerveau humain rétrécit. Mais pourquoi? Les hypothèses se multiplient.

Des scientifiques ont par exemple pensé que ce rétrécissement était dû à la diminution de la taille du corps. Mais ceux des universités de Dartmouth et de Boston ont émis un nouveau scénario.

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Le cerveau humain est capable de «voyager dans le temps» grâce aux cellules temporelles

Le rôle de l'intelligence collective

Selon eux, la diminution de la taille de notre cerveau résulterait de la création de nos systèmes sociaux. Ces derniers favorisent la collecte et le partage de connaissances et d'informations, et présentent l'avantage de la *«prise de décision au niveau du groupe»*. Faire société, partager les savoirs et diviser les tâches aide le cerveau à consommer moins d'énergie et à mieux trier les informations recueillies. Qui dit moins de connaissances à stocker dit moins d'espace d'accueil, d'où le rétrécissement.

Pour établir cette nouvelle hypothèse, les scientifiques ont observé les fourmis. *«Les humains vivent dans des groupes sociaux dans lesquels plusieurs cerveaux contribuent à l'émergence de l'intelligence collective»*, note l'équipe. Les fourmis fonctionnent de manière semblable sur les *«aspects de la sociabilité»*, ainsi que sur *«la grande taille des groupes, les histoires de vie agraires, la division du travail et la cognition collective»*.

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La taille du cerveau des fourmis et leur consommation d'énergie ont été étudiées. Les scientifiques ont compris par ce biais que l'intelligence collective et la division du travail jouaient un rôle sur la variation de la taille du cerveau. Par souci d'efficacité, le cerveau diminue lorsque les fourmis partagent leurs connaissances et se spécialisent dans une tâche individuelle.

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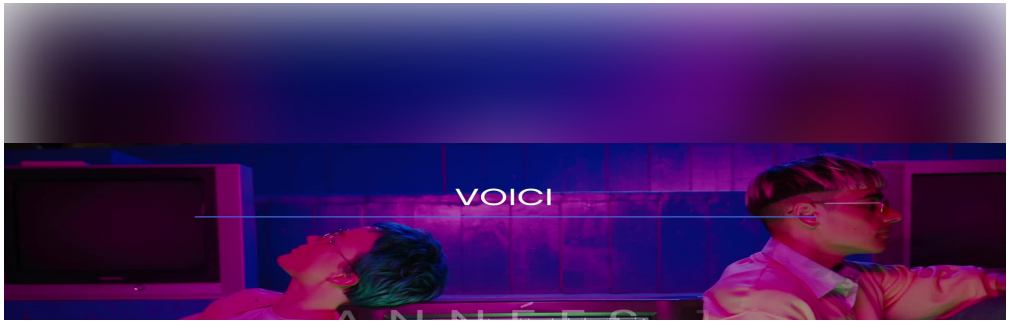

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La Terre pourrait avoir des anneaux comme Saturne, mais composés de déchets

Cette prédiction fait sens à l'heure où les débris spatiaux se multiplient.

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Les Mayas étaient en partie des Noirs

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Les Mayas, peuple à l'origine de la plus connue des civilisations de l'Amérique ancienne, ont laissé des peintures murales décrivant leur vie. Et on ne peut que constater qu'ils étaient, en partie au moins, des Noirs. Cet article introductif s'attardera sur les iconographies en question et on essaiera brièvement de comprendre, comment cela a seulement été possible.

En 1946, les Occidentaux mettent à jour des peintures murales à Bonampak au Mexique. Ancienne cité Maya, Bonampak a la particularité de posséder une chapelle dont les peintures murales ont été réalisées vers l'an 5000 de **l'ère africaine** (800 après JC).

La vie quotidienne de ce peuple légendaire y est déroulée. Pour rappel le Mexique avait 26 millions d'habitants à l'arrivée des Européens. Il n'en restera plus que 1 million après [1]. La majorité, y compris des Mayas, sera exterminé. Le royaume Maya périra lui-même sous les assauts européens.

Les images qui suivent sont des peintures de Bonampak. Nous avons choisi des images jugées crédibles par nous, et nous les avons presque toute authentifiées par des sources universitaires.

A gauche : Un Maya noir charbon (Source : Runoko Rashidi)

Image authentifiée sur les sites de l'Université du Texas à Bronsville et de l'Université de Boston

Les cheveux crépus de ces femmes Maya sont évidents. Remarquez la forme bizarre des têtes. Nous y reviendrons.
Authentifiée sur le site de l'Université du Texas à Bronsville

Source : Université du Minnesota

Des dignitaires Maya de toute évidence

Source : Université de Yale; image éclaircie

Les Mayas se recouvraient le corps de peau de félin pour capter la force vitale de l'animal. On se croirait en Afrique. Remarquez les coiffures africaines et les formes bizarres des têtes encore.

Source : Courrier International

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Source : Université du Maine à Farmington

A Maya interdisant à un autre de toucher à son pot de chocolat. L'université de Yale nous apprend que l'écriture Maya était hiéroglyphique comme en Egypte.
Source : Radio Canada

Nous avons parcouru autant d'images authentiques que possible et n'avons vu en très grande majorité, que des Noirs.

Alors on se demande comment est-ce possible que les Mayas aient été des Noirs avec des cheveux crépus? D'où viennent-ils? Nous sommes suffisamment outillés aujourd'hui pour tenter de fournir des réponses. Le site de Pedra Furada au nord-est du Brésil est le plus ancien lieu habité par l'homme moderne en Amérique. Les peintures murales le prouvent.

La présence humaine sur le site a été datée à 65 000 ans [2]. Géographiquement, Pedra Furada regarde très clairement l'Afrique. Les autres objets attestant de la présence humaine sur le continent sont datés postérieurement et trouvés en Amérique du sud.

Luzia, le plus ancien habitant de l'Amérique (Image authentifiée sur le site de la Bradshaw Foundation)

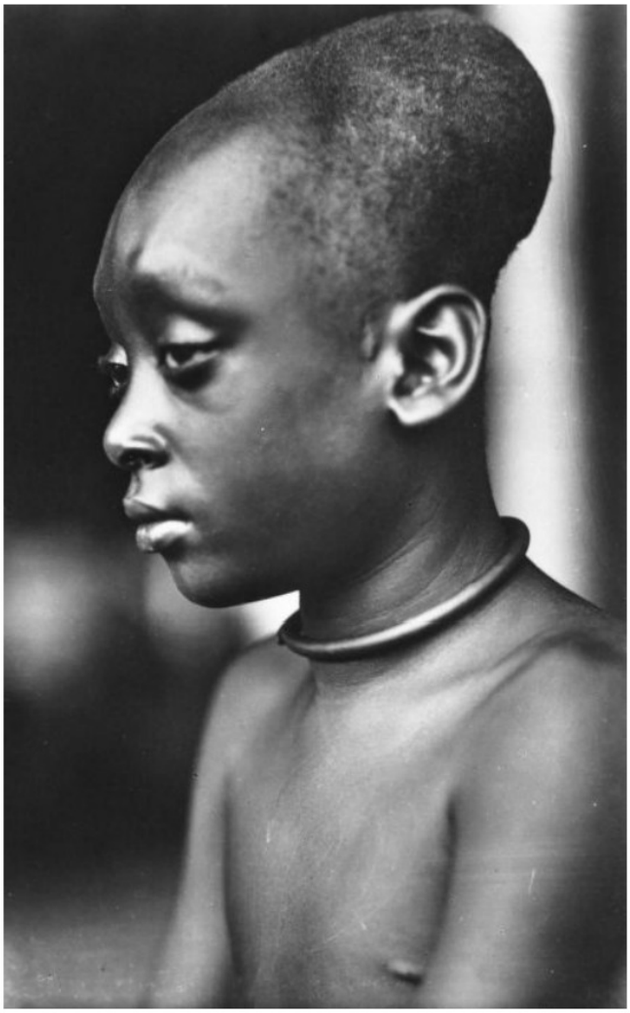
Le plus vieux squelette d'Amérique, Luzia, est vieux de 12 000 [3] et est un squelette négroïde. On peut donc s'accorder pour dire aujourd'hui que l'Amérique a été initialement peuplée depuis l'Afrique de l'ouest. Mais le gros de la population noire initiale vient probablement **d'Océanie-Asie comme le suggèrent les études génétiques**.

Les Noirs auraient donc vécu sur ce continent jusqu'à ce que les Asiatiques entrent il y a 5000 ans. Les squelettes mongoloïdes en Amérique ne sont pas plus vieux [4]. Le mélange entre les deux aurait donné naissance aux Amérindiens. En sachant cela, qu'il y ait eu des Mayas noirs avec des cheveux crépus n'est pas étonnant.

Les peintures murales de Pedra Furada
Source image : Bradshaw Foundation

L'autre question qu'ils convient de se poser est la suivante : qu'est ce qui explique les formes bizarres des têtes Mayas? La réponse est hypothétique mais c'est dans la tradition africaine qu'on semble trouver la réponse.

Cette étrange forme se retrouve chez une des filles du pharaon Akhenaton ici à l'image



On la retrouvait aussi chez les Mangbetu de RD Congo. Il s'agit d'un trait culturel africain. La tête était serrée pour qu'elle prenne cette forme.

Alors si les Mayas avaient des traits culturels africains, la question est de savoir comment ils les ont acquis. Soit les premiers Américains avaient déjà ces traits culturels il y a des dizaines de milliers d'années, soit c'est dû au contact avec les Egyptiens. On sait avec certitude que les Egyptiens ont voyagé en Amérique très tôt et qu'ils ont grandement contribué à l'essor des civilisations amérindiennes. Le savant africain-guyanais Ivan Van Sertima l'a suffisemment démontré.

Ce serait donc au contact des Noirs d'Afrique que les Amérindiens auraient acquis ces traits culturels africains. Ou alors dernière hypothèse, les Mayas eux-mêmes seraient des descendants d'Égyptiens anciens. Ce n'est pas impossible. Les axes de discussions et de recherches sont ouverts.

Constructions Maya

Illustration de la civilisation Maya. Tout y est, sauf la couleur des Mayas qui n'est pas ici complètement vraie
Source : Georgia Primary College

Les Mayas actuels

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[1] La férocité blanche, des non-Blancs aux non-Aryens : génocides occultés de 1492 à nos jours, Rosa Amelia Plumelle-Uribe, page 35.

[2] Valladas, H et al., 2003 age estimate of burnt quartz pebbles from Toca de Boqueirao da PedraFurada (quoted by David Imhotep in « *the first Americans were Africans* », page XV)

[3] Luzia, discovered by Walter Neves, University of Sao Paulo (quoted by David Imhotep in *« the first Africans were Americans »* page XV)

[4] **Interview de David Imhotep**

[5] Civilisation ou Barbarie, Cheikh Anta Diop, page 92.

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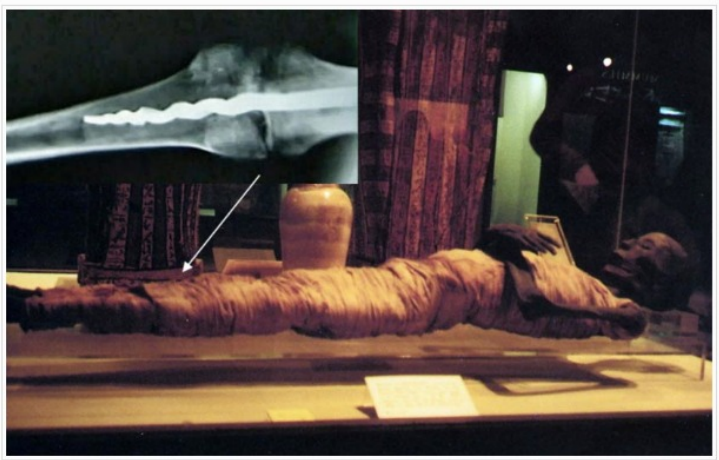

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In 1971, the Rosicrucian Museum in California acquired a sealed ancient Egyptian coffin containing the well-preserved mummy of a high status Egyptian male. More than two decades later, a team of scientists made a shocking discovery – the mummy displayed evidence of an advanced surgical procedure carried out nearly 2,600 years ago. Inside the mummy's left knee was a 9-inch metal orthopaedic pin that had been inserted with such advanced biomechanical principles, that initially scientists could not distinguish it from a modern-day procedure.

Usermontu – a mummy of unknown origins

When the Rosicrucian Museum acquired a sealed ancient Egyptian coffin back in the 1970s, they were unaware that it still contained a mummy. In addition, investigations revealed that this mummy was not the original owner of the sarcophagus – it belonged to a priest named Usermontu ('the power of Montu') – and that long after death, the mummy had been placed in Usermontu's coffin. Nevertheless, the mummy of unknown origin has come to be known by the name of the original sarcophagus owner.

Analysis of the embalming procedure revealed that 'Usermontu' was an upper-class Egyptian male who lived during the New Kingdom of Egypt (between 16th–11th century BC). His mummified remains are 5ft (1.5m) tall and display traces of red hair.

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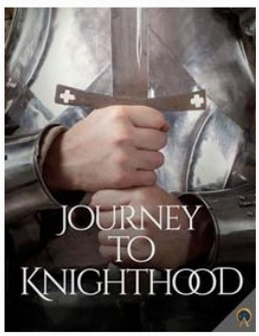

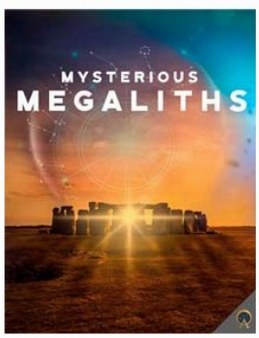

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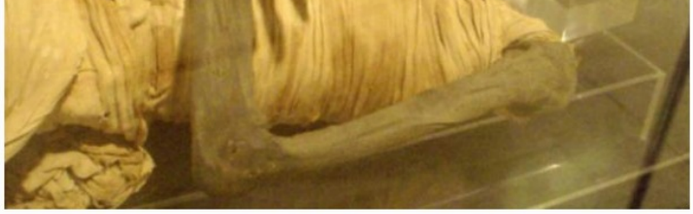


*The mummified remains of 'Usermontu'. (**Wikimedia Commons**)*

Shocking discovery

In August 1995, Professor C. Wilfred Griggs from Brigham Young University, Utah, and a team of experts, carried out x-rays on six mummies housed in the Rosicrucian San Jose Museum in advanced of a lecture he would be giving there, including the mummy of Usermontu. They were stunned when the x-rays revealed that one of the mummies had a 9-inch metal pin in its left knee.

Ancient or modern?

Brigham Young University (BYU) reports that it was impossible to see that the metal implant was ancient from the x-ray alone, leading Professor Griggs to believe that the pin had been placed there in more modern times to reattach the leg to the rest of the body.

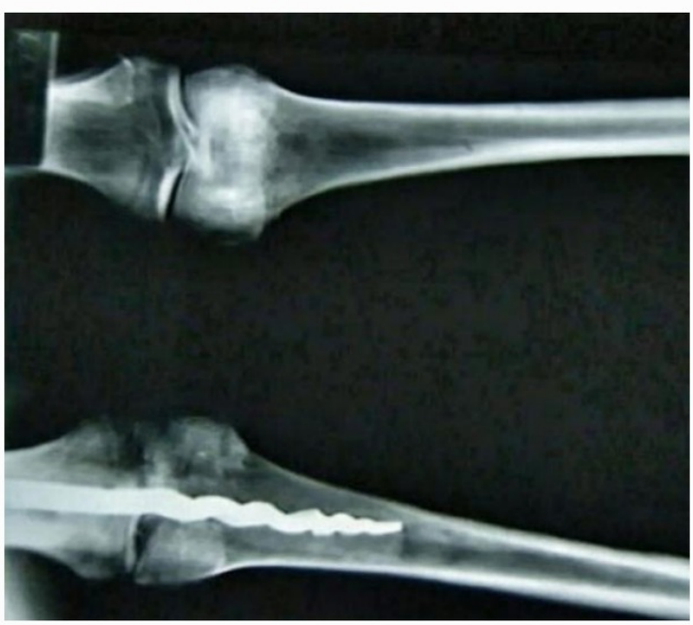
"I assumed at the time that the pin was modern. I thought we might be able to determine how the pin had been inserted into the leg, and perhaps even guess how recently it had been implanted into the bones," Griggs says in a report released by BYU. "I just thought it would be an interesting footnote to say, 'Somebody got an ancient mummy and put a modern pin in it to hold the leg together.'"

A team of experts, including (from left) BYU professor C. Wilfred Griggs, Utah county medical doctors Bruce Mcliff and Richard Jackson, and San Jose, Calif., doctor Grady Jeeter, examines the mummy in which Griggs discovered a 9-inch iron knee pin. Courtesy of Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.

Unraveling the mystery

In order to investigate the nature of the implant, Griggs, Dr. Richard T. Jackson, an orthopaedic surgeon from Provo, and Dr. E. Bruce Mcliff, chief of radiology for Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, carefully drilled into the bone to allow access for a tiny camera to examine the pin, and to extract samples of the bone and the metal.

The scientific team found traces of ancient organic resin, similar to modern bone cement, as well as traces of ancient fats and textiles still held firmly in place. Extensive investigations revealed that the advanced procedure had been carried out in ancient times, approximately 2,600 years ago.



X-ray showing the 9-inch drill in the knee of Usermontu. Credit: Brigham Young University

Advanced orthopaedic procedure

The research team were astounded that the pin had been created with the same designs used today to create bone stabilization.

"We are amazed at the ability to create a pin with biomechanical principles that we still use today —rigid fixation of the bone, for example," said Dr. Richard Jackson. "It is beyond anything we anticipated for that time."

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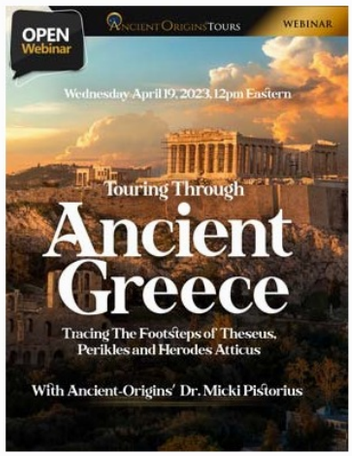

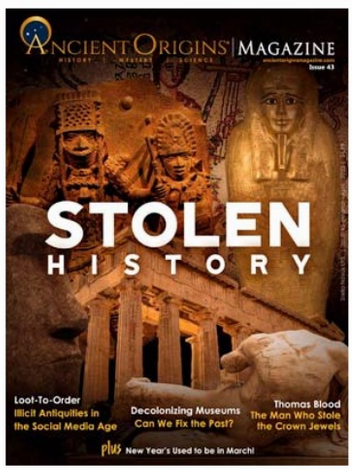

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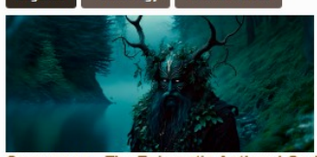

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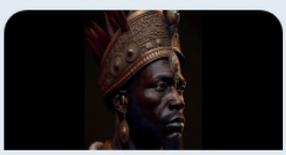

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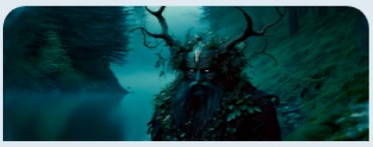

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MOOR MEANS DEAD

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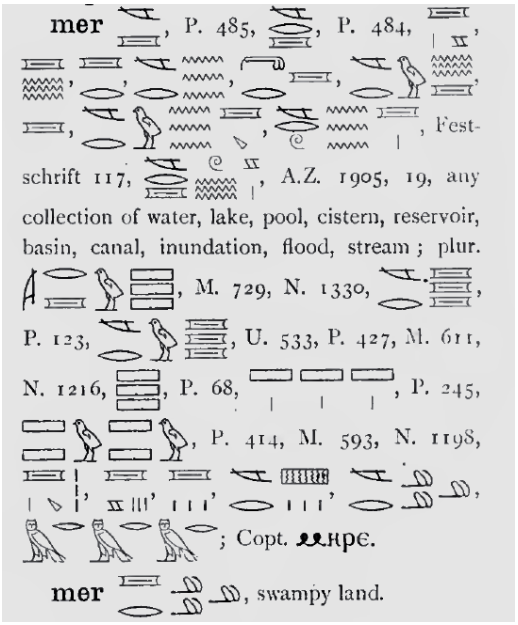
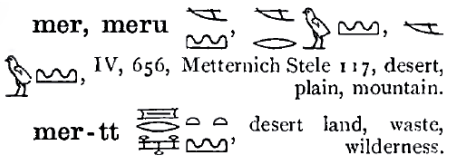
The term in ancient **Kamit** (Egypt) written **MR** in the **metutu** (hieroglyphs) has been identified as a cognate for the term **moor** found in english as a noun and a verb. The term in Kamit is typically pronounced in the **Coptic** dialect (Late Kamit dialect which came into use c2000 years ago) as **MER** or **MAR/BAR**. Note that in the language of Kamit the 'm' and 'b' sounds can interchange. This interchange also exists in the **Akan** language of Ghana and Ivory Coast, West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa). For example, the word for blood *'mogya'* is also written and pronounced *'bogya'* in Akan. The term **MR** in Kamit:



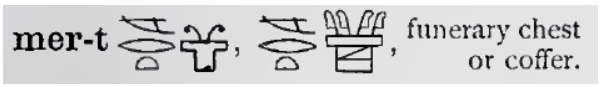


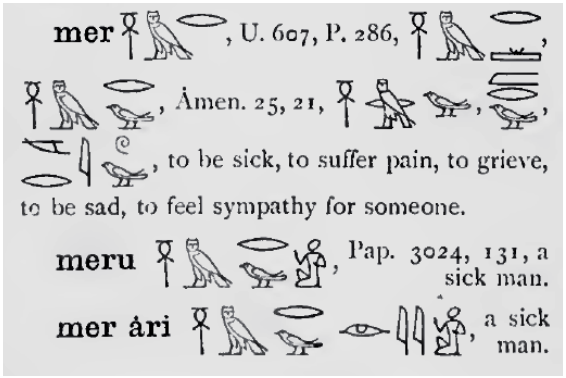
Many 'egyptologists' arbitrarily place an 'e' between consonants of words from Kamit when they are unsure of the ancient pronunciation. Sometimes this placement is accurate and sometimes it is not. The means by which we can find out the proper pronunciations of words spelled in the ***metutu*** *(hieroglyphs) such as* ***MR*** *is to look at the languages of Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) which are directly descendent of the language of* ***Khanit*** *(Nubia) and Kamit. This includes languages such as the Akan, Yoruba, Ewe, Igbo, Bakongo and many more. We can also find the proper vowel placements for different dialects of the ancient language in the* ***Coptic*** *dialect (Late Kamit dialect coming into use about 2,000 years ago). For example, we see above that the term* ***MR*** *written in the metutu is written* ***mer*** *by the egyptologist. In the* ***Coptic*** *dialect the term is written* ***MHRE***

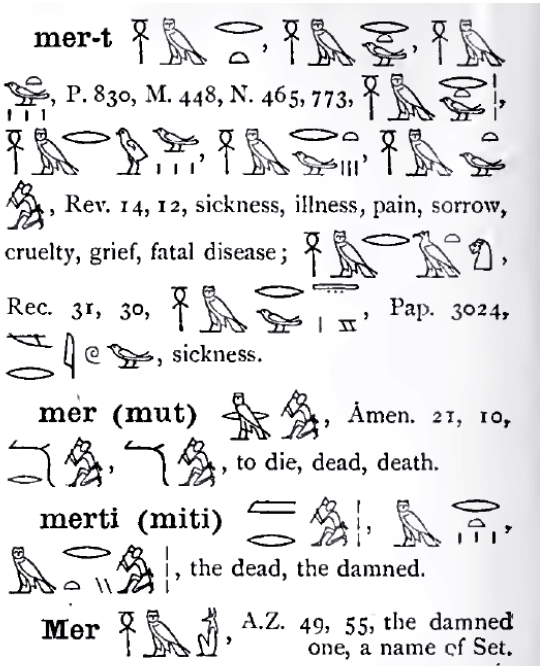
(mereh): Copt. ⲙⲉⲣⲉ. *In this instance, the placement of an 'e' sound in between* ***MR*** *to facilitate the pronunciation* ***MER*** *(****MHRE*** *in Coptic) is a valid placement.*

As we can see the term **mr** (**mer**) has the definition: *collection of water, pool, flood; swampy land*. It can also mean *desert land, waste, wilderness*.

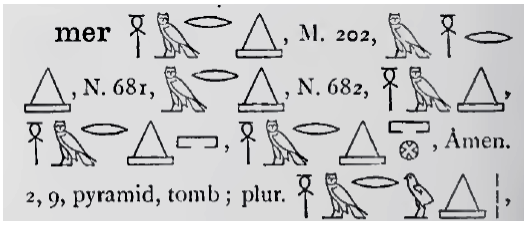
What kind of water? There is a relationship between the **flood** (water overrunning the land) causing *destruction, displacement, death*: *swampy land* (marsh, morass); *wasteland* (infertile/dead land), *wilderness*. We thus have the term **mr** also meaning *death* and related to death: *fatality, the dead, the damned*:



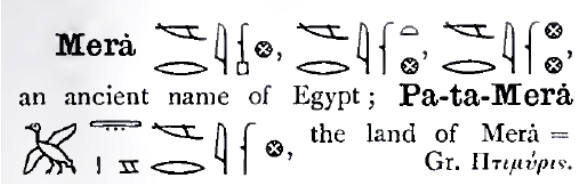




As we can see above the term **mr** also means a *funerary coffer or chest* – a reference to *death*. Also: *sickness, illness, pain, sorrow, fatal disease; to die, dead, death*. The **mru** and **mrti** are *the dead, the damned*. A title of the **Ntoro** (Deity) **Set** is **Mr** meaning *the damned one*.



The term **mr** is also the term for *pyramid* which is a structure *dedicated to the dead*. The dead were often buried in the **mr** (pyramid). Finally, we have a name of Kamit being **Ta Mra**. The term **Ta** means *land*. **Ta Mra** thus references the *land of* ***Mra*** or ***Mra****-land*.



This references the **'dead land'** with **mr** referencing *dead, death, flood, swamp*, etc. Why is this so? It is rooted in the *cosmology* of ancient Kamit. First however, let us look at the etymology of the term **moor** as propounded by the whites and their offspring. From etymonline.com (online etymology dictionary):

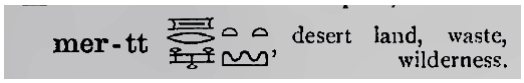
moor (n.)

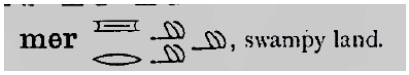
"waste ground," O.E. *mor* "morass, swamp," from P.Gmc. **mora-* (cf. O.S., M.Du. Du. *meer* "swamp," O.H.G. *muor* "swamp," also "sea," Ger. *Moor* "moor," O.N. *mörr* "moorland,"*marr* "sea"), perhaps related to ***mere*** (n.), or from root **mer-* "to die," hence "dead land." The basic sense in place names is 'marsh', a kind of low-lying wetland possibly regarded as less fertile than *mersc* 'marsh.' The development of the senses 'dry heathland, barren upland' is not fully accounted for but may be due to the idea of infertility. [Cambridge Dictionary of English Place-Names]

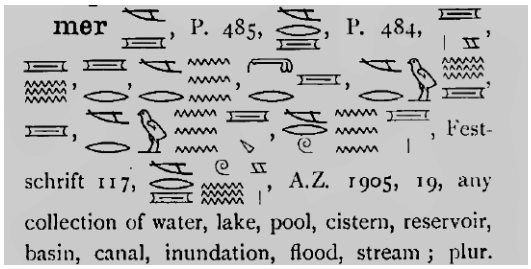
As we can see, the whites and their offspring trace the term **moor** only back to proto-germanic and proto-indo-european 'roots'. They list the following definitions:

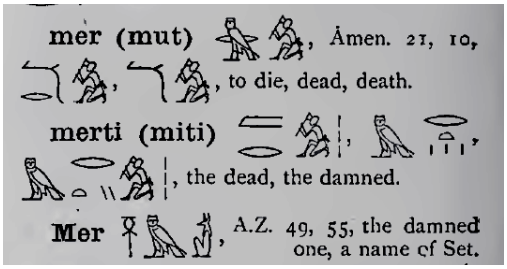
1. waste ground
2. morass, swamp
3. sea
4. 'perhaps related to mere or from root mer "to die" dead land

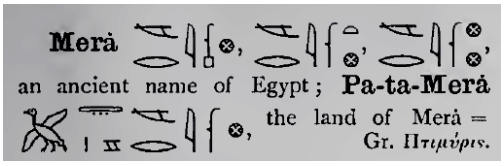
These four definitions are **stolen directly from our Ancestral language of Kamit** as shown in the metutu:

1. 

2. 

3. 

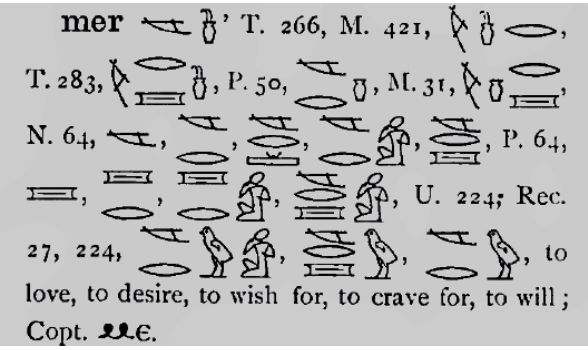
4. 

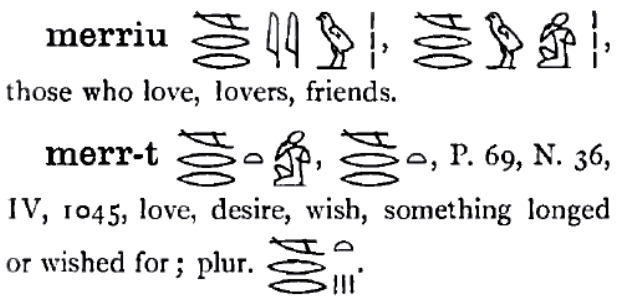


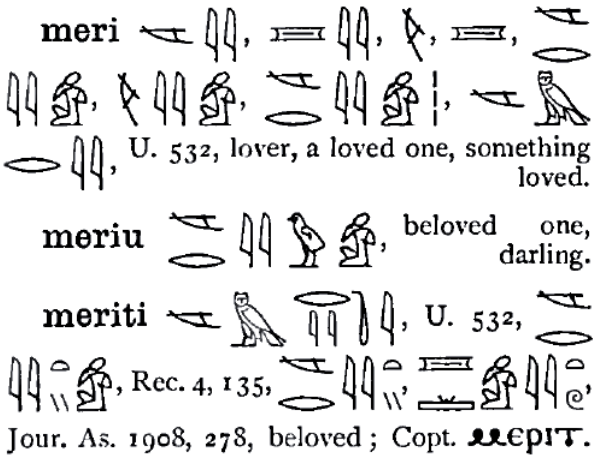
The language of Kamit is an Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African~Black) language that predates any european or asian language by thousands of years. These four definitions found in the metutu prove conclusively that

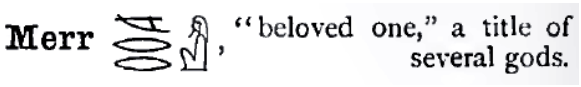
the term **mr** (*moor* and *mere*) originated with Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) thousands of years before the whites invaded ancient Kamit and learned of the term.

The Akan have a proverbial saying, *'Love is death'*. This is more than the notion that being 'in love' with someone is often 'painful' or makes someone want to 'die'. There is a cosmological meaning. First, the concept can be found in the term **mr** in Kamit:









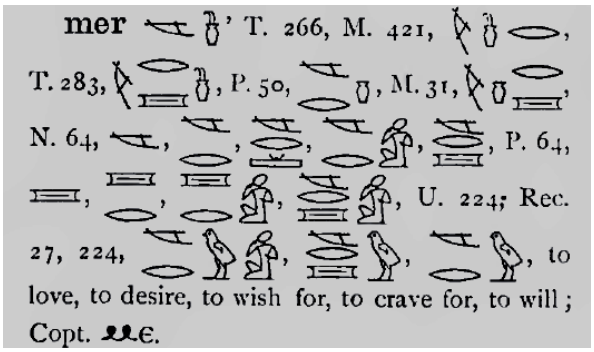
As we can see the term **mr** also means *love, desire, to crave for*. One who is *'beloved'* is thus called **mri**. The beloved are called **mriti**. One's *beloved* (masculine) is **mri** while one's *beloved* (feminine) is **mrit**. The 't' feminizes nouns in Kamit. [This is where the 'ette' in english as a 'feminizer' originates – Paul, Paulette; Anton, Antonette; the diminutive: cigar, cigarette, etc.]

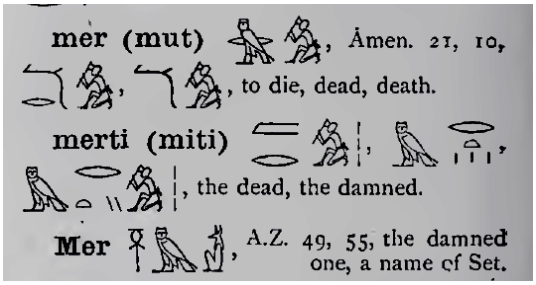
We see above that the term written **MR** in the metutu is written **mer** by the egyptologist. In the Coptic dialect the term is written with the 'e' and thus spelled **ME**: Copt. ϣϫϵ. The term for *lover, beloved* is written **MRIT** and translated by the egyptologist as **merit**. In Coptic the term is spelled **MERIT**: Copt. ϣϵριτ. The Coptic dialect has given us a proper dialectical variant of the word with an 'e' vowel placement (as opposed to placing a 'u' or 'o' between **MR**). Further confirmation comes from the Akan language. The Akan term for *love* in the sense of *desire* is **ope** or **pe**. A term for *lover* has the forms **mpra**, **mpena**. The Coptic version of **Mer** is **ME**. The 'R' is dropped. This features in many

Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) speech patterns where we drop the 'R' at regular conversation speed when it occurs at the end of a word. Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) in america have continued this practice when pronouncing words such as: *her* (pronounced 'huh') or *there* (pronounced by some as 'theh' as in *'see theh'* [*'see there'*]). This features prominently in the Akan language as well. This is how **MER** in ancient Kamit becomes **ME** (meh) in ancient Coptic and **PE** (**OPE** - from **MPE, MME, ME** - Coptic) in Akan. This is how **Meri** (lover) in Kamit becomes **Mpera** (**Mmera Mpena**, **Mpra**) in Akan.

The 'R' is pronounced as a rolling 'R' in Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) languages (tongue tapping the roof of the mouth once). This is why the rolling 'R' and the 'N' interchange in various words. They sound identical when speaking at regular conversation speed because the pronunciation of the 'N' sound also requires that the tongue taps the roof of the mouth once.

Note that **mr**, *love* is also **mr**, *death*:



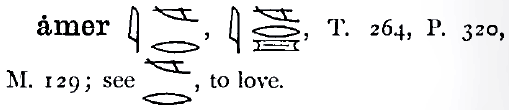


The Akan have the **ebe** (proverb) which says *'Love is death'*. In Kamit, the word for *love* (desire) **mr** is also the word for *death*, **mr**. This is a manifestation of cultural and cosmological continuity, for the Akan are one of many Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) in West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) who migrated from ancient **Khanit** (Nubia/Sudan) and Kamit in ancient times.

Moreover, just as the term **mr** (mer) was corrupted into **moor** (mohr) by the whites meaning *swamp land, water, sea, wasteland, marshland, death*, so was the term **mr** (mer) meaning *love*, corrupted by the whites into **mour** (mohr) as in **amour** (love) and *mi amour* (my love):

amour (n.)

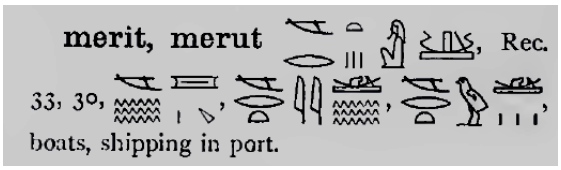
c.1300, "love," from Old French *amour*, from Latin *amorem* (nom. *amor*) "love, affection, strong friendly feeling" (it could be used of sons or brothers, but especially of sexual love), from *amare* "to love" (see ***Amy***). The accent shifted 15c.-17c. to the first syllable as the word became nativized, then shifted back as the naughty or intriguing sense became primary and the word was felt to be a euphemism.
A common ME word for love, later accented ámour (cf. *enamour*). Now with suggestion of intrigue and treated as a F[rench] word. [Weekley]

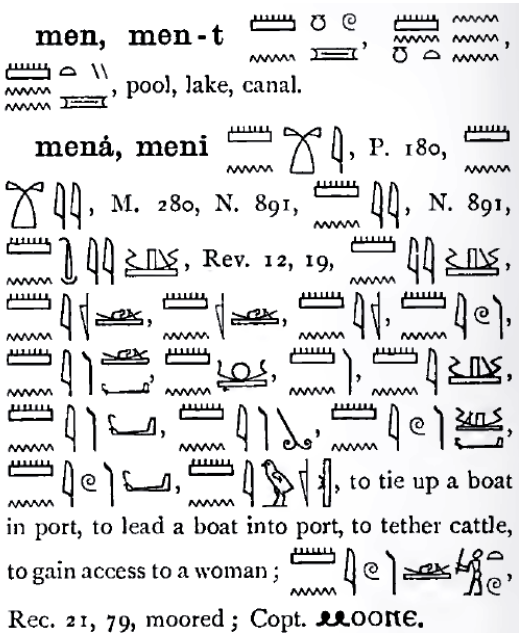


In both instances the term spelled with an 'e' in the Coptic dialect was changed to an 'o' by the whites and their offspring: **Mer** (mehre) meaning *swampland* becomes **moor**. **Mer** (me) and the variation **amer**, meaning *love* becomes **amour**.

These facts once again prove the Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) origin of the term popularly rendered '**moor**'. The <u>five definitions</u> (*wasteland, swamp, sea, death, love*) found in eurasian languages are identical to the <u>same five definitions</u> found in the earlier metutu because this is their origin.

We also have the term **mr** meaning *boats, shipping <u>in port</u>*. This is key to the cosmological understanding of **mr** meaning *love, death, water, wasteland, swamp,* etc.





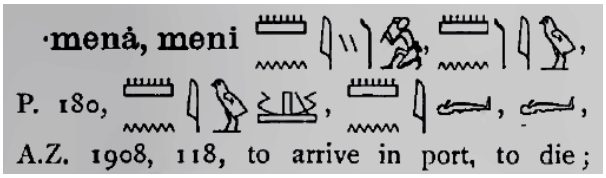
As shown above, the term **mn** (**men**) means *pool, lake*. The term **mna** or **mni** means *to tie up a boat **<u>in port</u>** – to **moor** a boat*. Notice in the Coptic dialect it is spelled **MOONE**. Copt. ⲙⲟⲟⲛⲉ.

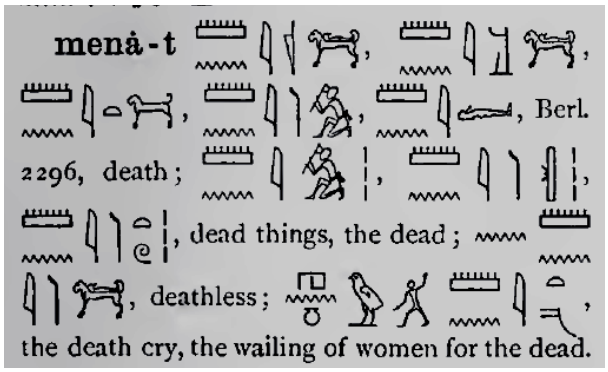
As stated above, in the language of Kamit as well as Akan and other Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) languages, the letter 'R' is pronounced as a 'rolling R' meaning the tongue taps the roof of the mouth once. This is why the 'N' and 'R' interchange. If you pronounce **Mera Mena Mera Mena** out loud and 'roll' the 'R' you would not be able to tell the difference between the two words. This is why **mera** (*water, lake, pool*) is also written **mena** (*water, lake*). This is also why in Akan the name **Bena** is also written **Bera** or **Bra** and **Bono** is also written **Boron**. There are numerous examples of this in the languages of Kamit and Akan. The term **mna** pronounced moone [mooh-neh] in Coptic sounds like moore (mooh-reh) with a 'rolling R'. The term moone (moo-reh) became **moor** in english, as in *'to moor a boat'*:

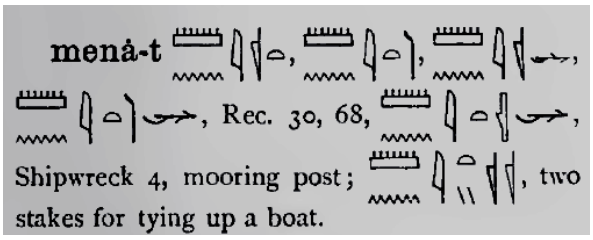
moor (v.)

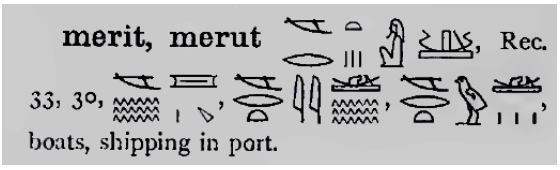
"to fasten (a vessel) by a cable," late 15c., probably related to O.E. *mærels* "mooring rope," via unrecorded **mærian* "to moor," or possibly borrowed from M.L.G. *moren* or M.Du.*maren* "to moor," from W.Gmc. **mairojan*. Related: *Moored*, ***mooring***. French *amarrer* is from Dutch.

As we can see, the whites and their offspring have stolen a term and attributed it to themselves. The term **mni** and the Coptic **moone** (moorey) is the exact same term as **moor** for the language of Kamit holds the etymological root. Related terms:









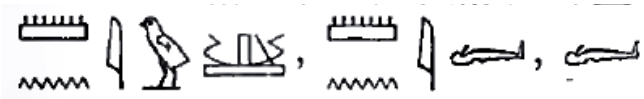
The term **mna** or **mni** (**mra** or **mri**) means *to arrive in port, to die; boats, shipping in port*. The term **mnat** means *the dead*. The term **mnat** also means *mooring post*. Ancient Kamit was a riverine culture. We quote at length from our article: **The Origin of the Term Nsamanfo in Kamit** for the cosmological context:

Pages 1-3:

"….Ancient **Kamit** (Egypt) and parts of **Khanit** (Nubia/Sudan) were/are riverine cultures. Our **Nsamanfo** (n-sah-mahn'-foh), our Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestresses and Ancestors, thus had/have an understanding of the value of water and images and concepts related to water are found throughout the texts, symbolism and culture of Kamit and Khanit. The sky for example is seen to be comprised largely of a mass of water. Thus, as the **Aten** (Sun) moves through the sky it is depicted as *sailing through the sky in a boat*. The Aten rises in Its boat in the **abtet** (east), sails across the sky and sets in Its boat in the **ament** (west):

Ra, Hawk-headed, sitting inside the disk of the **Aten** (Sun) which is inside of the *boat* of the **Aten** (Sun) as it sails across the sky

When the Aten sets in the ament (west), it sinks down below the horizon. Here, the Aten is said to *enter the hidden (ament) land (ta)*, the *underworld*, the spirit world – the **Ancestral realm**. The Aten has 'died' or moved through the *gate of Death* to now bring light to the spirit world for the 12 hours of the night. The Aten subsequently reemerges in the abtet (east) at sunrise and appears above the horizon. The Aten has thus been 'born' or 'resurrected' from the 'dead'. The Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) human is recognized to go through the same process, not only in the context of rising in the morning (sunrise) and going to sleep at night (sunset), but through our life-times. Our *sunrise* is our appearance in the world at birth, while our transition to the spirit world through the gate of Death is our *sunset*.



To arrive in port, to die

When a boat arrives at its port, its final destination, it docks. The inhabitants then leave the boat. The same is said of the boat of the Aten. The Aten rises above the horizon through the *eastern mountain range* in Kamit called **Bakhau**. On the western horizon is the *western mountain range* called **Manu**. When the boat of the Aten arrives at the mountain range of Manu in the west (ament), the Aten has *arrived at its port*. The boat docks and the inhabitants – Spirits – leave the *day* boat (**Mandjet** boat) and go into the spirit world (underworld). For the spirit world journey, They board the *night* boat (**Mesektet** boat).

*Aten rising above **Bakhau** mountains in the **abtet** (east) in Kamit*

*Aten setting upon **Manu** mountains in the **ament** (west) in Kamit*

mna – *death, the dead*

mnau – *to die*

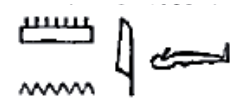
mna – *death, the dead*

mna – *dead one*

mn – *dead one*

The term **mn** or **mna** meaning *to die* or *dead one, the dead* and *death* as shown above is also the term for: *to arrive in port*. Three versions of the term **mn** or **mna** meaning *to arrive in port, to die* are below:

mnau – *to arrive in port, to die*



mna – *to arrive in port, to die*

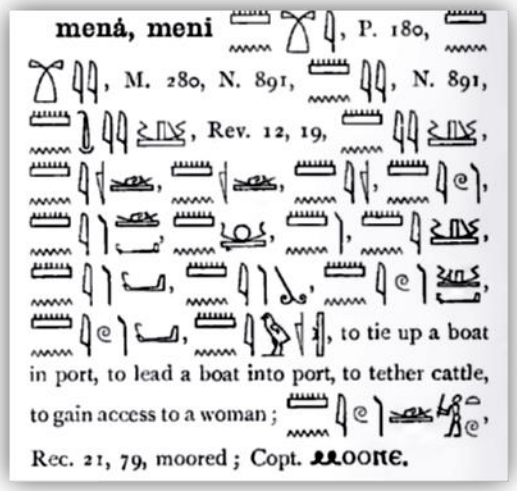
mn – *to arrive in port, to die*

The first version of the term is comprised of the **metutu** (hieroglyphs) for the **mn** combination , for the letter 'n' , for the letter 'a' and for the letter 'u' . The final metut (symbol) is a *determinative* metut. This is a symbol that is not pronounced but is an *indicator* or *determiner* of what is being spoken of in the word. The *determinative* metut in this instance is the boat: .

In the second version of the word we have the metutu for the word **mna**, however the determinative is not a boat. It is the *mummified body* – a dead person: . In the third version of the term **mn** the metut of the *mummified body/dead person* is used *alone* and encompasses the word *and* the idea *in total:* **mn**. It is a common practice in the written language of Kamit to spell out the entire word *and* use a determinative metut or to simply use the determinative metut *alone* to signify the word and concept…."

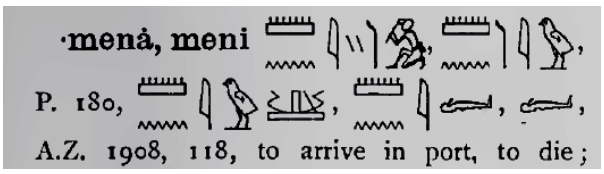
Quote from pages 6-7:

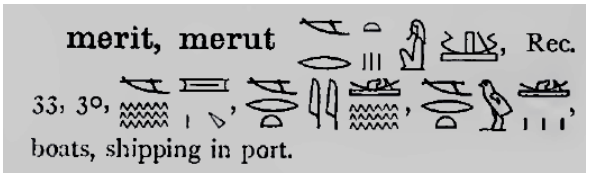
"….It is relevant in this regard that the term **mn** means *dead one, mummified one, one who has arrived in port*. The one who arrives in port, or docks has his/her boat 'moored' or *tied/fastened*. The term **mni** thus means 'moored' and is the etymological origin of the english term 'moor' as in 'mooring post':



Once the boat has arrived in port, it is **mni** - *moored* or *tied to a mooring post*. [*See the Coptic version of the term:* **MOONE** *(Mooh-reh):* Copt. ⲙⲟⲟⲛⲉ *from which the english 'moor' is derived. The rolling 'r' sound (tongue tapping the roof of the mouth once) and the 'n' sound are identical and interchange in Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) languages. moone (moo-neh) thus sounds identical to moore (moo-reh).*]…"

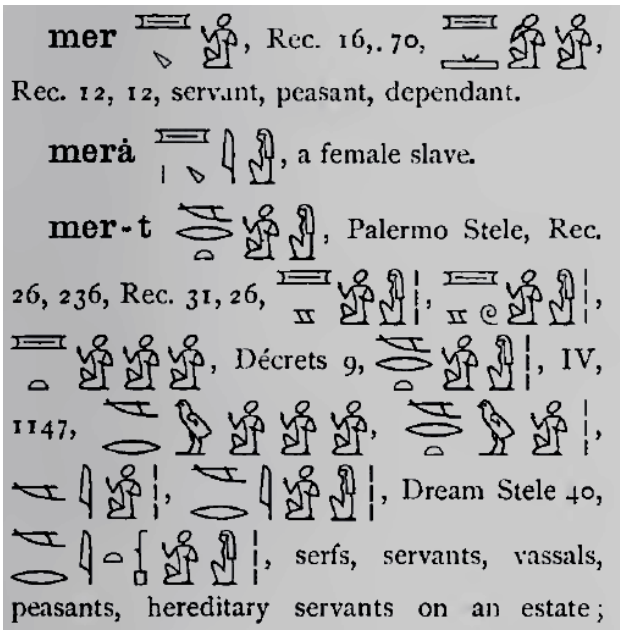
The key here is the relationship between **mn** meaning *to arrive in port, to die* and **mr** meaning *death, the dead* but also *boats, shipping in port*:

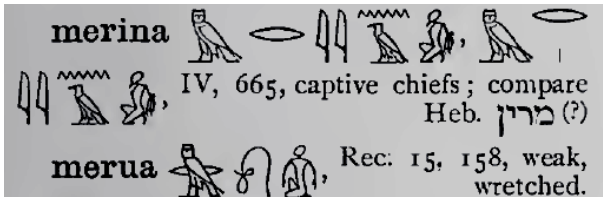


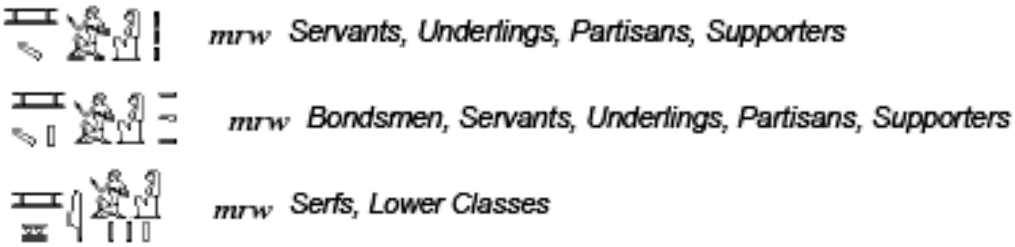


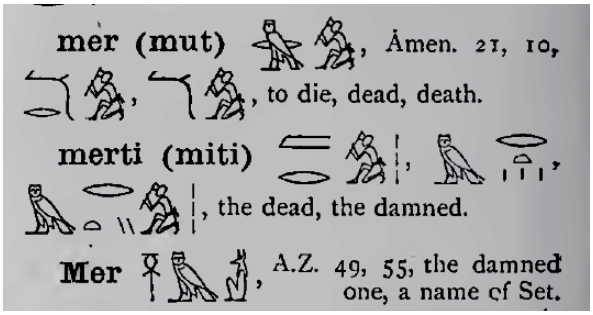
A *moored* boat is one that has *arrived in port* (**mni, mri**) and is *fastened*. Like a person reaching their final destination (death) and the body is placed in the ground (port) and 'tied' to **Asaase Afua** (Earth Mother), so is the boat which reaches its final destination *fastened* after its arrival/death. It will not be sailing anymore – its journey has come to an end. *There is no longer freedom of movement*. When the boat arrives in port and is moored, the inhabitants *disembark* - leave the boat. When the individual arrives in port, dies, and his/her body is 'moored', fastened to **Asaase Afua** (buried in Earth), the inhabitant (spirit) of the body leaves for the body is dead. *There is no longer freedom of movement for the body*. The spirit therefore *disembarks*, leaves the physical vessel.

The notion of *death, lack of freedom, being moored/tied, submerged (flood water, buried)* and more is the basis for **a class of people** who are referred to as **mr** or **mru** (plural, also written **mrw**), meaning not only *the dead* and *the damned* but also *servants, slaves, bondsmen/women, serfs, vassals, dependents*, etc. They are the 'socially dead' - *tied, fastened, lacking of freedom, weak, wretched*, etc:

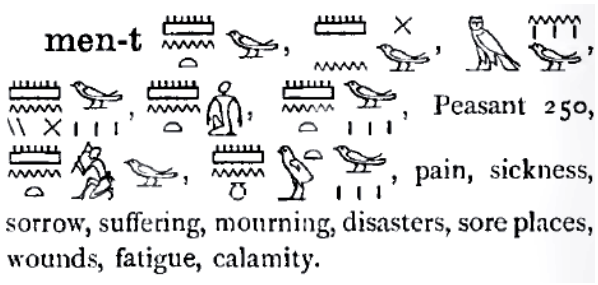


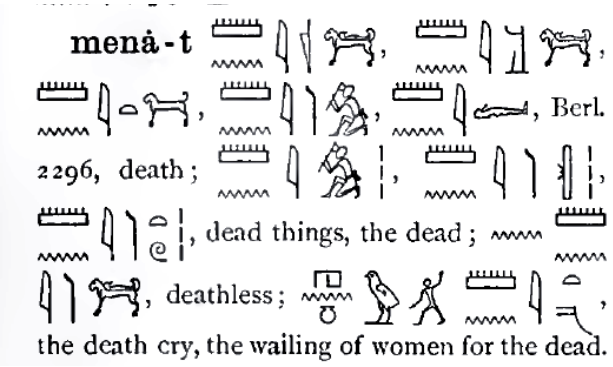






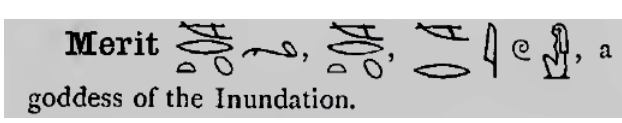
We also have the english term *'mourn'* which is also directly tied to the term *'moor'* with its etymological roots in **mer** and **mni** – death:

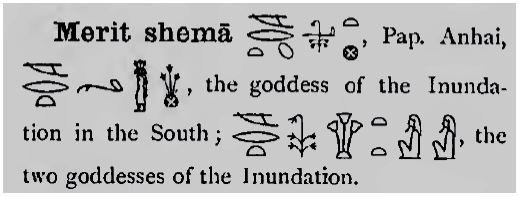


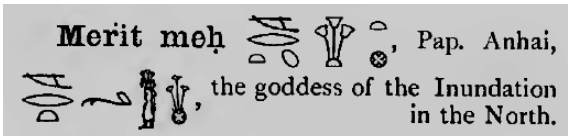


Mnt or **Mnut** (**Mrt** or **Mrnut**) meaning *suffering, mourning*, etc. is the root of the term *'mourn'*. We also have:

As we can see above, we have the term **agb** meaning *to mourn, grieve* and the same term **agb** meaning *flood, primordial waters, inundation*. Some have identified the term **egp.t** (Egypt - *the land of the inundation*) being derived from **agb**, *the inundation*. The notion of a descriptive title of the country being defined through *flooding, inundation* and *mourning, death* in the term **agb** is identical to the notion of **mer** (*death, mourning*) and **mer** (*inundation, flood*) being used as a descriptive title of the country – **Ta mri**. It should be noted that the swelling of the river during the inundation is said to be caused by a tear-drop falling from the star **Sapadet** (**Sopdet** – also called Sirius or Sothis by the whites). This star has the title '*Eye* of **Ra** (Creator)'. The *'crying'* or *mourning* (**agb** or **mn/mr**) from this Divine tear-drop thus causes the *inundation* (**agb** or **mn/mr**). **These terms and definitions are all united through the cosmology of Kamit.**



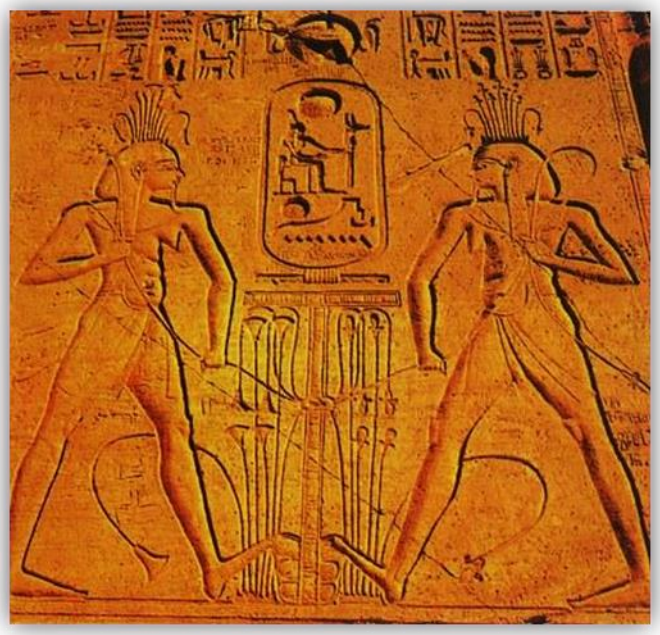




Merit Shema

Merit Meht

Merit is the name of the **Ntorot** (**Ntrt/Netert** *term for Goddess*) of the *inundation* of the river in Kamit. There are Two Female 'Nile' river **Ntorotu** (Goddesses), **Merit Shema** and **Merit Meht** meaning **Merit** of the *Southern Branch* of the river and country and **Merit** of the *Northern Branch* of the river and country. These Two Ntorotu are often shown to be the Wives of the Male **Ntorou** (**Ntru** *plural term for Gods*) of the Nile – **Hapi**:



Hapi Meht and **Hapi Reset**

Above are the Twin **Ntorou** (Gods) **Hap Meht** (**Hapi** of the *North*) and **Hap Reset** (**Hapi** of the *South*). The Nile River is often referred to simply as the *Hapi* river. However, when speaking of the *inundation* (flood) of the river we are focused on the Female Ntorotu, the **Meriti** (dual **Merit**) Who are the Female Spirit-Forces behind the flood.

[*The term for water in Kamit is* ***mu***. ***Mu Hap Meht*** *means waters (mu) of the Northern Nile Deity* ***Hap Meht***. ***MuHapMeht*** *was corrupted into* ***muhammed*** *by the whites and their offspring and applied to a fictional character/prophet of the false religion of islam who in fact* ***never existed at all***. *See our* ***KUKUU-TUNTUM – The Ancestral Jurisdiction*** *for details.*]

In ancient Kamit, it very rarely rained. However, every year the river would **flood** creating a tremendous lake, hundreds of miles long and 10-12 miles wide in certain regions. Kamit was situated along the river which is the longest river in the world. When the river would flood once a year, it was a time of ritual invocation of the Ntorou/Ntorotu (Gods/Goddesses) to ensure a promising future crop-yield. The flooding of the river would bring black silt and deposit that black silt along the river banks. Months later when the water would recede, there would be fertile land wherein the people would plant their seeds. The **Kamau** (people of Kamit - *'Egyptians'*) were totally dependent upon the flood of the river every year for their sustenance.

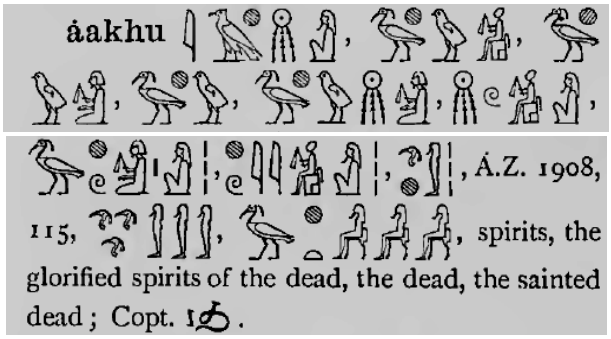
When the river would flood, **Merit Shema** and **Merit Meht** were the Spirit-Forces Who presided over the *swelling* or *'pregnancy'* of the river [*Note: in Akan the term* ***menem*** *[****merem****] means 'to swell' as in the swelling of a river*]. To the dwellers along the riverbanks, it appeared that the *entire country* had been inundated. It appeared as it was in what is called the **Sep Tepi** or *First Time – The beginning of Creation*. In our cosmology, we recognized that at the beginning of the Creation of the world there was no land, only water. While today approximately 71% of the Earth is covered by water, in the beginning the entire Earth was covered by water. **Ra** and **Rait** (*Creator* and *Creatress of the Universe*), operating as a Spirit-Force through the solar energy/fire of the **Aten** (Sun), activated the fire in the Earth's core thereby activating the Earth Mother. This resulted in earthquakes on the ocean floor and volcanic eruptions which ultimately caused a primordial hill to surge up from underneath the surface of the water. **This raised land would become the first landmass of Earth - Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa).**

Every year during the inundation, the Kamau were reminded of the cosmology. When **Merit Meht** and **Merit Shema** presided over the *pregnancy/swelling* of the body of the river, a large portion of the *land* was *buried* or *submerged* under water. This was a form of *death*. The plant life was submerged. The land animals living along the banks retreated. The land was *buried/submerged* for a period. However, when the new season came it was time for a re-emergence, a rebirth. The land emerged from its submergence/burial/death, the plant life was 'resurrected'. This recalled the story of **Ausar**, the Ntoro (Deity) who was killed, buried and resurrected. Ritually, this recalled the notion of initiation being a process of someone *'going under'*, dying to the old self and resurrecting as a new individual with new responsibilities (priesthood/priestesshood) and much more. It also recalled the fact that when men and women were in conflict with regard to their love-relationships, the desire (**mr**) for their significant other manifested as the *flood of the rivers of blood* in the body to the heart. One's heart would then be *submerged, flooded,* become *heavy with anxiety,* would *pain* them and he or she would feel like a *death* (**mr**) has occurred – *'love is death'* (**mr** is **mr**) – the heart would 'freeze' or 'stop'. There may even be a flood or inundation of tears – crying. Resolution of conflict however would bring an end to the *heavy* (dead) heart. A rebirth or restoration of balance would occur as the heart would begin to palpitate at its normal rhythm again. The tears would cease. The flood waters would recede.

It is important to note that in Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) culture, Death in and of Itself is not seen as evil or as a curse. Death also is *not* the opposite of life. One is born into the world, we *live* in the physical world, then go through the gate of Death and *live* in the Ancestral world. In our culture, we recognize *Death to be the opposite of Birth* – <u>life is continuous</u> in the physical realm (after birth) and the spirit-realm (after death).

Ancient Kamit was distinguished in many ways. The **mru** (pyramids) are magnificent structures which define an aspect of Kamit. The yearly inundation governed the entire economy and social life of the people. This is why Kamit would be referred to as **Ta Merit**, the land of the *inundation*. This name is also related to **Mer** meaning the *land of the* **Mer** or *pyramids*. However, in both instances we are referring to *death* (**mr**), *submergence, burial, inundation, shrines for the dead* (**meru**), etc. This is why those who died were referred to as those who *arrived in port* (**mni** or **mri**) like a boat docking and being moored (**mni**, **mri**).

This is not without precedent. The land south of Kamit, contemporary Sudan and Ethiopia, was called **Ta Aakhu** meaning – *Land of the Ancestresses and Ancestors* (**Aakhu**) – *Land of the Venerable Deceased Spirits/Dead*:



The people of Kamit and Khanit paid great attention to those who lived honorable lives and continued to support us as Ancestresses and Ancestors (**Aakhu/Aakhutu**) from the Ancestral realm. They were/are our *beloved* (**mri**, **mriti**) deceased. We therefore built our *beloved* (**mr**) *dead* (**mr**) *shrines/pyramids* (**mr**). This practice was only for those who lived in harmony with Divine Order while on Earth.

However, societally, those who were engaged in self-destructive lifestyles were referred to as being 'dead' – **meru** (**mru**). Those who were *slaves, servants* (*prisoners of war* or *convicted felons* for example) were *tied* (**mr**) to their lot in life and thus to those whom they served. In contemporary culture we often refer to those who are *tied/addicted* to drugs as 'dead' or those who are engaged in self-destructive behavior as mentally or spiritually 'dead'. The same is true of the culture of ancient Kamit:

"…As for the fool does not hear, he can do nothing at all. He looks at ignorance and sees knowledge. He looks at harmfulness and sees usefulness. He does everything that one detests and is blamed for it every day. He lives on the things by which one dies. His food is evil speech. His sort is known to the officials who say, ***'There goes a living death every day'.*** *One ignores the things that he does because of his many daily troubles…"* [**Instructions of Ptah Hetep** - c4400 years ago]

When the whites and their offspring invaded Kamit, they learned of these terms from our language and continued to use them. We have proven conclusively that this is the case, for the varied definitions of the

term 'moor' (*waste land, sea, swamp, death, love, fastening a boat*) have been shown to have their roots in the language of Kamit. The whites and their offspring continue to use the terms to this day with the exact same six meanings – *although they lack cosmological understanding*. **The same is true of the whites and their offspring designating Black people as Moors:**

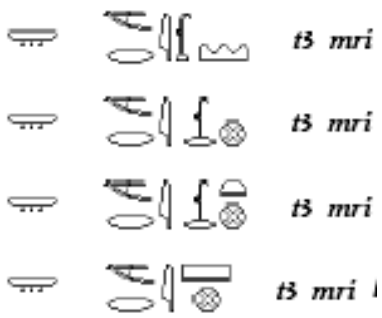
Moor (n.)

"North African, Berber," late 14c., from O.Fr. *More*, from M.L. *Morus*, from L. *Maurus* "inhabitant of Mauritania" (northwest Africa, a region now corresponding to northern Algeria and Morocco), from Gk. *Mauros*, perhaps a native name, or else cognate with *mauros* "black" (but this adjective only appears in late Greek and may as well be from the people's name as the reverse). Being a dark people in relation to Europeans, their name in the Middle Ages was a synonym for "Negro;" later (16c.-17c.) used indiscriminately of Muslims (Persians, Arabs, etc.) but especially those in India.

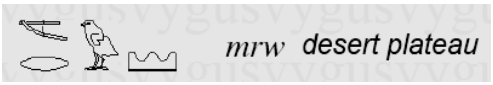
The terms *moor* and *blackamoor* were used by europeans as a descriptive of Black people who were muslims and Black people in general over time. The term was also used to identify anyone who was darker that the western european such as white arabs and hindus, **although white arabs and white hindus are not Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans~Black People).** [*The original people of these areas were Black. However, just as in 'egypt' today, the white invaders are in control of these regions. The white invaders in arab-controlled regions of the world, in india and elsewhere are not Black.*] Just as the term **mer** (love) was corrupted into **amour** (ah-mohr) meaning 'love' in european languages, so was the term **mer** (singular) or **meru** (plural) referring to *'dead people; the damned; slaves, servants, vassals'* etc. corrupted into **moor** (mohr) and **moors** in european languages.

In Kamit, to be labeled a 'mer' or a *dead, damned person* or a *slave* was a pejorative. This carried over into the european usage of the term. The only difference being that *all Black people* were labeled 'moors' as a pejorative by the whites. The europeans understood that the color *Black* was associated with *Divine Power*, *Ancestrally vested power* in Kamit. It was therefore associated with *death*. Because the whites and their offspring improperly associated death with evil, they sought to associate being Black with death in a pejorative sense, and therefore with evil. This is how **mr** (*dead, damned, slave, servant*) was connected with **Ta Merit** – *land of the Dead* (*submergence/inundation/wasteland* - see *mere* the 'dead land') and because **Ta Mert** (land of the pyramids) was also **Kam-t** (*Kam - Black; Kam-t - Black land/Land of the Blacks*) then Black was improperly associated by the whites with 'death', 'slave', 'servant', etc. We must also recall that it is the **Merit** Ntorotu, the Goddesses of the inundation/flood/submergence/death, who bring the **black silt** from the south to deposit on the banks of the river. The *merit-water* (*flood-water* as opposed to the water during the remainder of the year) was thus the *'black'-water*. The black silt comprised the **Kam-t** or *Black land*. The black silt is sacred to **Ausar**. It is His shrine on Earth. He thus has the title **Kam-Ur**, the *Great (**Ur**) Black One* (**Kam**):

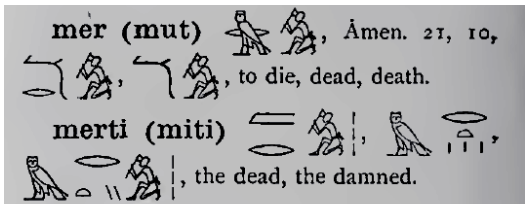
Ausar also called **Kam-Ur**. **Ausar** is the Sovereign of the Ancestral Realm – *The Realm of the 'Dead'*

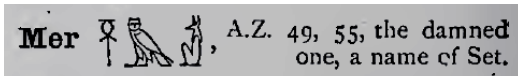


Above are four different versions of the name **Ta Mri** or **Ta Mra**. Note that in the first version the determinative metut is that of the *notched palm branch* which references *time* as in the *beginning of a season or period*. We also have the metut for *desert land* *- dead land, wasteland, land of the west, land of the setting Aten/Sun where the boat of* ***Ra*** *arrives in port* (**mni, mri**) [Note that *waste* means *'desolate region'*. The land of the *west* is the desertland (*waste/westland*) where the Aten (Sun) goes to 'die' (*mer*)]



Ta Mri is thus the land which returns, via inundation, to a *dead-land* (mere), the land which is buried for a *season*, then resurrected/reborn. It is important to recall that in Kamit, the Ntoro (Deity) **Set** is the Ntoro of the *desert*/dead land. **Set** is also called **Mr** – the *'damned' one* meaning one who *works with deceased spirits*:





[**Set** or **Seti** was corrupted by the whites into *Setin* or *Satan – the spirit who rules the dead, the damned, in the underworld/hell.*]

The term **mru** (**mrw, meru**) meaning *the damned* is indicated by the determinative metut of a man on one knee *driving an axe through the middle of his forehead*: He is engaged in self-destructive, suicidal activity. The axe through the head shows that he is not only *mentally dead* but *spiritually* and *physically dead*. Self-destructive behavior, inclusive of suicide is taboo, *Divinely prohibited*, in Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) culture. This *dead person* is thus a *damned person*. In Akan culture the term **akyiwade** is the word for *taboo*. It describes that which is **kyi** - *hated* by **Nyamewaa-Nyame** (*the Supreme Being*). Just as in all of Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa), taboos are *Divinely prohibited/Divinely hated* deeds, entities, objects, etc. If we violate an akyiwade, a Divine prohibition or restriction, we *'damn'* ourselves because we place ourselves out of harmony with Divine Order. The term **mru** meaning *serfs, servants, vassals* is also spelled with the *notched palm branch*:

Mrat **Ta Mra**

In the second and third versions of **Ta Mri** above, the *notched palm branch* is the determinative metut along with the metut for *country, territory*. **Ta Mri** is thus a descriptive of the country in the context of the *time/season* of the **merit** – *inundation (submergence, death)*. This is why we have the term **Ta mrau** with the *same determinative symbols* referencing the *time of the inundation – death*, *submergence* when referring to a group of people: **Ta-merâu** . Note that the ancient name of the country most often used is **Kamit** and the people **Kammau**:

Kam

Kammâu , with , Jour. As. 1908, 285, Egyptians.

The name **Ta Mra** or **Ta Mrit** is not attested until the 11th dynasty – thousands of years after the civilization was founded. The name **Kamit** is used from the early dynasties. In the last version of the term **Ta mri** above, the determinative is the metut for a *mass of water* and the metut for *country* or *territory* – the land/country of the great **merit** – *inundation (submergence, death)*. These facts collectively show that **Ta mert** is defined specifically as the *land of the inundation, death, submergence* and not the *'beloved land'*.

menâ, meni , P. 180, , A.Z. 1908, 118, to arrive in port, to die;

mer (mut) , Âmen. 21, 10, , to die, dead, death.

merti (miti) , the dead, the damned.

Notice the metut of the man driving the axe through his head is found in both the terms ***mna, mni*** *(****mra, mri****) - to arrive in port, to die and in* ***mer*** *– the dead, the damned*

mer , U. 607, P. 286, , Âmen. 25, 21, , to be sick, to suffer pain, to grieve, to be sad, to feel sympathy for someone.

meru , Pap. 3024, 131, a sick man.

mer âri , a sick man.

mer , Rec. 16,. 70, , Rec. 12, 12, servant, peasant, dependant.

merâ , a female slave.

mer-t , Palermo Stele, Rec. 26, 236, Rec. 31, 26, , , Décrets 9, , IV, 1147, , , Dream Stele 40, , serfs, servants, vassals, peasants, hereditary servants on an estate;

merua , Rec. 15, 158, weak, wretched.

Again, the whites and their offspring took a term that was a **pejorative** when referring to a *class of people in Kamau society* (**mr** or **mru**) and used that **pejorative** term to apply to *all Black people*. Instead of simply referring to us all as **Kamau** (Black People/Blacks – Black being Divine) – *as we referred to ourselves* - they decided to use the term **mr** (corrupted into 'moor') - **specifically because it was/is pejorative**.

Ancient Black people of Kamit and those outside of Kamit never referred to themselves as 'Moors'

Again, some Black people colloquially refer to drug addicts in america as the 'walking dead'. A white foreigner could enter a Black community in america, learn of the label that Black people use - 'walking dead' - and begin to refer to *all Black People* (including all those not addicted to any drugs) as the 'walking dead'. This is a **pejorative** used by a community for a *certain segment of the population* who are self-destructive being taken by a *foreigner* and used as a label of identity for the *entire community*. **This is a deliberate attempt to insult and redefine the people**. [*In fact, many whites in america do refer to all Black people in america in these terms today.*]

The whites and their offspring, after invading Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) civilizations and losing numerous wars to Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans), decided to work on destroying our Ancestral Religion and Culture. This was a means by which they believed that they could disrupt the society, exploit divisions and ultimately divide and conquer. Part of the process was to *demonize Black people*. This is why all throughout white pseudo-religion *black* is defined as *evil, of the devil, demonic*, etc. **Black** is associated with **death** in a *negative* fashion. This goes directly back to ancient Kamit where *Merit* (*death* of the crops, flooding of the land, end of a cycle/season) was associated with *Mer* (pyramids/shrines for the *dead*) and *mer* (the *dead*, those who *arrived in port* and were *mer-ed* or *moored* and also the class of the *dead* who were *damned)* [see the related terms: *morose, morbid, mortuary, moron, etc. meaning melancholy, psychologically unhealthy – associated with death, sanctuary of the dead, ignorant – mentally dead, etc. – all of which have the same roots in* ***mr*** *and later* ***moor*** *and are* ***pejoratives***]. Yet, the association with a **social class** (*slaves, servants – socially dead/bound/moored/fastened to their labor and service*) and a **spiritual designation** for a **certain class** of the deceased (*the damned*) was *artificially expanded* by the whites as a definition of all Black people.

Those Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans~Black People) who have embraced the idiocy of 'moorish' culture and identity and refer to themselves as 'moors', 'muurs', etc. are perpetuating the perverse agenda of the whites and their offspring. They are identifying themselves as 'dead people'.

Mru (Moors) – the dead, the damned

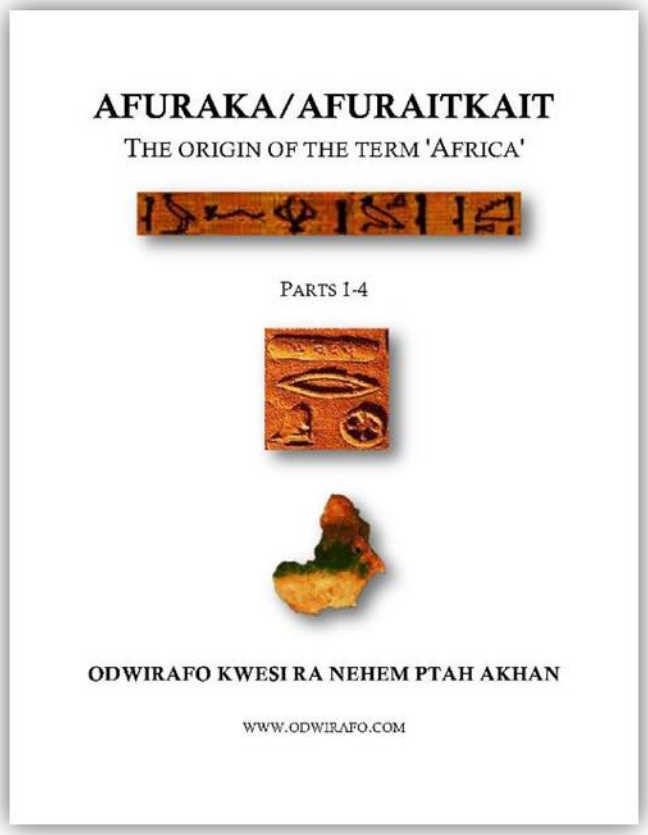
Many of these individuals perpetuate as well the false notion that the term Black means 'death'. They therefore do not call themselves Black nor do they understand the proper etymology of the term **Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit** (**African**). They therefore do not recognize nor embrace the reality that they are Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African).

Black does not mean death – Moor means death

Such individuals have been given false and foolish definitions – directly from the whites and their offspring – and have accepted these false definitions because of a **deeply seeded** and **deeply seated self-hatred**. The whites and their offspring have spent centuries attempting to convince us that 'Black' and 'African' mean inferior, ugly, ignorant, slave, etc. This began before the enslavement era and continues today. Misguided individuals who identify themselves as 'moors', 'muurs', etc. have internalized this false doctrine and thus have a **psychological need to believe** that they are something – *anything* – other than Black or Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African). Many of them *detest the mention* of the word African. Yet, deep inside they know that is exactly who and what they are. They know this from genealogy, trustory, archaeology, genetics/DNA and common sense. However, they hate this reality and therefore seek any measure to distort it. This is a manifestation of their ingrained conditioning to accept Black inferiority and the insane notion of white supremacy. **This ingrained conditioning is also made manifest in their maniacal search of the entirety of the ancient world for words with the consonantal structure 'MR' in order to make them mean 'moor' in order to retro-fit a false assumed identity.**

There are also those Black people who are agents of the whites who know the truth but continue to serve their white masters by miseducating as many Blacks as possible about our identity. <u>All</u> of the founders of these 'moorish' as well as 'Black muslim' and 'hebrew' movements fit into this category.

We have published an extensive analysis of the term 'Africa' and have shown that his term was created and used by Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) thousands of years before any other group existed on Earth:



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In the publication we show that the *Creator* and *Creatress* of the Universe are called **Ra** and **Rait** in Kamit. They operate *through* the **Aten** (Sun). When **Ra** and **Rait**, the *Great Spirit/Divine Living Energy in Creation*, move within matter, they take on the titles **Afu Ra** and **Afu Rait**. The term '**afu**' means *'house'* or *'flesh'*. On an individual level, your *flesh*/body is the *house* or *place of residence* for your spirit. When the Spirit of **Ra** and **Rait** moved *within* the primordial Earth to activate It and give It life (like sunlight penetrating Earth and stimulating the Earth's core), They were/are referred to as **Afu Ra** and **Afu Rait**. When Their movements caused earthquakes on the ocean floor, ultimately resulting in volcanic eruptions and a portion of the ocean floor surging upward above the surface of the water which covered Earth, this first 'raised land' or hill became the first landmass of Earth. The male/female terms for 'hill' or 'raised land' in Kamit are **Ka** and **Kait**. The **Ka** of **Afu Ra** is **Afuraka**. The **Kait** of **Afu Rait** is **Afuraitkait**. *Afuraka/Afuraitkait* is the *land of the Creator and Creatress*. This information is detailed in the above referenced article-series.

Because **Ra** and **Rait** operate *through* the Aten (Sun), They are often erroneously referred to the as the *'Sun God'* and *'Sun Goddess'*. In reality, **Ra** and **Rait** *use* the Aten (Sun) and other stars as *physical transmitters* of Their Spiritual Energy. This is how They manifest through the **fire of the Aten** (Sun).

The term **black** is erroneously traced back to eurasian languages by the whites and their offspring:

black (adj.)

Old English *blæc* "dark," from P.Gmc. **blakaz* "burned" (cf. Old Norse *blakkr* "dark," Old High German *blah* "black," Swedish *bläck* "ink," Dutch *blaken* "to burn"), from PIE**bhleg-* "to burn, gleam, shine, flash" (cf. Greek *phlegein* "to burn, scorch," Latin *flagrare* "to blaze, glow, burn"), from root **bhel-* (1) "to shine, flash, burn;" see ***bleach*** (v.).

The same root produced Old English *blac* "bright, shining, glittering, pale;" the connecting notions being, perhaps, "fire" (bright) and "burned" (dark). The usual Old English word for "black" was *sweart* (see ***swart***). According to OED: "In ME. it is often doubtful whether *blac, blak, blake*, means 'black, dark,' or 'pale, colourless, wan, livid.' " Used of dark-skinned people in Old English.

bleach (v.)

Old English blæcan "bleach, whiten," from P.Gmc. *blaikjan "to make white" (cf. Old Saxon blek, Old Norse bleikr, Dutch bleek, Old High German bleih, German bleich "pale;" Old Norse bleikja, Dutch bleken, German bleichen "to bleach"), from PIE root *bhel- (1) "to shine, flash, burn" (cf. Sanskrit bhrajate "shines;" Greek phlegein "to burn;" Latin flamma "flame," fulmen "lightning," fulgere "to shine, flash," flagrare "to burn;" Old Church Slavonic belu "white;" Lithuanian balnas "pale"). The same root probably produced black; perhaps because both black and white are colorless, or because both are associated with burning. Related: Bleached; bleaching.

As we can see, the term **black** is traced to the proto-indo-european root **bhleg** and the root **bhel** meaning *'to shine, flash, burn'*. The greek and latin related terms are **phlegein** and **flagrare**. Note that **flagrare** is the root of the english term **flagrant**. We can also see that the term **bleach** is traced to the same root. The reason why *bleach* and *black* are related is because *bleach burns* and something that has been on *fire* or has *burned* becomes *black*. The whiteness associated with bleach and black (both related to burning) has to do with the fact that the **fire** of the Aten (Sun) and fire in general *shines/burns 'white'* and *burns things black*. **These terms also have their roots in ancient Kamit.**

As we show in the **AFURAKA/AFURAITKAIT** article series, the people of North Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) called **Aourigha** also pronounced **Afarak** and **Afri** have their roots in Khanit and Kamit. The terms **Afer** and **Afri** in Kamit mean *to burn, to be hot* and *smoke, hot vapor* respectively:

This is because the roots of these terms are **Afu Ra** and **Afu Rait**. **Ra** and **Rait**, the Creator and Creatress operating through the **Aten** (Sun), the Great white shining, burning **fire**, caused the water of the primordial Earth to *boil* and create *vapor*. It is Their Divine Energy which activates our **abatumm**, melanin, and causes us to become *black*. Some of the descendants of the Northern Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans), now called **Berbers** (the **Black Berbers** as opposed to the white invaders who now erroneously call themselves Berbers) are called **Fula** (**Fulani**). The name **Fula** is directly derived from **Afura** (**Afri** people).

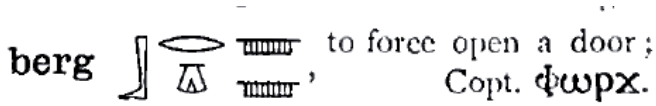
[*In ancient Kamit there was no letter 'L'. The metut (hieroglyph) used to translate foreign words that included the 'L' sound is the metut for the letter 'R'. This is because the rolling 'R' and the 'L' interchange linguistically. The greek title Ptolemis is translated in the metutu as Ptuaremis for example. The same is true in the Akan language. There is no letter 'L'. If an Akan speaker pronounces a foreign word that includes an 'L' sound, he or she will pronounce it with a rolling 'R'. The foreign term 'mulatto' is pronounced by Akan speakers as 'murato-ni' for example. This is why Fula and Fura are identical.*]

The Fula or Fulani can be found across the continent of Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa), from East Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) [in Sudan/Khanit] through Central, North and West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) all the way to the regions of Senegal and Gambia.

There are variations in the way that the Fula pronounce their name. In Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) languages the 'P' and 'F' often interchange. This is why some **Fula** people pronounce and spell their name **Peul** or **Pel**. Thus, a branch of the ancient Aourigha or Afarak, Afurak, Afri – the Furak or **Fula**, also call themselves the **Peul**. This is a *manifestation* of the ancient roots of the relationship between *bhleg* and *bhel - Fula* (Furak, Afarak) and *Peul*. The 'B', 'P' and 'F' in european languages interchange because this feature was taken from Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) languages. This is how *bhleg* becomes *phlegein* and *flagrare*. This is how the name of the ancient region of Kamit called **Paaraka** (**Pilak** in Coptic – 'R' and 'L' interchanging) becomes **Philae** in greek. The 'P' becomes an 'F' (PH) sound. Another example is a title of the Creator, **Ra**. A major title of **Ra** in Kamit is **Pa Ra**. The term **Pa** is the definite article. **Pa Ra** means '*The*' **Ra** – *Thee* God.

In Coptic, **Pa Ra** or **Pra** becomes **Phre** (**Fra** or **Freh**) ⲫⲣⲏ.:

Moreover, the 'B' and 'F' (Ph) sound interchange in Kamit. The term **brg** (barg) in ancient Kamit becomes **pharg** in Coptic Copt. ⲫⲱⲣⲝ.:



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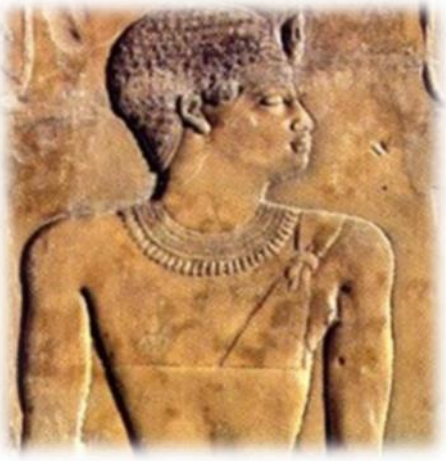


Iuput II – Berber (Libyan) King of Kamit
23rd Dynasty
Original Ancient Black Berber (Afri)

The Aourigha or Afaraka, Afuraka, Afurak, Afura, Fula people were/are black people because *black* refers directly to our *skin color*, our **abatumm** (melanin) and the *solar fire* moving through our *afu* (flesh). When the *white, shining, fire* of **Ra/Rait** moves inside of the physical matter of the body (**afu**) we have *Blackness* as a result. This is the connection between the english corruptions *black* and *bleach*. The titles **Afura** and **Afurait** are also the origin of the english term '**fire**' (**Fura**). This also accounts for the notion of the adjective 'pale' (Peul, Fula) being associated with *black* and *bleach*. It references the *radiant light* (pale/white), light of the *fire* of **Fura** - **Afura** and **Afurait**. Moreover, the terms *phlegien*, *flagrare* are rooted in **Afarak(n)** and **Afuraka**.

The first landmass, called **Ka/Kait**, to rise up from the primordial ocean in the *Sep Tepi* (First Time) was a primordial, Black, landmass. The terms **Ka/Kait** and their variations **Kaka/Kakait** (**Kk, Kkt** – often written **Kek** and **Kekut**) references *Divine Blackness* – Deities of the *Divine Black Substance of Space*. The Black Substance of Space (see *Dark matter* and *Dark energy* in astronomy) within which all of the planets, Suns, stars, dwell is that plasma from which the bodies of the planets and stars (see *Black Bodies* in astronomy) were formed. This is why the original Earth's first landmass was recognized to be a **Ka/Kait** – a primordial *Black* hill or 'raised land'. The terms **Ka** and **Kait** are also the masculine and feminine terms for *'Soul'* in Kamit.

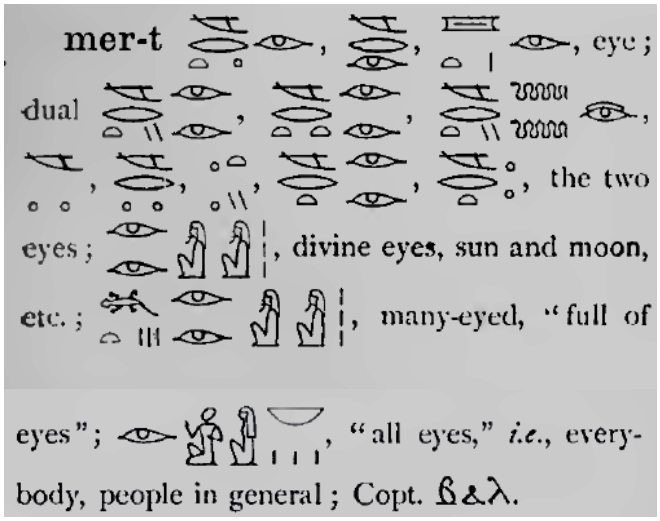
The term Black as a designation for Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) people has always been a sacred designation referencing our skin color as well as our identity as children of Afu Ra and Afu Rait. Afu (flesh) Ra (Spirit) Ka (Soul and melanin-body), Afu (flesh) Rait (Spirit) Kait (Soul and melanin-body) – Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans~Black People).

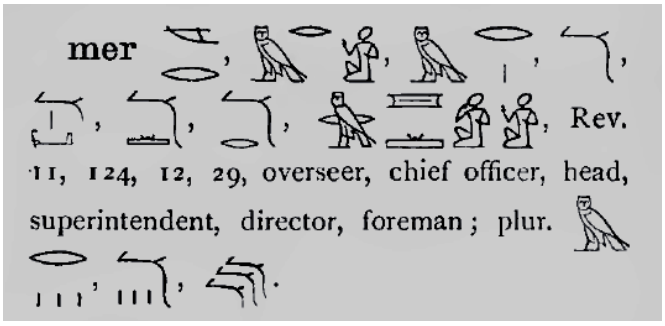
[See: **BLACK: Etymological & Cosmological Origins in Khanit & Kamit:** https://youtu.be/27H1nFmGWYg]

MAR/BAR

In Akan culture the term for **law** is **mmara**. The 'm' and 'b' interchange in Akan as well as ancient Kamit. This is why *mmara – law*, has as its singular form **bara**. As a verb, **bara** often contracted to **bra** means *to forbid*. The noun and plural form becomes **mbara** or **mmara** – *law*. Those who uphold the law are called **barafo** (**mmarafo**) pluralized as **abrafo**. The suffix 'fo' means *'people'* as in *a group*. The **abrafo** or **abarafo** are that *group of people* 'fo' who *uphold the law* **bara** (**mmara**). They are the **bara** (law) **fo** (people). In common english,

this group of people are referred to as the 'police officers' [In american parlance, police are often called *'law-men'* or *'the law'*]. They *oversee* the proper functioning of various aspects of the nation on a continuous basis. This title and function have their roots in Kamit:



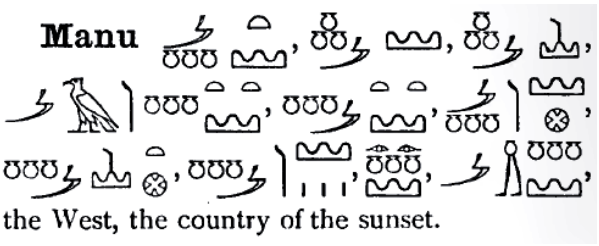


A designation for the *Two Divine Eyes, Sun and Moon* is **Mrt (Mart)**. The egyptologist translated the term as **Mert**. However, notice that in the Coptic dialect the term is pronounced **BAR**: Copt. ⲃⲁⲗ. The term **Mr** meaning *overseer, chief officer, director,* etc. written **Bar** in Coptic is the same title **Bara** (Barafo, Mmarafo) in Akan. The **obara-fo** is the **bara** or **mmara** person – *the law person* – the police officer. This is the individual who **in-spects** all activity in the nation in order to determine where imbalance exists so that he/she may exercise his/her authority to uphold law by enforcing order. This is the association of the *Divine Eye* (**MAR** or **BAR**) with the one who *in-spects* (*looks* within), the over-*seer*, the chief officer (**BARA**-fo).

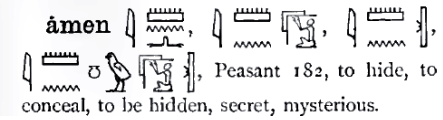
Mr-ti (**Bar-ti**) the *two* (**ti**) *Eyes* (**mar/bar**) from the coffin of **Hetep Nebi**

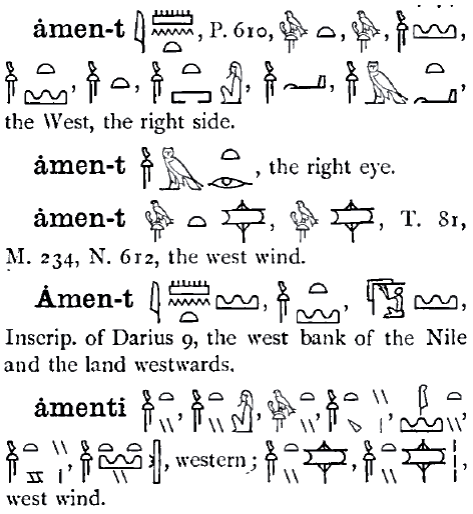
The two *Divine Eyes*, the Sun and Moon, are often referred to as the *Right and Left Eyes of* **Heru**. **Heru Ur** is depicted as a Hawk – the highest flying bird in the sky in Kamit with the keenest vision. He is the great Over-*Seer.* He is also, as **Heru Behudet** (**Behdety**), the *Enforcer of Divine Order*. He is called **Bena** in Akan culture. **Bena** is often contracted to **Bera** and **Bra**. He is the **Obrafo Kesee**, the *Great Obrafo*, *Divine Executioner*, created at the beginning of the world to *Enforce Divine Order* in Akan cosmology. There are many titles in Kamit referencing *'overseer, inspector'* beginning with '**Mr**' which are rooted in this cosmological reality.

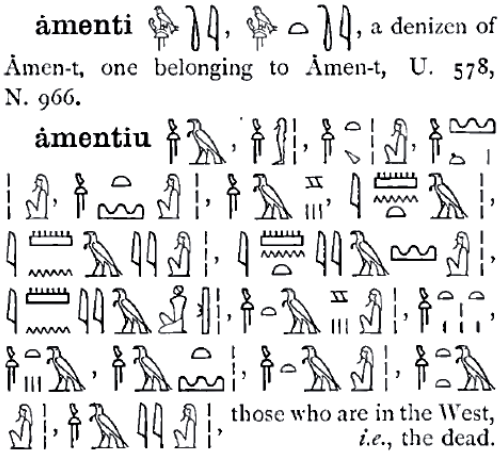
The term **mr** (mar) in Kamit meaning *overseer, chief, head* as well as *brave man* was corrupted into **mir** and **emir** in arabic meaning *'commander'*. The arabic language is not an ancient language nor is it Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African). It includes numerous words with roots in ancient Kamit (just as english, latin, greek, sanskrit, etc. do also) because of the invasions of the whites and their offspring and their cooptation and perversion of our language and culture. There is a relationship between **mr** (bar) meaning *overseer, inspector* and **mer** meaning *death*, for in Akan culture the **abrafo** (bara-fo) are also **adumfo** meaning *executioners*. When someone is convicted of a crime and sentenced to death (mr) the mr (bara-fo) carries out the execution. The term mr as mar/bar however is not the origin of 'moor'.

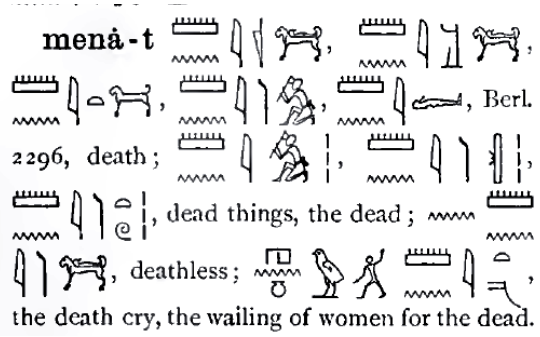


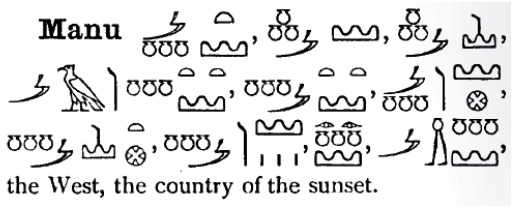
The term **mr** (mar) is also found in ancient **Sumer** (later called Babylon). Sumer was an ancient Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) civilization founded by migrants from Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) over 6,000 years ago. The migrants from Khanit and Kamit who established what would later be called Sumer of course brought their language, culture and cosmology with them. This is why the term **Mar.tu** also written **Mar.ta** means *'west'*. This is the same term from Kamit - **amn.t** or **amn.ta** meaning *'west'*. The general term **amn** (**amen**) in Kamit means *'hidden'* or *'concealed'*. When the Aten (Sun) sets in the west and sinks below the horizon it becomes the *'hidden'* Aten (Sun). The west was thus called the *'hidden land'* – **amnt** (**ament**). The Ancestral Realm was also called the *'hidden'* land (**amnt.t**).











As quoted above, the Aten rises from the mountain range called **Bakhau** in the east (**abtet**) and sets in the mountain range called **Manu** in the west (**ament**). The term for the western mountain range, the region where the Aten *dies* (**mn**), *sets* (**mn**), *arrives in port* (**mn**) is called **Manu** and has the same roots as the term **mn** - *dead, hidden* (**amn**). The name **Manu** or **Mnu** related to **Amnt** becomes **Mar.tu** or **Mar.ta** in Sumerian meaning *'west'*. A description of the people called **Mar.tu**, later referred to as **Amurru** or **Amorites** can be found in Sumerian texts:

"…The MAR.TU who know no grain... The MAR.TU who know no house nor town, the boors of the mountains... The MAR.TU who digs up truffles... who does not bend his knees (to cultivate the land), who eats raw meat, who has no house during his lifetime, who is not buried after death...

[E. Chiera, Sumerian Epics and Myths, Chicago, 1934, Nos.58 and 112]

They have prepared wheat and gú-nunuz (grain) as a confection, but an Amorite will eat it without even recognizing what it contains!..."

[E. Chiera, Sumerian Texts of Varied Contents, Chicago, 1934, No.3]

Again, we have the ancient association of those who are considered *socially 'dead'* called **mar.tu** (**manu**, **mnu**, **mrtu** – the rolling 'R' and 'N' interchange). They are called the *boors of the mountains* - **Manu** – the *western (martu) mountain range (manu)* where the Aten 'dies' – **mn**. The english word 'boor' chosen by the translator means *'uncivilized, unrefined'*. They are uncivilized and are not buried after death (mn). The *unburied* are the *'perpetually dead'*.

The term mar.tu of Sumer is descendent of the term mru (mrt) – socially 'dead' of ancient Kamit. This is a cosmological concept that the ancient Khanitu and Kamau (Nubians and Egyptians) carried with them as they migrated from Khanit and Kamit to the Near East thousands of years ago.

As we can see in the excerpt addressing the character of those referred to as mar.tu, the description fits the character of the whites and their offspring. The **Mar.tu** were later caller **Amurru** which translates in english to **Amorites**. In Kamit, these people were called **Aamu**. [Note that **Amurru** means *'west'* and is a version of **amnu** (**amenut/amanu**). **Aamu** also means 'west' and 'right'.]. The original inhabitants of the region of what is now called palestine, israel, lebanon and syria were Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) who migrated from Khanit and Kamit. Some of these people migrated further east to establish Sumer. However, these areas were invaded by the whites and their offspring. The **mru** (**mar.tu**) designation meaning 'uncivilized', 'socially dead' was naturally given to the white invaders as a group of *uncivilized criminals*. This is why the Aamu (Amurru, Mar.tu, Amorites) in the murals of ancient Kamit were typically depicted as non-Black:

This painting from the tomb of Ramses 111 (1200 BC) shows that the Egyptians saw themselves as Blacks, and painted themselves as such without possible confusion with the Indo-Europeans [Caucasoids] or the Semites. It is a representation of the races in their most minute differences, which insures the accuracy of the colors. Throughout their entire history, the Egyptians never entertained the fantasy of portraying themselves by types B or D.

A) The Egyptian seen by himself, black type
B) The "Indo-European"
C) The other Blacks in Africa
D) The Semite

This excerpt from **Civilization or Barbarism** by Cheik Anta Diop shows an artist's rendition of a mural inside of the tomb of Ramessu III. [See the KV11 tomb for actual images]. The first figure, **Rtu** is a Kamau. The second figure, **Aamu**, is an 'amorite'. The third figure, **Nehesu**, is one of the people of Khanit (Nubia) and the fourth figure **Tmhu**, is one of the white invaders of North Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa), East Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) and arabia which includes the arab-type [*The Arabian peninsula was originally populated by Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans). The whites invaded thousands of years later. They also corrupted the traditional religion – which was the same as that of Kamit – and manufactured the* ***false*** *god allah, the* ***fictional*** *character muhammad and the* ***false*** *religion of islam*]. The Aamu figure (called Mar.tu, Amurru in Sumer) is one of the whites and their offspring. These invaders of the Black civilizations of the ancient Near East had the characteristics of barbarians as shown in the quoted text. They were uncivilized, spiritually and mentally *dead* individuals. Those who would attempt to trace the term 'moor' back to the mar.tu are tracing the term back to white, uncivilized, barbaric invaders. They also reinforce the reality that the term defines *'the dead/damned'*.

Moreover, the name **mar.tu** is related to the name **Mari** which was a city-state to the *west* of central Sumer and situated on *west bank* of what is now called the euphrates river. Mari flourished about 5,000 years ago. The original inhabitants of this area were Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) who had migrated north from ancient Khanit and Kamit. The name **Mari**, directly related to the later **Mar.tu** also references the *'west'*. The names Mari, Mar.tu, Amurru have their etymological roots in **Mni, Mrt, Mnu** and **Mru**. They reference the

'west' as a *geographical region*, but most importantly the aspect of our cosmology wherein *the nature of the inhabitants of the 'west' are defined as the 'dead'*. The ancient designation **mni**, **mri** meaning the *dead land* was carried by Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) from Kamit wherever we migrated. This is why the later kingdom of **Maure** (**Mari**) geographically to the *extreme west of Kamit*, bears this title. It was the greeks and romans who began to use the term *maure* (mauri) to refer not only to the people of the **Numidian** kingdom of that time (Mauritania - c2200-2300 years ago) but to *Black people in general.* The greeks, romans and later arabs were familiar with the root of the name **maure** being the term **mru** – *the dead, damned*, etc. - and its origins in Kamit for they had invaded Kamit, occupied Kamit for centuries and learned of the language including this term. The greek and roman invaders of Kamit not only began to imitate the dress, statecraft and ritual practices of the Kamau, but also misused the language. As stated previously, the white invaders took the term **mru** that was a pejorative designation for a certain class of society in Kamit and over time labeled the entirety of the Black race with the term – *wherever they came into contact with us in the world.*

Just as the whites and their offspring did in the past, so do they continue today. The whites and their offspring including arabs, turks and others utilized the derogatory term **mru**, corrupted into 'moor', to apply to Black people in general. They then use Black 'moors' to brainwash other Black people to accept the insanity of white supremacy and Black inferiority – which includes the false religion of islam and the pseudo-esotericism of masonry.

This is the origin of such individuals as Timothy Drew/Noble Drew Ali, Elijah Muhammad and Abdul Hamied Sulaiman – all of whom were worshippers of the white arab or turk as divine or 'god' – dedicating their lives to brainwashing Black people with white worship. The Canaanite Temple, Moorish Science Temple of america, Nation of islam, all other forms of islam, Nuwaubianism, all forms of hebrewism including Moorish hebrewism and others continue to perpetuate the agenda of the white slavemaster from eastern eurasia, just as Black 'christians' continue to perpetuate the agenda of the white slavemaster from western eurasia and america.

These individuals all taught Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans~Black People) to **hate ourselves** – *reject the reality that we are Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African)* – and to embrace a pseudo-'asian' identity. They taught us to denigrate and reject Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestral Religion and Culture and to worship the white arabs, turks and hindus as 'god' or as having a divine position as custodians of the 'true religion'. **This is the contemporary origin of Black people foolishly referring to themselves with the derogatory name 'moors'. The title 'moor' is an insult to the intelligence of all Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) and all of our Ancestresses and Ancestors. It is the equivalent of calling ourselves 'nigger'. [Notwithstanding the false etymologies now being circulated regarding 'nigger' by the uninformed].**

The ancient origin of this self-denigrating behavior is rooted in the greek, roman and arab invasions of ancient Kamit and the advent of what is referred to as the 'arab slave trade', 'indian ocean slave trade', asian enslavement of Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Tang dynasty in china) and the 'atlantic slave trade'. [*It must be understood that Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) were not 'slaves' – we were captured as prisoners of war and forced into 'enslavement'*]. The whites and their offspring continue to promote the false 'moorish', 'islamic', 'christian' and 'hebrew' identities among Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) in Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) and outside of Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) today through their Black agents. They will continue until we eradicate them.

After having endured enslavement as Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) in the western hemisphere, many Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) embraced the perversity of Black self-hatred promoted by the whites and their offspring [*Externally manifested through hair-straightening, skin-lightening, etc. Internally manifested through the*

acceptance of the insanity of white-worship]. This is why it has been relatively easy for white christians, muslims, hebrews, hindus, buddhists, vedantins, pseudo-new age 'spiritualists', pseudo-'native' american spiritualists, pseudo-esotericists, pseudo-metaphysicians, 'extraterrestrialists', 'lost-land-ists' [*those who promote the idiocy of our origins being in the mythological 'lost lands' of atlantis and mu. Note:* ***mu/mut*** *in Kamit means 'mass of water' and also 'death'*] and others to lure us away from Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) and our **actual direct** Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestresses and Ancestors. The same is true of the relative ease with which the Black agents of these white criminals can lure our people into an organized system of self-hatred – their promoted pseudo-'spiritualities' – for we were already pre-programmed with a disdain for Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) and anything Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) as a result of enslavement.

However, that ability to perpetuate these false identities amongst Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans~Black People) has come to an end. We have returned to our **Nananom Nsamanfo** (Akan term for Honored/Spiritually Cultivated Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit Ancestresses and Ancestors), Who have given us our **true cultural and spiritual identity** which is rooted in our connection to **Nyamewaa-Nyame** (**Amenet-Amen**, the Supreme Being) the **Abosom** (Deities) and our reincarnation through specific **Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African)** blood-circles – blood-circles which have not been broken for thousands of years predating the existence of the whites and their offspring on **Asaase Afua** (Earth Mother).

Akan, Ewe, Yoruba, Igbo, Bakongo, Bambara, Dogon, Minianka, Goromantche, Nguni, Afar, Batswana, Fon, Ovimbundu, Bassa, Fula, Fang, Azande, Gikuyu, Maasai, Galla, Chokwe, Mende, Lobi, Kru, all other Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) on the continent of Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) and wherever we find ourselves in the world as a result of migration or forced-migration, are not, never were and never will be moors, hebrews (a fictional people), atlanteans or children of mu (fictional groups) or any other foolish and degenerate designations.

We are **Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut** - the **Ka/Kait** *bodies and souls* of **Afu Ra** and **Afu Rait**.

Odwirafo Kwesi Ra Nehem Ptah Akhan
Aakhuamuman Amaruka Atifi Mu

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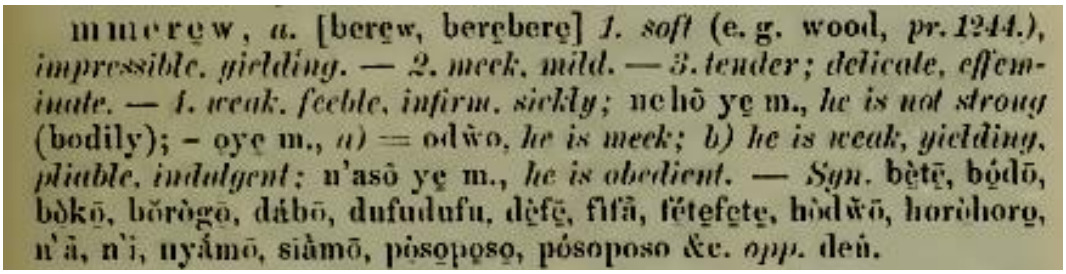
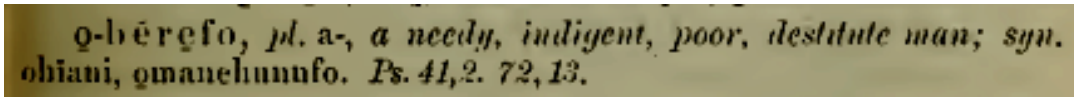
Appendix

The **Akan** people of Ghana and Ivory Coast West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa) are directly descendant of ancient **Khanit** (Nubia) and **Kamit**. The language, culture and religious practices including the names of the Deities from ancient Khanit and Kamit are thus found intact within Akan culture today. [*See our publication:* ***Akan – The People of Khanit*** *(Akan Land – Ancient Nubia/Sudan):* www.odwirafo.com/Akanfo_Nanasom.html]

Naturally, we find that the term **mr** (mer, merew, mere) continues to be used in the Akan language today:

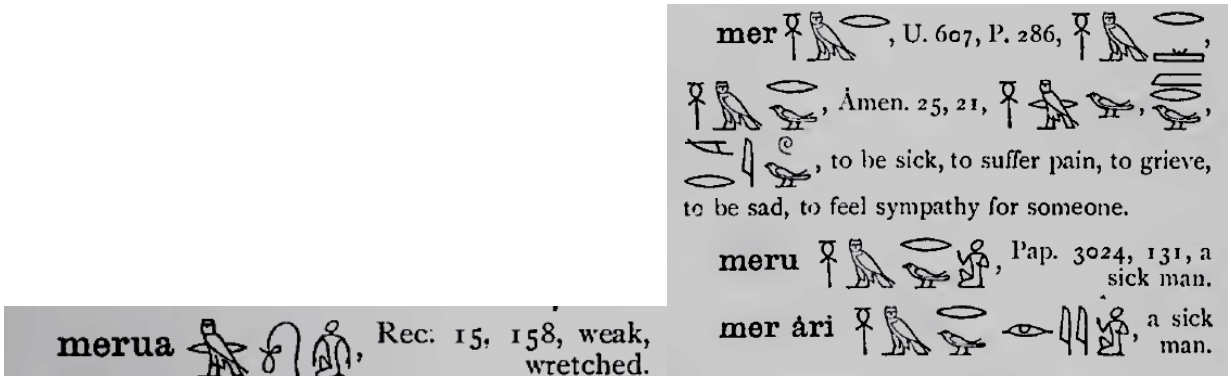


mmerɛw, *a.* [berɛw, berɛbere] *1. soft* (e. g. wood, *pr. 1244.*), *impressible, yielding.* — *2. meek, mild.* — *3. tender; delicate, effeminate.* — *4. weak, feeble, infirm, sickly;* nehõ yɛ m., *he is not strong* (bodily); – oyɛ m., *a)* = odwo, *he is meek; b) he is weak, yielding, pliable, indulgent;* n'asõ yɛ m., *he is obedient.* — *Syn.* bètɛ̃, bódõ, bɔ̀kõ, bɔ̃rɔ̀gõ, dábõ, dufudufu, dɛ̀fɛ̃, fifã, fɛ̃tefɛtɛ, hɔ̀dwõ, horòhorɔ, n'ã, n'i, nyámõ, siámõ, pɔsopɔsɔ, pósoposo &c. *opp.* den.



ɔ-bɛ̃rɛfo, *pl.* a-, *a needy, indigent, poor, destitute man; syn.* obiani, ɔmanehunufo. *Ps. 41,2. 72,13.*

[*A Dictionary of the Asante and Fante Language Called Tshi (Chwee, Twi). J.G. Christaller*]



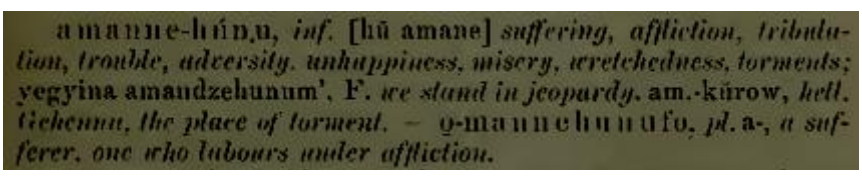
mer , U. 607, P. 286, , , Amen. 25, 21, , , , to be sick, to suffer pain, to grieve, to be sad, to feel sympathy for someone.

meru , P'ap. 3024, 131, a sick man.

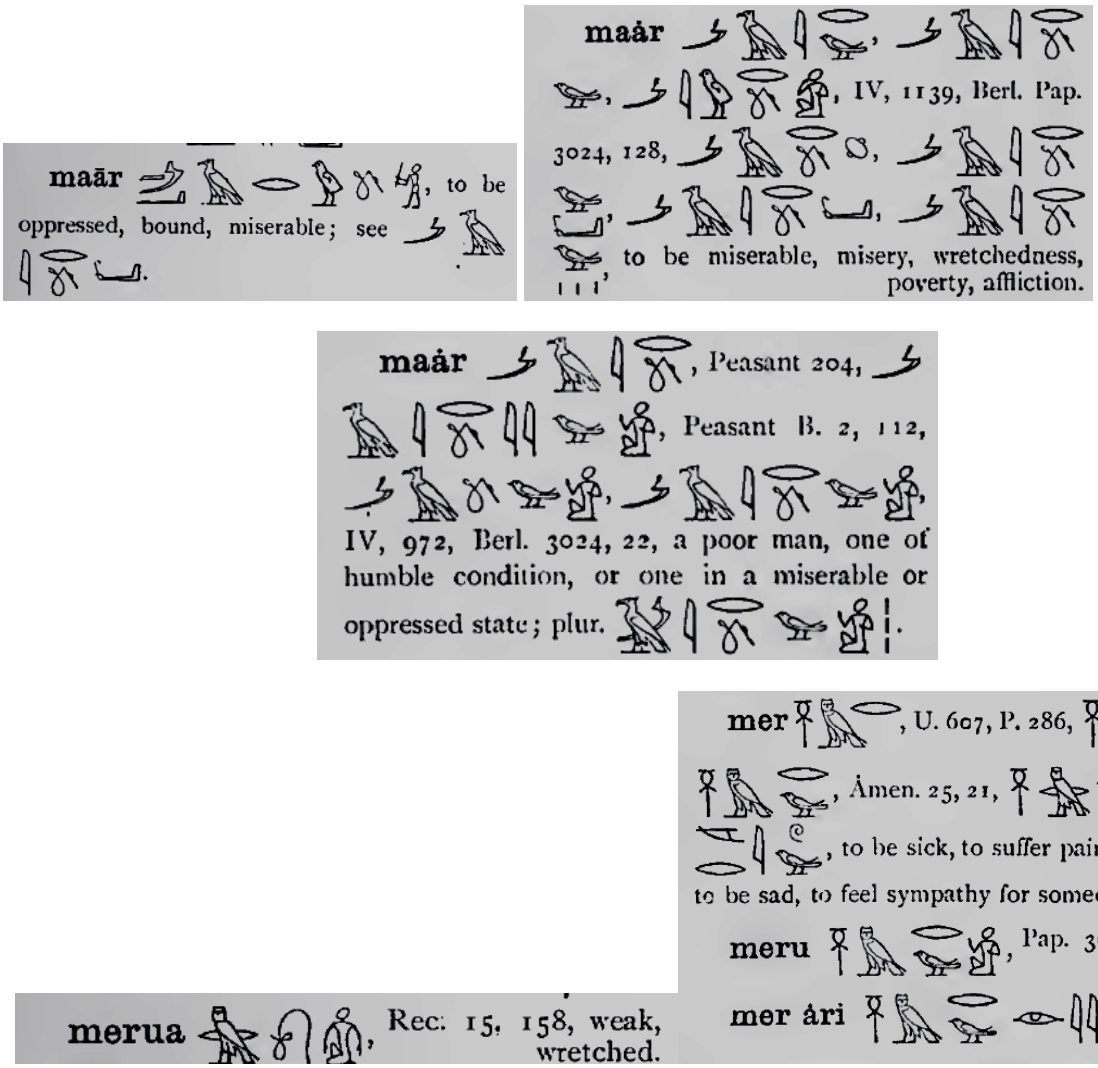
merua , Rec. 15, 158, weak, wretched.

mer âri , a sick man.

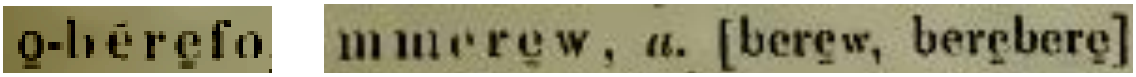
As we can see above, in the Akan (Twi) language the sounds 'm' and 'b' interchange. We thus have **mmerew** and **berew**. The same is true for the term 'law' written in the Akwamu Twi dialect 'mbra', while written in the Asante Twi dialect 'mmara' (ma-ra, maa(t) in Kamit). The the suffix 'fo' denotes *plurality* as in a group of people, while 'ni' denotes *individuality*. Thus **Akanfo** means *Akan people* (fo), while **Akanni** means an *Akan individual* (ni). The term **mmerew** when describing an individual means: *weak, feeble, infirm, sickly*. The **mmerew-fo** are those *people* (fo) who are *weak, feeble, infirm, sickly*. The **mmerew-ni** is an *individual* who is *weak, feeble, infirm or sickly*. This is directly derived from **mer** and the variation **merua** meaning *weak, wretched* in Kamit. Note that the synonym in Twi for **mmerew** is **omanehunufo**. This term means *a sufferer, one who labors in affliction; trouble, wretchedness, torments, misery:*



amanne-húnu, *inf.* [hũ amane] *suffering, affliction, tribulation, trouble, adversity, unhappiness, misery, wretchedness, torments;* yegyina amandzehunum', F. *we stand in jeopardy.* am.-kúrow, *hell, Gehenna, the place of torment.* – ɔ-manne hunufo, *pl.* a-, *a sufferer, one who labours under affliction.*



[Note the variation **maar** (**mer**) meaning *oppressed, bound, miserable; afflicted, wretchedness*]



The term **bere-fo** also written and pronounced in some Akan dialects as **mberefo**, **mmerefo** are the group of *people* (fo) who are *needy, indigent, poor, destitute, afflicted*. The Akan term **bere** (mbere, mmere) is derived from **mer** (mere) in Kamit referencing the *indigent, destitute, needy, servants, slaves, etc.* This is what it means to be a 'moor'. It has <u>always</u> been a pejorative term. It was therefore used by the whites and their offspring to falsely identify our people as a race of weak, wretched, indigent, afflicted people. Just as it is an <u>insult</u> today in Akan culture to label someone as *mmerew* or *bere* (mbere, mere) – **mr** (moor) – *weak, wretched, sickly, infirm,* when they are truly not that, so was it an <u>insult</u> in ancient Kamit to label someone a mr (moor), *slave – socially dead, spiritually dead/damned, afflicted, wretched,* etc. when they truly were not that. This is precisely why the whites and their offspring decided to label all Black people 'mr' (mer, moor). Only the ignorant amongst us can accept such a designation.

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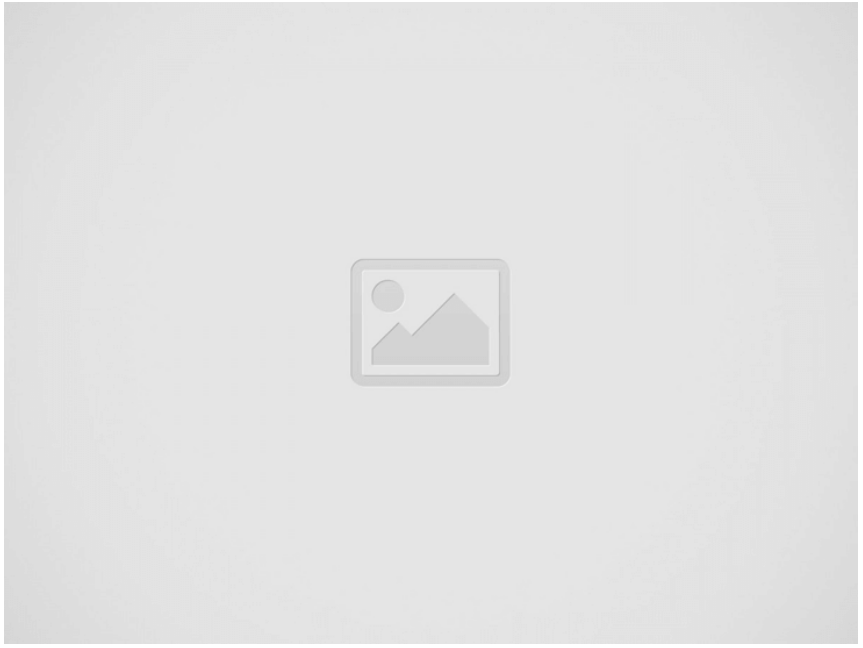

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Banebdjedet (Banedbdjed) was an Ancient Egyptian ram god with a cult centre at Mendes.

According to Ancient Egypt Online, because Osiris was the ancient Egyptian lord of the

to the belief that Osiris' backbone was the Djed pillar (which represented stability). This provides an intriguing glimpse into the ancient Egyptian understanding of death. They feared death, but they saw the stability and harmony inherent in the cycle of decay and rebirth.

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The Ba of a person was not their soul, but their essence (strength, efficacy, renown, or charm), and the Ba was represented by the hieroglyph for a "ram." As a result, Banebdjed was portrayed as a ram or ram-headed man, and a living "holy ram" (considered to embody the god's spirit) was worshiped in Djedet (near Osiris' cult center at Djedu). The rams were mummified and buried in their own necropolis with all the pomp and ceremony befitting a Pharaoh.

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During the late period, Greeks mispronounced the word Ba-neb-Djetet ('Ram Lord of Djedet') and named the city Mendes, referring to Banebdjed as "the goat of Mendes." Some esoteric academics have linked "the goat of Mendes" to Baphomet (the "false god" the Templars were accused of worshiping), while others have converted it into a diabolical cliché. The only issue with this is that Banebdjedt was a ram, not a goat, and

he (or she) was not regarded malevolent or even hostile.

Occultist Eliphas Levi created the figure of Baphomet in 1854 for his book “Dogme et

“The goat on the frontispiece carries the sign of the pentagram on the forehead, with one point at the top, a symbol of light, his two hands forming the sign of hermetism, the one pointing up to the white moon of Chesed, the other pointing down to the black moon of Geburah,” explains Eliphas Levi. This symbol represents the ideal balance of mercy and justice. His one arm is feminine, the other male, like the androgyn of Khunrath, whose attributes we had to combine with those of our goat because he is the same sign. The intelligent flame flashing between his horns symbolizes the cosmic balance’s magical light, the image of the soul exalted beyond matter, just as the flame, while bound to matter, shines above it. Because the soul is insensitive by nature and can only suffer when it materializes, the beast’s head represents the horror of the sinner, whose materially acting, totally accountable component must endure the penalty exclusively. The rod standing in place of the genitals represents eternal life, the body coated in scales represents water, the semi-circle above it represents the atmosphere, and the feathers following above the volatile. The two breasts and androgynous arms of this occult sciences sphinx symbolise humanity.”

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One thing is certain: the esoteric sciences disclosed by ancient melanated minds have nothing to do with satanism. The Egyptian priesthood did not worship Satan. This

persona and magical references may terrify the normal individual, but the inquiring Melanated Mind with knowledge of self knows that this is a sham.

Worshiping Satan is as absurd as worshiping Jesus. Becoming a magician, occultist, or alchemist is all about understanding your inner power. True occultists would never advise you to delegate your power to an entity other than yourself. So keep that in mind when you explore the Universe of Occult Knowledge. We are attempting to evolve our own situation via knowledge of self and the Universe, rather than being too focused on one side of the pendulum.

BLACKNESS, MAGIC, OCCULT SCIENCE AND THE MELANATED MIND

Every major religion and school of philosophical or metaphysical thinking has been founded on the science developed and disclosed by ancient Melanated Minds, particularly in the Egyptian priesthoods.

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What exactly is occult science? The term Occult originally meant “hidden, concealed, secret,” whereas Science refers to structured knowledge.

A general definition of “Occult Science” for the purposes of this book is as follows:

Accumulated and classified knowledge of the invisible forces and processes that regulate reality in the mind, nature, and the Universe.

Occult studies include the highest circumstance of the mind, magnetism, electricity, astrology, anatomy, alchemy, universal laws, and so on. Essentially, it is the science of the self and the Universe from the inside out. Because most people are content with

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Anyone who has this great Knowledge of Self and the Universe has access to higher realms of consciousness, allowing the adept to act as a True and Living God.

Unfortunately, many of the old texts containing this information have been destroyed or taken by the Caucazoid, who poses as the inventor of supreme wisdom. Many people still mistakenly attribute the development of the “higher sciences” to Caucasian Greeks. “The Greeks were not the inventors of Greek Philosophy,” stated George G.M James, “but the inhabitants of North Africa, popularly known as the Egyptians were.” Nothing was discovered by Greek philosophers; everything was stolen from the Egyptians.

Another thing to consider is that wherever supreme wonders are located on planet Earth in the form of an old understanding of complicated science reflected in

discovering art, literature, or building, the likeness of Black (melanated) people can be found. From the exquisite Olmec Heads in Mexico to the huge portrayals of Buddhas with negro characteristics inscribed in the mountains of Cambodia, and the infinite depictions of Black people in Egyptian art and sculpture, there is no end to the

right? Because their "intellectual contributions" were so profound, why aren't the Greeks inscribed in stone around the world in gigantic monuments to be remembered and venerated forever? Apparently, the "good stuff" is always located where melanated people are, and what they dig up in Greece is insufficient to satisfy intellectual interests.

If you read the great Occult texts published by the Caucazoid (Transcendental Magic by Eliphas Levi), you will understand what I mean.

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Giuliano Kremmerz's The Hermetic Science of Transformation, for example. They will repeatedly pay homage to Hermes Trismegistus and the "supreme universal wisdom he endowed to the world," but they will rarely mention that Hermes is nothing more than a Greek version of the Egyptian diety Tehuti (Thoth), which was actually a supreme priesthood of Melanated Minds rather than a single man. Some texts, such as Thomas H. Burgoyne's The Light of Egypt, state unequivocally that all esoteric, philosophical, and occult science was developed and revealed by ancient Melanated

Minds.

Despite those who seek to conceal or destroy ancient knowledge's desperate efforts, enough information has "slipped through the cracks" to provide a Curious Melanated

sufficient to assist any earnest student fill in the blanks.

Many of the Occult publications available to us at this time contain fractured truths, and much worse, the Caucazoid's limited non-melanated worldview. Invading invaders destroyed or stole much of the greatest wisdom known to adepts and taught to initiates of the ancient Egyptian Mystery Systems. Unfortunately, the true researcher must sift through stacks of available Occult books, many of which are now written by non-melanated peoples, compare those findings to our pre-existing Knowledge of Self and the Universe, and extrapolate the gold from their rendition of our ancestor's universal sciences. Because of archeological robberies of ancient writings and artifacts, they have had considerably more access to stolen occult information than melanated peoples during this time period, yet they are unable to fully employ the knowledge they discover and write about owing to their biological predicament. Without enough levels of Melanin, it is nearly impossible to communicate with nature and energies on a supreme level. The potential to create "magical" phenomena is a fairy tale for the non-melanated mutant who dares to strut arrogantly while carrying our ancestors' great knowledge. Meanwhile, the Melanated Mind's potential to create

“magical” events is a normal occurrence.

Pay close attention. Why do you think most occult literature published by non-

non-melanated “magician” lacks the biological circumstances to consciously connect with the cosmos’ dark matter in a fruitful way. As a result, blackness becomes an uncontrollable, unfathomable, unreachable, never-ending tsunami of doom that is always coming to overwhelm non-melanated peoples. In contrast, melanated beings are empowered not only by the energy of the sun (the light), but also by the limitless blackness. The Melanated Mind moves through the infinitely expanding Universe’s blackness (dark matter) like a fish in the sea.

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This is why it is critical to regain the supreme esoteric sciences discovered and revealed by our forefathers. Another motive for writing this book is to encourage people of color to take ownership of the sciences that our forefathers left behind. If we improve ourselves to fully represent our supreme circumstance, our science and spirituality become our technology. With Knowledge of Self and the Universe, the evolved Melanated Mind can act as a True and Living God, manipulating atoms and energies through mental conception or spiritual alchemy to achieve a desired result in physical reality.

physical reality.

Melanin's quantum actuality – the black, transmutable, life-giving, multi-dimensional, super conductive substance of the Universe – can only be properly comprehended

"The Black Dot is an ancient sign for blackness; it is the black seed of all mankind, the archetype of humanity, the secret doorway to the collective unconsciousness-darkness, the shadow, the primeval ocean, chaos, the womb, and the doorway to life." This ancient symbol for blackness was the topic of 300 thousand years of serious scientific inquiry by profound ancient scientists who were themselves black in consciousness. A long line of very bright scientists investigated their own essence and discovered a hidden portal to their souls and spirits, as well as a doorway to advanced rules and rhythms that span the Universe. They discovered universal rules based in the black seed that nourished all dimensions of time and space. These first titans discovered that all life arose from a black seed, that all life was based in blackness, and that all creatures carried a memory of their collective forebears. The one truth from which life's weave spun was blackness, the universal solvent of everything. All hues and vibratory energies were merely shades of black. The color black was found in the night sky, primordial ocean, outer space, the birthplace and womb of the planets, stars, and galaxies of the Universe; black holes were discovered at the center of our own galaxy and many other galaxies. Carbon, the essential atom found in all biological

matter, was the color Black. Carbon atoms joined to form Black Melanin, the first molecule capable of capturing light and reproducing itself. Black Neuromelanin was discovered to be the chemical key to life and the brain itself. Pineal blood was discovered to be dependent on inner vision, intuition, creative genius, and spiritual

If Black people are the “Original” humans, the archetype of humanity, then Melanated Minds are at the root of everything: “agriculture, animal breeding, architecture, art, astronomy, business and trade, cash and currency, ceramics, clothing, dance, economics, healthcare, housing, jewelry, mail, mathematics, medicine, metalworking, mining, music, pottery, science, shoes, spoken language, sports, technology, and written language.”

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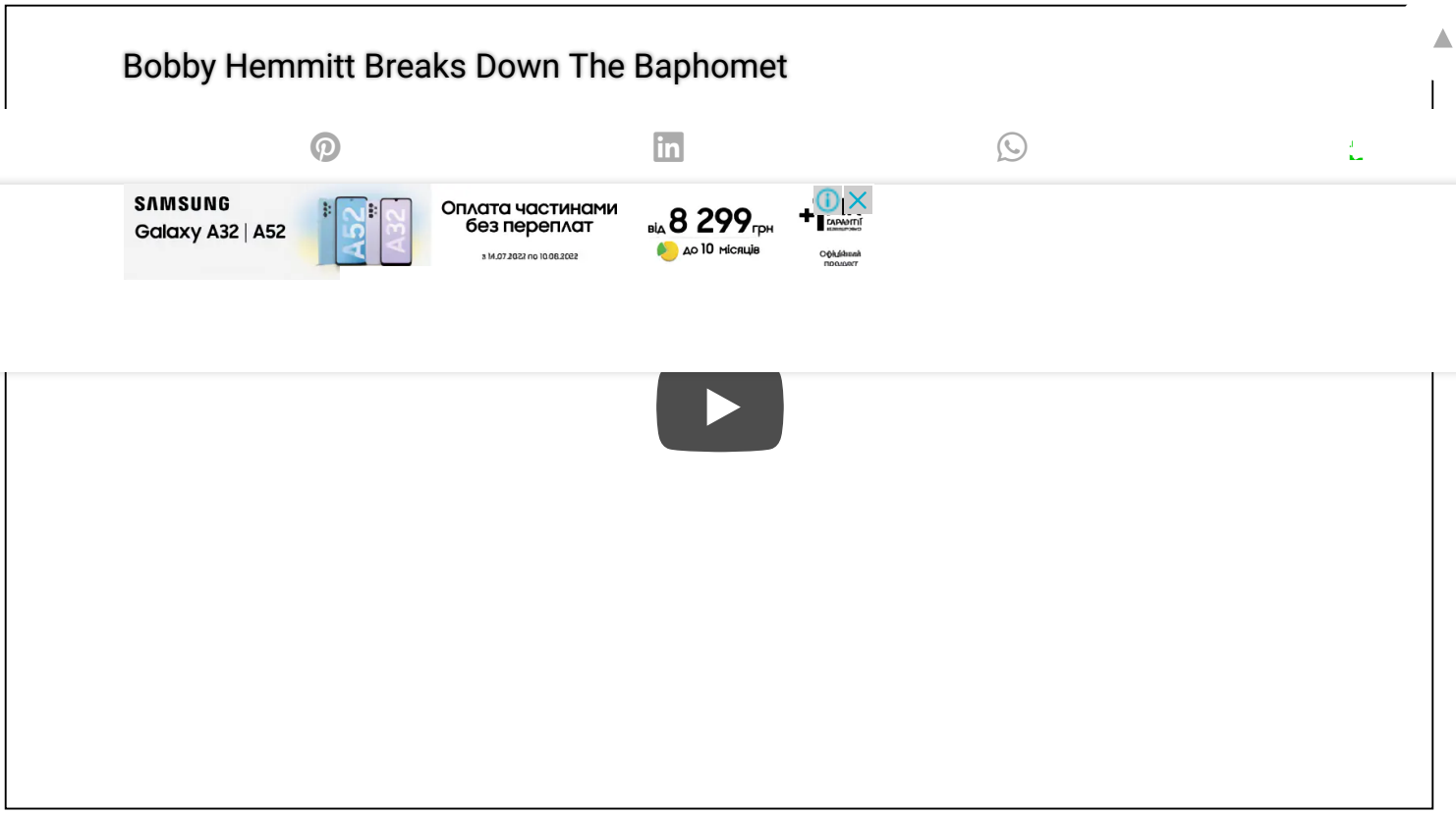
Our nature is to be top creators, which is why we are the foundation of all that is brilliant and creative. Melanated peoples are biologically equipped to produce “magical” phenomena – the ability to consciously manipulate atoms and energies of the Universe at will using mental force, conceptions, and/or spiritual alchemy – and with the active use of occult science (knowledge of the seen and unseen forces and processes that influence the Universe and everything in it) passed down from our forefathers, melanated peoples have the potential to evolve into something even greater.



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Few places in the French capital inspire the morbid curiosity that the Catacombs of Paris do– and for good reason. The section that's open to the public is made up of around 1.5km/1 mile of underground tunnels, carved from limestone and neatly lined with the remains of some six million corpses. Astonishingly, this only represents a tiny section of the vast network.

The catacombs– an anonymous memorial to millions of unnamed, deceased Parisians– are filled with human femurs, skulls, and other bones, piled in oddly ornate, neat displays, and narrated by poems and aphorisms about death. Leave it to the French to make it artful and philosophical, right?

But however tidily the nameless bones and skulls may be stacked, they also hit a taboo nerve.

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The ossuaries speak both to our dread of mortality, and to our fascination with how societies *manage* death, from a logistical standpoint. In the West, where death is rarely confronted directly in daily life, it seems apt that it would be driven deep underground. A bit like Hades, or the ancient Greeks' subconscious realm of nightmares.

Created starting in the late 18th century, the Catacombs of Paris may seem like an old-fashioned oddity. But they are in fact the result of modern, more hygienic and efficient ways of managing human remains. And their almost poetic curation into a 'museum' of sorts is connected to the development of the tourism industry in the 19th century– another distinctly modern phenomenon.

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The story of the Paris Catacombs begins in the late eighteenth century, when officials began to recognize that traditional city cemeteries had become putrid, overflowing, deeply un-hygienic catastrophes.

For hundreds of years, the centrally located *Cimetière des Innocents* had been the postmortem home of generations of Parisians. With origins in the early medieval period, it served as a burial ground for the 5th-century Notre-Dame-des-Bois church. It soon became the city's main cemetery.

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Located in close reach of the bustling Les Halles animal market (since transformed into an enormous, confusingly laid-out shopping center), the cemetery was overcrowded and shambolic, with many layers of graves and human remains piled atop one another.

By 1780, conditions had worsened further. To create space, graves of Parisians who had been dead for decades or centuries were exhumed, their skeletal remains tightly packed together into *charnier*s (mass graves) built in the walls of the cemetery.

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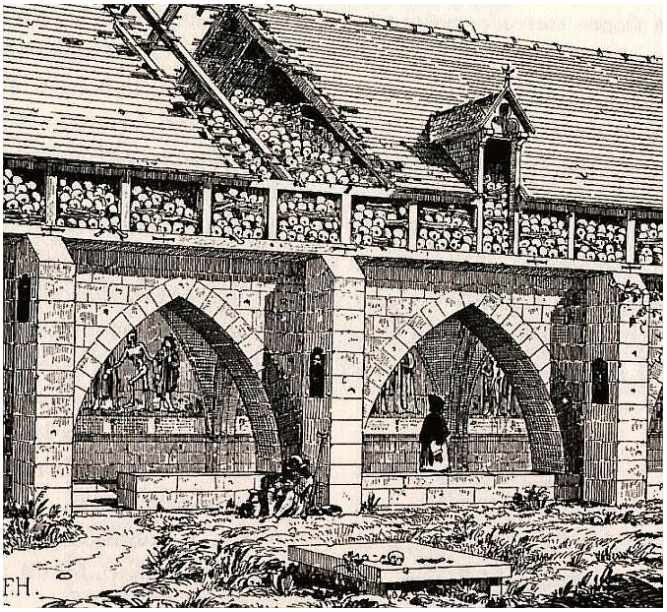

Charnier *(mass grave) built into the walls at the St Innocents Cemetery in Paris (Cimetiere des Innocents). A 15th-century mural depicting the "Danse Macabre" decorates the walls behind the arched structures. Wikimedia Commons*

The main burial grounds reportedly rose two metres (more than six feet) above the ground compared to surrounding streets, with layers of graves separated only by loose mounds of earth.

16th-century French writer Rabelais alluded to the horrifying conditions at the cemetery in a section of his famous multi-volume work *Pantagruel*, describing Paris as

> "a good city to live in, but not to die in, since the beggars of Saint-Innocent {cemetery} warmed their asses on the bones of the dead."
>
> *(«une bonne ville pour vivre, mais non pour mourir ; car les guenaulx (les gueux) de Sainct Innocent se chauffouyent le cul des ossements des morts ».*

And during the mid-18th century, merchants and residents began to complain of fetid, horrifying odors emanating from the Innocents and infecting surrounding buildings. Most famously, in 1780, **a restaurant owner named Gravelot was terrified to find that part of a mass grave had collapsed**; the cellars of his restaurant on rue de la Lingerie were "invaded" by corpses.

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[Plague of 1919]

Some historians claim this horror-movie-worthy incident was "the" event that pushed local authorities to close the Innocents cemetery, in 1785– leading to the creation of new burial places, and the Catacombs, of course.

Creating the Catacombs: A new site on the left bank

Historic illustration showing the building of the Catacombs during the 19th century, l'Univers Illustre, 1866.

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To solve the problem of relocating the remains of millions of people from the Innocents, city planners and officials had to get creative. They identified a vast network of underground limestone quarries on the left bank– much of them then outside the bounds of Paris– as an ideal place to store the remains of millions of Parisians.

Thus, from 1785 through 1787, the city undertook a first major "evacuation" of remains from charnel houses and mass graves at Les Innocents. The transfers were completed at night in an attempt to fend off criticism or shock from residents and church officials. Workers heaped bones into quarry wells, then piled them in the galleries of old subterranean quarries. The site, near modern-day Montparnasse, was deemed the "Paris Municipal Ossuary" in 1786.

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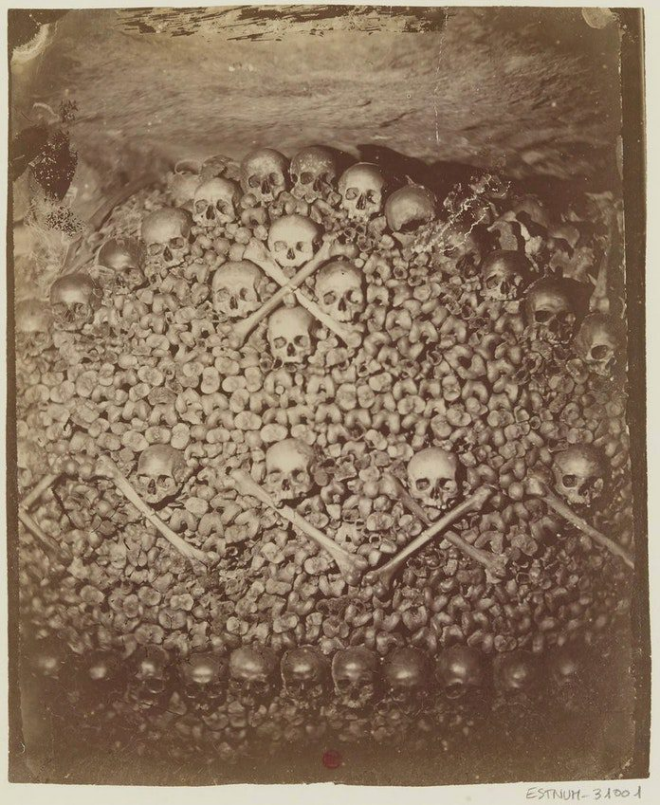
In later decades and following the French Revolution, other graveyards and cemeteries in the city center were exhumed, with more remains transferred to the

1840, as Haussmann's and others' efforts to modernize the city picked up significant speed.

In 1809, the Catacombs were opened to the general public, but only by appointment. It quickly became a hit with locals and tourists, and even figures such as Napoleon III and his son visited the site.

Part of the appeal was its mythical association with ancient Roman catacombs in nearby Italy. Another part of it a nineteenth-century, Romantic interest in the macabre (and the medieval). And by the mid-19th century, early photographers such as Felix Nadar brought worldwide attention to the Catacombs and their "empire of death".



Félix Nadar took early images of the Paris Catacombs, such as this one from 1861.

Today, the Catacombs are connected to and managed by the same team behind the **Musée Carnavalet, dedicated to the history of Paris.** Of course, I highly recommend a visit to both.

Touring the Paris Catacombs: Highlights & Tips

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You can take a self-guided tour of the Paris Catacombs, including by audioguide, or opt for a guided tour. Image: Paris Musées

Touring the Paris Catacombs is fascinating, but (at least to me) it's more of an archeological adventure than a creepy attraction fit for a Halloween outing. The 45-minute circuit takes you down a long spiral staircase to enter the old limestone quarries.

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As you pass through the tunnels– some quite narrow and almost claustrophobic, others wide "galleries", take note of how the thousands of bones and skulls tightly packed around the sides are have been arranged.

Some form crosses or other recognizable, symmetrical patterns, while others appear to be unceremoniously lumped together in tall stacks and lines, sometimes behind metal grates and under low ceilings.

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There's something overwhelming and moving, but also oddly impersonal, about the spectacle. Who *are* all these people, and what sorts of lives did they live? We know, as mentioned above, that many were plague victims. But beyond that, their particularity melts away, forming an uncanny sea of anonymous bones, eye sockets and grinning teeth.

It's a reminder of our smallness, our impermanence, our fragility. Even the limits of memory, since many or most of these unnamed people once had graves that marked their lives, that differentiated them from others. All of those individuating markers were swept away when these remains were exhumed and transferred to the catacombs. Who knows what skull belongs to which femurs?

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bones and another? You'll see signs that state the source of a particular set of remains, and the date of their exhuming, such as this one, reading "Bones from the former St-Jean Cemetery (Rue du Faubourg Montmartre, n. 60)/ Deposed in 1846-1847 in the Western Ossuary and transferred to the Catacombs in September 1859":

If you're a Buddhist, you might find the erasure of individual lives liberating or even slightly funny. With the exception of the odd tomb for notable Parisian aristocrats, no egos can thrive here, and the bounds between rich and poor, prominent and ordinary have essentially disappeared.

But if the idea of being remembered means something to you, there's something quietly terrifying, and very sobering, about it all.

Luckily, you'll be aided in your existential reflections by carefully placed poems and philosophical musings about mortality throughout the circuit– one of my favorite aspects of the displays.

Poem in the Paris Catacombs- by ~Ealasaid~ is licensed under CC BY 2.0

The block above roughly translates as follows:

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spaces

Occupy, between these walls, the dust of races!

It is in these places of forgetting, and among these tombs

That time and death come to cross their false(hoods),

That the dead are piled and pressed under the earth!

The numbers here are nothing, the crowd is alone"

Whether you find these poems and musings pretentious or thought-provoking, their presence reminds you that you're in a carefully constructed and curated space: one that has over the decades become one of **Paris' most popular tourist attractions.**

My Tips for Visiting

The Catacombs can be easily visited year-round (scroll down for practical information on getting there, tickets, etc.) But I do have a few suggestions for making the most of your exploration:

Best time of year to visit: Try to go in the early morning or during low season (roughly, mid-October to March). The crowds will generally be thinner during these times, making for a more relaxed (and less claustrophobic) experience. Believe me, some of the tunnels are narrow enough. You don't want to feel crowded as you pass through them.

What to Wear: Even in the summer, go with long sleeves, closed, sturdy shoes, and possibly a light jacket. The Catacombs are kept quite cool (around 14 C/57 F) to preserve the remains from damage. Also, make sure your shoes have decent traction, as some areas in the passageways can be slippery and even wet.

Use an audioguide: Available in English as well as French, Spanish, and German, the audioguides cost only a few Euros extra and will allow you to gain a better understanding of the site's history and highlights.

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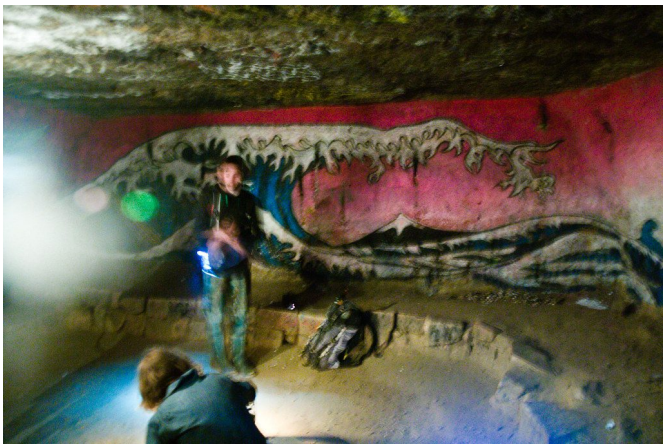

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As documented in Atlas Obscura, BBC, and numerous other outlets, there are some 200 miles of "off-license" catacombs that have periodically been explored by *cataphiles*: curious residents, squatters, artists and DJs staging (literally) underground parties.

The non-official tunnels, accessed from several secretive points around the city, include swimming holes and pools, cataphile bars, sculptures, "street art", and even a makeshift auditorium offering clandestine movie screenings and plastered with film references.

Sounds amazing, right? Unfortunately, it's illegal for the general public to access these non-official parts of the underground network– and likely pretty dangerous. While I understand the appeal (and especially wish I could see the secret cinema myself) I strongly recommend against trying to visit them.

They may be structurally unsound, are reportedly infested with rats and riddled with electrical lines, and you may well not be able to find an exit unless accompanied by a very experienced local guide. Even if you feel safe and think you can manage them, you can be fined or even arrested if found roaming in tunnels not open to the public.

In short: delight in the many interesting photo essays and podcasts out there on the topic of the secret catacombs, including the ones cited above. But unless you have a taste for breaking the law and putting yourself in danger, don't try to go explore them yourself.

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Buying Tickets & Practical Info

Sign near the entrance of the Catacombs reads "Stop! The Empire of Death is Here. Wikimedia Commons

The catacombs are open year-round from Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The ticket window closes at 7:30 p.m. The attraction is closed on Mondays, and on January 1st, May 1st, and December 25th.

Where is the Entrance to the Paris Catacombs?

The recently-renovated entrance to the Paris Catacombs off of Place Denfert-Rochereau.

The entrance is located at 1, Avenue du Colonel Henri Rol-Tanguy, on Place Denfert-Rochereau, 75014 Paris (14th arrondissement).

Metro/RER: Denfert-Rochereau (M Line 4, RER Line B)

Exiting the metro at Denfert-Rochereau, look for building with a light-green glass entrance area and ticketing booth, where you can access a long, winding set of stairs down to the catacomb tunnels (131 steps).

Accessibility & Rules for Visitors

- **Accessibility:** Unfortunately, the catacombs are not accessible to wheelchairs, and visitors with

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cardiovascular disease may wish to avoid this attraction. This is especially true since you'll have to climb 112 stairs back up to the street. In addition, visitors with sight disabilities must be accompanied by a guide.

- **The exit is from 21 bis, Avenue René-Coty.** It can be a bit disorienting to exit in a different place from where you entered, so make sure you have a streetmap (whether digital or print) on hand to navigate back to the metro or to your next destination.
- **Only 200 people are allowed in at a time,** so you may have to wait during busy times.
- **You can only bring a small bag or purse with you during your visit**, and the catacombs are not equipped with coat or luggage storage. Leave large bags and other items at the hotel before visiting.

Buying Tickets for the Paris Catacombs (in Advance & on the Day)

You can either buy tickets onsite/on the day at the booth near the entrance (see current rates here), or purchase them in advance.

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- To save time and hassle, consider purchasing skip-the-line tickets (including audioguide) for the Paris Catacombs here (via Tiqets).
- You can also opt for a semi-private guided tour in English (also from Tiqets).

Contact Details & More Info

Visit this page at the official website for more information on conditions and rules for visiting the catacombs, including current health and safety guidelines and up-to-date admission prices. You can write with any inquiries at this address: catacombes.reservations@paris.fr.

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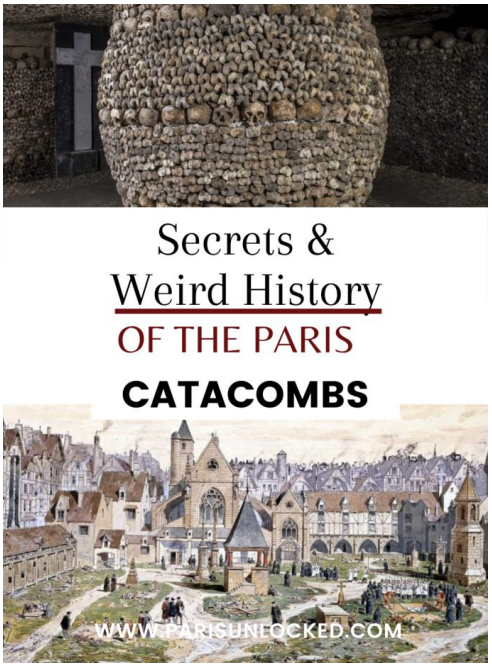

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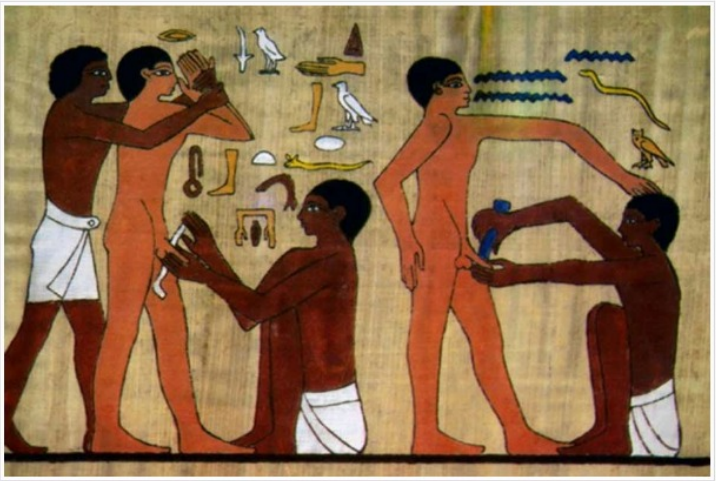

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The Cutting Truth about Circumcision: It Was All About Rites and Religion

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When was circumcision first practiced? How did it evolve? Why was it practiced? The earliest literary evidence of the practice of circumcision goes back to ancient Egypt.

There are many hypotheses regarding the roots of the practice. Early Western scholars attributed the origins of circumcision to ancient Egypt. But many scholars today believe that the origin of the practice, as it is done in the West and the Middle East, goes back farther and originates with the inhabitants of southern Arabia and parts of Africa. Over the millennia, circumcision has been most often used as a religious rite, a rite of passage into manhood, but also as a form of punishment in wartime.

A Little or a Lot

Circumcision has been practiced in parts of Africa, Oceania, Judaism, and Islam. The form of circumcision that westerners are most familiar with is complete removal of the foreskin or prepuce, as it is practiced in Judaism.

However, in ancient Egypt and other cultures in Africa, only part of the foreskin was removed. In the Pacific islands, the frenum was snipped but the foreskin was left unmodified. This is interesting considering a Biblical reference where Yahweh commands the Israelites to circumcise their children again, "a second time" (Joshua 5:2). This could imply that some of them had already been circumcised the Egyptian way and had to be circumcised the Jewish or Israelite way.

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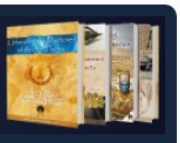

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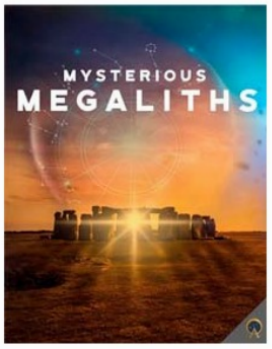

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were a part of the Israelite nation.

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Although it could be performed on adults if needed, it was usually performed on infants, eight days after birth, like among modern Jews. An adult was usually only circumcised if a non-Israelite decided that he wanted to be inducted into the Israelite community. Later, when the Israelite religion become more organized, becoming ancient Judaism, converts to Judaism were required to undergo circumcision. One way that early Christianity first distinguished itself from Judaism was that non-Jewish Christians were not required to be circumcised.

In Egypt, it was typically done on adolescent men who were about to be initiated into the priesthood or as adult males of the noble class. It is not clear that this is the case from archaeological and historical records, but Egyptian circumcision may also have been used to demarcate a special elite class. Egyptian circumcision is depicted on temple walls where young men are seen being restrained as a priest performs the circumcision with a knife.

*Ancient Egyptian carved scene of circumcision, from the inner northern wall of the Temple of Khonspekhrod at the Precinct of Mut, Temple of Karnak, Luxor, Egypt. Eighteenth dynasty, Amenhotep III, c. 1360 BC. (Lasse Jensen/ **CC BY 2.5**)*

The Practice in Other African Cultures

Egypt is not the only African culture that practiced or practices circumcision. It is common among east African peoples and the Bantu, usually as a rite of passage into manhood. Young males of the Xhosa and Zulu ethnic groups traditionally had an elaborate circumcision ritual where their bodies would be painted with whitewash before their circumcision.

During the process, they would be isolated from the community for several weeks, especially from women. After the circumcision, they would abandon their cut foreskin in the forest, a symbol of them leaving behind their boyhood lives to become men, and then wash the whitewash off in a river. Circumcision is still regularly practiced among these cultures, but usually in hospitals instead of the traditional way.

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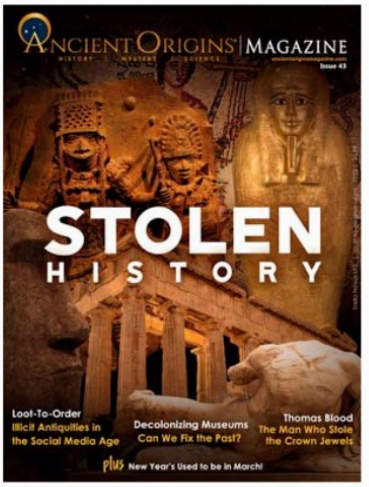

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Circumcision in Oceania

Circumcision historically was not limited to only Africa and the Middle East. A form of circumcision was also practiced in Oceania and Aboriginal Australia using sea shells as the cutting instrument. Circumcision in Oceania and Australia was a rite of passage into manhood as well as a test of bravery.

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Circumcision is not only used as a rite of passage to manhood or for religious reasons. It has also been used to punish enemy soldiers. There have been cases where soldiers captured in battle would be circumcised, especially in the Middle East, east Africa, and south Asia.

Historical Impact

Circumcision was once a rare custom, and most cultures outside of Africa, the Middle East, and Oceania did not originally practice it. It nonetheless has had a significant influence on the history of civilization, especially since one of the pillars of western civilization, ancient Israel, made it an ethnic marker for being an Israelite.

Today, the practice still continues with an estimated one-third of males worldwide being circumcised. It is most common among Muslims and Jews, for religious reasons, but it is also widespread in the United States, where it is implemented for prevention of health conditions, though many of the world's major medical organizations do not agree that there is any significant benefit which justifies the risks.

Circumcision is becoming increasingly controversial due to concerns about lack of informed consent and infringement of human rights.

*"Customs of Central Asians. Circumcision." "Photograph shows a group of men seated on the ground near a small boy who is being circumcised." (**Public Domain**)*

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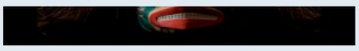

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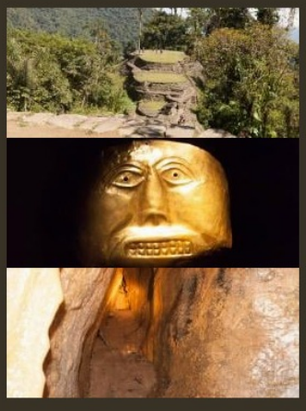

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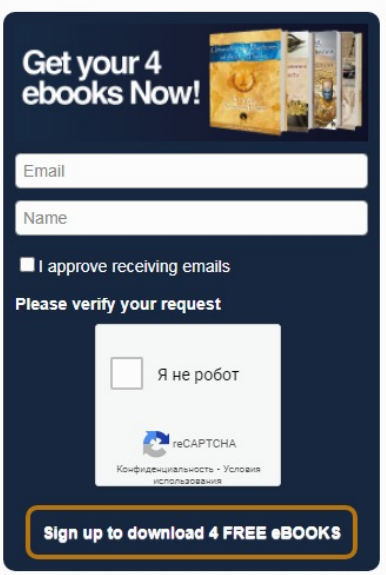

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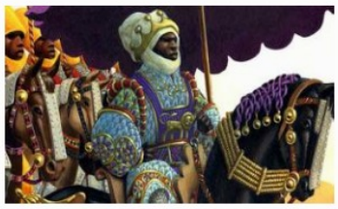

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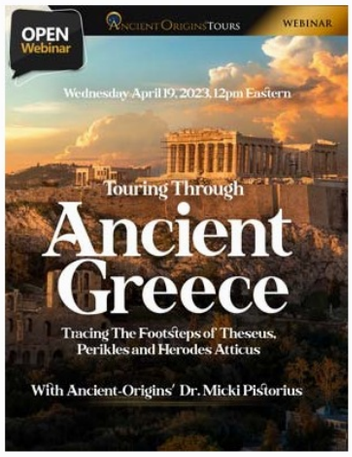

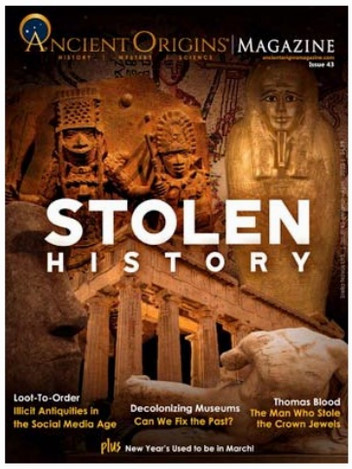

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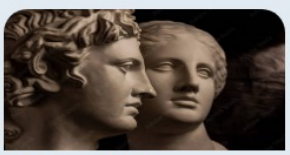

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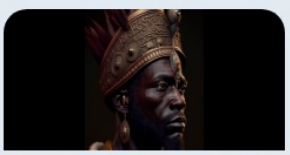

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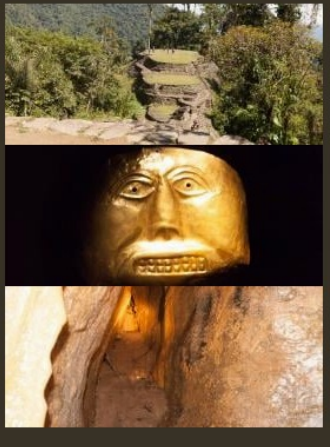

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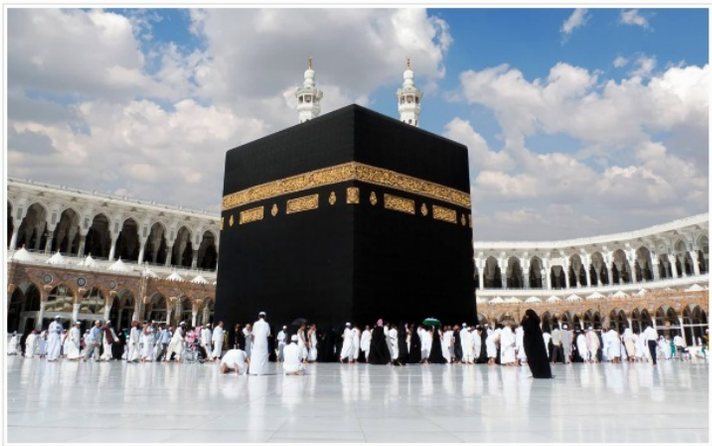

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Every day, five times a day, Muslims across the world face the holy site of Mecca and pray. Mecca is believed to be the birthplace of the **Prophet Muhammad** but when followers visit the site, it is not actually Mecca they are facing but a building called the Ka'aba. The Ka'aba is a mosque and on one corner of this sacred building, is a cornerstone known as the Black Stone. Its history is shrouded in mystery and there is much speculation over what the stone might be. Many Muslims believe the stone is in fact a meteorite possessing supernatural powers.

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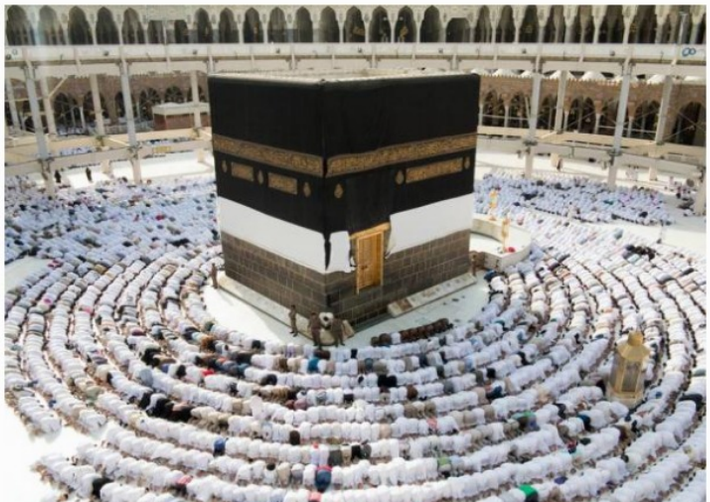

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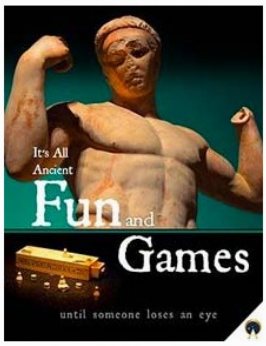

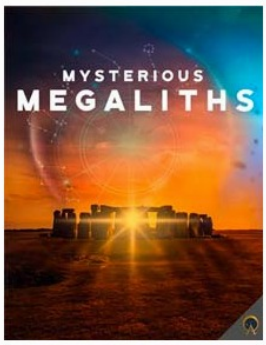

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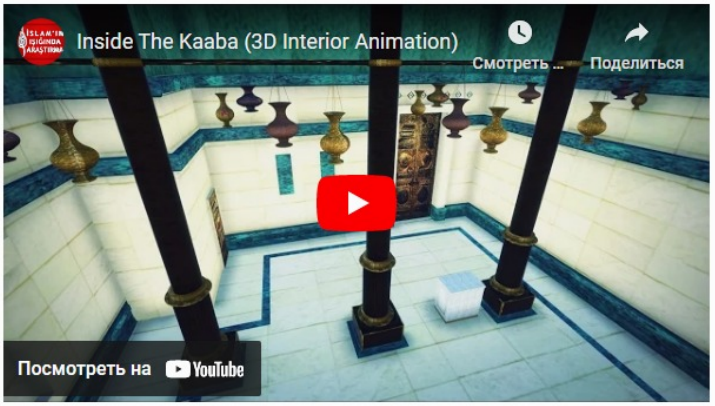
*Muslims praying around the Ka'aba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. (**Jasmin Merdan** /Adobe Stock)*

There, they gather around the Ka'aba, often written simply as Kaaba, a cubic-shaped building at the center of Islam's most sacred **mosque**, Al-Masjid al-Haram. During the ritual of the hajj, pilgrims must walk around the Kaaba seven times in a counterclockwise direction, a ceremonial practice that has been going on for fourteen centuries.

The Kaaba measures 50 feet (15.2 meters) high, 35 feet (10.7 meters) wide and 40 feet (12.2 meters) long. It is covered with a black silk cloth, known as the *kiswa* and decorated with gold-embroidered calligraphy. On the southeast side of the building is a gold door. Inside, the floor is made of marble and limestone and has three pillars.



The Kaaba Black Stone

The Kaaba is built around a sacred Black Stone which is tucked away in the eastern corner about five feet off the ground. **Muslims** believe the prophet Mohammad once kissed the stone and during their mandatory, once in a lifetime (at least), trip to Kaaba, they try to kiss the Black Stone if possible.

If they are unable to, they simply point to it every time they pass on their seven-circle journey around the Kaaba. Each time pilgrims pass the Black Stone they recite a prayer from the **Qur'an**: 'In the name of God, and God is supreme.' Non-Muslims are strictly forbidden from touching it and most of the year the Kaaba is covered in black cloth.

*Most of the year the Kaaba is covered in black cloth. (**hikrcn** /Adobe Stock)*

The Cause of the Ka'aba Black Stone's Color

The **stone** is often described as a fragmented dark rock somewhere around two feet (0.61 meters) in length. Its surface is blackish in color, but there is speculation that this is due to how much it has been touched, along with the oils with which it is anointed. According to **Muslim tradition** , the stone was originally white, but turned black from being in a world where it absorbed humanity's sins.

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History of the Ka'aba Black Stone

Muslims believe that **Allah** ordered the Kaaba to be constructed. The story goes that Abraham built the mosque with his oldest son, Ishmael, in the likeness of Allah's home in heaven.

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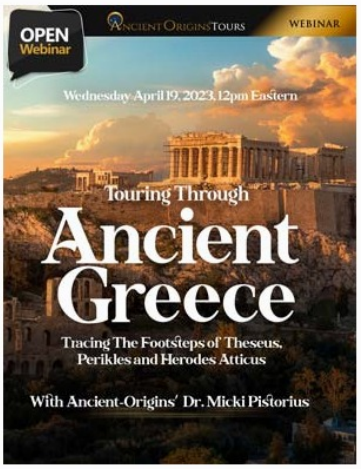

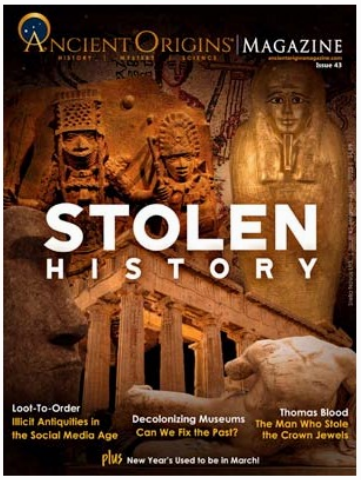

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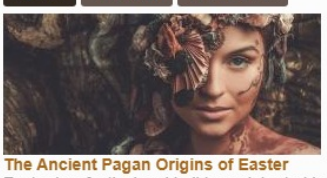

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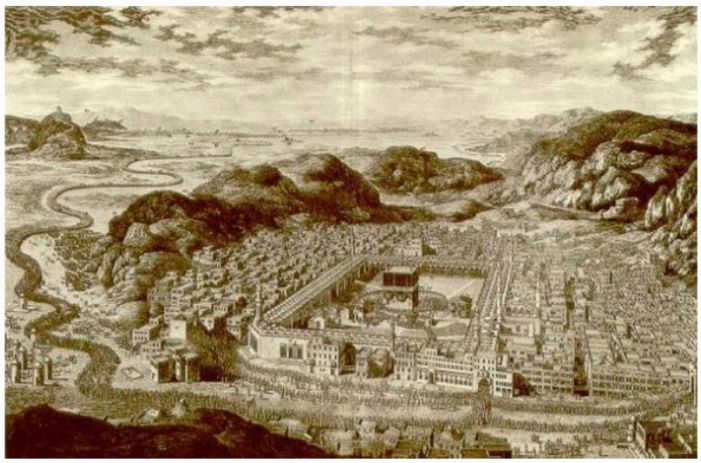
Muslims also believe that the Kaaba stone was once part of the stones of heaven. There are various versions of its story of origin, all similar to one the another. When Adam was banished from the **Garden of Eden** , he was filled with sin. The Black Stone was given to him to erase this sin and allow him entrance back into heaven. Some instead believe the ancient stone was brought from a nearby mountain by the archangel Gabriel.

Over the passage of time, the stone has undergone significant damage. During the Umayyad siege of Mecca in 683 AD it is said to have been struck and smashed to pieces by a stone fired from a **catapult**.

In 930 AD it was stolen by a small Shiite sect called the Qarmatians, who took it back to their base in Hajar, modern day Bahrain. According to the Ottoman historian Qutb al-Din, the Qarmatian leader, Abu Tahir al-Qarmati, set the Black Stone up in his own mosque, with the intention of redirecting the hajj away from Mecca. This failed because pilgrims continued to venerate the spot where the Black Stone had been. So the pieces were later returned.



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There are even stories about people being killed for trying to make contact with the stone. In the 11th century, a man allegedly attempted to smash it and was killed on the spot, causing only slight damage to the stone.

According to the Swiss traveler Johann Ludwig Burckhardt, in 1674 someone smeared the Black Stone with excrement so that "everyone who kissed it retired with a sullied beard". Persians were suspected of being responsible and were the target of curses from other Muslims for centuries afterwards.

Today, **the stone is still broken up into several pieces** , with estimates ranging from seven to as many as fifteen fragments. These are held together by a silver frame, which is fastened to the stone by silver nails.

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Since no scientific studies have been allowed on the stone, it is only possible to speculate what it could be. Theories have ranged from the stone being basalt, agate, or obsidian rock, to an alien artifact. One theory proposes that the stone is a **meteorite** worshiped by the pre-Muslim, pagan Arabs.

According to Anthony Hampton and his team of geologists at Oxford University, "Part of the fog surrounding this stone is that the stone 's caretakers haven't allowed any scientific tests to be performed on the stone, for obvious cultural and religious reasons."

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While today there is no consensus regarding its makeup, the Black Stone of the Kaaba is probably the most well-known holy rock in the world and it continues to be the centerpiece of the sacred Islamic pilgrimage.

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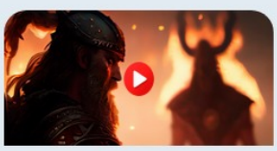

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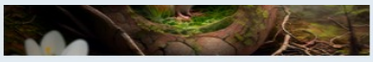

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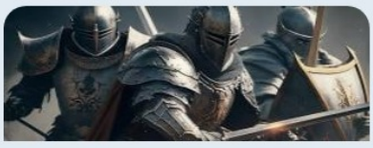

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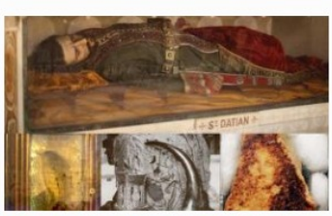

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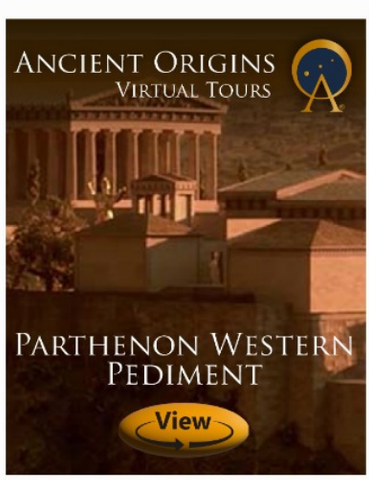

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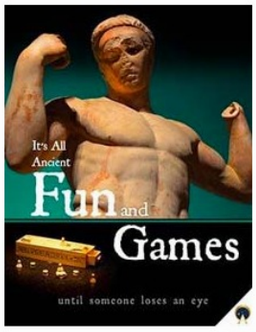

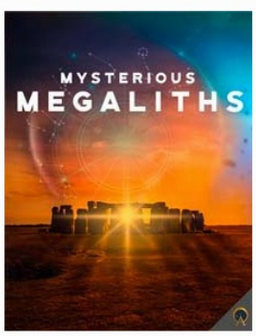

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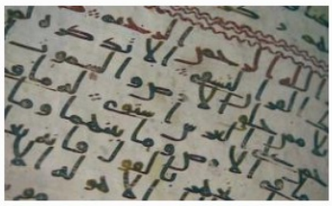

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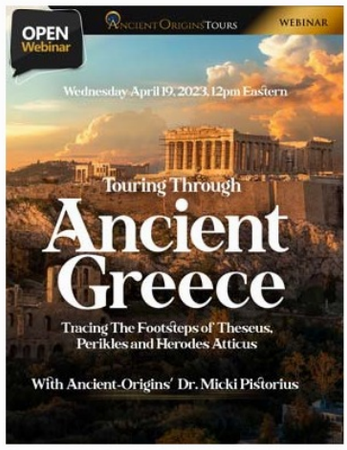

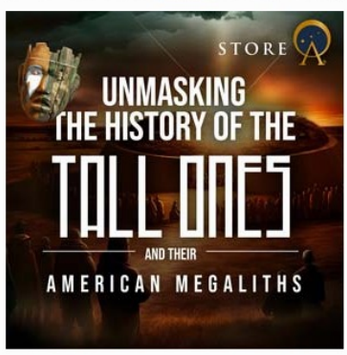

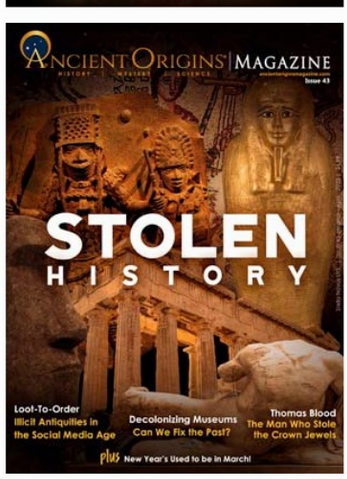

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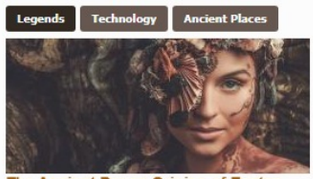

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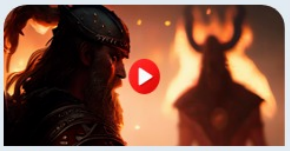

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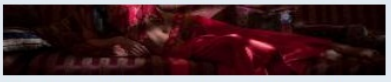

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When it comes to legends, none is quite as moviesque as that of the Hashshashins, who in the Middle Ages inspired fear in the hearts of leaders in the Middle East. Hassan-i Sabbah, dubbed the Old Man of the Mountain by none other than Marco Polo, was the leader of an order of Nizari Isma'ilis in the late 11th century. These were the notorious Hashshashins, who created a network of mountain fortresses and posed a threat to Sunni Seljuk authority in Persia. Perhaps the Hashshashin were most famous for the *way* they got rid of their opponents – through highly-skilled assassinations. In fact, the word "assassin" is said to have originated with the Hashshashin.

*Hassan-i Sabbah, the radical Isma'ili missionary and brainchild behind the Hashshashins, depicted in Marco Polo's Livre des merveilles. (**Public domain**)*

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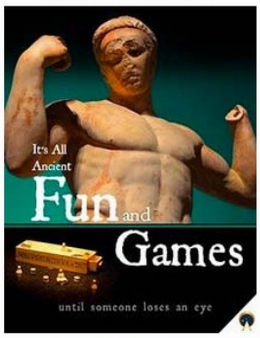

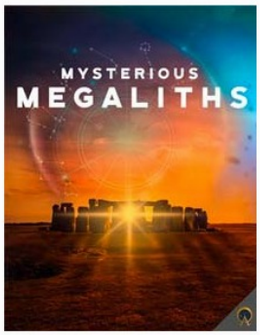

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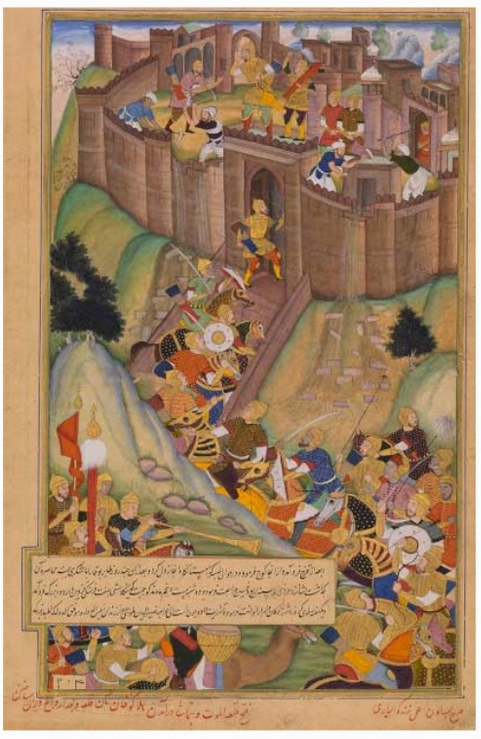
The story of the Hashshashins goes back to the original schism in Islam which took place in 632 AD. At the time **Muslims** argued over who would succeed the **Prophet Muhammad** as their leader, which caused a divide between the Shiites and Sunnis. The Nizari Isma'ili state then emerged out of Shia Islam, when another power struggle forced the followers of the Isma'ili Prince Nizar to flee into the mountains of **Persia**.

*View of Alamut Castle in Qazvin, Iran, the base camp of the Nizari Isma'ili leader Hassan-i Sabbah and his military group known as the Hashshashins. (Alireza Javaheri / **CC BY 3.0**)*

The radical Isma'ili missionary, by the name of Hassan-i Sabbah, on the run from Cairo for having supported Nizar, ended up founding a sub sect of Isma'ilism, known as Nizari Isma'ilism. On the hunt for a base from which to manage his missionary work, Hassan-i Sabbah set his sights on Alamut Castle in modern-day Iran. Its location was ideal, with a bird's eye view over the surrounding valley.

With a campaign lasting about two years, which converted the people living in the surrounding areas, Hassan-i Sabbah managed to conquer the castle in 1090. Studious and dedicated to his religion, he is remembered for knowing the Qur'an by heart and for spreading Nizari Isma'ilism from his new basecamp at Alamut Castle.



*Persian miniature depicting the Hashshashins fortress of Alamut in Iran. (**Public domain**)*

He then set up **strongholds** within mountainous areas throughout Persia and Syria, furnished with complex water infrastructure and built to withstand sieges. Some of their remains can still be visited today, including the partially restored Alamut Castle or the Lambsar Castle in the Alburz mountains of Iran.

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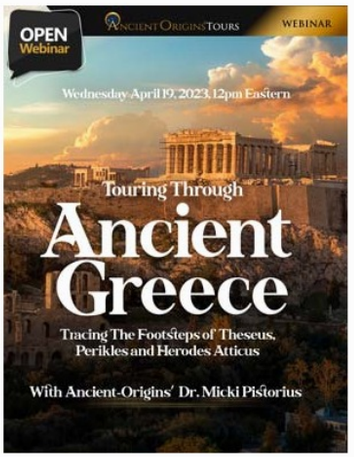

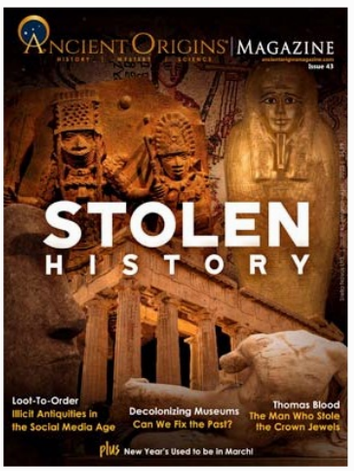

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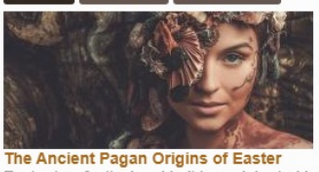

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Hassan-i Sabbah is also remembered for having created a military group of trained *fedayeen* (meaning "self-sacrificers" in Arabic) fighters, known as the Order of **Assassins** or the Hashshashin. Severely outnumbered, the Nizari Isma'ili were hated by both the Shiite and Sunni **Muslims** who surrounded them on all sides. These Hashshashin became known for their deadly tactics and religious devotion, which were developed due to their hazardous situation.

An artist's depiction of a hashshashin. (Fair Use)

Marco Polo and the "Drug-Fuelled" Hashshashins

According to a story heard in the orient by the Italian traveler **Marco Polo** , Hassan-i Sabbah would drug his followers with *hashish*, an extract from the **cannabis** plant. When they came to their senses, Hassan-i Sabbah would claim that he was the only one who had the means to allow them to return to paradise. In this version of events, the devotion of the *fedayeen* was drug-fuelled and led them to carry out his every will.

Nevertheless, there are some problems with this story. For instance, the use of *hashish* might have been an early case of **fake news** or plain old ignorance. Due to their lack of manpower and resources the *fedayeen* developed subversive guerilla strategies whereby they would carry out precise assassinations on specific targets, enemies of the Nizari Isma'ili. Some claim that the term Hashshashin came from the derogatory Arabic word used for hashish users, *Hashishin.* "Historians believe that Western observers, who did not understand why the Nizari fought with guerrilla tactics, assumed they were under the thrall of some kind of drug like hashish," explained ***National Geographic*** .

Others argue that term *hashshishi was* first used by the Fatimid caliph al-Amir in 1122 as a derogatory reference to the Syrian Nizaris. Instead of literally meaning that these people took the hashish drug, some claim it was supposed to be taken figuratively as a way to refer to "outcasts" or "rabble." This term was applied by anti-Isma'ili historians to the Syrian and Persian Isma'ilis, and eventually spread through Europe via the **Crusaders**. The term " **assassin**" is thought to be rooted in the name Hashshashin.

*19th-century lithograph by Gustave Dore envisions the attempted assassination of England's King Edward I by an assassin, or Hashshashin, sent by the Mamluck Sultan Baibars . (**Public domain**)*

Tall Tales About the Hashshashins

The Hashshashin have been remembered for the assassinations they perpetrated over the course of almost 200 years. Nevertheless, some have even questioned the reputation of the Hashshashin as cold-blooded killers. There were indeed those who were murdered by the Hashshashin in broad daylight, but their reputation preceded them and for a time it was common during their era to lay the blame for any significant political murder at the feet of the Hashshashin.

Perhaps one of their most famous victims is Conrad of Montferrat, the *de facto* King of Jerusalem at the end of the 12th century. Legend has it that Conrad was murdered while strolling

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in the courtyard of the city of Tyre with an entourage of mailed knights. Two Hashshashin, disguised as Christian monks, walked towards the center of the courtyard and stabbed Conrad twice, killing him. Whilst it is unknown who hired these Hashshashin, it has been commonly claimed that **Richard the Lionheart** and Henry of Champagne were responsible.

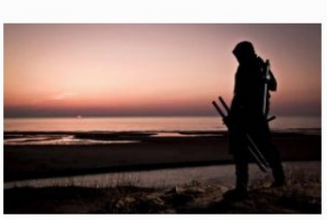
*14th-century painting of the successful assassination of Nizam al-Mulk, a vizier or high-ranking official of the Seljuk Empire, by an Assassin or fedayeen, also known as the Hashshashin. It is often considered the most significant assassination perpetrated by the Nizari Isma'ilis. (**Public domain**)*

The Use of Psychological Warfare by the Hashshashins

What is even more impressive than the boldness of the Hashshashin is perhaps their efficient use of **psychological warfare** . By instilling fear into their enemies, they managed to gain their submission without risking their own lives. The great Muslim leader, **Saladin**, for instance, survived two Hashshashin **assassination** attempts, which left him paranoia and afraid for his life.

One story claimed that Saladin woke up one night during his conquest of Masyaf, in Syria, and saw someone leaving his tent. Beside his bed he discovered hot scones in the shape characteristic to the Hashshashin, along with a note pinned down with a poisoned dagger. The note threatened that he would be killed if he failed to withdraw. Needless to say, Saladin decided to negotiate a truce with the Hashshashin.

Despite their notoriety and skill, the Hashshashin were wiped out by the Mongols who were invading Khwarizm. In 1256, the Hashshashin stronghold at Alamut, once thought to be impregnable, fell to the Mongols. Although the Hashshashin succeeded in recapturing and holding Alamut for several months, they were ultimately crushed in 1275.



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From a historian's perspective, the **Mongol** conquest of Alamut is a highly significant event. Unfortunately, there are no sources remaining to tell the story from the Hashshashin perspective and as a result all that remains is a somewhat romanticized view of the Hashshashin order. This has been portrayed in the *Netflix* series Marco Polo and even video games, most famously in the *Assassin's Creed* , which is said to have been inspired by the **Hashshashin**.

*Top image: The Hashshashins were a military group of trained fedayeen fighters, also known as the Order of Assassins. Source: **warmtail** / Adobe Stock*

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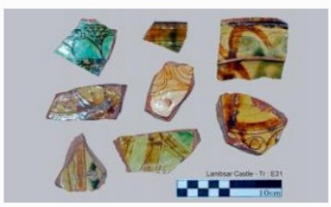

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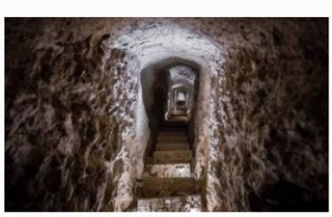

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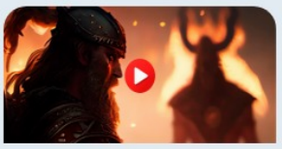

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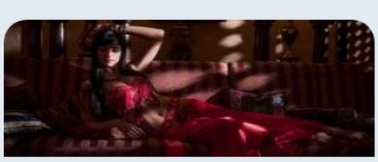

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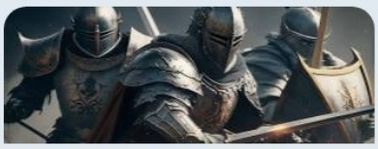

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There have been hundreds of popes in the history of the Catholic Church – each with his own unique peccadillos, like Pope Alexander VI's penchant for fathering children – but nobody took an approach to health quite like Pope Innocent VIII. This 15th-century Pontifex is best known not as the failed ruler he was – not for his edicts against witches and magicians nor for his slave ownership – but as the Pope who drank blood in an attempt to cure an ailment.

When he suffered a stroke and slipped into a coma, Innocent's doctor decided to conduct the first recorded blood transfusion in history, giving his patient little boys' blood to sip on. Unfortunately for Innocent, just because he received the first *known* blood transfusion doesn't mean he received the first *successful* one. It is recorded that he and the children whose lifeblood he consumed died shortly after the macabre procedure.

When He Wasn't Drinking Child Blood, Pope Innocent VIII Was Executing Witches And Bankrupting The Papacy

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Innocent VIII was hardly the best of popes. Brought to the papal throne by a puppet master, Cardinal Giuliano della Rovere, he took a strong anti-magic stance in the Vatican and persecuted supposed witches (and intellectuals) across Europe. Innocent was also well known for pretty much bankrupting the papal treasury by interfering in Italian politics, pitting one provincial monarch against another. His Encyclopedia Britannica entry even includes the assessment that Innocent was "[generally] regarded as unworthy and of low private morals," and "the worldly Innocent reduced the Papal States to insolvency and anarchy."

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In 1492, Innocent suffered a stroke and fell into a coma. In order to bring him out of it, his doctors resorted to desperate measures. They made him swallow blood in an effort to restore him. This early version of a blood transfusion didn't work, but medics probably thought this would because of earlier theories on the subject, which directly associated life with blood. The mouth would be one of the easier orifices through which to insert fluid, and it follows that if blood brought life, ingesting more of the life-giving liquid could restore a life on the brink. This, however, wouldn't prove to be the case.

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The man behind the oral blood transfusion suggestion seems to have been Innocent's Jewish physician, a guy named Giacomo di San Genesio. He'd previously cured Innocent of bouts of fever. In this recounting of the events around Innocent's blood consumption, the association of a Jewish physician with draining blood from Christians suggests that this entire procedure might have been a farce. Heinous anti-Semitic propaganda suggested that Jews sacrificed Christian babies for evil rites or for health purposes, so charging Innocent's Jewish physician with this kind of bloodlust could have been used to propagandistic ends.

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So, regardless of the religious connotations, where exactly did the good doctor get the blood for Innocent to drink? In theory, he could have drawn it out in a bunch of ways, but rumor had it that he went about doing so in a morbid way. The medic bribed three 10-year-old boys with a ducat each to give their blood. In the process, Innocent's doctor drained these pre-teens of *all* their blood, killing them for their life-giving goodness.

A 15th-century physician queried: "Why shouldn't our old people, namely those who have no [other] recourse, likewise suck the blood of a youth?–a youth, I say who is willing, happy and temperate, whose blood is of the best but perhaps too abundant?" It only stood to reason, then, that a pope deserved the very best young blood.

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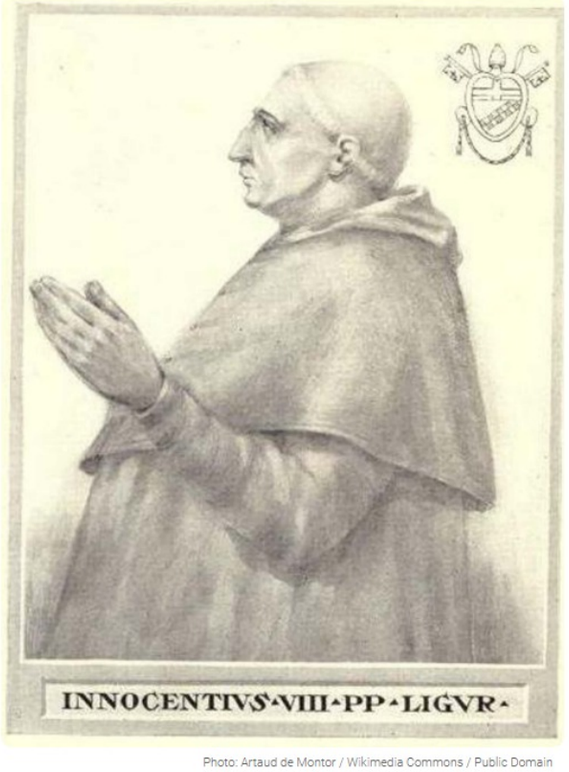

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Unsurprisingly, trying to transfuse blood orally didn't work (hey, intravenous infusions!). Innocent died not long after the procedure – on July 25, 1492 – but not before lamenting the fact that he hadn't been that great of a pope. Before he expired, he even asked the other cardinals to forgive him for his failings and urged them to elect a better man as the next pope. On August 5, Innocent was buried in St. Peter's Cathedral near an altar of the Virgin Mary.

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Innocent's Doctor Fled After The Pope's Death

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Probably afraid of accusations of murder or maltreatment, Innocent's doc, Giacomo di San Genesio, didn't stick around in Rome after his number one patient died. There's no existing word on where he went, but he probably headed underground, far away from papal authorities. Interestingly, Innocent's successor was Pope Alexander VI, AKA the notoriously lecherous Rodrigo Borgia, legendary for the wild-and-out "Banquet of Chestnuts" that he hosted in 1501.

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It's possible that this entire event was a hoax designed to slander Jewish individuals. Medieval and Renaissance propaganda had long alleged that Jews ritually sacrificed Christian babies on Passover; moreover, the "blood libel legend" associated Jews with bathing in Christian blood or conducting evil rites with it. However, not all versions of the event record the children as Jewish – some in fact, register the children themselves as Jewish. And there seems to be some consensus around the idea that, at the very least, the Pope drank copious amounts of blood from a cup in a desperate attempt to stay alive.

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Other sources contend that this transfusion was a bunch of nonsense, thanks to the chronicler who first wrote it down: a guy named Stefano Infessura. Infessura really hated Innocent and would have wanted to portray him in a negative light. He really wasn't a big fan of the papacy in general. In particular, Stefano was involved in a conspiracy to make Rome a republic (rather than an entitty ruled by the Pope), so slandering the Holy Father as undergoing bizarre rituals wouldn't be inconceivable for him. As many historians have noted, we'll never know for sure.

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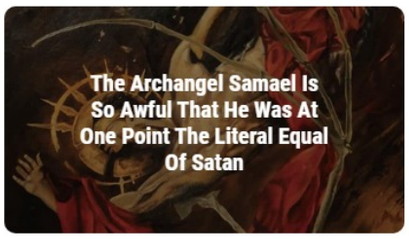

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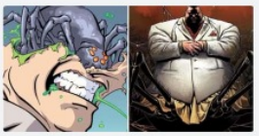

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With its mathematical layout and earthworks longer than the Great Wall of China, Benin City was one of the best planned cities in the world when London was a place of 'thievery and murder'. So why is nothing left?

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This is the story of a lost medieval city you've probably never heard about. Benin City, originally known as Edo, was once the capital of a pre-colonial African empire located in what is now southern Nigeria. The Benin empire was one of the oldest and most highly developed states in west Africa, dating

back to the 11th century.

The Guinness Book of Records (1974 edition) described the walls of Benin City and its surrounding kingdom as the world's largest earthworks carried out prior to the mechanical era. According to estimates by the New Scientist's Fred Pearce, Benin City's walls were at one point "four times longer than the Great Wall of China, and consumed a hundred times more material than the Great Pyramid of Cheops".

Situated on a plain, Benin City was enclosed by massive walls in the south and deep ditches in the north. Beyond the city walls, numerous further walls were erected that separated the surroundings of the capital into around 500 distinct villages.

Pearce writes that these walls "extended for some 16,000 km in all, in a mosaic of more than 500 interconnected settlement boundaries. They covered 6,500 sq km and were all dug by the Edo people … They took an estimated 150 million hours of digging to construct, and are perhaps the largest single archaeological phenomenon on the planet".

Barely any trace of these walls exist today.

View along a street in the royal quarter of Benin City, 1897. Photograph: The British Museum/Trustees of the British Museum

Benin City was also one of the first cities to have a semblance of street lighting. Huge metal lamps, many feet high, were built and placed around the city, especially near the king's palace. Fuelled by palm oil, their burning wicks were lit at night to provide illumination for traffic to and from the palace.

When the Portuguese first "discovered" the city in 1485, they were stunned to find this vast kingdom made of hundreds of interlocked cities and villages in the middle of the African jungle. They called it the "Great City of Benin", at a time when there were hardly any other places in Africa the Europeans acknowledged as a city. Indeed, they classified Benin City as one of the most beautiful and best planned cities in the world.

In 1691, the Portuguese ship captain Lourenco Pinto observed: "Great Benin, where the king resides, is larger than Lisbon; all the streets run straight and as far as the eye can see. The houses are large, especially that of the king, which is richly decorated and has fine columns. The city is wealthy and

industrious. It is so well governed that theft is unknown and the people live in such security that they have no doors to their houses."

In contrast, London at the same time is described by Bruce Holsinger, professor of English at the University of Virginia, as being a city of "thievery, prostitution, murder, bribery and a thriving black market made the medieval city ripe for exploitation by those with a skill for the quick blade or picking a pocket".

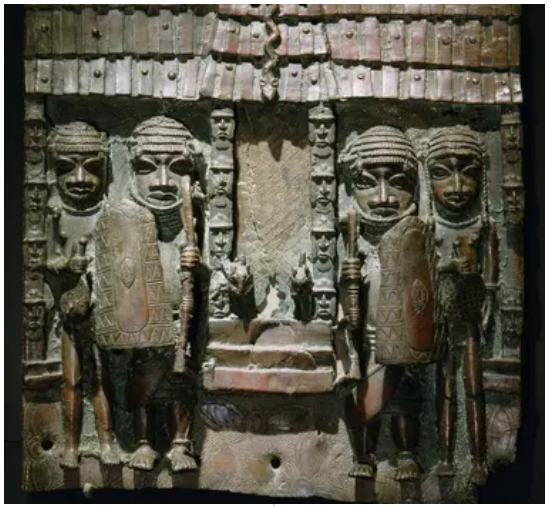
African fractals

Benin City's planning and design was done according to careful rules of symmetry, proportionality and repetition now known as fractal design. The mathematician Ron Eglash, author of African Fractals - which examines the patterns underpinning architecture, art and design in many parts of Africa - notes that the city and its surrounding villages were purposely laid out to form perfect fractals, with similar shapes repeated in the rooms of each house, and the house itself, and the clusters of houses in the village in mathematically predictable patterns.

As he puts it: "When Europeans first came to Africa, they considered the architecture very disorganised and thus primitive. It never occurred to them that the Africans might have been using a form of mathematics that they hadn't even discovered yet."

At the centre of the city stood the king's court, from which extended 30 very straight, broad streets, each about 120-ft wide. These main streets, which ran at right angles to each other, had underground drainage made of a sunken impluvium with an outlet to carry away storm water. Many narrower side and intersecting streets extended off them. In the middle of the streets were turf on which animals fed.

"Houses are built alongside the streets in good order, the one close to the other," writes the 17th-century Dutch visitor Olfert Dapper. "Adorned with gables and steps ... they are usually broad with long galleries inside,



A plaque showing an entrance to the palace of the Oba of Benin. Photograph: Alamy

especially so in the case of the houses of the nobility, and divided into many rooms which are separated by walls made of red clay, very well erected."

Dapper adds that wealthy residents kept these walls "as shiny and smooth by washing and rubbing as any wall in Holland can be made with chalk, and they are like mirrors. The upper storeys are made of the same sort of clay. Moreover, every house is provided with a well for the supply of fresh water".

Family houses were divided into three sections: the central part was the husband's quarters, looking towards the road; to the left the wives' quarters (*oderie)*, and to the right the young men's quarters (*yekogbe*).

Daily street life in Benin City might have consisted of large crowds going though even larger streets, with people colourfully dressed - some in white, others in yellow, blue or green - and the city captains acting as judges to resolve lawsuits, moderating debates in the numerous galleries, and arbitrating petty conflicts in the markets.

The early foreign explorers' descriptions of Benin City portrayed it as a place free of crime and hunger, with large streets and houses kept clean; a city filled with courteous, honest people, and run by a centralised and highly sophisticated bureaucracy.

"What impressed the first visiting Europeans most was the wealth, artistic beauty and magnificence of the city

The city was split into 11 divisions, each a smaller replication of the king's court, comprising a sprawling series of compounds containing accommodation, workshops and public buildings - interconnected by innumerable doors and passageways, all richly decorated with the art that made Benin famous. The city was literally covered in it.

The exterior walls of the courts and compounds were decorated with horizontal ridge designs (*aghen*) and clay

decorated with horizontal ridge designs (*ugbeh*) and clay carvings portraying animals, warriors and other symbols of power - the carvings would create contrasting patterns in the strong sunlight. Natural objects (pebbles or pieces of mica) were also pressed into the wet clay, while in the palaces, pillars were covered with bronze plaques illustrating the victories and deeds of former kings and nobles.

At the height of its greatness in the 12th century - well before the start of the European Renaissance - the kings and nobles of Benin City patronised craftsmen and lavished them with gifts and wealth, in return for their depiction of the kings' and dignitaries' great exploits in intricate bronze sculptures.

"These works from Benin are equal to the very finest examples of European casting technique," wrote Professor Felix von Luschan, formerly of the Berlin Ethnological Museum. "Benvenuto Celini could not have cast them better, nor could anyone else before or after him. Technically, these bronzes represent the very highest possible achievement."

A drawing of Benin City made by a British officer in 1897. Illustration: akg-images

What impressed the first visiting Europeans most was the wealth, artistic beauty and magnificence of the city. Immediately European nations saw the opportunity to develop trade with the wealthy kingdom, importing ivory, palm oil and pepper - and exporting guns. At the beginning of the 16th century, word quickly spread around Europe about the beautiful African city, and new visitors flocked in from all parts of Europe, with ever glowing testimonies, recorded in numerous voyage notes and illustrations.

Lost world

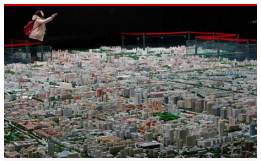
Now, however, the great Benin City is lost to history. Its decline began in the 15th century, sparked by internal conflicts linked to the increasing European intrusion and slavery trade at the borders of the Benin empire.

Then in 1897, the city was destroyed by British soldiers - looted, blown up and burnt to the ground. My great grandparents were among the many who fled following the sacking of the city; they were members of the elite corps of the king's doctors.

Nowadays, while a modern Benin City has risen on the same plain, the ruins of its former, grander namesake are not mentioned in any tourist guidebook

of its former, grander namesake are not mentioned in any tourist guidebook to the area. They have not been preserved, nor has a miniature city or touristic replica been made to keep alive the memory of this great ancient city.

A house composed of a courtyard in Obasagbon, known as Chief Enogie Aikoriogie's house - probably built in the second half of the 19th century - is considered the only vestige that survives from Benin City. The house possesses features that match the horizontally fluted walls, pillars, central impluvium and carved decorations observed in the architecture of ancient Benin.



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Curious tourists visiting Edo state in Nigeria are often shown places that might once have been part of the ancient city - but its walls and moats are nowhere to be seen. Perhaps a section of the great city wall, one of the world's largest man-made monuments, now lies bruised and battered, neglected and forgotten in the Nigerian bush.

A discontented Nigerian puts it this way: "Imagine if this monument was in England, USA, Germany, Canada or India? It would be the most visited place on earth, and a tourist mecca for millions of the world's people. A money-spinner worth countless billions in annual tourist revenue."

Instead, if you wish to get a glimpse into the glorious past of the ancient Benin kingdom - and a better understanding of this groundbreaking city - you are better off visiting the Benin Bronze Sculptures section of the British Museum in central London.

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The Real Warriors Behind 'The Woman King'

A new film stars Viola Davis as the leader of the Agojie, the all-woman army of the African kingdom of Dahomey

The Woman King tells the story of the Agojie, an elite, all-woman army in the West African kingdom of Dahomey. Photo by Chris Hellier / Corbis via Getty Images

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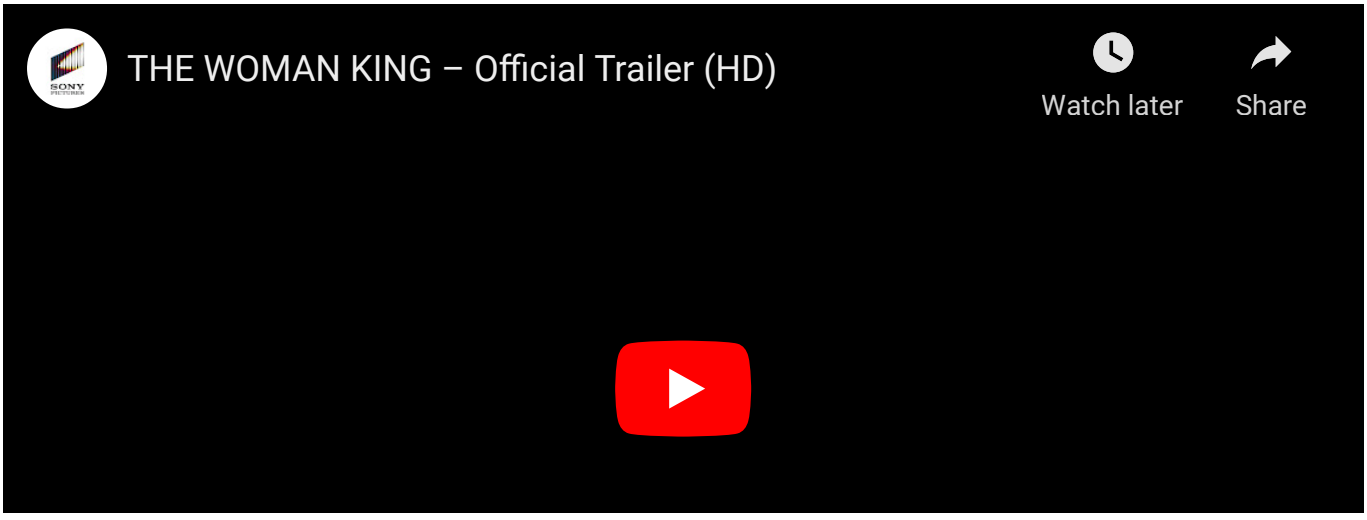
At its height in the 1840s, the West African kingdom of Dahomey boasted an army so fierce that its enemies spoke of its "prodigious bravery." This 6,000-strong force, known as the Agojie, raided villages under cover of darkness, took captives and slashed off resisters' heads to return to their king as trophies of war. Through these actions, the Agoije established Dahomey's preeminence over neighboring kingdoms and became known by European visitors as "Amazons" due to their similarities to the warrior women of Greek myth.

The Woman King, a new movie starring Viola Davis as a fictionalized leader of the Agojie, tells the story of this all-woman fighting force. Directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood, the film takes place as conflict engulfs the region, and the specter of European colonization looms ominously. It represents the first time that the American film industry has dramatized the compelling story.



As the *Hollywood Reporter*'s Rebecca Keegan writes, *The Woman King* is "the product of a thousand battles" fought by Davis and Prince-Bythewood, both of whom have spoken out about the obstacles the production team faced when pitching a historical epic centered on strong Black women.

"The part of the movie that we love is also the part of the movie that is terrifying to Hollywood, which is, it's different, it's new," Davis tells Keegan. "We don't always want different or new, unless you have a big star attached, a big male star. … [Hollywood studios] like it when women are pretty and blond or close to pretty and blond. All of these women are dark. And they're beating … men. So there you go."

From the origins of the Agojie to Dahomey's eventual fate, here's what you need to know about the true history behind *The Woman King* ahead of its arrival in theaters on September 16.

Is *The Woman King* based on a true story?

In short, yes, but with extensive dramatic license. Though the broad strokes of the film are historically accurate, the majority of its characters are fictional, including Davis' Nanisca and Thuso Mbedu's Nawi, a young warrior-in-training. (Nanisca and Nawi share names with documented members of the Agojie but are not exact mirrors of these women.) King Ghezo (played by John Boyega) is the exception; according to Lynne Ellsworth Larsen, an architectural historian who studies gender dynamics in Dahomey, Ghezo (reigned 1818 to 1859) and

his son Glele (reigned 1858 to 1889) presided over what's seen as "the golden age of Dahomean history," ushering in an era of economic prosperity and political strength.

Viola Davis (left) as Nanisca and John Boyega (right) as King Ghezo Sony Pictures

The Woman King opens in 1823 with a successful raid by the Agojie, who free captives bound for enslavement from the clutches of the Oyo Empire, a powerful Yoruba state in what is now southwestern Nigeria. Dahomey has long paid tribute to the Oyo but is beginning to assert itself under the leadership of Ghezo and General Nanisca. A parallel plotline finds Nanisca, who disapproves of the slave trade after experiencing its horrors personally, urging Ghezo to end Dahomey's close relationship with Portuguese slave traders and shift to production of palm oil as the kingdom's main export.

The real Ghezo did, in fact, successfully free Dahomey from its tributary status

in 1823. But the kingdom's involvement in the slave trade doesn't align as neatly with the historical record. As historian Robin Law notes, Dahomey emerged as a key player in the trafficking of West Africans between the 1680s and early 1700s, selling its captives to European traders whose presence and demand fueled the industry—and, in turn, the monumental scale of Dahomey's warfare.

Though the majority of individuals taken prisoner by Dahomey were enslaved abroad, a not-insignificant number remained in the kingdom, where they served on royal farms, in the army or at the palace. In truth, Ghezo only agreed to end Dahomey's participation in the slave trade in 1852, after years of pressure by the British government, which had abolished slavery (for not wholly altruistic reasons) in its own colonies in 1833. Though Ghezo did at one point explore palm oil production as an alternative source of revenue, it proved far less lucrative, and the king soon resumed Dahomey's participation in the slave trade.

All of the Agojie were considered *ahosi*, or wives of the king. Public domain via Wikimedia Commons

In response to concerns about how her movie will depict Dahomey's engagement with European slave traders, Prince-Bythewood told the *Hollywood Reporter*, "We're going to tell the truth. We're not going to shy away from anything. But also we're telling a part of the story which is about overcoming and fighting for what's right."

Portraying the Agojie, through Nanisca's actions, as critics of the slave trade makes for a "nice story," says Larsen in an interview. "Do I think it's historically accurate? I'm skeptical." She adds, "These women are symbols of strength and of power. But … they're [also] complicit in a problematic system. They are still under the patriarchy of the king, and they are still players in the slave trade."

Maria Bello, an actress and producer who co-wrote the story *The Woman King*'s script is based on, first learned about the Agojie during a 2015 trip to Benin. Recognizing the subject's cinematic appeal, she persuaded producer Cathy Schulman to find a studio willing to finance the project. Prince-Bythewood and Davis joined the team soon after. "It was a constant push and fight to convince people that we deserve a big budget, that we deserved to tell a story like this," Prince-Bythewood tells the *Los Angeles Times*.

The all-woman Dora Milaje regiment featured in *Black Panther* is based on the Dahomey warriors.
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That the film was greenlit at all likely stems from the blockbuster success of 2018's *Black Panther*, which testified to the demand for entertainment created by and featuring Black creatives. The movie's Dora Milaje regiment was inspired by the Agojie.

"For so long, Hollywood has only ever framed Africa in stereotypical ways," Aje-Ori Agbese, an expert on African cinema at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, tells *Ms.* magazine. "So [*The Woman King*], centered on African women and African history, will generate a conversation. We have *Black Panther* to thank for that."

Who were the Agojie?

The first recorded mention of the Agojie dates to 1729. But the unit was possibly formed even earlier, toward the beginning of Dahomey's existence, when King Huegbadja (reigned circa 1645 to 1685) created a corps of woman elephant hunters. Alternatively, Hangbe, who briefly ruled as regent following the death of her brother in the early 18th century, may have introduced the women warriors as part of her palace guard. Either way, the Agojie reached their peak in the 19th century, under Ghezo, who formally incorporated them into Dahomey's army. Thanks to the kingdom's ongoing wars, Dahomey's male population had dropped significantly, creating an opportunity for women to replace men on the battlefield.

“More perhaps than any other African state, Dahomey was dedicated to warfare and slave-raiding,” wrote Stanley B. Alpern in *Amazons of Black Sparta: The Women Warriors of Dahomey*, the first full-length, English-language study of the Agojie. “It may also have been the most totalitarian, with the king controlling and regimenting practically every aspect of social life.”

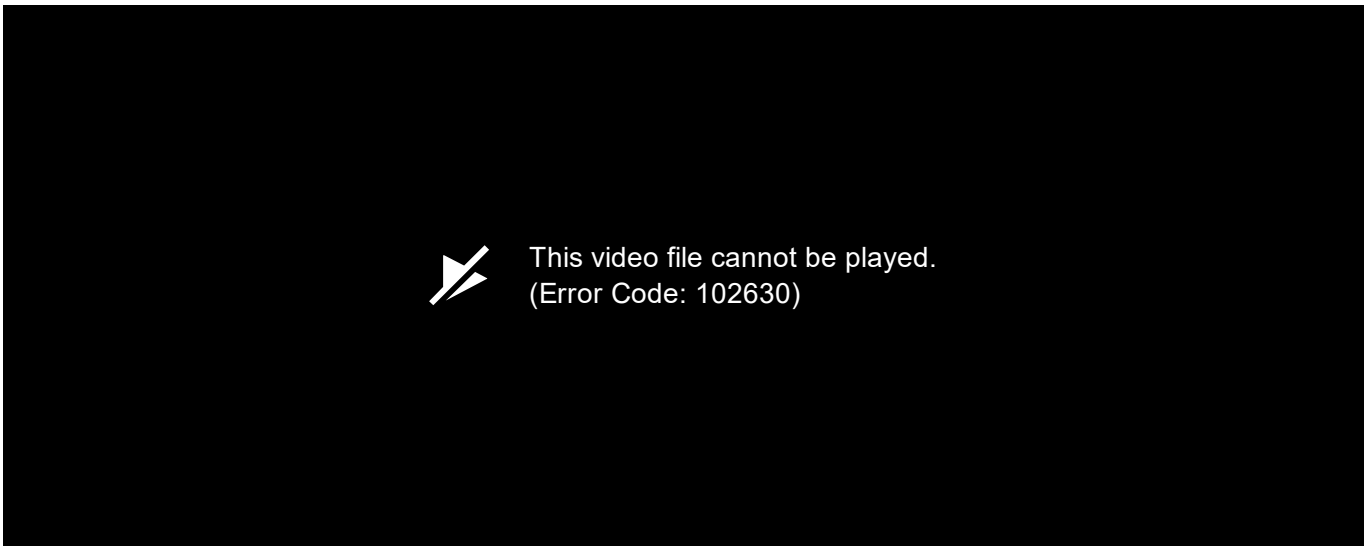
Viola Davis (center) as Nanisca in *The Woman King* Sony Pictures

Dahomey’s standing army was an anomaly in and of itself, as most other African kingdoms disbanded their forces when not actively at war. The fact that the Agojie and their male counterparts wore uniforms also set them apart, establishing the Dahomean military as an organized, highly visible fighting force.

“They’re meant to have a public face,” says Larsen. “They wanted to … be feared by their neighbors. This was a slave trading kingdom, so warfare was part of their annual cycle. They needed to gather humans to be part of this heinous transatlantic slave trade,” as well as for human sacrifices to posthumously deified kings.

The Agojie’s ranks included volunteers and forced conscripts alike. “Regiments

were recruited from slaves, some of them captured as early in age as 10 years old, also the poor, and girls who were rebellious," said Terri Ochiagha, an expert on colonial and postcolonial Nigeria at the University of Edinburgh, in the 2018 Smithsonian Channel documentary series "Epic Warrior Women." In *The Woman King*, Nawi ends up in the army after refusing to marry an elderly suitor.



During the 17th century, the Agooji were a battle-hardened, all-female warrior force that held a special place within the African kingdom of Dahomey. Most were former slaves, with only the bravest and toughest admitted into the fold.

All of Dahomey's women warriors were considered *ahosi*, or wives of the king. They lived in the royal palace alongside the king and his other wives, inhabiting a largely woman-dominated space. Aside from eunuchs and the king himself, no men were allowed in the palace after sunset.

As Alpern told *Smithsonian* magazine in 2011, the Agojie were considered the king's "third-class" wives, as they typically didn't share his bed or bear his children. Because they were married to the king, they were restricted from having sex with other men, although the degree to which this celibacy was enforced is subject to debate. In addition to enjoying privileged status, the warriors had access to a steady supply of tobacco and alcohol. They also had enslaved servants of their own.

To become an Agojie, recruits underwent intensive training, including exercises designed to harden them to bloodshed. In 1889, French naval officer Jean Bayol witnessed Nanisca (who likely inspired the name of Davis' character in *The Woman King*), a teenager "who had not yet killed anyone," easily pass a test of wills. Walking up to a condemned prisoner, she reportedly "swung her sword three times with both hands, then calmly cut the last flesh that attached the head to the trunk. … She then squeezed the blood off her weapon and swallowed it."

Recruits underwent intensive training to become members of the elite Agojie. Public domain via Wikimedia Commons

Another common form of training involved mock assaults that found recruits scrambling across towering walls of acacia thorns. In the words of a British traveler who examined the barriers, "I could not persuade myself that any human being, without boots or shoes, would, under any circumstances,

attempt to pass over so dangerous a collection of the most efficiently armed plants I had ever seen." The warriors bore the pain without complaint, and the bravest among them received acacia thorn belts marking their stoicism.

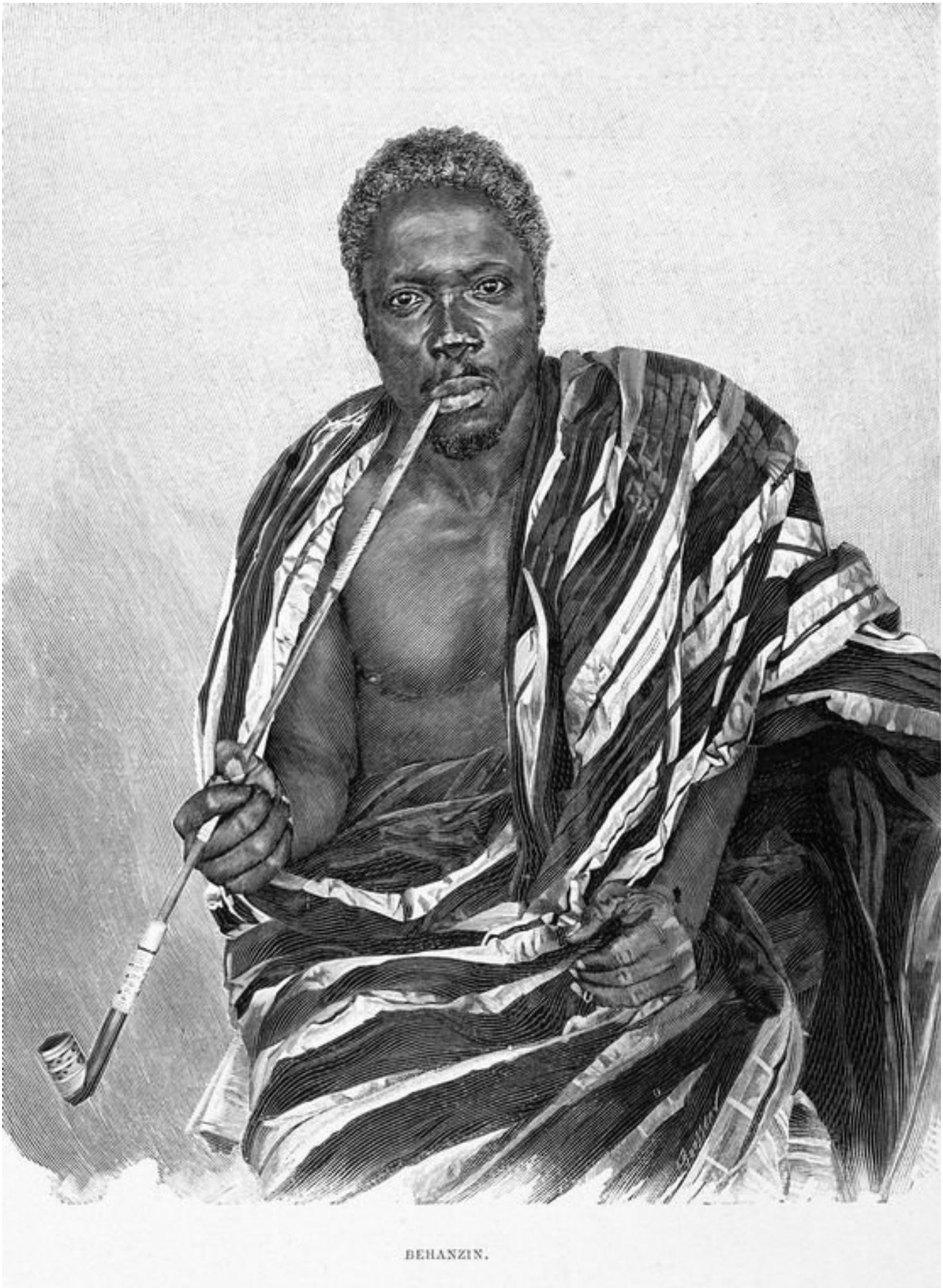
The Agojie's divisions consisted of five branches: blunderbuss or artillery women, elephant hunters, musketeers, razor women, and archers. Surprising the enemy was of the utmost importance. Warriors snuck up on villages at or before dawn, taking captives and decapitating those who resisted. Though European accounts of the Agojie vary widely, what "is indisputable … is their constantly outstanding performance in combat," wrote Alpern in *Amazons of Black Sparta*. With the rest of the Dahomean army, these women warriors were "the scourge and terror of the whole surrounding country, always at war and generally victorious," as an American missionary later recounted.

What happened to the Agojie?

Dahomey's military dominance started to wane in the second half of the 19th century, when its army repeatedly failed to capture Abeokuta, a well-fortified Egba capital in what is now southwest Nigeria. An 1851 battle with the Egba, who'd settled in the region following the decline of the Oyo Empire, resulted in the deaths of up to 2,000 Agojie; in 1864, King Glele, who succeeded Ghezo a few years earlier, sought to avenge his father's defeat at Abeokuta but was forced to retreat after just an hour and a half of fighting. Dahomean forces continued to target Egba villages until the early 1890s, when war with the French threatened the kingdom's very existence.

Dahomey's encounters with European colonizers had historically revolved mainly around the slave trade and religious missions. As the Scramble for Africa ramped up, however, tensions between Dahomey and France escalated. In 1863, the French declared the neighboring kingdom of Porto-Novo a colonial protectorate, angering Glele, who considered Porto-Novo a vassal of Dahomey.

Glele also clashed with the French over the port city of Cotonou.



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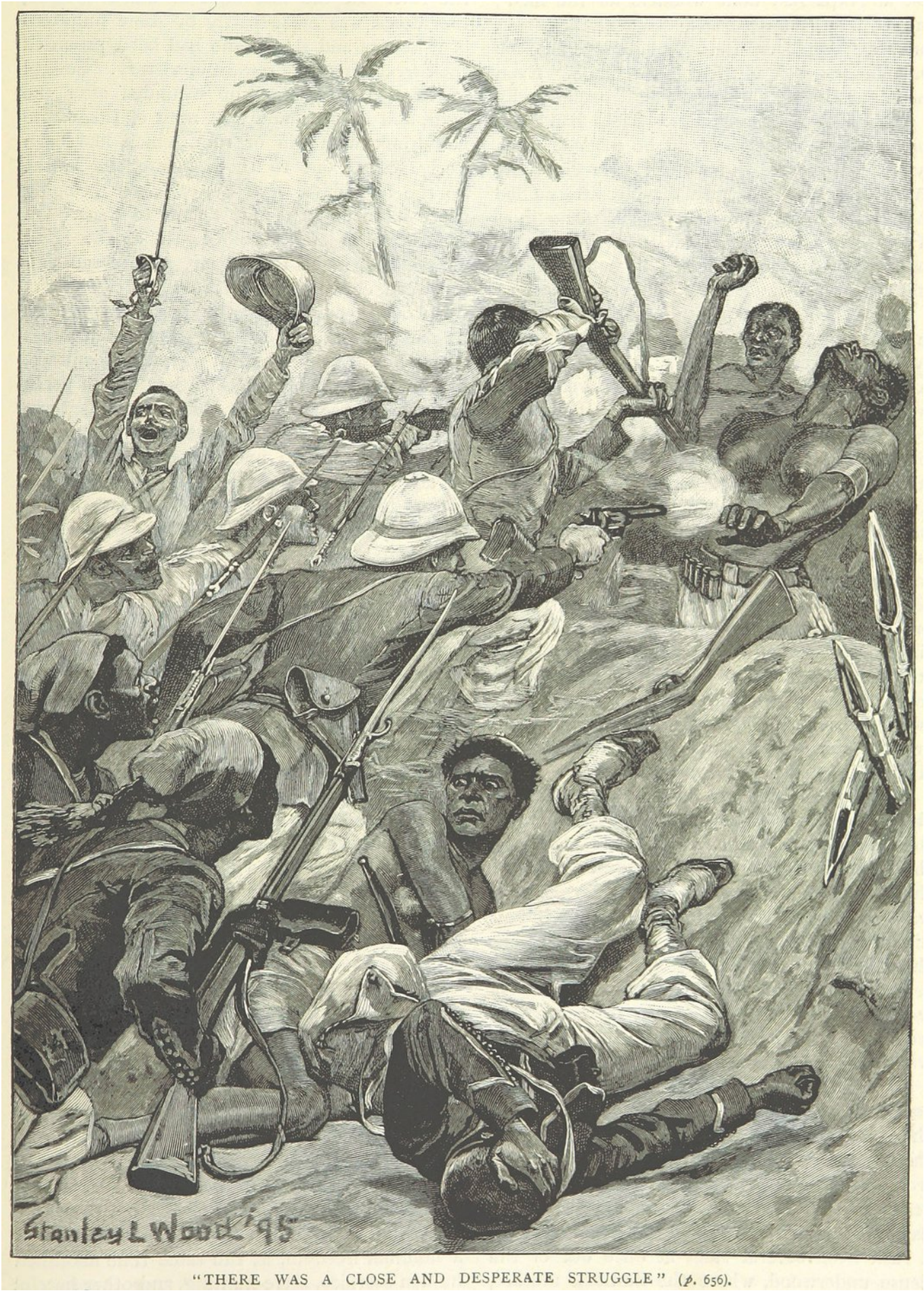


"THERE WAS A CLOSE AND DESPERATE STRUGGLE" (p. 656).

A British illustration of French and Dahomean forces fighting at Cotopa in 1893 Public domain via Wikimedia Commons

As Larsen articulates, the existence—and dominance—of Dahomey's women warriors upset the French's "understanding of gender roles and what women were supposed to do" in a "civilized" society. The women's "flaunting of ferocity, physical power and fearlessness was manipulated or corrupted as Europeans started to interpret [it] in their own context of what they felt societies should be," she says. For the French, the Agojie were simply "more fuel for their civilizing mission," which sought to impose European ideals on African countries.

The First Franco-Dahomean War began on February 21, 1890, just two months after the accession of Glele's son Kondo, who took the name Béhanzin upon claiming the throne. On March 4, the Dahomean army attacked the French at Cotonou, only to fall to the Europeans' vastly superior firepower. Nanisca, the teenager who'd left such an impression on French officer Bayol the previous year, decapitated the enemy's chief gunner but died on the battlefield. Upon seeing Nanisca's body, Bayol wrote that a "cleaver, its curved blade engraved with fetish symbols, was attached to her left wrist by a small cord, and her right hand was clenched round the barrel of her carbine covered with cowries."

After facing a similar defeat at the Battle of Atchoupa on April 20, Dahomey agreed to a peace treaty assenting to French control over Porto-Novo and Cotonou. The lull in warfare lasted less than two years—an intermediary period that Béhanzin spent equipping his army with weapons equal to, or at least better matched with, the French's. According to Alpern, upon receiving news of the French's declaration of war, the Dahomean king said, "The first time, I was ignorant of how to make war, but now I know. … If you want war, I am ready. I wouldn't stop even if it lasted 100 years and killed 20,000 of my men."

Béhanzin proved true to his word. Over the course of seven weeks in fall 1892,

Dahomey's army fought valiantly to repel the French. The Agojie participated in 23 separate engagements during that short time span, earning the enemy's respect for their valor and dedication to the cause. As one marine noted, "[N]either the cannons, nor the canister shot, nor the salvo fire stops them. … It is really strange to see women so well led, so well disciplined." Though sources disagree on the number of women warriors who fought in the Second Franco-Dahomean War, Alpern cites 1,200 to 2,500 as a likely range.

An illustration of Seh-Dong-Hong-Beh, a leader of the Agojie, holding the severed head of an enemy Public domain via Wikimedia Commons

At the village of Adégon on October 6, the Agojie suffered arguably their worst losses yet, with just 17 soldiers returning from an initial force of 434. Béhanzin's brother Sagbaju Glele, who lived until the 1970s, told a local historian that the battle brought a moment of clarity for Dahomey's courtiers, who now realized the inevitability of their kingdom's destruction. The Dahomean army made a final stand at Cana in early November. The last day of fighting, reported a French marine colonel, was "one of the most murderous" of the entire war, beginning with the dramatic entrance of "the last Amazons … as well as the elephant hunters whose special assignment was to direct their fire at the officers." The French officially seized the Dahomey capital of Abomey on November 17.

Between 2,000 and 4,000 Dahomean soldiers—including both men and women—died during the seven-week war. Of the roughly 1,200 Agojie in fighting shape at the beginning of the war, just 50 or 60 remained ready for battle by its end. Comparatively, the French side lost 52 Europeans and 33 Africans on the

battlefield.

After the war, some of the surviving Agojie followed Béhanzin into exile in Martinique or served his brother, a puppet king installed by the French. Others tried to reenter society, to varying degrees of success. Still others toured Europe and the United States, performing dances and battlefield reenactments at "living exhibitions" that played into racist stereotypes of African people. At the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, visitors to the "Dahomey Village" were welcomed by a pair of juxtaposed paintings: an Agojie holding up an enemy's severed head and a white colonizer raising his helmet. "You have these parallel images of what was considered barbaric and what the civilizers were here to correct," says Larsen.

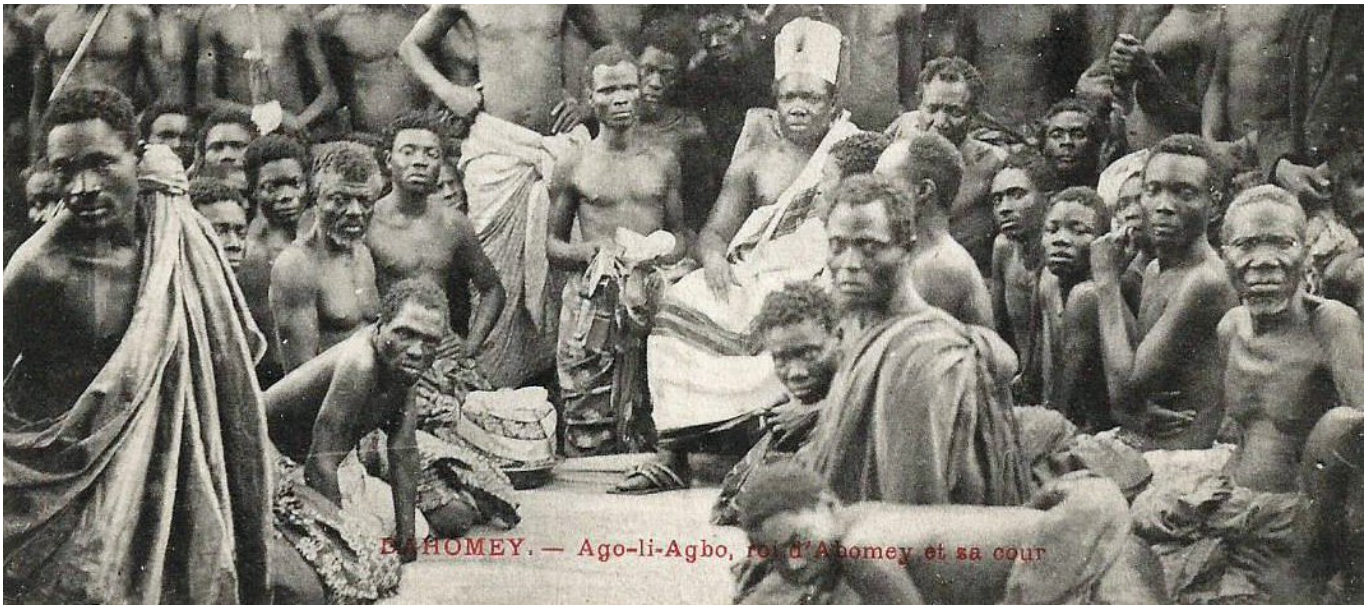
The Dahomey Village at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition Public domain via Wikimedia Commons

Last year, Leonard Wantchekon, an economist at Princeton University and native of Benin who leads research seeking to identify the Agojie's descendants, told the *Washington Post* that French colonization proved detrimental to women's rights in Dahomey, with colonizers barring women from political leadership (in addition to serving as warriors, ahosi could become royal cabinet ministers) and educational opportunities.

"The French made sure this history wasn't known," he explained. "They said we were backward, that they needed to 'civilize us,' but they destroyed opportunities for women that existed nowhere else in the world."

Nawi, the last known surviving Agojie with battlefield experience (and the probable inspiration for Mbedu's character), died in 1979, at well over 100 years old. But Agojie traditions continued long after Dahomey's fall, with descendants of the warrior women sharing stories about their formidable ancestors and participating in religious rituals. When actress Lupita Nyong'o visited Benin for a 2019 Smithsonian Channel special, she met a woman identified by locals as an Agojie who'd been trained by older warriors as a child and kept hidden within a palace for decades.

Speaking with *History.com*, Wantchekon emphasizes the central role played by women in Dahomean society. "When we push back against [colonialist] misconception[s] and embrace the culture of gender equality that was thriving in Benin and places like it before colonization," he says, "it is a way to embrace the legacy of this exceptional group of African female leaders that European history tried so hard to erase."



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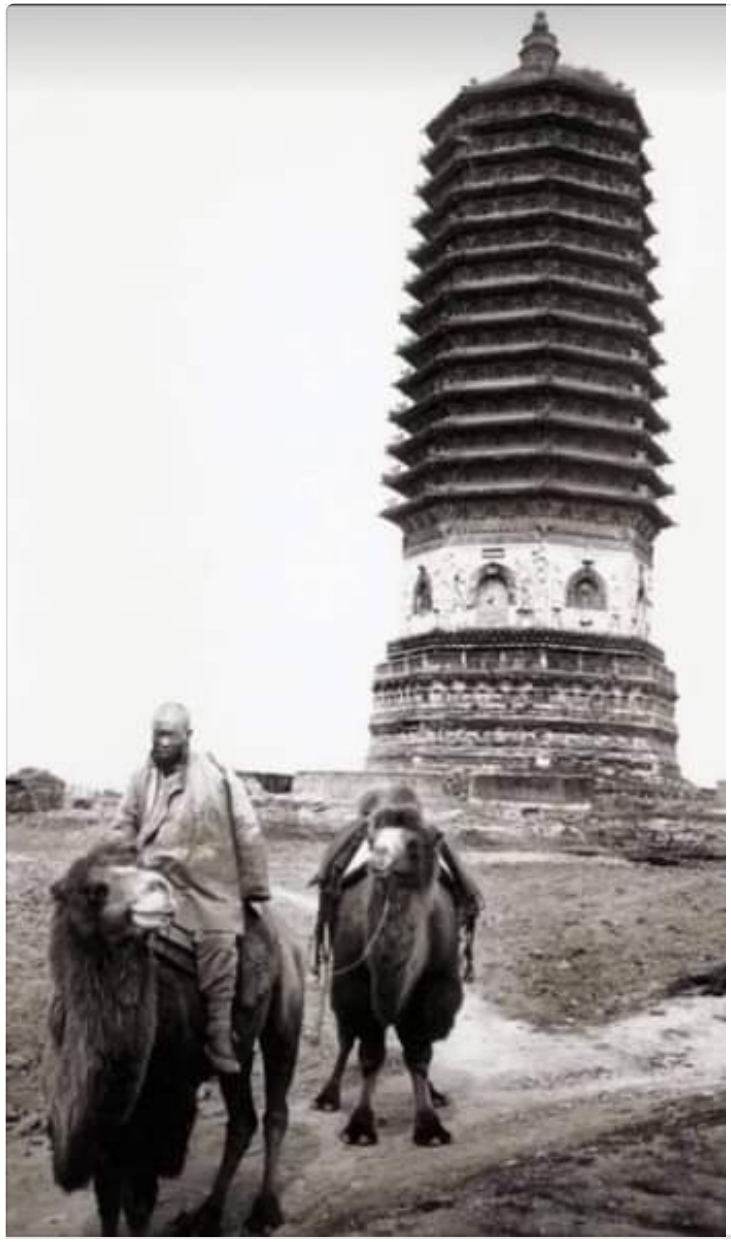

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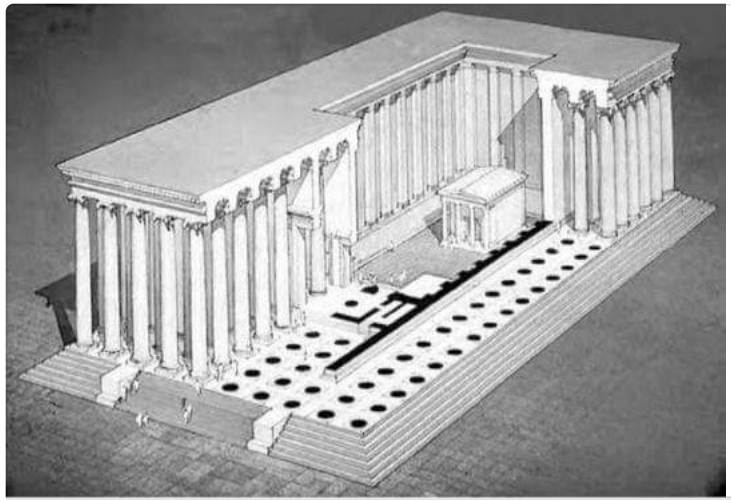

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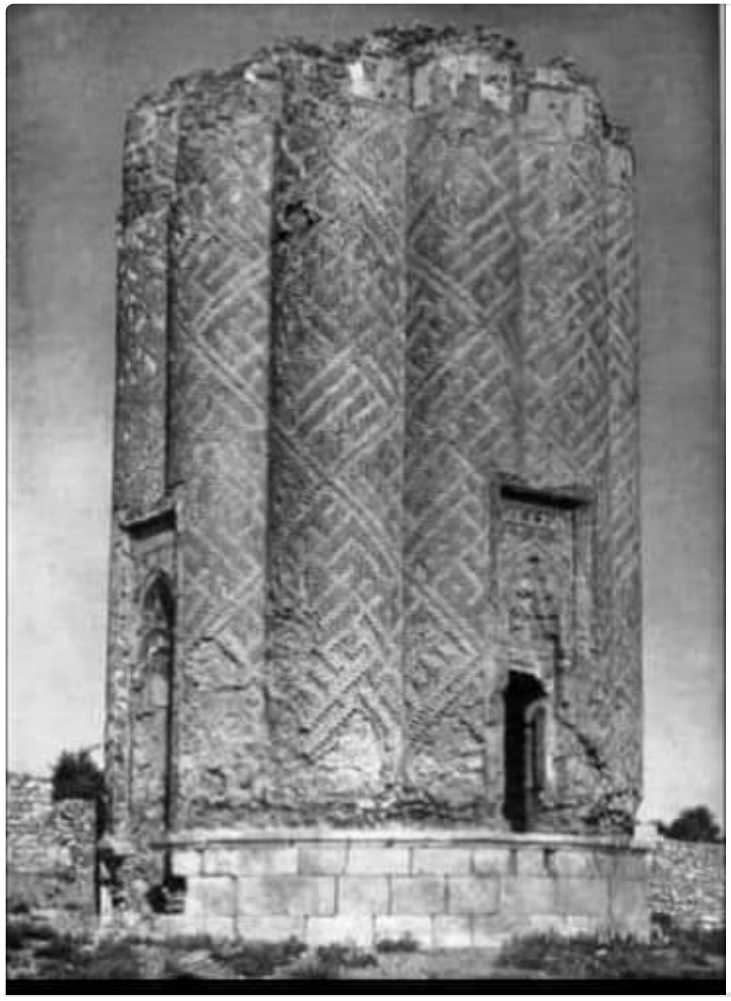

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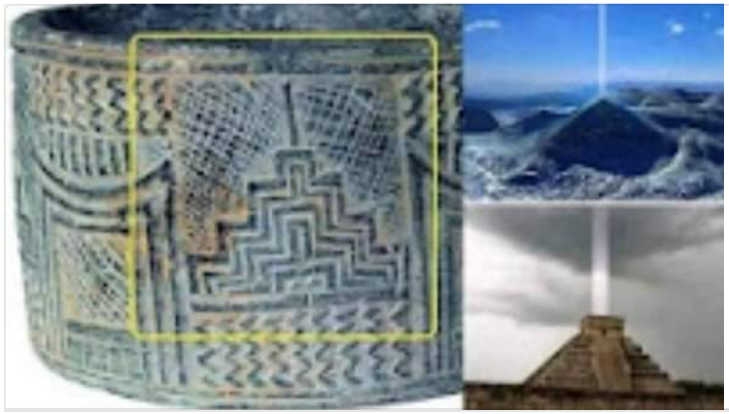

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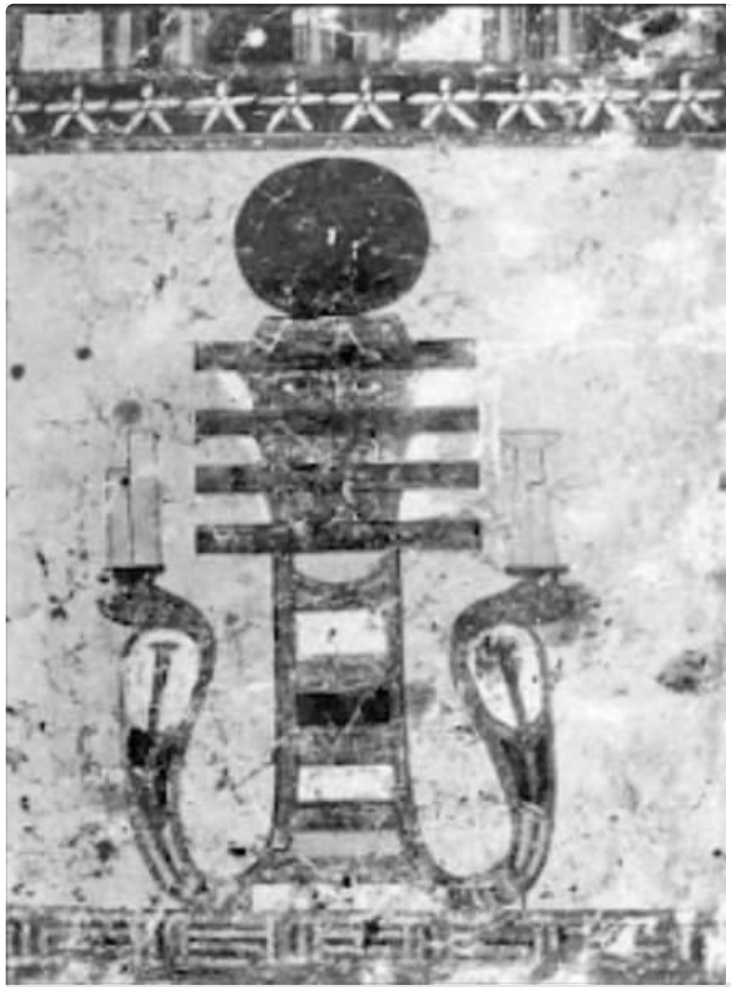

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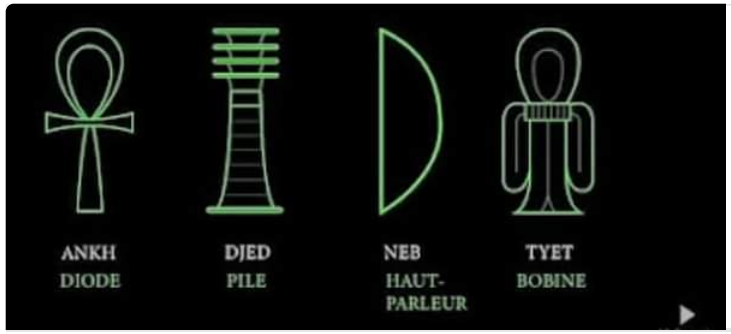

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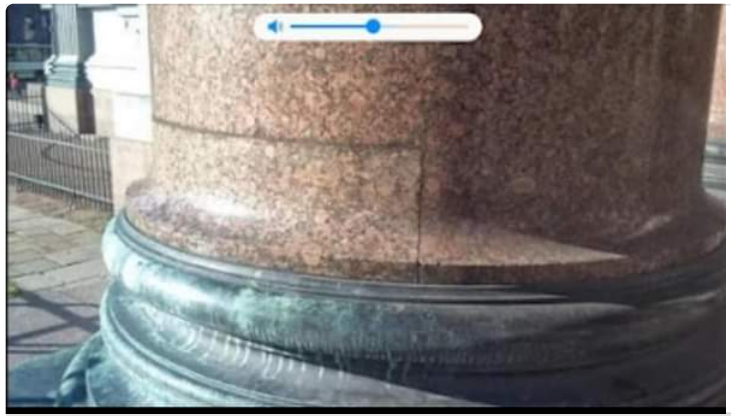

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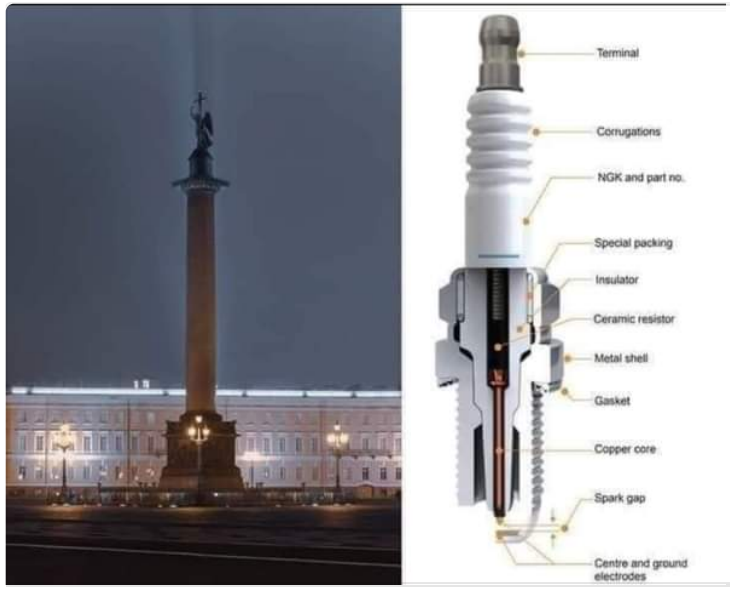

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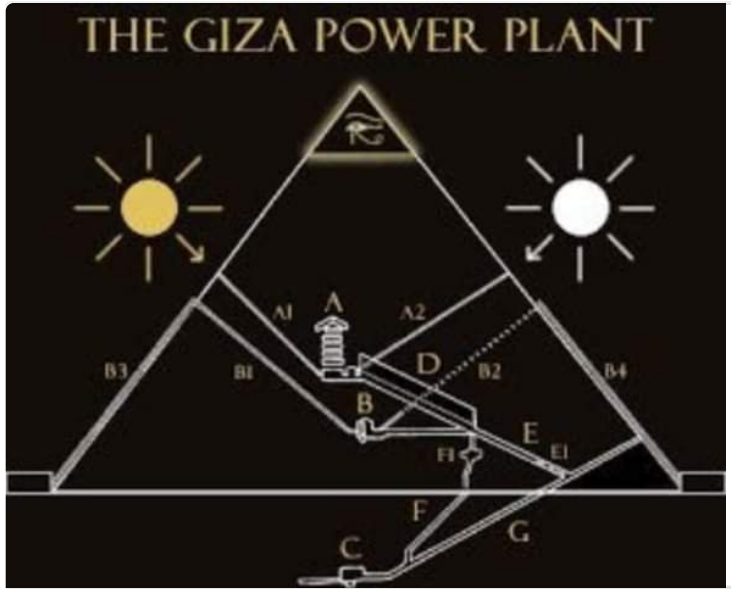

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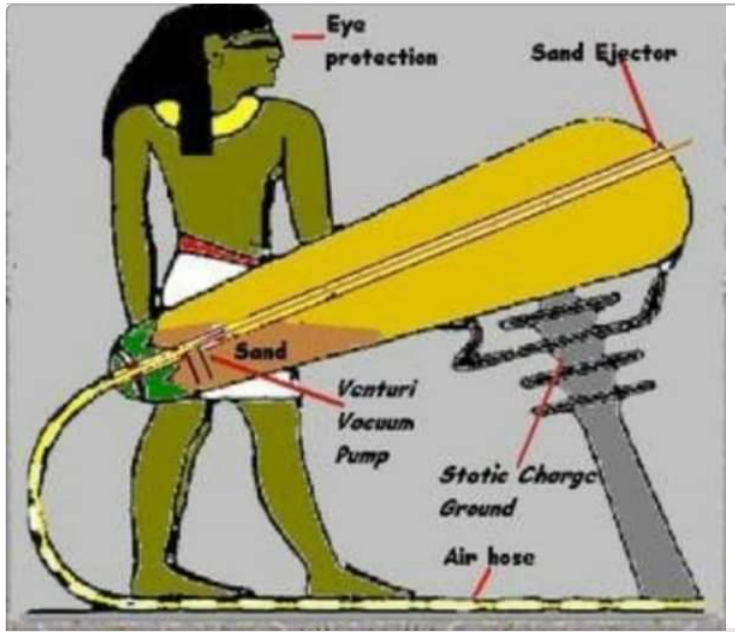

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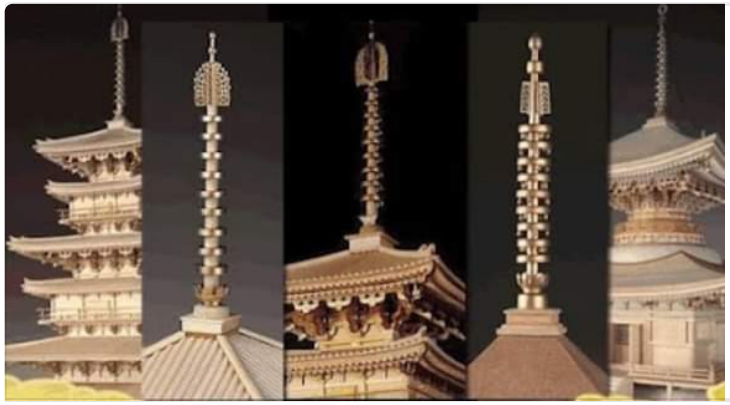

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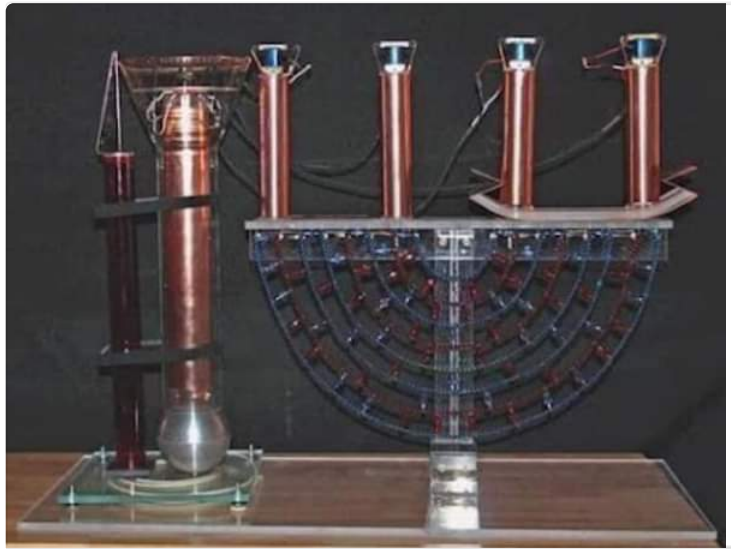

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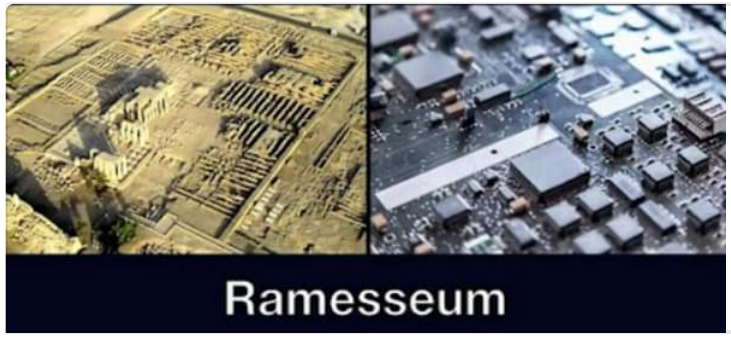

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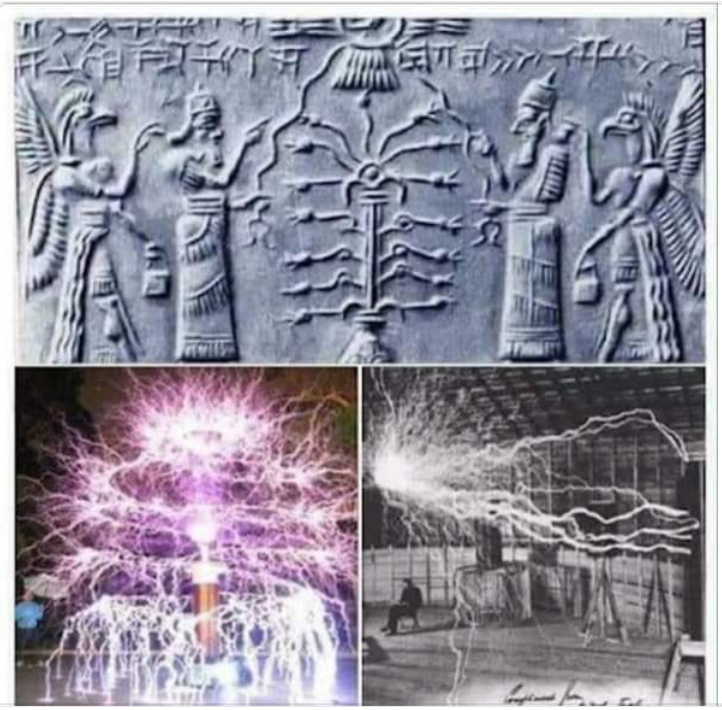

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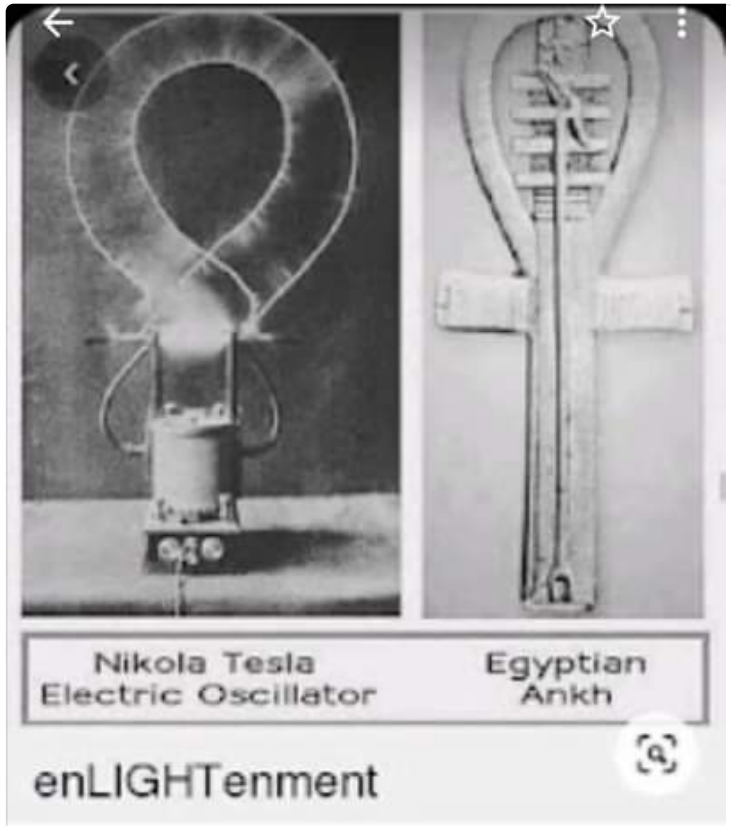

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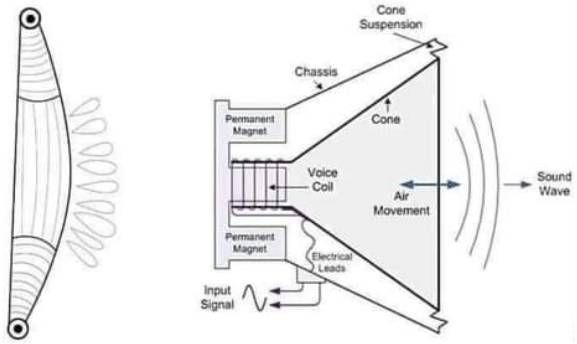

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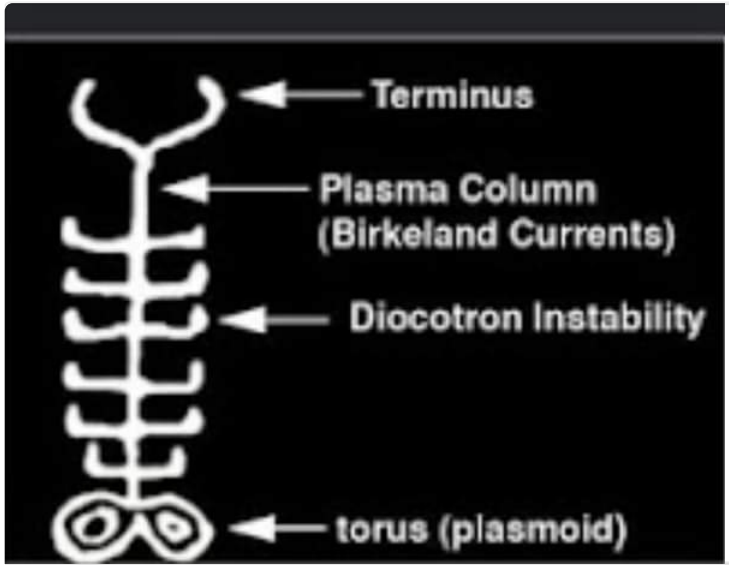

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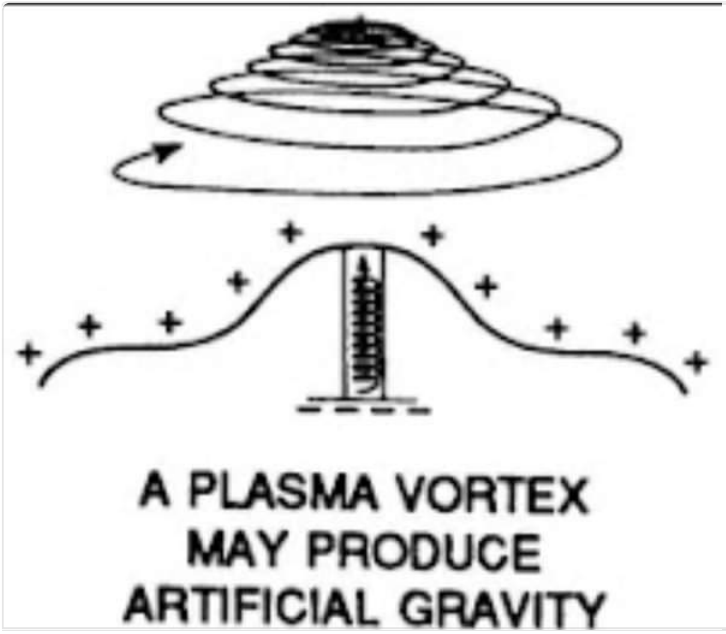

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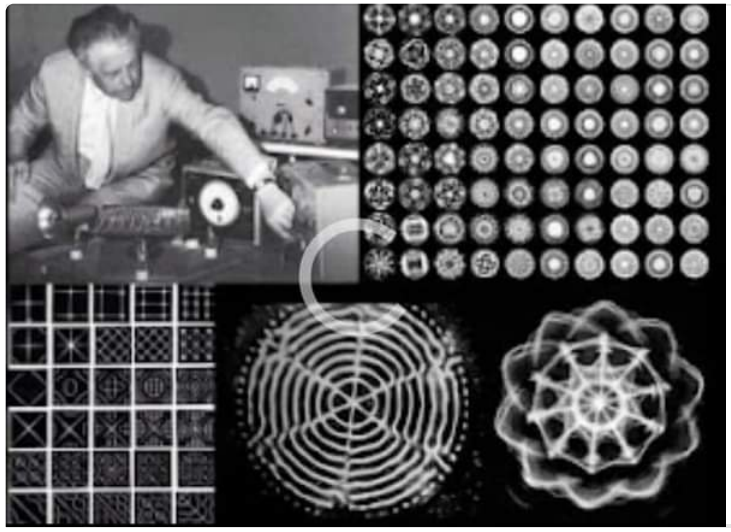

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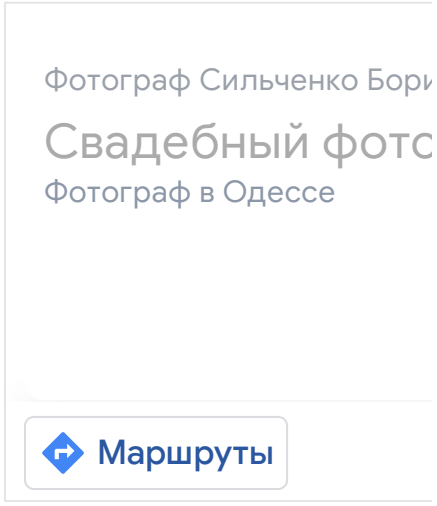
Семья из Мали с 9 детьми

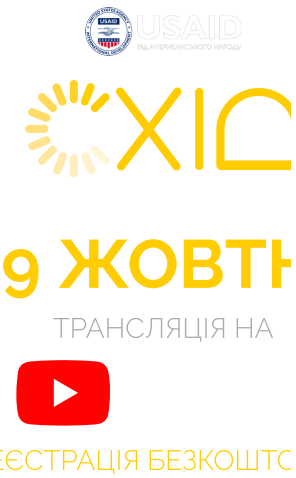


Многодетной семьи помогает правительство Мали, а его представитель Джаминат Сангаре недавно навестил малышей.

В сети появились фотографии огромной семьи из Мали, которая прославилась на весь мир рождением в июле девятерых детей, что стало рекордом. Мать младенцев Халима Сиссе уже настроена выписаться из марокканской больницы и уехать домой, сообщает Daily Mail.

Хотя дети Сиссе родились преждевременно, на сегодняшний день они окрепли и чувствуют себя хорошо.

"Все они очень хорошо ладят и за ними приятно ухаживать. Они становятся сильнее с каждым днем и вполне возможно, что скоро им разрешат отказаться от медицинской поддержки, чтобы мы могли забрать их домой", — сообщила 26-летняя мать.



Всего женщина родила четырех мальчиков и пятерых девочек. Мальчиков назвали Мохаммед, Бах, Эль-Хаджи и Умар, а девочек — Хава, Адама, Фатума, Оуму и Кадидия.

Девять малышей были зачаты естественным путем, но родились недоношенными, из-за чего их вес составлял от 500 г до 1 кг. Их поместили в специальные инкубаторы отделения интенсивной терапии клиники, где за ними круглосуточно присматривала команда врачей и медсестер на протяжении нескольких месяцев. С инкубаторов детей сняли в августе, вся семья жила в квартире недалеко от больницы, чтобы врачи могли помогать потомству. Теперь все младенцы набрали вес и продолжают развиваться.

Девочки и мальчики рекордного потомства

Отцу малышей, 35-летнему моряку Кадеру Арби и Халиме Сиссе разрешили сделать фотосессию с детьми только сейчас, так как раньше они были слабы и находились в инкубаторах.

На фотографиях изображены мальчики — Умар, Эль-хаджи, Бах и Мохаммед — в зеленых комбинезонах с надписью "Брат". Девочки Адама, Оумо, Хава, Кадидия и Фатума одеты в розовые и голубые одежки.

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Все малыши являются гражданами Мали, и на прошлой неделе их посетил Джаминату Сангаре, министр здравоохранения страны. Чиновник поручил безопасно доставить семейство домой. Известно, что счет за услуги медперсонала и за содержание детей с мамой приблизился к одному миллиону фунтов стерлингов, но большую часть денег выделило правительство Мали.

Халима Сиссе родила девятерых младенцев в июле, чем побила предыдущий рекорд 2009 года Нади Сулеман. Ее предшественница родила одним ребенком меньше.

Сиссе чуть не умерла от потери крови во время родов. Врачи подсчитали, что ее живот весил почти 30 кг за счет младенцев и околоплодных вод.

Пара поженилась в 2017 году, у них есть еще одна дочь Суда, ей 2,5 лет. Все это время за старшей присматривали родственники.

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THE TARTARIANS WERE BLACKAMOORS:
Why we can't fully rock with the tartary/tartaria theory. It doesn't include black history or it white washes black (moor) history.

“Their manner of levying a money-tax upon the vanquished was precisely that of the Black Huns in Italy, many centuries before: and it is unnecessary to emphasize the fact that they scalped their enemies like the modern “Red Indians.” The Tartar features of these Black Danes are visible again and again: (the word “Tartar,” being used as it was done when “as Black as Tartars” was a proverbial expression).” [End quote from, “Ancient and Modern Britons,” by David MacRitchie, pg. 406.

Tartars or the people of Tartary are Moors/Muurs/Mers and the “Great Tartarian” Empire that is now the hot topic of the day was a MOORISH dominion in the Moorish Empire that spanned the earth.

Root Races: After the fall of Lemuria / Mu . Beginning of Atlantis
1. Rmoahal
2. Tlavatlis
3. Toltec
4. Turanian
5. Shemite
6. Akkadian/Arcadian
7. Mongolian

As mentioned Genghis Khan & the Mongols may have been fighting to keep the past civilization that was tartaria & others from falling to the current Rothschild/freemasons & other groups. There we're plenty of Russian or Germany artwork showing blacks as kings, knights,priests & any other position you can think of. Of course with the fall of Spain & other places centering around 1492 you will start to notice the removal of black faces from history in places. In some places depending on how fast colonization was
Tartaria fell. Its great buildings were buried, and its history was erased. After this “great reset,” the few surviving examples of Tartarian architecture were falsely recast as the work of contemporary builders who could never have executed

buildings of such grace and beauty, and subjected them to clumsy

There is a growing opinion in Russia that French invasion of Russia played out according to a different scenario. The one where Tsar Alexander I, and Napoleon were on the same side. Together they fought against Tartary. Essentially France and Saint Petersburg against Moscow (Tartary). And there is a strong circumstantial evidence to support such a theory.

They built the Great Wall in what is now China. Marco Polo wrote an extensive and detailed account of Asia in the 13th and 14th centuries and did not even mention a wall. The Great Wall is not seen on any maps pre-dating the late 1600's. Genghis Khan fought to restore the kingdom of Tartary and reclaim their land. His mounted warriors were called Tartars. Now Tartary is associated with hell.

The use of energy weapons has been going on for over a thousand years. It was perfected to the point where it was able to take out many millions of Tartarians. The energy weapons melted cities and destroyed the civilizations of Egypt, Greece and Rome which were approximately of the same time period as Jesus and were heavily influenced by Tartaria.

A known Energy weapon was the Arc of the Covenant. It brought down the Walls of Jericho. The Arc was an electrical capacitor composed of silver and brass alloys and gilded with gold. It's true purpose was to store and direct energy from the Earth to outside sources. But transporting it around was very dangerous and it caused people to become sick and die due to constant radiation, but it also sent out intermittent electrical surges where many people were killed instantly.

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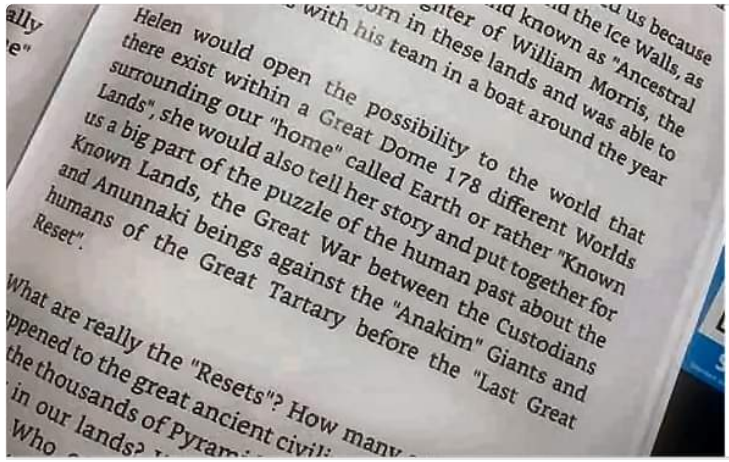
Helen would open the possibility to the world that
there exist within a Great Dome 178 different Worlds
surrounding our "home" called Earth or rather "Known
Lands", she would also tell her story and put together for
us a big part of the puzzle of the human past about the
Known Lands, the Great War between the Custodians
and Anunnaki beings against the "Anakim" Giants and
humans of the Great Tartary before the "Last Great
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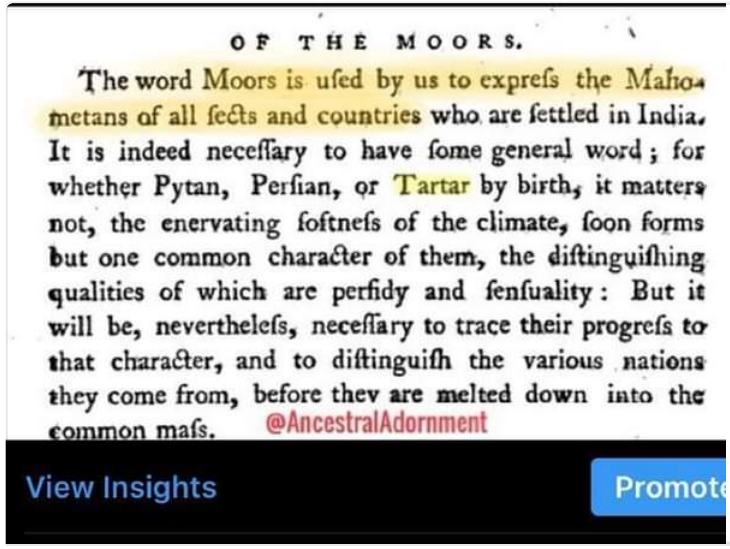
OF THE MOORS.
The word Moors is uſed by us to expreſs the Maho-
metans of all ſects and countries who are ſettled in India.
It is indeed neceſſary to have ſome general word; for
whether Pytan, Perſian, or Tartar by birth, it matters
not, the enervating ſoftneſs of the climate, ſoon forms
but one common character of them, the diſtinguiſhing
qualities of which are perfidy and ſenſuality: But it
will be, nevertheleſs, neceſſary to trace their progreſs to
that character, and to diſtinguiſh the various nations
they come from, before they are melted down into the
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The Byzantine Empire, also referred to as the Eastern Roman Empire, or Byzantium, was the continuation of the Roman Empire in its eastern provinces during Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, when its capital city was Constantinople.

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Mr. Imhotep
According to African scholars, his name must have come from "Nganga Nzambi" an expression meaning "God's priest" in Kikongo, language spoken in the Kongo empire.
Ganga Zumba is remembered by historians as the hero and freedom fighter who was central to the history and modern-day struggle of the Brazilian Black Movement, having led an alliance of “independent settlements” called Quilombo dos Palmares.
An area located between the states of Alagoas and Pernambuco, in northeastern Brazil, Quilombo dos Palmares was founded by runway Brazilian African captives in the late 16th century as resistance to European colonizers and enslavers. The area became one of the first places, in the Americas, where Black captives found freedom. For almost a hundred years, Black people in Quilombo fought against their oppressors, particularly the Portuguese who at that time attempted to colonize Brazil.
Zumba, as king of Quilombo in the 1670s, led these attacks against the oppressors, and despite repeated threats from the colonial authorities, Quilombo thrived as fugitive captive set up a collective economy based upon subsistence agriculture, trade, and communal land ownership, according to accounts. And all these were largely thanks to the leadership and intelligence of Zumba.
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Lester Sealey
The second largest black population, in the world, is found in Brazil! Second, after Nigeria. 9

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Mamitchou Fato... replied · 2 replies

Billy Baptista
Brazil has an official national day in his honour, 20th November. The day Zumbi is reported to have died.

An interesting thing to note is that the word Quilombo derives from Angola where historically it refered to a Military Camp in languages like Umbundu and Kimbundu in which the word Quilombo occurs as Ochilombo and kilombo respectively. It also alternatively refers to a resting place during a Journey. Amazing to see how enslaved Africans in Brazil managed to retain some relative cultural memory of their history as such words attest. Nganga is a bit of tricky one though; in some

Bantu languages, Nganga means a Healer but in our language, Umbundu it means a Wizard and therefore carries a sinister connotation. What others mean by Nganga in a positive sense, we refer to as Ochimbanda (a Healer and Foreteller) the practice of which is called Umbanda (the practice of Healing and Foretelling), a word that in Brazil came to refer to an Afro-brazilian religion. 5

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Glen Marquis
Why are Kings, using the backs of others to gain a throne and wealth; convincing those who worked for it to settle for the scraps; celebrated?

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Shirll Sheppard replied · 28 replies

Pitchou Mboa
It's nganga Nzambi meaning high priest of the most high (God) not Ganga nzumbi! 3

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Daryal Spencer
When they did have Black History When I was in school it wasn't this Deep, then all of a sudden the school system took it out Black History, students were asking to marry questions!

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Felipe Zilli
A fake hero, the true history he slaved his own people at the quilombos.

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See our greatness and power! 1

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Heru Kemwer
RaSpect Imhotep! Love ya post Bro!!!

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Ipemosso Ilunga Kaghe
Nganga Nzambi or Nganga Nzumbi means the high priest of God. 4

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Beny N'kashama
Thanks imhotep

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Anthony 'twarn' Abrams
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Lorraine Hollis
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Kevin Jones
Many years ago I saw an documentary on this...the filmmaker asked a Brasilian brother a question....he replied “the Black man is King.” That’s all I remember. 4

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Mervin Holloway replied · 1 reply

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Olfert Dapper

Olfert Dapper (January 1636 – 29 December 1689) was a Dutch physician and writer. He wrote books about world history and geography, although he never travelled outside the Netherlands.

Biography

Illustration of the city and castle of Corfu, from Dapper's book Description of Morea (1688)

Illustration of the ruler of Loango, from Dapper's Description of Africa (1668)

Olfert Dapper was born in early 1636 in the Jordaan in Amsterdam. On 6 January 1636, he was baptized in the Lutheran church in Amsterdam.[1]

In 1663 wrote a book on the history of Amsterdam. His *Description of Africa* (1668) is a key text for African studies.[2] His book "is one of the most authoritative 17th century accounts on Africa published in Dutch. Translations appeared in English, French, and German.[1] Dapper never traveled to Africa but used reports by Jesuit missionaries and other (Dutch) explorers. Within a few years he published about China, India, Persia, Georgia, and Arabia. His books became well known in his own time. The fine plates include views of Algiers, Benin, Cairo, Cape Town, La Valetta, Marrakech, St. Helena, Tangier, Tripoli, Tunis, as well as, animals and plants.

Olfert Dapper

Born	January 1636 Amsterdam, Dutch Republic
Died	29 December 1689 (aged 53) Amsterdam, Dutch Republic
Occupation	Geographer, writer
Nationality	Dutch
Subject	History, geography
Notable works	*Description of Africa* (1668)

Dapper was buried on 29 December 1689 in Amsterdam.[1]

Influence

To this day, Dapper's book *Description of Africa* is an important text for Africanists.[1]

In Amsterdam, the street Dapperstraat was named after him. The Dutch writer Willem Frederik Hermans wrote a book on him with the title *Het Evangelie van O. Dapper Dapper* (1973).

In Paris, the Musée Dapper named for him opened in 1986.[3] Peter S. Beagle dedicated *The Last Unicorn* to Dapper for his reports of unicorns in Maine[4] and in 2012 wrote a fictional account of Dapper's travels.[5]

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Illustration of people riding an elephant, from the 1681 German edition of the Dapper's Description of Asia (1680)

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- *Gedenkwaerdig bedryf der Nederlandsche Oost-Indische Maetschappye, op de kuste en in het Keizerrijk van Taising of Sina: behelzende het 2e gezandschap aen den Onder-Koning Singlamong ... Vervolgt met een verhael van het voorgevallen des jaers 1663 en 1664 op de kuste van Sina ... en het 3e gezandschap aan Konchy, Tartarsche Keizer van Sina en Oost Tartarye ... beneffens een beschryving van geheel Sina* (1670)[9]
- *Asia, of naukeurige beschryving van het rijk des Grooten Mogols, en een groot gedeelte van Indiën: ... beneffens een volkome beschryving van geheel Persie, Georgie, Mengrelie en andere gebuur-gewesten ... verciert doorgaens met verscheide afbeeldingen in kooper gesneden* (1672)[10]
- *Naukeurige beschrijving van gantsch Syrie, en Palestyn of Heilige lant; ... beneffens de landen van Perea of Over-Jordaen, Galilea, byzonder Palestyn, Judea en Idumea: ... verrijkt met lantkaerten en afbeeldingen der voornaemste steden, en gedenkwaerdighste gebouwen* (1677)[11]
- *Naukeurige beschryving van Asie : behelsende de gewesten Mesopotamie, Babylonie, Assyrie, Anatolie of Klein Asie : beneffens eene volkome beschrijving van gansch ... Arabie* (1680)[12]
- *Naukeurige beschrijving van Morea, eertijts Peloponnesus; en de eilanden, gelegen onder de kusten van Morea, en binnen en buiten de Golf van Venetien; waer onder de voornaemte Korfu, Gefalonia, Sant Maura, Zanten, en andere in grooten getale* (1688)[13]
- *Naukeurige beschryving der Eilanden, in de Archipel der Middelantsche Zee, en omtrent dezelve, gelegen: waer onder de voornaemste Cyprus, Rhodus, Kandien, Samos, Scio, Negroponte* (1688)[14]

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Dans la realite historique, la presence de personnes noires au Maroc remonte a une epoque impossible a dater. En tout cas, une forte minorite noire berberophone, de statut

libre, est signalee sur tout le territoire, y compris dans les montagnes

du Haut et du Moyen-Atlas. Au VIIIe siecle, le premier prince et fondateur de Sijilmasa, Issa Ibn Yazid Al Aswad, est ainsi qualifie de « soudanais ».

La legende du « sultan noir »

Partis des rives du fleuve Senegal, les Almoravides ont cree un vaste empire. Les sources ne se preoccupent guere de leur teint, meme si une lecture attentive permet de

supposer que Youssef Ibn Tachfin etait tres sombre de peau, ignorait l'arabe et avait recours a un interprete. Dans l'armee almoravide, les « Soudanais » formaient une

troupe d'elite particulierement choyee. Лелеять Ces cavaliers montaient des destriers blancs боевой конь, etaient armes de boucliers et portaient des coiffures rouge fonce головной убор. Le poitrail de leurs) подгрудный ремень (сбруи)

chevaux etait agremente de grelots бубенчик; погремушка en forme de coings (ou poires). Ils participaient aux parades et ont joue un role determinant lors de l'intervention des Almoravides dans

Al Andalous. Par ailleurs, les femmes noires jouissaient alors d'un prestige certain et etaient recherchees comme concubines, ce qui a contribue au metissage, particulierement

dans les classes aisees обеспеченные слои населения des cites.

Sveta Rozenberger
Feb 27

Украинский президент — актер, комик, сценарист и политик, и он снялся в сериале «Слуга народа», в котором он был президентом. Большое телешоу
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..... هل كلكامش اول من صام؟؟؟

في هذه السلسلة سندرس جميع نصوص المسمارية التي أشارت للصيام بمعنى (الانقطاع عن الأكل والشراب طواعيا)

أقدم نص يشير للصوم بمعنى الامتناع عن الطعام هو ماورد في ملحمة كلكامش

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لا دليل و لا إشارةعلى الصيام فيما قدمت من الحكاية و لا على الإمتناع عن الطعام إلا باستنتاج من القارئ. الإمتناع عن الطعام بسبب الحزن ليس صياما. الصوم هو الإمتناع عن الطعام طواعية لأجل التعبد. 3

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كلام صحيح والنصوص غير كاذبة والسرد جاء بطريقة لايقبل النقاش والصوم كان قائما طواعية وايمانا وليس فرضا .

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شكرا على منشورك صديقي و لكن قياسك و تشبيهك غير صحيح و غير منطقي... الصيام عند المسلمين عبادة دينيا... يعني وجد ذكر من سبقنا في "عباااااادة الصيام" مثل اليهود و اهندوس و غيرهم.. ثم لو قلنا ان الصيام يكون بانقطاع الشهية عند الحزن ف مؤكد ان جلجامش ليس اول من فقد شخصا عزيزا و فقد شهيته و "صام" .. فمن المنطقي ان كل ام فقدت ابنها قبل عصر جلجامش و بعده ستحزن عليه و تنقطع شهيتها و تصوم.. هذا تعليقي على منشورك هذا فقط و لم أقرأ الاجزاء الاخرى 1

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سلام آل باشآ

معنى كلامك ان امتناع كلكامش عن الطعام ليس طوعيا. بل هو اضطراب نفسي وألم

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Ahmed Filali

يجب ان نكف عن نسب كل شيئ الى سومر او كنعان او اشور و ان نعرف حدود الاشياء الصوم كممارسة فردية هي ليس الامتناع عن الطعام الصوم و اضع خطين على كلمة صائم هي انه يزهد و يقاطع شهوات جسمه لتسمو روحه هذا معنى الصوم الديني او معنى الصوم اصطلاحا اما الامتناع عن الاكل بسبب علة فهو مرض و ليس صوما اضف انه حتى الصيام عن الاكل فقط لا يصل فيه الجسم و الروح الى السمو بقدر الابيتعاد عن الشهوات 2

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Sébastien Louis
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Le Siècle des Lumières ?

Non, le Siècle des Ténèbres, selon Alain pascal, car la vraie Lumière vient de Dieu, tandis que celle du XVIII° siècle sont héritiers de Rose-Croix "illuminés" par la Kabbale.

Une lecture "ésotérique" de Fénelon, Diderot, Voltaire et Rousseau permet à l'auteur de décrypter et de détruire le mythe de "lumières" qui seraient source de progrès.

Il présent aussi le rôle de la franc-maçonnerie dans la marche vers la Révolution, notamment à travers l'Encyclopédie.

Voici une remise en cause profonde de l'histoire du XVIII° siècle, dont les errements produisent encore leurs effets aujourd'hui avec le gauchisme et le mondialisme, fruits des ténébreuses Lumières..

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Why Is Jesus Called “Son of Man”?

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Why is Jesus called "Son of Man"?

Let me give a common understanding and then a more sophisticated historical understanding.

The common understanding is that "Son of God" implies his deity—which it does—and that "Son of Man" implies his humanity, which it does too.

He was a son of man, that is, a human being. And he is the Son of God, in that he has always existed as the Eternally Begotten One who comes forth from the Father forever. He always has, and he always will. He is the Second Person of the Trinity with all of the divine nature fully in him.

He is born of a virgin. He had a human father but he didn't have sex with this virgin until Jesus was conceived. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. Thus he is human—fully human. The Bible wants to emphasize that he is fully human.

So that's the common understanding: he is both divine and he is human—two natures, one person.

The more sophisticated and important historical insight is that the term "Son of Man" doesn't merely align him with humanity. It is probably taken from Daniel 7. And if you read that chapter you'll see that the Son of Man is a very exalted figure: not just a human figure but an exalted figure. It was Jesus' favorite self-designation.

If you do a study of the term "Son of Man" in the Gospels you'll see that he didn't refer to himself most often as Son of God but as Son of Man. He said things like, in Mark 10:45, "The Son of Man came not to be

served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." So he calls himself Son of Man very often.

I think the reason he did so is because, on the face of it, Son of Man is an ordinary phrase for "human being." He was born of a man. And there's no offense there: who isn't a son of man? But those with ears to hear could hear Daniel 7, in which he was claiming a very exalted role in the history of redemption. And he meant to do it.

Jesus was very subtle in that he was always opening his identity to those with eyes to see, but he wasn't opening it so blatantly that everybody would come and make him king. He had to steer a very narrow course in disclosing his identity, not just openly saying, "I'm the Messiah, I'm the King of the World. Come and acknowledge me as King." He didn't talk like that.

He was quiet. He was subtle. And he would make claims that were explicit in certain settings and implicit in others. And only when the time was right—mainly when he was on trial for his life, and they said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the living God?"—did he say, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man coming with great power and glory." So he confessed his open deity right at the point where he knew he would be crucified for it.

So I hope that helps. "Son of Man" has the double meaning of human being and, according to Daniel 7, exalted heavenly one. And Jesus means to communicate both of those.

Yulia Furtak Köken **Арракис. Тайны Истории и Загадки Вселенной**
6 February at 19:54 ·

Ньяким Гатвеч "Королева тьмы".

Nyakim Gatwech (Ньяким Гатвеч) - 28-летняя модель суданского происхождения обладает очень редким тоном кожи: угольно-черным.
Девушка, которая сейчас живет в США (Minneapolis, Minnesota), прославилась в Сети благодаря своей необычной внешности. Правда, по словам самой модели, раньше ее непохожесть на других вызывала у окружающих отнюдь не восхищение, а отторжение и неприязнь.

«Мой шоколадный цвет полон элегантности... Как и нация, которую я представляю. Это нация настоящих бойцов».
«Вы даже не представляете, какие слова мне приходится слышать из-за цвета моей кожи».
Однажды таксист даже предложил девушке воспользоваться услугой отбеливания кожи. «В ответ я рассмеялась», — вспоминает модель.

Сейчас Ньяким является одним из самых громких голосов в модной индустрии, защищающей права темнокожих.
Яркая личность и красивая модель, Ньяким вдохновила многих женщин по всему миру на то, чтобы научиться принимать себя и свою уникальность.
Но самое главное - эта смелая девушка заразила своих поклонниц любовью к себе и чувством самоуважения, о которые разбиваются все насмешки и издевательства. Ведь каждая женщина по-своему прекрасна.

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существуют микроорганизмы, которые могут разлагать материалы, используемые в строительстве исторических зданий, такие как камень, бетон и кирпич. Некоторые из этих бактерий могут проникать в поры материала и затем выделять кислоты, которые растворяют минералы, что приводит к разрушению материала.

Одним из наиболее известных примеров такой бактерии является "Thiobacillus ferrooxidans", которая может разлагать железо и серу в материалах, таких как камень или бетон, что приводит к появлению трещин и к разрушению конструкций.

Однако, необходимо отметить, что большинство исторических зданий имеют защитные покрытия и проходят регулярную инспекцию и консервацию, что позволяет сохранять их в течение многих лет.

опасен ли "Thiobacillus ferrooxidans", для здаровья человека

"Thiobacillus ferrooxidans" не считается обычно опасным для здоровья человека. Этот бактерийный вид встречается в природе и широко используется в промышленности, включая металлургическое производство, очистку сточных вод и производство удобрений.

Однако, при работе с материалами, которые могут содержать "Thiobacillus ferrooxidans", такими как руды, металлические конструкции или здания, которые были заражены этими бактериями, необходимо принимать меры предосторожности. Рекомендуется надевать защитную одежду, маски и перчатки, чтобы предотвратить контакт с бактериями.

Кроме того, если вы заметили признаки разрушения материала, возможно вызванные действием "Thiobacillus ferrooxidans", рекомендуется обратиться к профессионалам для проведения дополнительных исследований и оценки состояния материала.

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КИЕВ. 6 февраля. УНН. Индийская полиция арестовала более 2000 мужчин за незаконные детские браки с участием девочек в возрасте до 18 лет. Об этом **УНН** информирует со ссылкой на Associated Press.

Детали

Среди арестованных на этой неделе более 50 индуистских священников и мусульманских священнослужителей по обвинению в браке с несовершеннолетними девушками в Ассаме, заявил начальник полиции штата.

"На данный момент мы арестовали 2169 человек на основании 4074 зарегистрированных полицейских дел, в которых участвовало в общей сложности около 8000 человек", - сказал он.

Дополнение

По данным Национального бюро регистрации преступлений, в 2021 году в штате было зарегистрировано только 155 случаев детских браков, а в 2020 году - 138.

В Индии законный брачный возраст составляет 21 год для мужчин и 18 лет для женщин. Бедность, отсутствие образования и социальные нормы и обычаи, особенно в сельской местности, считаются причинами детских браков по всей стране.

Парламент Индии рассматривает законопроект о повышении возраста вступления в брак для женщин с 18 до 21 года, чтобы привести его в соответствие с возрастом для мужчин и способствовать гендерному равенству.

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C'est une grande copine d'Hillary Clinton, une qui lui fournissait des enfants, qui est en train de tomber

"Le tribunal du Myanmar prononce les premiers verdicts du procès d'Aung San Suu Kyi

Un tribunal du Myanmar, pays dirigé par l'armée, rendra mardi les premiers verdicts dans près d'une douzaine de cas contre la dirigeante déchue Aung San Suu Kyi, accusée de crimes dont les peines maximales cumulées dépassent 100 ans.

La populaire lauréate du prix Nobel de la paix a dirigé un gouvernement civil élu, renversé par un coup d'État militaire le 1er février et privé de contact avec le monde extérieur et de procès depuis juin, avec des audiences à huis clos.

Le coaccusé Win Myint, président renversé et allié de la Ligue nationale pour la démocratie (LND) de Suu Kyi, subit le même sort. "

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кем был Merle (Jean Toussaint)

Merle (Jean Toussaint Merle) был французским философом и писателем, родившимся в 1880 году. Он известен своими работами в области онтологии, эпистемологии и феноменологии.

Мерль разработал концепцию "я-как-целостность" ("moi-comme-un-tout"), которая является центральной для его философии. Это понимание себя как целостного существа, которое включает в себя и физический, и психологический аспекты личности.

Он также разработал концепцию

"мировоззрения" ("monde-vecu"), которая представляет собой совокупность наших предположений, верований и представлений о мире, которые формируются в процессе нашего взаимодействия с окружающей средой.

Мерль был профессором философии в университетах Бордо и Парижа. Он написал несколько книг, включая "Феноменология восприятия" ("Phenomenologie de la perception"), которая стала одной из наиболее влиятельных работ в области феноменологии. Мерль умер в 1961 году.

omari razak
о чем его книга Esprit Du Mercure De France: Depuis Son Origine Jusqu'a 1792
Книга "Esprit Du Mercure De France: Depuis Son Origine Jusqu'a 1792" (Дух "Меркура Франции": от его происхождения до 1792 года) была написана Мерле в 1912 году и посвящена истории литературного журнала "Меркур Франции".

В книге Мерль изучает историю "Меркура Франции" с момента его создания в 1672 году до революции 1789 года и дальше до 1792 года. Он

анализирует различные эпохи журнала и вклад его авторов в культуру и литературу Франции.

"Меркур Франции" был одним из самых влиятельных литературных журналов в Франции XVIII века, и Мерль исследует его роль в распространении просвещенных идей и событий того времени. В книге Мерль также обращается к истории журналистики и исследует, как "Меркур Франции" стал примером для многих других литературных журналов того времени.

Книга "Esprit Du Mercure De France" является

важным источником для историков литературы, журналистики и культуры Франции XVIII века.

omari razak
это он написал Le mercure Dolant???
Нет, книга "Le Mercure dolant" не была написана Жаном Туссеном Мерлем.

"Le Mercure dolant" - это произведение из эпохи Ренессанса, написанное французским поэтом Жаном Доратом (Jean Dorat) в 1553 году. Эта поэма в стиле петраркизма была написана в форме элегии и

посвящена умершей даме.

Мерль написал книгу "Esprit du Mercure de France: depuis son origine jusqu'a 1792", которая посвящена истории литературного журнала "Меркур Франции", а не "Le Mercure dolant".

omari razak
je suis interese par le(Le mercure Dolant) dans lequel on raconte a propos des marabouts
Je suis desole, mais il semble qu'il y ait une confusion ici. Le "Le Mercure Dolant" n'est pas un livre sur les marabouts.

marabouts

"Le Mercure Dolant" est une ?uvre poetique ecrite par Jean Dorat, un poete francais de la Renaissance, en 1553. Cette ?uvre est une elegie dediee a une dame decedee, ou l'auteur exprime sa douleur et sa tristesse.

Cependant, si vous etes interesse par les marabouts, il existe plusieurs livres sur ce sujet en francais. Les marabouts sont des saints musulmans veneres dans certaines regions d'Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest. Vous pouvez peut-etre trouver des livres sur leur histoire et leur role dans la culture et la religion de ces regions.

omari razak

marabouts

citez moi des livres sur les marabouts

Voici quelques livres sur les marabouts que vous pouvez consulter :

"Les marabouts en Afrique de l'Ouest : Islam et pouvoir au Senegal et en Mauritanie" par Momar-Coumba Diop

"Marabouts et Khouan : le Soufisme en Algerie" par Rachid Boudjedra

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"Les marabouts dans la vie religieuse et sociale du Senegal" par Amadou Hampate Ba

"Marabouts et saints populaires en Islam" par Michel Chodkiewicz

"Le marabout et le prince : Islam et pouvoir au Senegal" par Iba Der Thiam

Ces livres couvrent differents aspects de l'histoire,

de la culture, de la religion et de la politique liees aux marabouts en Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest.

omari razak

a propos des societes secretes des marabouts

Il existe plusieurs societes secretes associees aux marabouts en Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest, qui jouent un role important dans la religion et la culture de ces regions. Voici quelques livres qui traitent de ce sujet :

"Les confreries religieuses musulmanes dans l'Afrique de l'Ouest : un trait d'union entre tradition et modernite" par Andre Villiers

"Les voies de l'Islam en Afrique : societes, itineraires

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"La confrerie tidiane des Almamy au Senegal : religion, pouvoir et societe" par Marie Miran-Guyon
"Les marabouts de l'arachide : la confrerie mouride et les paysans du Senegal" par Jean Copans
Ces livres abordent les societes secretes des marabouts sous differents angles, en explorant leur histoire, leur fonctionnement, leur role dans la religion et la vie sociale, ainsi que leurs liens avec le pouvoir politique et economique.

omari razak
est ce qu'ils jouent un role politique dans les pays du nord de l'afrique(Maroc et Algerie)

marabouts

Les societes secretes des marabouts ont historiquement joue un role important dans la vie politique de certains pays d'Afrique du Nord, notamment au Maroc et en Algerie. Ces societes secretes, appelees "turuq" ou "zaouias", ont souvent ete impliquees dans la lutte pour le pouvoir et ont soutenu differents dirigeants au fil du temps.

Au Maroc, par exemple, les zaouias ont traditionnellement joue un role important dans la vie politique en soutenant les sultans et en leur fournissant une base populaire pour leur pouvoir. Les zaouias ont egalement joue un role important dans la resistance a la colonisation francaise et ont continue a exercer une influence politique apres l'independance du Maroc en 1956.

En Algerie, les confreries soufies, qui ont des

similitudes avec les zaouias, ont egalement joue un role important dans la resistance a la colonisation francaise et dans la vie politique post-independance. Les confreries ont souvent ete impliquees dans la mobilisation politique et ont soutenu differents mouvements politiques et leaders.

Cependant, il est important de noter que le role politique des societes secretes des marabouts peut varier considerablement selon les contextes historiques et culturels. Dans certains cas, leur influence politique peut etre marginale, tandis que dans d'autres, elle peut etre centrale.

omari razak

les gnawa et les marabouts sont ils les memes???

Les Gnawa et les marabouts ne sont pas les memes, mais ils ont des liens etroits dans la culture et la religion d'Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest.

Les Gnawa sont une communaute ethnique originaire d'Afrique de l'Ouest, principalement du Mali, qui a ete amenee en Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest comme esclaves au XVIIe siecle. Ils sont principalement connus pour leur musique et leur danse, qui ont des racines dans les traditions africaines, mais qui ont egalement ete influencees par l'Islam. Les Gnawa sont souvent associes a la transe, qui est un etat de conscience altere atteint par la musique et la danse.

Les marabouts, quant a eux, sont des saints musulmans veneres en Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest. Ils sont consideres comme des intermediaires entre

les gens et Dieu, et sont souvent associes a des confreries soufies, des zaouias et d'autres organisations religieuses. Les marabouts ont une grande influence dans la vie religieuse et sociale de ces regions.

Bien que les Gnawa et les marabouts soient differents, ils ont des liens etroits dans la culture et la religion d'Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest. Les Gnawa ont souvent ete associes aux confreries soufies, et leur musique et leur danse ont ete utilisees dans les ceremonies religieuses des marabouts. De plus, certains Gnawa considerent les marabouts comme des saints et les venerent comme tels.

marabouts

omari razak

les Mohades sont des senegalais marabout par exemple

Les "Mohades" ne sont pas un groupe de marabouts senegalais, mais plutot un mouvement religieux qui a emerge au Maroc au XIIe siecle sous la direction d'Abd al-Mumin. Le mouvement Mohade visait a unifier le monde musulman sous un Etat islamique fort et a reformer la pratique de l'Islam en eliminant les pratiques jugees heretiques ou superstitieuses.

Les marabouts, quant a eux, sont des saints musulmans veneres en Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest, qui ont souvent ete associes a des confreries soufies et des zaouias. Les marabouts ont une grande influence dans la vie religieuse et sociale de ces regions.

marabouts

Il est possible que certains marabouts senegalais se soient identifies ou aient ete identifies comme "Mohades" en raison de leur adhesion a certaines pratiques ou croyances religieuses associees au mouvement Mohade. Cependant, il est important de noter que les Mohades sont historiquement associes au Maroc et ne sont pas specifiquement lies aux marabouts senegalais ou a d'autres groupes similaires.

17 Mysterious Miniature Coffins In Scotland Remain An Unsolved Enigma

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Ellen Lloyd - AncientPages.com - Almost 200 years ago, seventeen concealed miniature coffins were discovered in a cave in Edinburgh's Arthur's Seat, Scotland. It's a curious find that, to this day, remains an unsolved enigma. No one knows who put the tiny coffins there and why.

The Discovery Of The Miniature Coffins In Edinburgh's Arthur's Seat

It all started in June 1836, when three Scottish boys hunting rabbits discovered a small cave in the rock, hidden behind three-pointed slabs of slate. Concealed within were 17 miniature coffins.

According to Charles Fort (1874-1932), an American writer and researcher specializing in anomalous phenomena the coffins were only "three or four inches long."

In the coffins were miniature wooden figures. They were dressed differently in both style and material. There were two tiers of eight coffins, and a third one started with one coffin.

Three miniature coffins are on display in the National Museum of Scotland. Image credit: The National Museum of Scotland

The coffins had been deposited singly, in the little cave, and at intervals of many years. In the first tier, the coffins were quite decayed, and the wrappings had moldered away. In the second tier, the effects of age had not advanced so far. And the top coffin was relatively recent looking."

On July 16, 1836, the Scotsman reported that several figures were either badly damaged or lost altogether as the decrepit-looking cache provided convenient fodder for the boys to pelt one another with. Fortunately, some of the coffins were still intact, and they were sold to Robert Frazier, a South Andrews Street jeweler and private collector, where they remained until being donated to the National Museum of Scotland in 1901. Only eight figures, in varying states of decay, survive.

In Whose Image Were The Carved Figures Made?

The human effigies were all dressed in different garments. They must have been created to represent other individuals.

According to the Scotsman, the figures "were dressed from head to foot in cotton clothes, and decently laid out with a mimic representation of all the funereal trappings which usually form the last habiliments of the dead."

Ever since the coffins were discovered, experts and non-specialists alike have put forward several interesting and sometimes even incredible theories that attempt to explain who placed the artifacts in the cave and why.

The miniature coffins are still an unsolved mystery. Image credit The National Museum of Scotland

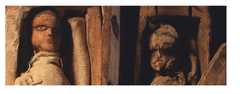
Satanic spell-manufactory? cried *The Scotsman*, the first paper to report the tale, in an article published on July 16, 1836:

"Our own opinion would be – had we not some years ago abjured witchcraft and demonology – that there are still some of the weird sisters hovering about Mushat's Cairn [sic] or the Windy Gowl, who retain their ancient power to work the spells of death by entombing the likenesses of those they wish to destroy.

Later different theories were presented. Some attempted to explain the existence of the coffins as a result of witchcraft while others suggested that sailors perhaps kept them to ward off death.

Another widely held belief is that each of the figures was designed to commemorate the victims of the infamous serial killers Burke and Hare. The murderous duo had ended the lives of seventeen Edinburgh citizens less than a decade before the boys' discovery on Arthur's Seat.

According to the National Museum of Scotland, "the figures all appear to be made by the same hand, although it's possible the coffins were crafted by two different people.



A close-up of two of Edinburgh's mysterious miniature dolls. Are these intended to be the faces of two victims of the notorious bodysnatchers Burke and Hare? Credit: National Museum of Scotland.

Some of the materials and tools used – wood, iron embellishments, nails, a sharp, hooked knife – indicate the coffins could have been fashioned by a shoemaker.

The figures seem to form a set, and their upright bearing, flat feet, and swinging arms suggest they may have been toy soldiers. Their eyes are open, making it unlikely they were originally designed as corpses.

Some of the figures are missing their arms – perhaps removed so that they would fit in the coffins.

The fabric the little bodies are dressed in dates from the early 1830s, so they hadn't lain buried for more than six years."

Today, the remaining eight coffins and their contents are on display at the National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street.

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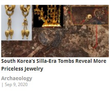

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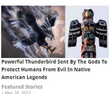

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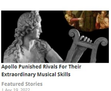

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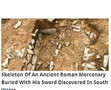

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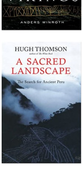

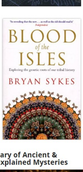

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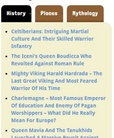

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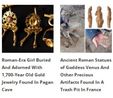

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can you tell me about pharmaceutical drugs with Phosphate

Yes, there are many pharmaceutical drugs that contain phosphate as an active ingredient or in their formulation. Phosphate is a natural compound found in the body that plays a crucial role in various physiological processes, including bone formation, energy metabolism, and cell signaling. In pharmaceuticals, phosphate is often used as a buffer or a stabilizer to enhance the efficacy and stability of drugs. Here are some common examples of pharmaceutical drugs that contain phosphate:

Phosphate Binders: These are drugs that are used to lower the levels of phosphate in the blood. Examples of phosphate binders include sevelamer, lanthanum carbonate, and calcium acetate.

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Antibiotics: Some antibiotics, such as azithromycin and doxycycline, contain phosphate as an ingredient in their formulation. This is because phosphate can help to enhance the solubility and absorption of these drugs in the body.

Antacids: Many antacids, such as aluminum hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide, contain phosphate as an active ingredient. These drugs are used to treat acid reflux and other digestive disorders.

Vaccines: Certain vaccines, such as the HPV vaccine, contain phosphate as a stabilizer to help preserve the potency of the vaccine.

Bronchodilators: Some bronchodilators, such as albuterol, contain phosphate as an ingredient in their

pharmaceutical drugs with Phosphate formulation. These drugs are used to treat asthma and other respiratory disorders.

It's important to note that while phosphate is generally considered safe, excessive intake of phosphate can lead to health problems such as kidney damage and mineral imbalances. Therefore, it is important to follow the dosage and usage instructions provided by your healthcare provider or pharmacist when using drugs containing phosphate.

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does phosphates exisite in the human brain
Yes, phosphates do exist in the human brain. In fact, phosphates are important components of many

pharmaceutical drugs with Phosphate molecules that play a critical role in brain function, including adenosine triphosphate (ATP), which is the primary energy source for cells, and phospholipids, which are a major component of cell membranes. Phosphates also play a role in various signaling pathways in the brain, including those involved in neurotransmitter release and synaptic plasticity, which are important for learning and memory.

Phosphorylation, which is the addition of a phosphate group to a molecule, is a common post-translational modification that occurs in the brain and is involved in regulating many cellular processes, including signal transduction, gene expression, and metabolism.

Phosphate homeostasis is tightly regulated in the body, and disruptions in phosphate balance can have

pharmaceutical drugs with Phosphate significant effects on brain function. For example, disorders that result in hyperphosphatemia (excessive levels of phosphate in the blood) can lead to neurological symptoms such as seizures, while hypophosphatemia (low levels of phosphate in the blood) can cause muscle weakness, confusion, and other cognitive impairments.

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могут ли фосфаты привести к психическим растроисвам

Существует множество факторов, которые могут влиять на психическое здоровье, и фосфаты не являются одним из основных

факторов, связанных с психическими расстройствами. Однако, в некоторых случаях, изменения уровня фосфатов в организме могут приводить к симптомам, которые могут негативно сказаться на психическом здоровье.

Например, гиперфосфатемия, которая является состоянием, при котором уровень фосфатов в крови повышен, может привести к кальцификации мягких тканей и органов, включая мозг. Это может вызвать головные боли, нарушения сознания, судороги и другие неврологические симптомы,

которые могут повлиять на психическое здоровье.

С другой стороны, гипофосфатемия, которая является состоянием, при котором уровень фосфатов в крови снижен, также может привести к различным неврологическим и психическим симптомам, таким как мышечная слабость, судороги, депрессия, психоз и другие психические расстройства.

Но следует отметить, что нарушения уровня фосфатов в организме редко являются основным фактором, вызывающим психические расстройства. Обычно они являются

одним из многих факторов, которые могут повлиять на психическое здоровье. Если у вас есть проблемы с психическим здоровьем, то обязательно обратитесь к специалисту, который сможет провести диагностику и назначить соответствующее лечение.

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об использовании Фосфат железа(II)

Фосфат железа(II) - это соединение, которое содержит в себе два иона железа и ион фосфата. Оно может использоваться в качестве

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об использовании Фосфат железа(II) в психиатрии

Фосфат железа(II) не является лекарственным препаратом, который непосредственно используется в психиатрии. Однако, железо и фосфат, которые являются основными компонентами этого соединения, важны для многих физиологических процессов, включая нормальную функцию

мозга.

Некоторые исследования связывают низкий уровень железа с различными психическими расстройствами, такими как депрессия, биполярное расстройство и шизофрения. Поэтому, в некоторых случаях, врачи могут назначать железосодержащие добавки, чтобы повысить уровень железа в организме и улучшить психическое здоровье пациента.

Однако, принимать железосодержащие добавки без консультации врача не рекомендуется, так как избыточный

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уровень железа может также привести к различным негативным последствиям для здоровья. Поэтому, если у вас есть проблемы с психическим здоровьем, обязательно обратитесь к специалисту, который сможет провести диагностику и назначить соответствующее лечение.

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высокий уровень железа можеть привести к психозам нарушениями поведения и тп и тд

Да, высокий уровень железа в

организме может привести к различным негативным последствиям, включая психические расстройства. Избыточное количество железа в организме может привести к накоплению железа в головном мозге, что в свою очередь может привести к повреждению нейронов и развитию психических расстройств, таких как психозы, нарушения поведения и т.д.

Одним из распространенных заболеваний, связанных с избытком железа в организме, является гемохроматоз - генетическое заболевание, при котором организм накапливает избыточное количество

железа. Гемохроматоз может приводить к повреждению печени, сердца и других органов, а также к психическим расстройствам, таким как депрессия, биполярное расстройство и деменция.

Поэтому, очень важно не только следить за уровнем железа в организме, но и не принимать железосодержащие добавки без необходимости и без консультации врача. Если у вас есть симптомы, связанные с психическими расстройствами, обязательно обратитесь к специалисту, который сможет провести диагностику и назначить соответствующее

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о распространенных психических заболеваниях, связанных с избытком Фосфат железа(II) в организме

Фосфат железа(II) не является причиной психических заболеваний при избытке его в организме, так как этот соединение используется в организме как источник железа и фосфора. Однако, избыточное количество железа или фосфата в организме может привести к

различным негативным последствиям, включая психические расстройства.

Некоторые из наиболее распространенных психических заболеваний, которые могут быть связаны с избыточным количеством железа в организме, включают:

Депрессия: исследования показывают, что низкий уровень железа может быть связан с развитием депрессии. Однако, избыточный уровень железа также может привести к развитию депрессии и других психических расстройств.

Биполярное расстройство: исследования также связывают низкий уровень железа с биполярным расстройством. Однако, некоторые исследования также указывают на возможную связь между высоким уровнем железа и развитием биполярного расстройства.

Деменция: избыточный уровень железа может привести к накоплению железа в мозге, что может привести к повреждению нейронов и развитию деменции.

Однако, следует отметить, что

высокий уровень железа в организме не является основной причиной указанных выше психических заболеваний. Более того, причины этих заболеваний очень сложны и многогранны, и связаны с многими факторами, такими как генетическая предрасположенность, окружающая среда, образ жизни и т.д. Если у вас есть симптомы психических расстройств, обязательно обратитесь к специалисту, который проведет диагностику и назначит соответствующее лечение.

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о высокий уровень ионов фосфора
Высокий уровень ионов фосфора в крови, который называется гиперфосфатемия, может быть связан с различными заболеваниями, такими как хроническая почечная недостаточность, гиперпаратиреоз, диабет, гипотиреоз, лейкоз, лимфома и другие заболевания. Он также может быть связан с употреблением некоторых лекарственных препаратов, таких как антациды, используемые для лечения изжоги, и некоторые виды слабительных.

Гиперфосфатемия может привести к различным симптомам и осложнениям, включая:

Слабость и усталость.

Боль в костях и мышцах.

Нарушение сердечно-сосудистой системы, такое как артериальная гипертензия и увеличение сердца.

Различные нарушения желудочно-кишечного тракта, такие как тошнота, рвота, диарея.

Снижение функции почек.

Отложение кальция в кровеносных сосудах, что может привести к увеличению риска развития сердечно-сосудистых заболеваний.

Важно отметить, что лечение гиперфосфатемии должно быть направлено на устранение ее причины. Например, при хронической почечной недостаточности может потребоваться гемодиализ или трансплантация почки. Если гиперфосфатемия вызвана лекарственными препаратами, то может потребоваться изменение режима приема лекарств. В любом

случае, для диагностики и лечения гиперфосфатемии необходимо обратиться к врачу.

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как называються биполярное расстройство и шизофрения в народе на жаргоне и тд

Биполярное расстройство и шизофрения имеют различные народные названия и жаргонные термины в разных культурах и регионах.

Некоторые из наиболее

распространенных названий для биполярного расстройства в народной медицине и жаргоне могут включать термины, такие как "маниакально-депрессивное расстройство", "болезнь двуличия", "психический хаос", "психическая неустойчивость" и другие.

Народные названия для шизофрении могут включать термины, такие как "паранойя", "сумасшествие", "душевная болезнь", "чума ума", "болезнь расщепления личности" и другие.

Важно отметить, что такие народные названия и жаргонные термины не

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являются медицинскими терминами и могут не отражать точное понимание и характеристики биполярного расстройства и шизофрении, которые определяются врачами и диагностируются на основе медицинских критериев. Поэтому для точной диагностики и лечения любого психического расстройства необходимо обратиться к квалифицированному врачу-психиатру.

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не знал что двуличия это болезнь

можете уточнить
Извините, возможно, моя формулировка была неправильной или слишком упрощенной.

"Болезнь двуличия" не является официальным медицинским термином, который используется для описания биполярного расстройства. Это скорее народное выражение, которое отражает один из симптомов биполярного расстройства - изменение настроения и поведения между двумя полюсами, которые могут быть маниакальным и депрессивным состояниями.

Поэтому для точной диагностики и лечения любого психического расстройства необходимо обратиться к квалифицированному врачу-психиатру.

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как ведут себя люди с такими болезнями и как распазновать их среди других

Люди с биполярным расстройством и шизофренией могут проявлять различные симптомы и поведенческие черты, которые могут быть различными для каждого

человека. Некоторые общие симптомы и признаки этих психических заболеваний включают:

Биполярное расстройство:

Резкие изменения настроения, включая периоды мании, депрессии или смешанных состояний;
Энергичность, гиперактивность, необдуманные действия во время периодов мании;
Чувства отчаяния, пессимизма, снижение энергии и настроения во время периодов депрессии;
Изменения сна, аппетита, веса и другие физиологические изменения во время периодов мании или

депрессии;
Трудности с концентрацией, принятием решений, снижение интереса к обычным занятиям, изменения в социальном поведении.
Шизофрения:

Галлюцинации (например, слышать голоса, которых другие не слышат);
Бредовые идеи и паранойя;
Несвязная речь или поведение;
Затруднения с концентрацией, памятью и мышлением;
Отсутствие интереса к обычным занятиям и друзьям;
Снижение эмоциональной реактивности, затруднение выражения эмоций.

Однако важно понимать, что симптомы биполярного расстройства и шизофрении могут проявляться у разных людей по-разному, и только опытный врач-психиатр может точно диагностировать эти заболевания. Если вы заметили, что у кого-то из ваших близких или знакомых есть подобные симптомы, рекомендуется обратиться за помощью к медицинскому специалисту для более точной диагностики и лечения.

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First osteological evidence of severed hands in Ancient Egypt

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For the first time, the severed right hands of 12 individuals have been analysed osteologically. The hands were deposited in three pits within a courtyard in front of the throne room of a 15th Dynasty (c.1640–1530 BC) Hyksos palace at Avaris/Tell el-Dabʿa in north-eastern Egypt. Although this kind of practice is known from tomb or temple inscriptions and reliefs from the New Kingdom onwards, this is the first time that physical evidence has been used to learn more about the procedure and the individuals whose hands were taken. Here, we show that the right hands belonged to at least 12 adults, 11 males, and possibly one female. It is unclear if the hands were taken from dead or living individuals. After removing any attached parts of the forearm, the hands were placed in the ground with wide-splayed fingers, mainly on their palmar sides. The osteological analysis not only supports the archaeological interpretation of this evidence but also adds more detail regarding trophy-taking practices in Ancient Egypt.

The reliability of information must always be questioned, both now and in the past. The more sources available to confirm a story, the more likely it is to be true. Unfortunately, in history and even more so in prehistory, we are limited to a few sources, sometimes only to one. Much information on the lives, habits, and history of the Ancient Egyptians is depicted on temple and tomb walls, as well as recorded on papyri, etc. Like today, information can create certain ideas, exert political influence, and also present facts in a different and not necessarily realistic light. Iconographic and literary sources from Ancient Egypt depict and praise the pharaoh as a victorious military leader. A recurring propagandist motives refers to soldiers presenting the severed right hands of foes to the Pharaoh in order to garner the "gold of honour"[1–9], a prestigious reward, primarily in the form of a collar of golden beads[4]. Until now, this practice is known only from tomb inscriptions of prominent warriors and from inscriptions and temple reliefs, all dating from the start of the New Kingdom (18th–20th Dynasties) onwards.

The bioarchaeological analysis of human hands, found in 2011 at Tell el-Dabʿa (ancient Avaris) in the eastern Nile delta region[5,10–13] (Fig. 1A), provides a third source of evidence (additional to iconographic[1–4,6–9] and archaeological[5,10]), offering unique insights and, to date, unknown details of this practice. Taphonomic and biological analyses carried out on the bones reveal information regarding the act of mutilation and preparation of these body parts, as well as about the individuals to whom they originally belonged.

From a wider transdisciplinary scenario, the results presented in this article address questions about the embodiment of violence in the context of war, and, specifically, trophy taking as a structured language of dominance.

Results

Materials and archaeological context. In the forecourt of a Hyksos Period Middle Bronze Age-style palace (c. 1640–1530 BC)[11–13], three pits with severed hands were found[5,7,8,10] (Fig. 1). The palace was built on top of a similar 14th Dynasty palace and had a longer lifespan, covering the major part of the Hyksos Period. One of its main occupants seems to have been the Hyksos Khayan (c. 1700 BC–1580 BC), whose numerous seal impressions were found in offering pits belonging to its earlier phase[11–15]. Judging from its later offering pits and the filling of a well from the later phase, the palace may have been used until the late Hyksos Period but may have lost its purpose when a new palatial compound was built further north[15] in the late Hyksos Period.

The smallest of the three pits, Pit L1777, in front of the throne room, contained a single fully articulated hand sealed beneath the south wall of a later added broad-room building, most probably a temple built against the western enclosure wall of the palace's forecourt. The pit seems to have been dug into the temple's open foundation trenches because it cut the continuous foundation layer of loam-mortar at the base of the trench (Fig. 1B,D,F). It

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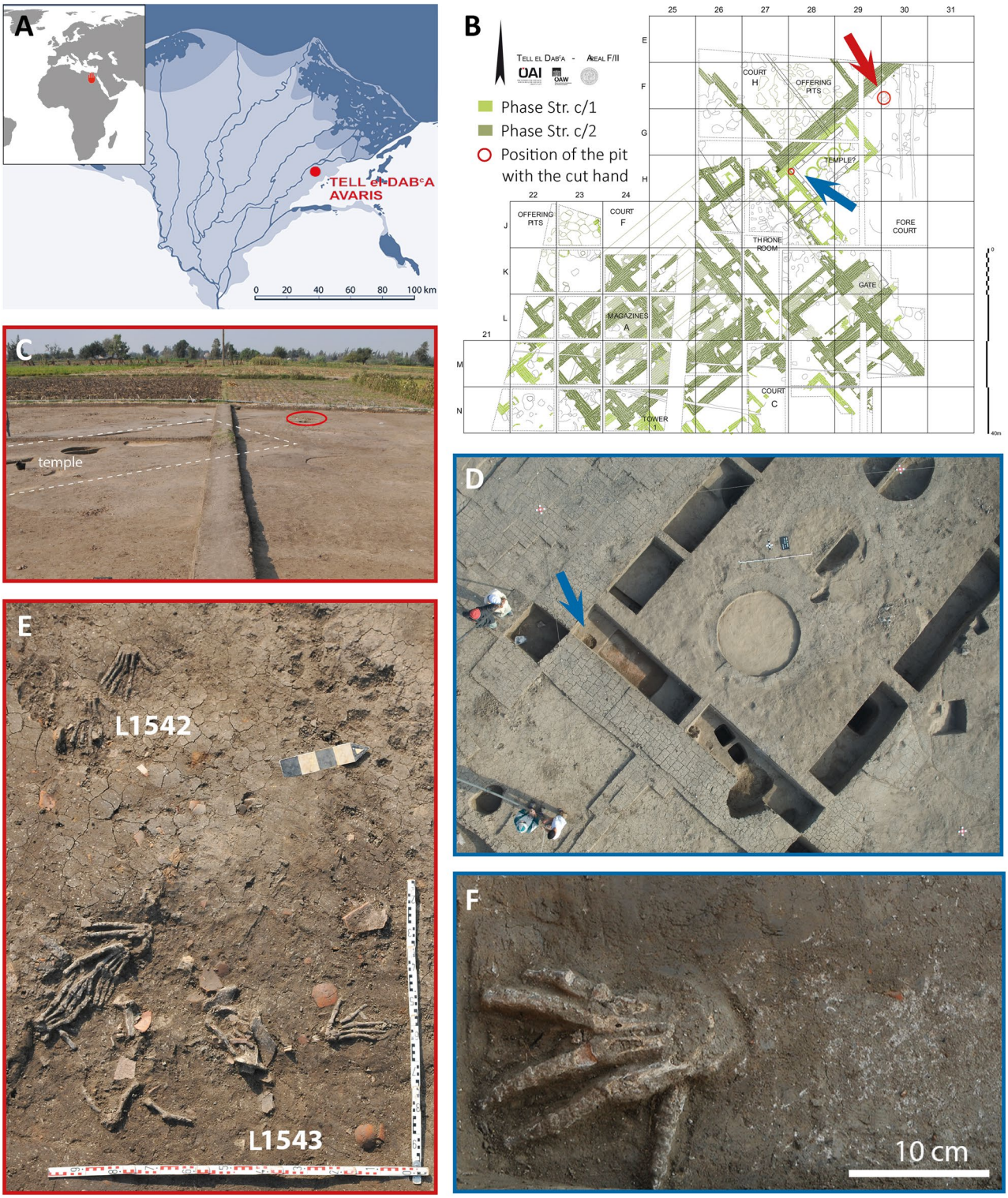

Figure 1. Archaeological evidence of severed hands in Hyksos Period Tell el-Dab'a, Northern Egypt (images ÖAI, M. Bietak): (**A**) Nile Delta, Northern Egypt (Apple maps) and position of the site Tell el-Dab'a/Avaris in the Nile Delta. This map has been modified from Fig. 1 (drawn by Nicola Math, modified by Dominik Fill, Austrian Academy of Sciences) in: Manfred Bietak, "Hyksos" in "Hyksos," R. Bagnell, et al. (eds.), Encyclopedia of Ancient History, vol. 6, 1st edition, Malden, MA- Oxford 2013: Wiley-Blackwell, 3356–3362. To publish the map under a CC BY open access license is permitted by the copyright holder Manfred Bietak. (**B**) Northern part of the Hyksos Palace at Tell el-Dab'a, Phase E1-D3 (after Bietak et al. 2012/13). Red arrow indicating Pit L1542 and 1543, blue arrow indicating Pit L1777. (**C**) Overview of the area of Pit L1542 and 1543 (red circle), the excavation layer closely beneath the modern surface in the agricultural area. (**D**) South wall of a later added broad-room building built against the western enclosure wall of the palace's forecourt. Pit L 1777 in front of the throne room (indicated by the arrow). (**E**) Overview of the 11 right hands in the Pits L1542 and L1543. (**F**) Single right hand on its palmar surface with wide-splayed fingers.

can, therefore, be dated in relative terms between the early and the late phase of the palace. Two more pits were discovered c. 7 m north-east of the broad-room building near the western enclosure wall, just below the modern agricultural fields (Fig. 1B,C,E). These two pits were aligned to the enclosure wall of the palace's forecourt and no ceramic material later than the Hyksos Period was found inside them. Pit L1542 contained the remains of three and L1543 the remains of eight articulated hands, thus the right hands of 12 individuals. In both pits there were also disarticulated fingers, their attribution will be discussed below.

Bioarchaeological evidence. *Number of individuals.* The superficial position of the hands in the ground led to heavy erosion, flaking and cracking of the bone tissue. The high humidity and soil composition make them soft and brittle and very difficult to excavate (see chapter limitations). Referring only to the quantitative state of preservation, the hands will be grouped in three classes. Complete: at least 75% of the hand bones are present and articulated; Almost complete: 75–50% are present and articulated; Single digits: when a complete digit (including metacarpal bone, proximal to distal phalanges) or parts of them are present.

Anatomical markers identify all hands and single phalanges from the three pits as being from right hands (for more detail, see Supplementary Information). L1777 comprised one complete right hand, while L1542 comprised two complete right hands together with an incomplete single second right digit belonging to a third person. Pit L1543 contained eight complete and almost complete right hands and eleven additional phalanges that partly belong together, leaving six additional complete or incomplete digits. Therefore, the evidence suggests a minimum of 12 right hands, hence at least 12 individuals, from the three pits in front of the throne room and along its wall (L1543: 8 hands, L1542: 3 hands, L1777: 1 hand). Assuming that the six single digits each represent an extra hand, that would result in a maximum of 18 right hands in the three pits.

Deposition. Of eleven complete right hands (see Table 1 in supplementary information), eight are placed on their palmar surface and three on their dorsal surface (Fig. 2). The fingers of six hands were splayed wide; the fingers of four hands were lying close together; and in one hand, the position of the fingers could not be determined. There is no correlation between the position of the fingers and the placement on the dorsal or palmar side. Because the single phalanges might have been moved after the placement of the hands, the informative value of their position is low. The metacarpophalangeal joints of the two intact hands found in L1542 were hyper-extended, so were the hands in L1543-7 and L1543-8. L1543-8 also showed a misplacement of the first digit, which was hyper-abducted (98°), exaggerating the maximum value of 45° between the first and second digits. L1777 had a displaced first digit, with the proximal metacarpal and the radial carpals positioned below the rest of the hand.

Following the deposition of the hands, some post-mortem displacements might have occurred: the first digit of one complete hand (L1543-8) was either disarticulated before or after the hand was placed in the ground. Six single fingers/phalanges were scattered between the other, complete and almost complete, hands. Either these elements were moved from the intact hands or they represent the remnants of additional hands that were displaced by rodent activity or originated from other such pits that were disturbed by the later interments of hands. Post-mortem displacement of these elements would have required leaving the hands in the pit open for a period of time, at least until the soft tissue decomposed and elements could be moved. However, there are no animal gnawing marks on the bones. Therefore, it seems unlikely that the pit was left open for an extended period of time.

The position of the hands, mainly on their palmar surfaces with splayed fingers, might have been caused either by taphonomic reasons, or it might have been due to their deliberate placement. In the first case, when the hands would have been thrown into the pits, soil pressure would have flattened them, by pressing the arch of the hand into the ground, possibly leading to splaying of the fingers and hyperextension of the metacarpophalangeal joints[16]. If we assume a deliberate placement, this arrangement could have been done to make the hands look more impressive, possibly larger, and to better match the prototype of a hand. Yet, there is no pattern in the placement of the hands; some were single, some lay on top others in a smaller group.

Severing and preparation. Only six hands have preserved proximal row carpal bones, and none exhibit cut marks or any evidence of soft tissue removal. Because no fragments of lower arm bones were attached or found in the pit, it implies that these hands were precisely severed from the lower arm. One technique of severing hands is to cut the joint capsule and open it by intersecting the tendons spanning the wrist joint[17]. If done correctly, there are no cut marks on the bones. If done unprofessionally, however, cut marks are to be expected. Mutilating people without regard to their survival is often done by severing the arm at any anatomical position. This method is faster and easier, but it leaves a section of the lower arm attached to the hand. If this was the case with these hands, the people offering them, or those in charge of the ceremony, cared enough about their proper presentation to detach parts of the lower arm.

Two main distinctions can be made regarding the procedure of hand detachment: collecting them from the recently deceased or mutilating living people. In both cases, the hands must have been soft and flexible when they were placed into the pit. That is, either before rigor mortis sets in or after it has resolved. Rigor mortis of the hands commonly begins 6–8 h after death (there are different times for different body parts). This means that living victims were mutilated during or shortly before the ceremony. It seems, however, much more likely that the hands were placed after rigor mortis ended, between 24 and 48 h after death. This indicates that the hands were collected and kept for a period of time before being placed in the pit. The hands were buried while they were still intact, at least with the tendons and ligaments holding the skeletal elements in their original place and remaining supple enough to flex passively under appropriate stress. This capacity is affected by surrounding environmental factors like humidity and temperature.

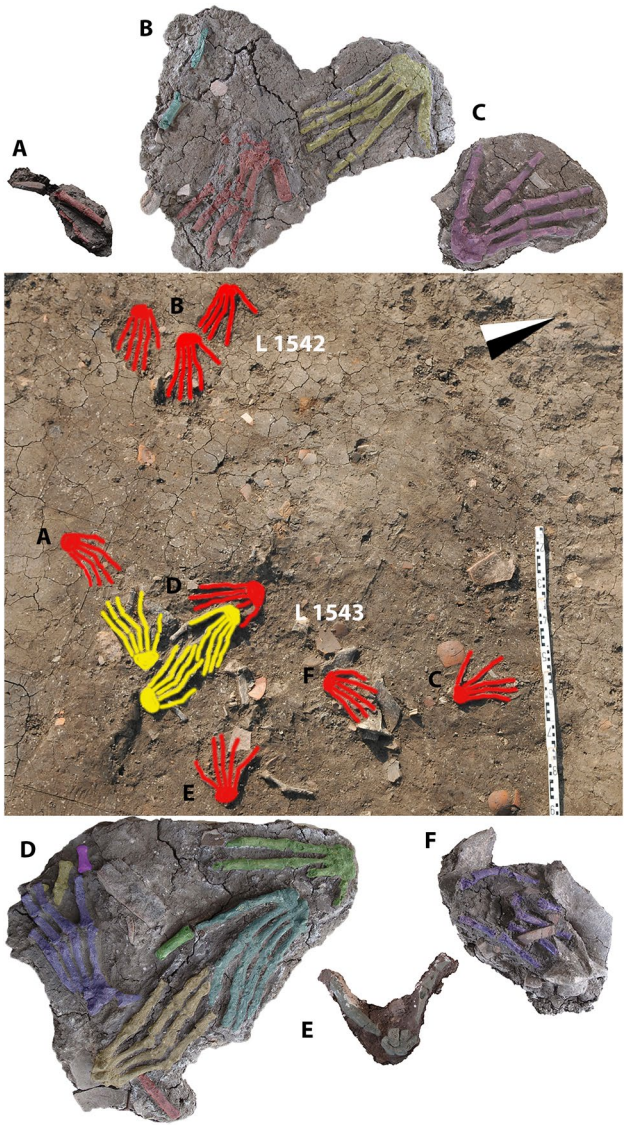

Figure 2. Anthropological reconstruction of the finding and details of the right hands of Pits L1542, L1543 (reconstruction and images of single hands, J. Gresky): reconstruction of the complete hands in the Pits L1542 (left upper corner) and L1543 (lower half of the picture). Yellow hands are placed on their dorsal surface whereas the red ones are placed on their palmar. The missing elements are reconstructed. (**A**,**C**–**F**) eight right hands of Pit L1543, together with single phalanges which could either represent additional hands or might belong to the present hands. The preserved bones are coloured. (**B**) Three right hands on their palmar surface in Pit L1542. The preserved bones are colour.

Biological profile of the hands. The closed epiphyseal lines indicate that all the specimens belonged to adult individuals older than 14–21 years[18]. The absence of even incipient bone changes owing to age-related degenerative processes, e.g., DJD and osteoporosis, rules out individuals reaching the old adult age class.

The large size and robustness of the hands point to the male rather than female sex of the individuals. However, the size of hands varies between males and females. Because genetic analyses to determine the sex could not be applied due to the very poor preservation of the bones (see "Methods"), an estimation of the 2D:4D ratio was employed to determine the sex of the individuals[19–21]. The typical male 2D:4D ratio is that the fourth digit is longer than the second. The proportion of these two fingers is different in males and females due to prenatal exposure to androgen[22]. The measurements of the phalanges of all the hands show the fourth digit to be longer than the second, indicating male sex (see Supplementary Information). The sole possible exception to the 2D:4D ratio is the L1543-2 hand, which macroscopically appears smaller than the others. This hand's 2D:4D ratio suggests a female (SDS of 2D:4D ration is beyond the normal range). However, in this case the phalanges of the second and fourth finger were partially incomplete, thus measurements could only be estimated.

Interpretation and contextualisation. The bioarchaeological evidence from Tell el-Dab'a addresses the question, crucial to its interpretation, of whether the mutilation occurred as a form of punishment or as an accounting and reward system following military victories.

Thus far, the severing of hands as a punishment is not attested in Egyptian texts. Nevertheless, the removal of right hands is mentioned by papyrus Salt 124, l, 7, from the 20th Dynasty[7,23,24]. This deals with the act of plundering Sety II-Merenptah's royal tomb. During the plunder, the pharaoh's hand was removed, apparently by the tomb robbers, perhaps to obtain quickly the rings from the fingers. Indeed, the right hand of the mummy of Sety II is missing, and hand removal is also attested from other royal mummies, most likely for this reason[25,26].

The pits containing the hands were located in the palace's forecourt, in front of the throne room. Their position points to the widespread visibility conferred by the practice that generated the deposits as part of a public ceremony. The later attested 'Window of Appearances,' through which New Kingdom kings offered the 'gold of honour,' may have already existed in this palace[27].

The absence of the distal parts of the lower arm and the lack of cut marks indicate the hands underwent a careful pre-depositional preparation phase, aimed at removing all elements deemed to be unrelated to the anatomy of the hand. At the moment of their deposition in the pits, the hands might have been arranged, predominantly on their palmar faces (n = 8/11), in most cases with the fingers spread out (n = 6/10). Assuming an intentional positioning, this appears aimed at facilitating the identification of the body part in the pit as a hand, thus conferring on it a defined semiotic function. In the iconicity of this position[28], each hand represents an individual: *pars pro toto*.

It appears that all the hands belonged to adult individuals who may not have reached late adulthood. The results also suggest that all the individuals were likely males, except for a possible female. If we refer to the male warrior hypothesis, long debated in behavioural sciences[29], this data may support the scenario presented above, because the severed hands offered in the "gold of honour" ceremony belonged to foes, generally male individuals of fighting age, killed in battle. At the same time, the presence of a female individual advocates for a less gender-rigid approach to the reconstruction of this procedure. Throughout history, women have played various roles in military societies. Women and warfare did not exist in separate worlds. On the contrary, they were inextricably linked to the political, social and religious spheres[30,31]. Consequently, we cannot exclude that the specific hand attested at Tell el-Dab'a belonged to a woman.

Although the hands cannot be attributed to a specific ethnic or cultural group, the custom of severing the right hands of foes appears to have been introduced to Egypt by the Hyksos[2,5], approximately 50–80 years earlier than the inscriptional and pictorial evidence. The Egyptians adopted this custom at the latest in King Ahmose's reign, as shown by a relief of a pile of hands at his temple in Abydos[14] and in the autobiographies of Ahmose, son of Ibana[32,33], and Ahmose, son of Pennekhbet in El-Kab[32,34]. Ahmose was the one who conquered Avaris and defeated the Hyksos, and thus was likely familiar with this practice. Early 18th Dynasty tomb inscriptions and temple reliefs from the 18th to the 20th Dynasties consistently depict hand counts on the battlefield following major battles[1–4,6–9].

The idea that the custom of severing enemy hands originated in the Near East may be supported linguistically[9]. During the early 18th Dynasty, a specific new hieroglyph appears with the first inscriptional mention of the cutting of hands in warfare in the inscription of Ahmose, son of Ibana. It is not the typical logogram-sign for hand *d.t* in side view (Gardiner list, D46) but a very realistic representation of an outstretched palm, showing five spread fingers (Fig. 3). This new pictogram may signal a new word instead *d.t* 'hand'—which now also refers to 'severed hand.' In Egyptian inscriptions beginning with the 19th Dynasty (Merenptah), a Semitic loanword *kp* כף 'hand' 'palm' is introduced to refer specifically to 'severed hands'[9,35]. In the hieroglyphic inscriptions of the 20th Dynasty kings, the new word only refers to 'severed hands'[35]. It seems possible that this semitic loanword entered already in the 18th Dynasty into military language.

The outstretched hand symbol is a compelling parallel to the bioarchaeological evidence of this paper. Although it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss the possible origins of this practice, it should be noted that corporal mutilation of enemies has been known in Egypt since the time of King Narmer in the Early Dynastic period, but the severing of hands appears in Egyptian records only after Hyksos rule. Seals with rows of possible severed hands and heads, together with animal heads, also appear in Middle Bronze Age Syrian glyptic art[36].

Although bioarchaeological literature offers abundant evidence of trophy-taking practices from all over the world[37,38], the case presented here documents a marked visual component, as the body parts, i.e., severed hands, were prepared and arranged for presentation in a public ceremony in the pharaoh's palace. In this politically structured frame, the severed hands served as symbolic currency for status acquisition, within a system of values celebrating warfare and dominance, as argued by other bioarchaeological studies in geographically diverse contexts[39].

Iconographic sources from several archaeological sites in Egypt deliver a large corpus of evidence for the practice of body dismemberment and mutilation, particularly related to war contexts[40,41]. The representation of piles of severed heads, ears and genitals[42] follows codified and publicly recognisable ethics of violence[43] as it ultimately conveys a message of political stability: the pharaoh, representation and personification of the gods, maintains the universal order by defeating the forces of chaos, personified by the enemies[44]. The public enactment was the necessary step to deliver this message.

Here, the act of dominance is conveyed by maiming defeated enemies, depriving them of their right hands, hampering their capacity to carry out future attacks and essential daily-life activities. The likelihood that hands were taken from captives is low, since this would limit their potential as future slaves[45]. Because corporeal integrity was vital for survival in the Ancient Egyptian view of the afterlife[46], the victim's impairment adds a deeper dimension to this act of dominance.

Figure 3. Iconographic evidence of severed hands: inscription in the tomb of Ahmose at El-Kab depicting a very realistic representation of an outstretched palm, showing five spread fingers (Courtesy of William Vivian Davies, Oxford). Publishing this figure under a CC BY open access license is permitted by the copyright holder Vivian Davies.

Conclusions

The location, treatment, and possibly the positioning of the severed hands argues against the hypothesis of law-enforcing punishment as the motivation for these acts. When contextualised in a transdisciplinary approach to the archaeological and historic sources, the bioarchaeological evidence presented here suggests that the severed hands were offered as trophies as part of a public event that took place in the palace. They belonged to at least eleven males and possibly one female, which may indicate that women and warfare were not worlds apart. To the best of the authors' knowledge, the results put forward in this paper provide the first direct bioarchaeological evidence for the 'gold of honour' ceremony performed in front of the king's palace and contribute significantly to the debate over the reconstruction of this ceremony.

Methods

Osteology. At the excavation site, the hands were hardened with acetone-soluble glue and recovered *en bloc* in a plaster cast. In the lab, the very fragile bones remained in the plaster casts; only the surfaces were carefully cleaned of adhering sand. Unfortunately, a thin layer of calcareous deposits has covered some surfaces. This could not be removed since proper cleaning would have resulted in surface destruction.

The bones were examined in detail using a magnifying glass. The surfaces of all bones, but particularly the proximal carpal bones, were inspected for cut marks.

The hands were measured in situ using a sliding calliper (maximum length of phalanges, distances between the fingers; maximum width and length of the hands).

The minimum number of individuals (MNI) was calculated by excluding skeletal elements that could belong to other hands.

Age estimation was carried out on the epiphyseal closure of the metacarpals and phalanges[18]. Additionally, when the bones were broken, the state of osteoporosis of the compact and spongy bones was estimated, and the joint surfaces were assessed for degenerative changes.

Osteometry. The 2D:4D ratio is sex-based, with the fourth digit typically being longer than the second in males[19,20]. In living people, digit length is "measured on the ventral surface from the basal crease to the tip of the digit"[20]. By adapting measurements from living people to archaeological skeletons, we proposed that the ratio of the length of the single phalanges of the fourth and second digits should differ as well.

The measurements of all complete phalanges were taken (Table 2 in supplementary information). The 2D:4D ratio for each phalanx of the second and fourth digit was determined, and the individual mean and the standard deviation score (SDS) of the 2D:4D ratio were calculated (Table 3 in supplementary information).

The SDS is the individual value subtracted by the mean of a reference divided by the standard deviation of a reference. In our case, we calculated the ratio from each existing pair of phalanges of the second and fourth finger, and calculated the mean (individual value) for each individual. The sum of individuals is our reference. As a result, we have standardised dimensionless values (SDS) that enable us to compare individuals.

Long bones are always distributed normally in a population[47,48]. Measurements between the ± 1.28 SDS range are significant (Fig. 1 suppl).

Limitations. The excavation of human remains in this particular region of Egypt is very difficult due to the high humidity of the ground and the soil chemistry[49]. The humid and dark soil affects the bones, which stains them and giving them a similar colour to the soil. It also makes them soft and brittle. As a result, they are extremely difficult to detect and to fully excavate without causing damage. Small body parts, like hands, are especially vulnerable to being overlooked, and by the time they become visible, parts of them may have already been lost.

The 2D:4D ratio for sex estimation applies to living people. We transferred the method to archaeological skeletons, which is not exactly comparable to the data obtained from living people. However, the measurements taken from the bones should be even more exact due to the missing tissue, which can confound the measurements of finger lengths. There is no reason to assume that the influence of soft tissue on fingers is sex specific.

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The Albigenses were a religious group that emerged in the 12th century in the Languedoc region of southern France. They were followers of a Christian

movement that rejected many of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, including the authority of the Pope and the doctrine of transubstantiation.

The Albigenses were influenced by the dualist theology of the Bogomils, a Christian sect that originated in Bulgaria. They believed in a cosmic struggle between good and evil, and rejected the material world as being inherently evil. They also believed in the principle of free will and the importance of personal spiritual experience, rather than relying on the intercession of priests or other religious authorities.

The Albigenses faced persecution from the Catholic Church, which considered them heretical. In the early 13th century, a crusade was launched against them by the Church, known as the Albigensian Crusade. The

crusade was led by Simon de Montfort, a French nobleman, and resulted in the massacre of thousands of Albigensian men, women, and children.

Despite the persecution they faced, the influence of the Albigenses continued to spread throughout Europe, and they were seen as forerunners to later Christian movements such as the Waldensians and the Protestant Reformation.

كتاب الاستقصا لأخبار دول المغرب الأقصى

[أحمد بن خالد الناصري]

أَلفَانِ وَمن دكالة أَلفَانِ فأنزلهم السُّلْطَان بِوَجْه عروس من أحواز مكناسة إِلَى أَن بنى قَصَبَة آدخسان فَأنْزل عبيد دكالة بهَا وَأنزل عبيد تامسنا بزاوية أهل الدلاء

ثمَّ دخلت سنة تسع وَثَمَانِينَ وَألف فِيهَا غزا السُّلْطَان الْمولى إِسْمَاعِيل صحراء السوس فَبلغ آقاوطاطا وتيشيت وشنكيط وتخوم السودَان فَقدمت عَلَيْهِ وُفُود الْعَرَب هُنَالك من أهل السَّاحِل والقبلة وَمن دليم وبربوش والمغافرة وودي ومطاع وجرار وَغَيرهم من قبائل معقل وأدوا طاعتهم وَكَانَ فِي ذَلِك الْوَفْد الشَّيْخ بكار المغفري وَالِد الْحرَّة خناثى أم السُّلْطَان الْمولى عبد الله بن إِسْمَاعِيل فأهدى الشَّيْخ الْمَذْكُور إِلَى السُّلْطَان ابْنَته خناثى الْمَذْكُورَة وَكَانَت ذَات جمال وَفقه وأدب فَتَزَوجهَا السُّلْطَان رَحمَه الله وَبنى بهَا وجلب فِي هَذِه الْغَزْوَة من تِلْكَ الأقاليم أَلفَيْنِ من الحراطين بأولادهم فكساهم بمراكش وسلحهم وَولى عَلَيْهِم وَبعث بهم إِلَى الْمحلة وقفل هُوَ إِلَى حَضرته من مكناسة فَكَانَ عدد مَا جمع من الْعَسْكَر البُخَارِيّ أَرْبَعَة

وتناسلوا وكثروا حَتَّى مَا مَاتَ المولى إِسْمَاعِيل إِلا وَقد بلغ عَددهمْ مائَة وَخمسين الفا كَمَا سَيَاتِي إِن شَاءَ الله

وَاعْلَم أَنه قد وَقع فِي هَذِه الْأَخْبَار لفظ الحرطاني وَمَعْنَاهُ فِي عرف أهل الْمغرب الْعَتِيق وَأَصله الْحر الثَّانِي كَأَن الْحر الْأَصْلِيّ حر أول وَهَذَا الْعَتِيق حر ثَان ثمَّ كثر اسْتِعْمَاله على الْأَلْسِنَة فَقيل الحرطاني على ضرب من التَّخْفِيف

وَأما سَبَب تَسْمِيَة هَذَا الْجَيْش بعبيد البُخَارِيّ فَإِن الْمولى إِسْمَاعِيل رَحمَه الله لما جمعهم وظفر بمراده بعصبيتهم وَاسْتغْنى بهم عَن الِانْتِصَار بالقبائل بَعضهم على بعض حمد الله تَعَالَى وَأثْنى عَلَيْهِ وَجمع أعيانهم وأحضر نُسْخَة من صَحِيح البُخَارِيّ وَقَالَ لَهُم أَنا وانتم عبيد لسنة رَسُول الله صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم وشرعه الْمَجْمُوع فِي هَذَا الْكتاب فَكل مَا أَمر بِهِ نفعله وكل

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SH Archive 400 year old Sahara Desert, or why people forgot everything they knew about Africa

KD Archive · Sep 14, 2020

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KD Archive

Not actually KorbenDallas

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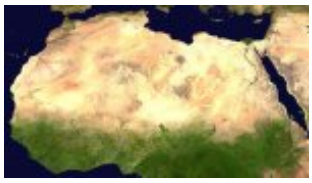
Reaction score:	1,278

Sep 14, 2020 #1

"All right, Beatrice, there was no alien. The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO. Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket and reflected the light from Venus." - Kay, MIB.

I always thought that Sahara Desert was thousands of years old. Of course, the official W version confirmed it in the most scientific way possible,

"During the last glacial period, the Sahara was much larger than it is today, extending south beyond its current boundaries. The end of the glacial period brought more rain to the Sahara, from about 8000 BC to 6000 BC, perhaps because of low pressure areas over the collapsing ice sheets to the north. Once the ice sheets were gone, the northern Sahara dried out. In the southern Sahara, the drying trend was initially counteracted by the monsoon, which brought rain further north than it does today. By around 4200 BC, however, the monsoon retreated south to approximately where it is today, leading to the gradual desertification of the Sahara. The Sahara is now as dry as it was about 13,000 years ago."



SA Scientific American reports that they updated the age of the Sahara Desert to a whooping 3,000,000 years old.

Apparently, some cartographers of the "not so distant" past, failed to

consult with the scientists of the 20th and 21st centuries. Somehow, in the 16th, and 17th centuries the map makers forgot to update their maps with the wisdom of the scientists of the future. Instead they depicted the Sahara Desert the way it was back then, 400 - 450 years ago. And what a beautiful site it was: lakes, rivers, cities, people, animals. Everything but the Great Egyptian Pyramids, so to speak.

Years: 1475 - 1570 - 1595 - 1642 -1658 - 1688

And then, all over sudden people got dumber. Well, either dumber, or the Mankind suffered some serious case of global amnesia. For whatever reason the Africa had to be re-discovered all over again. Blank uncharted territories cover the continent of Africa in the areas which were well known before.

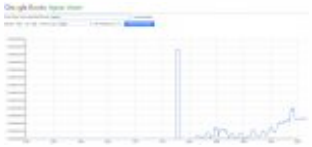
Years: 1782 - 1802 - 1812 - 1842 - 1853 - 1860

1592 Prioris Hemisphaerii, totiusque Geographici

Today's scientists give us tons of false information *(read BS)* about so many things, that sometimes it's hard to figure out which part could be trusted. I choose to trust the cartographers who put these maps together at the time when they were alive, just like I trust sh Piranesi with what he depicted for us. Coincidentally, Piranesi lived at about the same time when the transformations started to happen.

Dear scientist: It's probably fun sitting in some lab, building a "scientific" model of the formation of the planet, as long as you do not push it onto people through educational channels. And if your models do not match eyewitness accounts, than may be you should check your data *(hint: you can start with maps above)*. When you teach people about what happened millions of years ago, yet have no clue about a few hundred years back... you probably have an agenda.

Google Books Ngram: Sahara



Sahara Desert is clearly not thousands of years old. Why we are being fed this false information is a totally different topic. Whatever initially happened in the 18th century, changed the face of this planet in multiple locations. Sahara Desert is just one of those.

The Eye of Sahara and Weapons of Mass Destruction

It appears that we have hundreds of different size craters spread out through out the entire African continent. None of those is bigger then the mysterious Eye of Sahara. The formation is 25 miles in diameter. Our "scientists" claim that it was formed 100 millions of years ago. Considering that this formation is not on the maps predating the 19th century, we could make our own conclusions. I can.

Then we have a bunch of smaller craters all over the African Continent. As an example I could use the 8 mile wide Aorounga Crater claimed to be 345 millions years old.

There are multiple others, named and unnamed out there: Tenoumer Crater, Aouelloul Crater, Ouarkziz Crater, Talemzane Crater, Tin Bider Crater, Aorounga Crater, Amguid Crater... and there are more. Here are Google assisted Sahara Craters and African Craters.

It appears someone very powerful whacked the entire African Continent a few hundred years ago. Hundreds of cities and towns were destroyed. Millions, if not billions of people could have been killed in the process. Yet we are being fed a bunch of baloney about millions of years, and meteorite craters. Be dull, or be attentive.

Yes, this World has a secret to keep...

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Reply

Capetownanon, BleenBlock85, nathaliemarie and 13 others

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Joined:	Sep 25, 2020
Messages:	94
Reaction score:	265

Sep 26, 2020 #2

This still freaks me out.

Reply

Safari77, iggzy, promethesis and 1 other person

irishbalt

Core Member

Active Member

Joined:	Sep 17, 2020
Messages:	180
Reaction score:	193
Location:	united states

Sep 27, 2020 #3

This is an amazing post from KD, this is a true gem.

Reply

Nick Weech and Safari77

JWW427

Core Member

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Active Member

Sep 29, 2020 #4

More and more I think KD was a small group of folks working together.

Reply

Safari77, Albert and Luz Bella

Joined: Sep 21, 2020
Messages: 1,048
Reaction score: 2,717
Location: Wash. DC.

hfriends
New Member
Active Member
Joined: Sep 18, 2020
Messages: 5
Reaction score: 4

Dec 6, 2020 #5

> JWW427 said:
>
> More and more I think KD was a small group of folks working together.

Why is that?

Reply

Broken Agate
Core Member
Patron
Active Member
Joined: Sep 15, 2020
Messages: 146
Reaction score: 420
Location: Arizona

Dec 6, 2020 #6

It has become increasingly clearer to me that the world's deserts are not millions of years old, but in fact were formed much more recently. And this started me thinking about something. These deserts contain plants and animals that are not capable of surviving in any other type of environment. They, too, must have evolved a short time ago, shortly after the deserts formed; and this means that the modern scientific understanding of evolution is all wrong.

This might be a topic for a different thread, so if someone wants to move it, feel free. I just thought it would be an interesting field of study, in connection with what we now know about the Sahara and other deserts.

Reply

nordicbleu, Safari77, Magnetic and 6 others

runfox
Member
Active Member
Joined: Oct 2, 2020
Messages: 21
Reaction score: 83
Location: S. America
Site:: runfox.tk

Dec 6, 2020 #7

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evolution is complete pseudoscience.

Reply

nordicbleu, Brealzi, Safari77 and 5 others

Broken Agate
Core Member
Patron
Active Member

Joined:	Sep 15, 2020
Messages:	146
Reaction score:	420
Location:	Arizona

Dec 6, 2020 #8

Granted, but we still are left with life forms that either developed on their own somehow, or were specifically created, to live in the harshest, driest, hottest, and least fertile environments on Earth, well within the span of human history. Where did they come from, and how, and why? We are lied to about everything, so we can't rely on science to provide answers. The deserts are obviously man-made. Did someone make the animals and plants, too, to live in the deserts? Why even bother?

Reply

GreenBunny87, Luz Bella and JohnNada

Y

Yogin
New Member

Joined:	Sep 23, 2020
Messages:	1
Reaction score:	3

Dec 19, 2020 #9

На картах Африки 17 века пустыни Намиб нет. По официальной информации, этой пустыне 80 миллионов лет.

Reply

nordicbleu, Broken Agate and row_of_eleven

Luz Bella
Contributor

Joined:	Dec 13, 2020
Messages:	42
Reaction score:	177
Location:	Mexico

Dec 19, 2020 #10

> JWW427 said:
>
> More and more I think KD was a small group of folks working together.

Yes. I felt it since the old SH.org
It was just impossible for a single one normal human being to post that amount of information, links, research, conclusions.
This...or A I
Ok. They or IT put the seeds for opening the eyes and brains to see the almost evident that surrounds us.

Post automatically merged: Dec 19, 2020

Yes

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Yes. We are lied in almost everything.
And yes. Plants are created outside this planet.

Reply

nordicbleu, Safari77, Broken Agate and 1 other person

tobyahnah
Banned

Joined:	Dec 9, 2020
Messages:	89
Reaction score:	175

Dec 20, 2020 #11

Thank you very much for this **1592 Prioris Hemisphaerii** vision. I have been looking at many versions of Mercators maps and calculations over the last two years.
To the point of reviewing YouTube videos today on the subject of the Land of the North. Very few videos, and; of those very, very few of quality.

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It is my intent to introduce the GSM / SGSM subject to our collective psyche here on Stolen History, but, I am waiting to see what comes of the Grand Conjunction of Jupiter passing Saturn in this so-called once-in-a-generation event.
Astronomically, when Jupiter conjoins Saturn on **December 21, 2020**, they will be very close, only 0.1° apart. There is general agreement on this point by most. According to many this will be the closest conjunction since the Great Conjunction of July 16, 1623 according to many. Note that the 'Maunder' GSM began in 1645 by most accounts. However, it is well known that solar cycles overlap while the polarity charge of the 2 magnetic fields, in each of the Northern and Sourthern hemispheres, switch over some extended time. In our current case of a SGSM it began in March of 2014, by my account, and ended on June 8th of 2020 according to Dr. Valentina Zharkova who is widely regarded as the foremost authority on the GSM, SGSM and solar astro physics in general. With credits to many others who assist her work.
However, in my opinion, it is quite possible that this conjunction is a closer parallel with events leading up to the Maunder minimum rather than the Maunder Minimum itself. I am beginning to believe, as does David Dubyne, that we are about to experience something much more substantial than

the Maunder Minimum. Which is not a 'Mini' Ice Age, nor a 'Little' Ice Age, but, rather a full blown Ice Age.
When you consider the foregoing in the context of "Hyper Borea', or Antarctica as Ice Free, we have a startling picture of a future unlike the present or past.
And this shall be my introduction for a thread on the Super Grand Solar Minimum; as well as thanks to Korben Dallas and all others at SH.ORG and SH.NET who refuse to believe an obviously adulterated history of OUR past. Remember, the genes of our ancestors, thousands of thousands of them, and who really knows how many generations, runs through our veins.

Reply

Safari77 and Broken Agate

Vikkibee
Member

Joined:	Dec 23, 2020
Messages:	6
Reaction score:	16

Dec 28, 2020 #12

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I would like to add to your very interesting analysis 1) I *think* I read that the Chinese have been buying up the Sahara and 2) The Chinese have recently made a sun which is hotter than our current sun and runs on nuclear energy. From my understanding France are also developing a sun too.
As always I imagine we are only being told some small amount of information. However Hypothetically, the new sun could be used for either growing food in the Sahara or to provide sun on another planet.

Reply

soleilbelmont and Broken Agate

T

tobyahnah

Banned

Joined: Dec 9, 2020
Messages: 89
Reaction score: 175

Dec 28, 2020 #13

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To answer your comment forces me to express an opinion which I do not like to do in this case. Please do not be offended as it is not directed at your opinion but rather at the STATE of the matter. Since I was 4 yrs old, and had to admit that my parents were lying to me about Satan's Claws vs: Jeremiah 10: 1-10, until now it has been my experience that anything which comes out of the mouth of the government, church, bank or corp(SES) is a lie. Humans have hubris and is the only creature I know of that does. It is that hubris, along with pride, which kills millions upon billions of other humans. No one is going to build a 'SUN' without frying a lot of humans, or all humans, in the process.

I have already posted the video below twice in replies today and hope it is not taken as self promotion or promoting of David. I have never met David. I once thought he was proud and arrogant and now realize he is exceptionally intelligent, down to earth, very concerned about our future and has staked his very life on posting this kind of video which NASA, the Deep State, et al, certainly do not want you or me to see. Download it while you can:

View: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYqfpCmaR8w

Further to that, if anyone thinks the REAL sun does not affect our weather then they are not paying attention. Any artificial sun is going to do the same in unforseen ways.
As a simple example: we had a CME from the sun strike earth on Dec. 9th 2020. 24hrs later we felt the effects, of that plasma discharge, in the form of a 6.3 mag EQ followed by another similar magnitude EQ 25 SECONDS later on the opposite side of Planet Earth. This is termed an antipodal EQ and extremely rare. Maybe one or two per year until 2014.
Within 24hrs of those two EQ's we had two more in similarly disparate places on our planet.
In 40 yrs of watching EQ's I have never seen anything like this but it made me think immediately of the 1811-1812, Dec and Jan 8+ mag EQ's which turned America upsided down over 7 States. It is easy to see, in my opinion, that we are now in such a period of Solar influence as to strike fear into the heart of any man or woman who is actually paying attention to what is going on.
I trust you will take this reply to yours, which I greatly appreciate as it shows someone is paying attention to the most serious time facing humans in a couple hundred if not a couple of thousand years, with acceptance and thanksgiving of the gift of awareness it is.
Furthermore, that you will test and prove what is really going on behind the COVER of COVID and begin to prepare in earnest for the greatest challenge to humans in a very long time.
If there is any purpose to Stolen HIstory at all it is, in my opinion, to see the past clearly so we may see the future even more clearly.
I say In my opinion because there are others who have their own opinions and agenda here.
They are welcome to them and I certainly try to consider all of them in the context of my vast database established during more than half a century of study.

As to the Sahara and China? China is stealing the Sahara and much of North and NE Africa and has already begun the process of liquidating those who live(d) there now. They have done this with the full obeisance of the USA under both the Democrats and Republicans for decades. We can only hope that Trump really does know what is going on and is indeed playing 4D Chess and not just 'acting' out a part.
As we should: follow the money!

Trump has all the money he needs! Does he have all of the courage he needs?

Thank you for sharing. Please continue to do so. I expect any who read what I write to reply. If not, why not?

P.S. In 2019, fortuitously, I purchased 3 books on Pandemics and Epidemics incidentally. Probably because I have an extensive background in human nutrition symptomology.
It is very clear that ALL epidemics and pandemics have far more to do with famine, as well as poor hygiene, than any microscopic bug, virus or vector.
Vitamins A, 3 of the B's, C, D, E, P, K and the Minerals Zinc, Calcium, Manganese, Magnesium are crtitical for human survival.
Notably, they are all found in Rosehips which are native, and endemic, to the entire Northern Hemisphere. Rosa canina in particular. Bon appetit!

We have all been cowed most of our lives. It is time to be a bull.
Miss this video at your own risk. Please share rather than COVID COVER.

View: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYqfpCmaR8w

Reply

Safari77, Broken Agate, Starman and 4 others

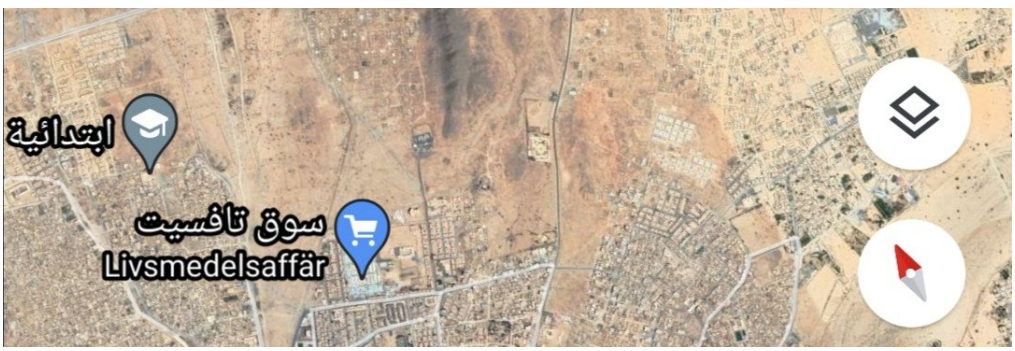
Blackdiamond

Core Member

Active Member

Joined: Oct 6, 2021
Messages: 218

Oct 27, 2021 #14



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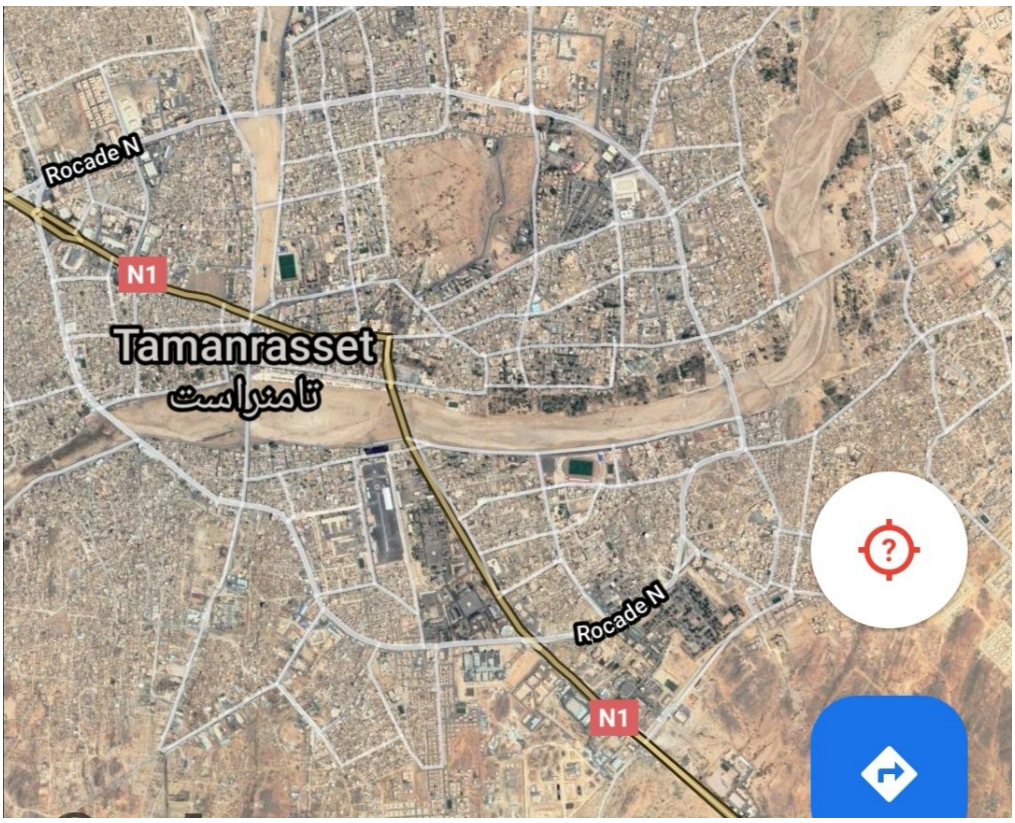

Also when was this not dried? wiki says a long time ago, but they still have houses around it. It is in the middle of sahara.

Reply

Safari77 and Broken Agate

A

Akanah
Guest

Jan 20, 2022 #15

The riddle's solution: The earth could have been completely green in former times without sand deserts and without ice deserts.
At the height of human technological development with hydrogen and the zeppelin industry, humans triggered a plasma catastrophe in which a lot of released hydrogen in the atmosphere transformed into the countless different plasma forms that have been drawn as petroglyphs on cave walls (see Thunderboltsproject and Squattermen figures).
This soon formed a kind of plasma sun which heated up so much that there was a big explosion of oxyhydrogen gas (similar to a supernova explosion). A lot of oxygen was drawn from both sides of the earth to the center of the explosion which reacted with the hydrogen. At the polar regions, large animals suffocated from lack of oxygen and died. In the center of the explosion there was a world fire for it. After that the new-created water of the explosion rained down as a big flood around the explosion center... most strongly at the poles.

Immanuel Velikovsky suspected such a catastrophe triggered by a comet and the Thunderboltsproject believes in hydrogen-plasma comets. But neither Velikovsky nor the Thunderboltsproject pointed out that such a plasma catastrophe or such a plasma comet could also have been man-

made e.g. by the crash of a big hydrogen zeppelin. The linguist Erhard Landmann translated however many religious texts with the most frequent text contents over an egg-shaped lame messenger of which he believed that it could have been an airship or spaceship and that this spaceship could have formed the basis of all possible religions. In any case, it has become clear to me that the various plasma forms found on cave walls could also have formed the basis of many religious and mythological symbols. A diocotron radiation with maximum 9 plasma rings could be transferred well to the 9 worlds theory or to the 9 rings from the Lord of the rings. Since I believe meanwhile in a living earth with heart sun and face moon, such a plasma event can have been made for me only artificially by humans. The idea of the Carrington event shifts a plasma catastrophe to a genuine natural plasma sun in whose existence I do not believe however any more.

Reply

nordicbleu

S

Skellington

New Member

Joined:	May 10, 2022
Messages:	1
Reaction score:	1

May 10, 2022 #16

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> This might be a topic for a different thread, so if someone wants to move it, feel free. I just thought it would be an interesting field of study, in connection with what we now know about the Sahara and other deserts.

Well – there have been deserts, albeit smaller ones, before (the 1470 and 1492 maps have them in Africa too). So maybe those specialised animals simply migrated. They needn't have come into existence recently. Not arguing pro or contra evolution here. Just saying deserts aren't a totally new thing.

Reply

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May 10, 2022 #17

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Who came up with a ten thousand year flip and how did they do it?

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May 14, 2022 #19

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Fine words but you totally avoid answering the question. Does this mean you have no idea who did the measuring nor how they did it?

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Sep 14, 2020 #1

It's hard to stay silent, when such a tremendous loss of life is accompanied by the establishment lies of unprecedented magnitude. I'm talking about Africa again. This thread is a sort of buildup on the already existing thread: *400 year old Sahara Desert, or why people forgot everything they knew about Africa*. Influenced by the recent publicity related to the ancient lost city of Atlantis being located in Africa, I took a hard look at quite a few of the older maps. Based on what I've seen, I did not see any evidence pointing to the *African Atlantis* being located on top of the Richat "*Eye of Africa*" structure. What I did see though, was the destruction of the majority of the African continent, together with its cities, as well as with its inhabitants.

Note: *As you read the below, it is important to understand, that year 1570 people knew way more about 1570 than we do today. Same goes for people who lived in 1645, 1716, 1802 or any other time in history. They were the witnesses, and not us. Naturally, if you buy the bogus narrative compliant explanation of the cartographers of the past making stuff up, this thread is not for you.*

Sahara Desert

... and its fake history

Wikipedia says, "*During the last glacial period, the Sahara was much larger than it is today, extending south beyond its current boundaries. The end of the glacial period brought more rain to the Sahara, from about 8000 BC to 6000 BC, perhaps because of low pressure areas over the collapsing ice sheets to the north. Once the ice sheets were gone, the northern Sahara dried out. In the southern Sahara, the drying trend was initially counteracted by*

the monsoon, which brought rain further north than it does today. By around 4200 BC, however, the monsoon retreated south to approximately where it is today, leading to the gradual desertification of the Sahara. The Sahara is now as dry as it was about 13,000 years ago."

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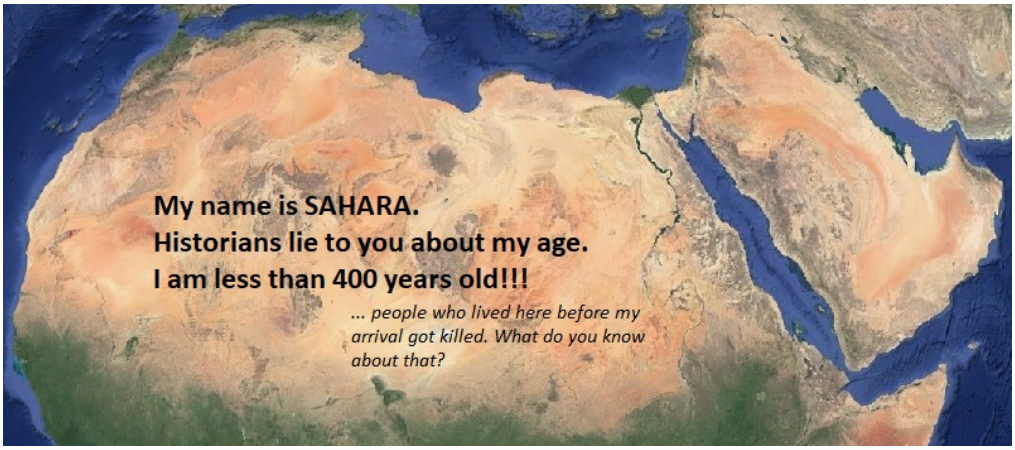


1592

1592 Africa

The Issue

Officially, the exploration of Africa was supposed to be happening in the 19th century. The below two map compilation is meant to illustrate the problem we are presented with. It also illustrates the lies we are being deliberately fed. The lies which have become a part of our every day lives.

The official description for the below **1802** map states the following:

- *One of the first maps of Africa to show the true state of geographical knowledge of the continent, hence the vast areas of the map with no information - this was Arrowsmith's style when he mapped Africa, the America's and other parts of the world where geographic information was both unknown and evolving. Aaron Arrowsmith simply stripped away centuries of accumulated myth, misconception and unsustainable guesswork, and took the mapping of Africa back to the bare bones of substantiated fact, leaving the interior as a blank canvas, a challenge to a new generation of explorers. As a picture,*

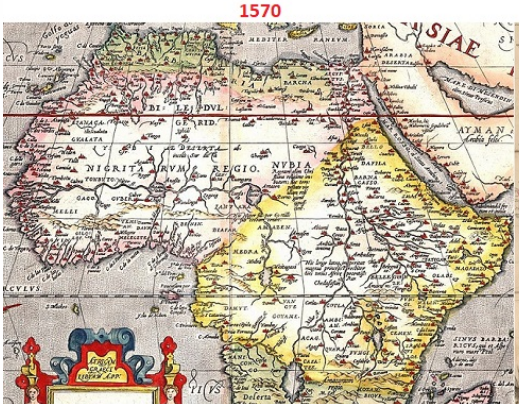
many of his predecessors of a century earlier would not have thought of publishing it, as a statement of intent it raised the standard for geographical accuracy above that practiced by the vast majority of his contemporaries" .

Aaron Arrowsmith

All we know about him: *Aaron Arrowsmith (1750–1823), migrated to London from Winston in Durham when about twenty years of age, and was employed by John Cary, the engraver. In 1790 he made himself famous by his large chart of the world on Mercator's projection. Four years later he published another large map of the world on the globular projection, with a companion volume of explanation. The maps of North America (1796) and Scotland (1807) are the most celebrated of his many later productions. He left two sons, Aaron and Samuel, the elder of whom was the compiler of the Eton Comparative Atlas, of a Biblical atlas, and of various manuals of geography. They carried on the business in company with John Arrowsmith (1790–1873), nephew of the elder Aaron. In 1834 John published his London Atlas, the best set of maps then in existence. He followed up the atlas with a long series of elaborate and carefully executed maps, those of Australia, America, Africa and India being especially valuable. In 1863 he received the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society, of which body he was one of the founders.*

1570 Africa vs. *1802 Africa*

1570



1802

The above *1570 Africae Tabula Nova* map is, by far, not the only "older" map out there. We can *fast forward 120 years to 1690*, and see the same picture of Africa. Please feel free to *browse through maps of Africa*, and verify for yourself. This here was just a short synopsis. For the straight up Sahara Desert related story pease visit the below thread:

- sh 400 year old Sahara Desert, or why people forgot everything they knew about Africa

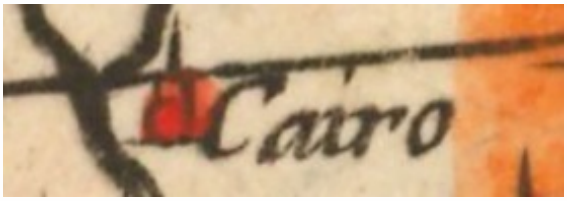
KD: And let us be real for a second. Africa was not some distant, and recently re-discovered North or South America. In 1802 scientific society suddenly realized that their knowledge of the neighboring Africa equaled one big fat zero? Did they really discovered *150 miles x 180 miles* W *Lake Victoria* in 1858? Checkout below what we knew in 1812 about South America. How much sense does any of this make?

Symbols and Cities

The below red highlighted city symbols appear rather insignificant on some 400 year old maps. Yet, all of those places were populated cities, and their insignificance could be a false assumption. They were occupied by living and breathing human beings. Later on you will see why this notion is important.

1635 Africae nova descriptio

In the above 1635 map cutout we can see two very familiar names, which are Cairo and Alexandria *(the third, Algiers, is not on the cutout, but it is on the linked map)*. They sit next to a little city symbol similar to the one below.



Behind each and every one of those tiny highlighted city symbols, there was a city. Let's take a look at some of the cities marked by these city symbols. I chose Cairo, Alexandria, and Algiers, because we know that these cities existed, and still do.

According to the official version, the cities I'm gonna be talking about later on never existed, and reflected on some ancient cartographers imagination *(or incompetency)*.

1572 - Cairo

1572 Alexandria / 1541 Algiers

If you follow this *Google search link*, you will be able to see other various 16th century city plans *(not necessarily Africa related)* marked with the same "city" symbol on various maps. The below population numbers are meant to demonstrate the capacity of those cities. Meaning how many people they could allegedly fit within their walls.

Cairo population - *link:*

- **1400:** *125,000 - 260,000*
- **1500:** *400,000*
- **1575:** *275,000*

Alexandria population - *link* + *link:*

- **700:** 216,000
- **900:** 175,000
- **1800:** 8,000
- **1840:** 60,000

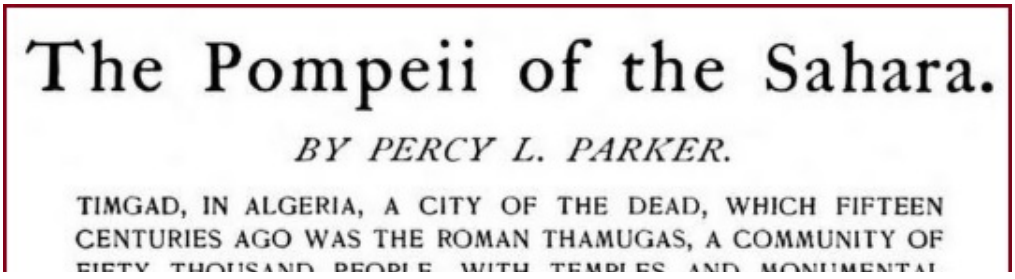
Algiers population - *link* + *link:*

Kasbah of Algiers citadel alone used to have *150 tiled public water fountains*. Today, only six of those remain.

- **1600:** *100,000 with 30,000 additional Christian captives*
- **1881:** 65,227

The up and down population number shenanigans are being blamed by the official historians on earthquakes, deluges, tidal waves, plagues, wars and other such things. We all choose what to believe. I, personally, think those excuses are just made up lies designed to hide the true nature of the African cataclysmic events.

Timgad


The Pompeii of the Sahara.

BY PERCY L. PARKER.

TIMGAD, IN ALGERIA, A CITY OF THE DEAD, WHICH FIFTEEN CENTURIES AGO WAS THE ROMAN THAMUGAS, A COMMUNITY OF

FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE, WITH TEMPLES AND MONUMENTAL ARCHES, MARKETS AND BATHS, AND A SPACIOUS THEATER.

Here is an example of the strangeness we are so used to, we consider it normal. The below ruins belong to the city of W *Timgad*, Algeria. Of course, it is a W UNESCO World Heritage Site. Which means no digging, no touching, and no nothing. What if something unwanted gets discovered? Follows is a short story of Timgard:

- *The city was founded W ex nihilo as a military colony by the emperor W Trajan around AD 100.*
- *KD: ex nihilo means "something coming from nothing". City which came from nowhere?*
- *It was originally populated largely by Roman veterans .*
- *In the 5th century, the city was sacked by the W Vandals before falling into decline.*
- *In AD 535, the Byzantine general W Solomon found the city empty when he came to occupy it.*
- *In the following century, the city was briefly repopulated as a primarily Christian city before being sacked by W Berbers in the 5th century.*
- *Timgad was destroyed at the end of the 5th century by montagnards of the Aurès.*
- *The Byzantine Reconquest revived some activities in the city, defended by a fortress built to the south, in 539, reusing blocks removed from Roman monuments.*
- *The Arab invasion brought about the final ruin of Thamugadi which ceased to be inhabited after the 8th century.*
- *Because no new settlements were founded on the site after the 7th century, the city was partially preserved under sand up to a depth of approximately one meter.*

So, there you have it. We have a city built by God knows who, and made out of nothing 2,000 years ago for some Roman veterans. Destroyed by some mountain dwellers 1,600 years ago, and ceased to be inhabited 1,400 years ago.

50,000 citizens - they call it a town

THE MOST COMPLETE ROMAN TOWN EXTANT.

THIS is the Algerian Pompeii, so-called, and it is described under the head of "Rome in Africa" by Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond in *Good Words*. Its proper name is Timgad. Its historic value as the best preserved sample of Roman antiquity on the civic scale makes what the writer says of its past worth citing here :—

Timgad, which was founded in the time of Trajan, prospered until the beginning of the fourth century. It began to be troubled during the reign of Constantine, when religious feuds broke out, schismatic bands making the city their battlefield. The incessant wars laid waste the country, and weakened the power of Rome. In 429 the Vandals, with whom some of the sects sided, brought pillage and ruin into the unhappy township. The Berbers profited by the disorder to descend from their fastnesses in the Aurès Mountains and pillage the defenceless country.

In 535 the Byzantines fought a battle with the Vandals, when the Arab population rose and burnt Timgad to prevent its sheltering the common enemy. However, this was of no avail at the time—though doubtless the burning of Timgad did much to preserve all that the fire could not destroy—for Solomon, lieutenant of the Byzantine General, eventually beat the forces combined against him in the plains of Mamma, and four years later installed himself at Timgad, building a fort with materials taken from the ruined city.

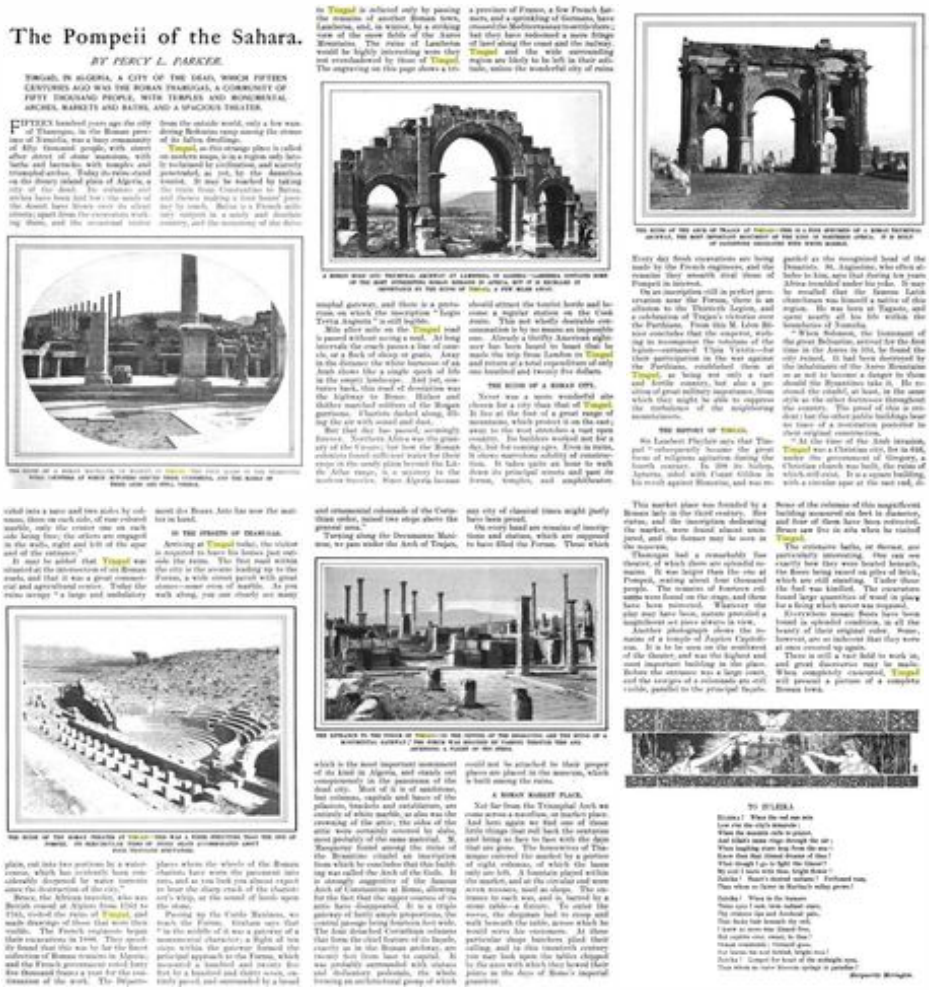
At the end of the seventh century violent and romantic struggles took place. The Kahenna, a patriotic Christian woman from the Aurès Mountains, defeated the Mussulman troops, sent expressly from Egypt to subdue the country. The famous Marabout, Sidi Okba, whose tomb is familiar to all visitors to Biskra, was killed during this encounter. But new bands replaced their fallen co-religionists, and at last the heroic Kahenna and her fellow Christians had to abandon the struggle and retire to their mountains.

The end of Timgad had now arrived. Earthquakes, the sand and dust of the sirocco-parched plain, the soil washed down from the neighbouring hills, the vegetation growing over the ruins, gradually withdrew them from sight till our own day, when careful excavations, generously aided by the French Government, have revealed to us a large portion of a Roman town, which, by reason of its excellent state of preservation, the magnificence of its public buildings, and the completeness of its arrangements, is unique. What we owe to Vesuvius in covering up the city of Pompeii and saving it from the gradual but complete destruction which all cities constantly inhabited and renewed must suffer, this we owe to the burning and forsaking of Timgad, which have left to us an entire town of the time of the Romans, with its life and history plainly writ in stone.

Algerian Pompeii? And how did they burn this city made out of stone? Is this article a 1905 indoctrination piece telling us what we need to know? Wikipedia... hello. Include this!

1905 - The review of reviews. *(LOL)*

Make sure you read the following *1902 Munsey's Magazine article*. You might get surprised what this Roman retirement city for veterans had to offer.



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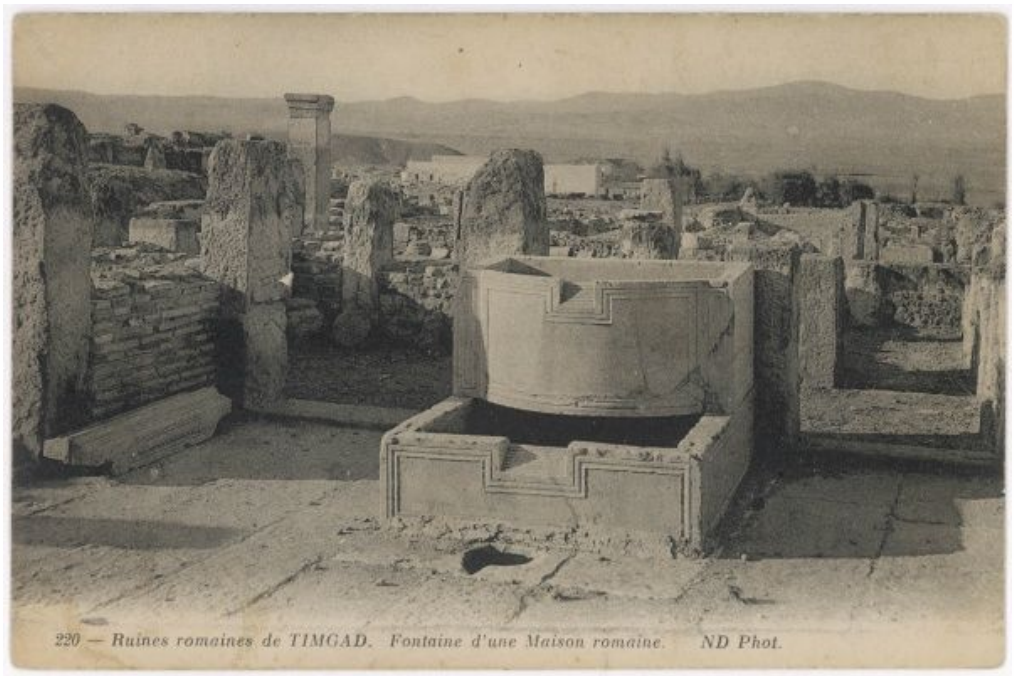
Now check out some of the below pictures, and try to imagine this city when it was thriving. Be honest, how much time would it take us to build such a city today?

Timgad

50,000 citizens


220 — Ruines romaines de TIMGAD. Fontaine d'une Maison romaine. ND Phot.

KD: *I simply used Timgad as an example of the destroyed/missing cities this*

article is essentially about. I honestly doubt that the real name of this city had anything to do with Timgad, or Thamugas. The info about this city magically popped up in 1870s, for all of the survived places have to have their own history. I think this Timgad could be the city of Canatudi on this 1635 map.

It appears that Timgad was on the outskirts of the cataclysm which produced the Sahara Desert, and altered geographical features of the other African areas. As an example I could name the emergence of Lakes Victoria, Tanganyika, and Malawi.

I think this catastrophic event happened around 1666. I could care less for the weirdness of the number, but this African event appears to coincide with the formation of the Santorini Archipelago, which, in my opinion, took place around 1666.

Was this cataclysm man made, or natural? I have no clue. May be these people do.

Missing Cities/Towns

Essentially, if the maps in question contain real cities like Cairo, Alexandria and Algiers, I find no real reason to question past existence of the other cities, or towns present on the same maps. And considering that those "imaginary" cities were marked on multiple maps with the same "city" symbol, I will consider them comparable in size.

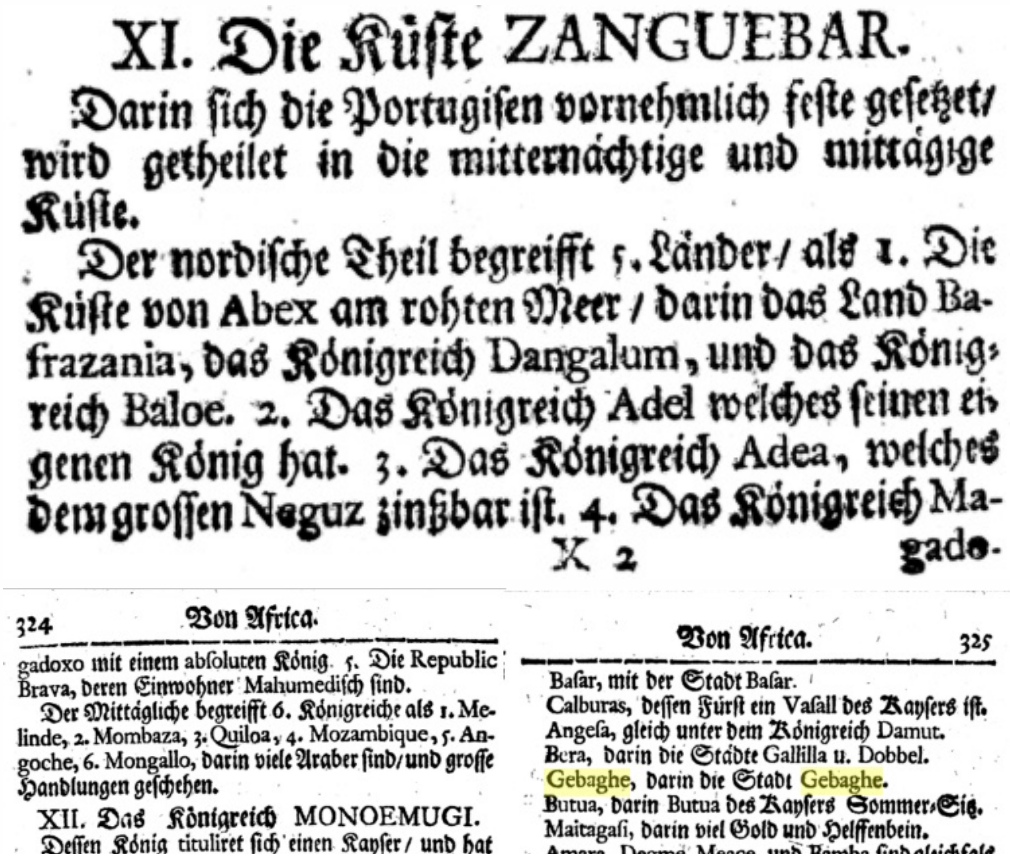
Now, when we fully understand that behind each one of the above symbols could be *10,000*, or *50,000*, or *250,000*, or *400,000*, or whatever number of people, let us take a look at the below map comparison.

1635 - 1802

Now I have a few simple questions. Where did all these cities, and towns go? Not some bamboo huts Wikipedia suggests for a couple of the names, but actual cities, and towns... what happened to them? Cities like the ones in this little passage *kindly produced by Google*: *Doldel, Augesa, Gebaghe. Where is the Lake Sachaf?*

I was able to find *this German book* dated 1708. I have no idea what it says, but here are the pages. If our German speakers could help out, would be awesome. 1708 is well into the fake history pubs territory, but at least this book has the names of the above cities.

Also, who was this *Rönigreich Damut?*



XI. Die Küſte ZANGUEBAR.

Darin ſich die Portugiſen vornehmlich feſte geſetzet/ wird getheilet in die mitternächtige und mittägige Küſte.

Der nordiſche Theil begreifft 5. Länder/ als 1. Die Küſte von Abex am rohten Meer / darin das Land Bafrazania, das Königreich Dangalum, und das Königreich Baloe. 2. Das Königreich Adel welches ſeinen eigenen König hat. 3. Das Königreich Adea, welches dem groſſen Neguz zinßbar iſt. 4. Das Königreich Magado-

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gadoxo mit einem abſoluten König. 5. Die Republic Brava, deren Einwohner Mahumediſch ſind.

Der Mittägliche begreifft 6. Königreiche als 1. Melinde, 2. Mombaza, 3. Quiloa, 4. Mozambique, 5. Angoche, 6. Mongallo, darin viele Araber ſind/ und groſſe Handlungen geſchehen.

XII. Das Königreich MONOEMUGI.

Baſar, mit der Stadt Baſar.
Calburas, deſſen Fürſt ein Vaſall des Kayſers iſt.
Angeſa, gleich unter dem Königreich Damut.
Bera, darin die Städte Gallilla u. Dobbel.
Gebaghe, darin die Stadt Gebaghe.
Butua, darin Butua des Kayſers Sommer-Sitz.
Maitagaſi, darin viel Gold und Helffenbein.

den König zu Malemba in Nieder Æthiopien zum Vasallen. Es hat aber das Kayserthum Monoemugi in sich 4 Königreiche. 1. Gorga, darin die Hauptstadt Gorga, die Handelstadt Gatfat, die Bergstadt Sibir, u. s. f. 2. Gazabale, darin die Haubtstadt Gazabela, welche des gantzen Kayserthums Residentz ist. 3. Tirut ein weitläufftiges Kayserthum / darin die Hauptstadt Tirut und die Festung Fort Chicova und Mata Funa. 4. Camur, darin die Stadt Camur, Agoia, Leif u. s. w.

* Das Königreich Malemba liegt an den See Zembra, darin die Städte Debsan, Mati, und Zembre.

XIII. Das Königreich MONOMATAPA.

Wird auch ein Kayserthum tituliret / welches einige für das reicheste Land in Africa, und das Land Ophir halten. Dieses Reich begreifft folgende Königreiche und Fürstenthümer:

Monomatapa liegt an den Fluß del Spirito Sancto, mit einer Hauptstadt von gleichen Nahmen. Chetuchim ist eine Handelsstadt / und Belegura ein Grentz-Festung.

Vallontego, darin die Haubtstadt Vallonta.

Vigiti Magna darin das Fürstenthum Moscata.

Aybi Gasle, darin die Hauptstadt Aybi Gasle.

Tialso, darin Tialso, und Zimbre.

Bafar

Königreiche.

XIV Die AFRICANISCHEN INSULN.

So viel derselben auch seyn / so werden sie doch in 4 Classen getheilet / und sind 1 die grosse Insul Madagascar, 2. die Insuln des grünen Vorgebürges. 3. die Canarischen Insuln. 4 etliche kleine Insuln.

I. MADAGASCAR, ist eine von der grösten Art Insuln / sonst Insula S. Laurentii, deren Einwohner entweder Heyden oder Mahumedaner sind / ohne in den Fortressen der Engeländer / und was durch deren Sorge nun besser unterrichtet wird. Sonst sind sie mehrentheils Räuber / deren Verwegenheit die Königin Anna zu steuren gesucht / und handeln die Engeländer itzo alleine dahin. Die vornehmsten Länder darin sind.

Andouvovehe, woselbst der Hafen Rond.

Vehemuro, wobey die Insul Dediego Szarez.

Manghabei, eine gewisse Art Völcker.

Zaffra Hibrahim.

Antavares, Maratanes, Ampatres, und Mahafalles sind sonderbahre Völcker.

Erigdranes, Vohits, Angliombes, Ancionœtes, Hazontingetes, und Caconossii sind auch unterschieden.

Die Fortressen der Engeländder sind le Fort Dauphin und Fanschere.

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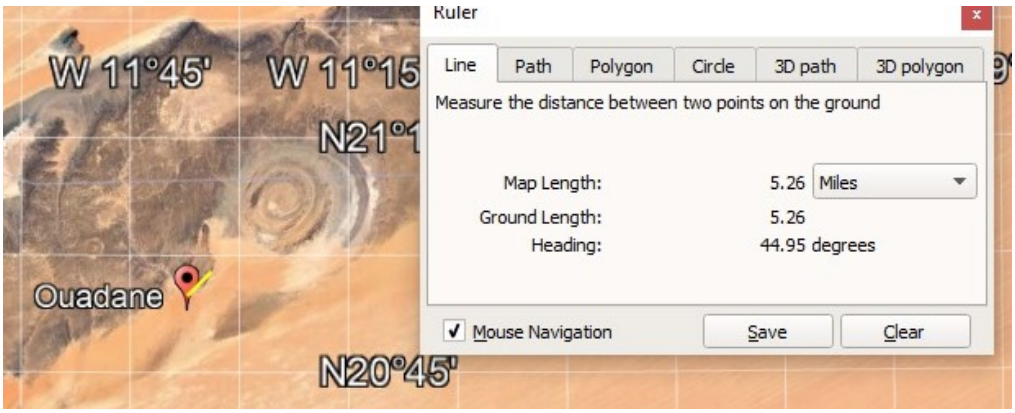
For those enjoying mainstream geographical explanations, here is a 1891 article explaining that 16th century cartographers were dumb, and excessively creative with their maps: *Scottish Geographical Magazine*.

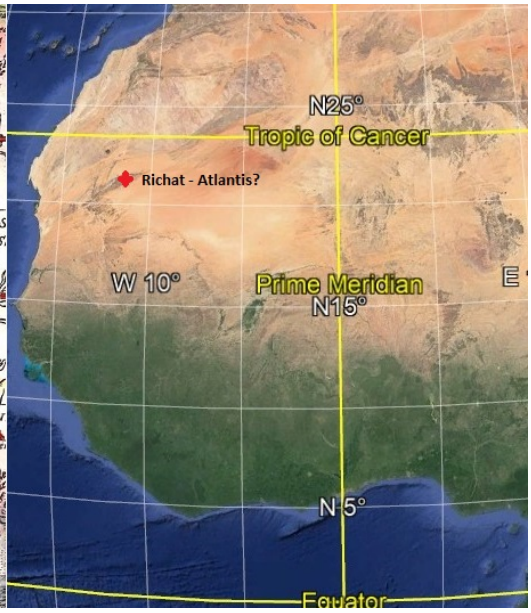
KD: *obvously the above several cities I picked are a drop in the bucket. How many cities, and towns ceased to exist? Looks like hundreds did.*

The Richat Atlantis

Such a possibility is being discussed sh *in this thread*. I think finding Atlantis would be super cool, but I have my doubts that the W *Richat Structure* has anything to do with it. Maps suggest that there was no Sahara Desert a few hundred years ago. In my opinion the Eye of Sahara emerged simultaneously with all the Sahara Desert. In other words, Sahara would have to be thousands of years old for any possibility for the Richat Structure to be Atlantis. As it stands, I think the Eye of Sahara is some sort of a weaponry related crater.

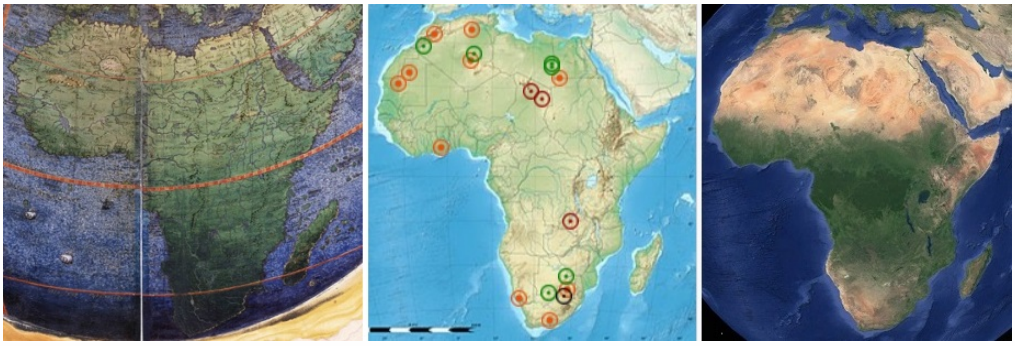
In my opinion the ancient city of Hoden was much bigger than today's W Ouadane, located 5 miles south-west from the outer rim of the Richat structure. I have this feeling that the majority of the older Hoden did not quite survive the arrival of the Richat Structure. If you look at *these pictures of Ouadane*, you may see a few interesting ones.





Craters

I think some type of a weapon could have been used. I have no idea what it could have been *(if it was used, where it came from, etc)*, but we have this interesting dependency between crater locations, and the mapped African deserts. In my opinion, it happened a few hundred years ago.



Saudi Arabia craters are not included on the image

Of course, scientists are saying that it happened millions of years ago. They even know how to differentiate between a 3 mln year old, and a 575 mln year old crater. I think they are full of it, but that is just my opinion on the issue. By pushing these terrible events millions of years back, they created moral comfort on Earth. May be it's a good thing, and may be it is not a

good thing.

- *List of impact craters in Africa - Wikipedia*
- *Saudi Arabia Meteorites and Impact Crater Map*

Maps for your review:

- 1570 - *Africae Tabula Nova*
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KD summary: I do think that millions, or tens of millions, or hundreds of millions of people *(may be some additional humanoid species too)* were killed by this enormous event. In my opinion it happened between approximately 400-500 years ago. The truth is being hidden from public knowledge. That's it. I really have nothing else to add.

> **Note:** This OP was recovered from the Sh.org archive.

> **Note:** Archived Sh.org replies to this OP: Annihilated African cities, killed population, establishment lies, Timgad and the Richat Structure Atlantis

Reply

Safari77, SMKaos, User1 and 13 others

irishbalt

Core Member

Active Member

Joined:	Sep 17, 2020
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Reaction score:	193
Location:	united states

Sep 27, 2020 #2

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING

Reply

chirzzz

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promethesis

New Member

Joined: Oct 30, 2020
Messages: 2
Reaction score: 9

My german friend helped with translating:

First image

"11. the coast of Zangeuebar.
In it the Portuguese are mainly firmly seated/
is divided into the midnight and midday coast.

The Nordic part includes 5. countries/ as 1. the coast of Abex at the red Sea/ including the land of Bafrazania, the kingdom of Dangalum, and the kingdom of Baloe. 2. the kingdom of nobility which has its own king. 3. the kingdom of Adea, which is Zinsbar to the great Neguz. 4 The kingdom of Magado."

Second image

"324 Bon Africa

Gadoxo with an absolute king 5th The Republic of Brava, whose inhabitants are Mahumedic.
The noontime understands 6th kingdoms as 1. Melinde, 2. Mombaza, 3. Quiloa, 4. Mozambique, 5. Angoche, 6. Mongallo, in which many Arabs are/and great things happen.

12. the kingdom of Monoemugi. Whose king titles himself a Kanser/ and has the king of Malemba in Lower Ethiopia as vassal. But it has the empire Monoemugi in itself 4 kingdoms. 1. Gorga, in which the capital Gorga, the trading city Gatfat / Gatsat, the mountain city Sibir, etc. 2. Gazabale, in which the capital Gazabela, elche of the whole empire is residence. 3. Tirut a vast empire/ including the capital Tirut and the fortress Fort Chicova and Mata Funa
4. Camur, including the city of Camur, Agoia, Leifu.s.w.
*The kingdom of Malemba is situated at the lake Zembra, in it the cities Debsan, Mati, and Zembre.
13. the kingdom of MONOMATAPA.
Is also called an empire, which some consider the richest country in Africa, and the country of Ophir. This kingdom includes the following kingdoms and principalities:
Monomatapa is situated on the river del Spirito Sancto, with a capital of the same name. Chetuchim is a trading city / and Belegura is a border fortress.
Vallontego, including the capital Vallonta.
Vigiti Magna in it the principality of Moscata.
Aybi Gasle, in it the capital Aybi Gasle. Tialso, including Tialso, and Zimbre."

The last image

"Bon Africa 325

Bazaar, mer city bazaar.
Calburas, whose prince is a vassal of the emperor.
Angela, just under the kingdom of Damut.
Bera, including the cities of Gallillla and Dobbel.
Gebaghe, containing the city Gebaghe.
Butua, therein Butua of the emperor summer seat
Maitagasi, in it much gold and ivory.
Amara, Degme, Meace, and Bamba are also kingdoms.

13 The African Islands
As much as they are the same, they are divided into 4 classes
and are 1. the big island Madagascar, 2. the islands of the green foothills. 3. the Canary Islands. 4 Several small islands.
1. madagascar, is one of the largest species.
Islands/ or Insula S. Laurentii, whose inhabitants are either pagans or Mohammedans/ without in the English's troubles/ and what is better taught by their care. Otherwise, they are robbers/ whose audacity the queen Anna seeks to steer/ and the Englishmen act alone there, so to speak. The most noble countries in it are. Andouvovehe, woselbst the port Rond.
Vehemuro, whereas the island Dediego Szarez.
Manghabei, a certain kind of people.
Zaffra Hibrahim.
Antavares, Maratanes, Ampatres, and Mahasalles are strange peoples.
Erigdranes, Bohits, Angliobes, Ancionötes, Hazontingetes, and Caconossii are also distinguished. The fortresses of the English are le Fort Dauphin and Fanschere"

Reply

Safari77, Brealzi, Sophia Phronesis and 6 others

JWW427
Core Member
Patron
Active Member

Joined:	Sep 21, 2020
Messages:	1,048
Reaction score:	2,717
Location:	Wash. DC.

Nov 30, 2020 #4

I don't think the Richat Structure was Atlantis itself, but could have had a high civilization or colony many tens of thousands of years ago.
No pictures of any ruins, just rocks. A cosmic destruction from space? Is there a torsion field effect or vortex going on here? This structure cant be made by just wind, can it?
We may not be getting all the pictures that exist of this place either.

Last edited: Nov 30, 2020

Reply

Safari77

Krishtar

Core Member

Active Member

Joined:	Mar 2, 2021
Messages:	123
Reaction score:	381

Mar 12, 2021 #5

Hello everyone. I agree with KD. The Sahara is one of the original things that stood out to me.

Below: This strange looking structure, is in the Richat negative anomaly crater. I have not been able to match it with anything out there. As far as I'm aware, the general public hasn't seen this. There are only a few people I'm aware of that study these, and this one I found last year, and if you see any of my slideshows, some of these structures are in there. There are various other signs located within the structure itself, of these mysterious people.

They are found many places throughout the Sahara region. I'm starting with this one below first, as an introduction to this anomalous activity since it's right in the crater.

Below: A short video that flashes some ruins and the Eye of the Sahara. I have been experimenting with putting my homemade electronic music to my slideshows! I don't know if I capture the drama properly or not lol.

View: https://youtu.be/c1EwwyoGPvk

Last edited: Mar 12, 2021

Reply

Safari77, GreenBunny87, Whitewave and 5 others

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Yutta

New Member

Joined: Jan 18, 2022
Messages: 1
Reaction score: 1

Jan 18, 2022 #6

Translation of an old German book:
about "Königreich Damut" means kingdom of Damut - XI. The coast of Zanguebar was occupied by Portugal and divided in two parts. The northern part went along the coast up to the Red Sea (Arabia), including the kingdoms of Dangalum, Baloe etc. ..... - the second part including 6 kingdoms as Melinde, Mombaza etc. .....
XII. mentions the relationship between these kingdoms, the names of their capitals as well as their power over Aethiopia
XIII. the kingdom of MONOMATAPA was extremely rich, some think it could be the historical land Ophir, Belegura was a castle at the border
XIV. about the African islands, they are numberous, the biggest four are: Madagaskar, the islands of the green mountains, the islands of Canaria, then all the small ones.
The religion of the people in Madagaskar was paique or Islam, many people are called thiefs who live from robbery. There are many different tribes, named Zaffra, Hibrahim etc. ...
The last sentence tells about castles, that the English have built in these countries as Fort Dauphin and Fanschere.

Hope I could help

Reply

Safari77

dreamtime

Administrator

Joined: Aug 25, 2020
Messages: 1,994
Reaction score: 7,608

Jan 18, 2022 #7

Thanks. I had already translated that before though: SH Archive Replies - Annihilated African cities, killed population, establishment lies, Timgad and the Richat Structure Atlantis

Reply

busy.baci
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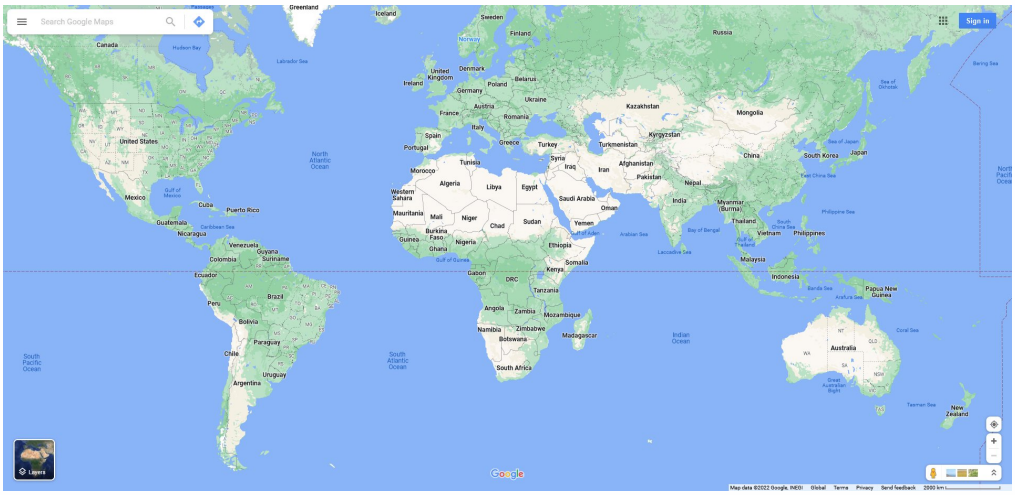
Jun 8, 2022 #8

Deserts are not naturally formed, some great destruction must have occurred in the past to turn the fertile land into dust, sand and rock.



It looks like the whole world was affected by it, North America, South and North Africa, Middle East, Mongolia and Australia. I could only imagine the number of cities and life lost during this event.

Was this destruction caused by what Indian folklore refer to as the war of the gods? Their stories talk about a great war among the gods and they used terrible weapons in the likes of WMDs.

1. *Mahabharata Weapons – Top 10 Most Powerful Weapons Used In Hindu Epic Mahabharata*
2. *Astra (weapon)*

Reply

Safari77, User1 and trismegistus

x2_141
New Member
Joined: Dec 29, 2022
Messages: 1
Reaction score: 0

Dec 29, 2022 #9

> promethesis said:
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> **Second image**
> "324 Bon Africa
>
> Gadoxo with an absolute king 5th The Republic of Brava, whose inhabitants are
>
> Click to expand...

it says "Von Africa" not "Bon Africa", meaning "of Africa". Kingdom is Königreich, not Rönigreich. The alphabet used is slightly different. It looks like a capital R but really is a capital K.

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есть ли следы психотропных веществ в зеленном чае

Обычно зеленый чай не содержит психотропных веществ, таких как каннабиноиды, амфетамины, кокаин, метамфетамины, героин, ЛСД и т.д. Однако, зеленый чай может содержать кофеин, который является психоактивным веществом, но не является психотропным. Кофеин стимулирует нервную систему и может повышать настроение, улучшать концентрацию и уменьшать усталость.

Если вы обеспокоены наличием каких-либо других веществ в

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зеленом чае, важно покупать его у надежных производителей, следить за датой производства и хранения, и пить чай в умеренном количестве, соблюдая рекомендации по потреблению. Если у вас есть опасения относительно зеленого чая, вы также можете обратиться к медицинскому специалисту для получения конкретной информации и рекомендаций.

omari razak

чифир в русских тюрьмах знаменит и Вызывает привыкание у Зеков

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Чифир - это напиток, который производится из хлебного дрожжевого теста, сахара и воды. Он широко употребляется в русских тюрьмах и считается дешевым и доступным способом получения алкоголя.

Чифир содержит алкоголь, и его употребление может вызывать пьянство и приводить к алкогольной зависимости. Также чифир может содержать различные вредные микроорганизмы, которые могут вызывать инфекционные заболевания.

Хотя чифир может быть

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распространенным напитком в русских тюрьмах, он небезопасен для здоровья и может приводить к серьезным последствиям. Я бы рекомендовал избегать употребления чифира и искать безопасные и здоровые альтернативы для получения удовольствия или снятия стресса в тюремных условиях.

omari razak

нет ;Чифи?рь — напиток, получаемый вываривание высококонцентрированной заварки

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чая
Извините за ошибку в предыдущем ответе. "Чифир" может относиться к различным напиткам в зависимости от региона или контекста, и в некоторых случаях это может быть напиток на основе чая, как вы упомянули.

В России "чифирь" может использоваться как термин для обозначения напитка на основе чая, который обычно вырабатывается из непродуктивных чайных листьев, которые не подходят для производства качественного чая. Однако, "чифирь" также может быть использован для обозначения

домашнего алкогольного напитка, который может быть сделан на основе различных ингредиентов, включая фрукты, сахар, воду, хлебный дрожжи и т.д.

В любом случае, я бы рекомендовал избегать потребления алкогольных напитков, которые могут быть сделаны в тюремных условиях, так как они могут быть опасными для здоровья и могут привести к неблагоприятным последствиям. Если вы хотите получить удовольствие от чая, я бы рекомендовал выбирать качественные чайные сорта и приготавливать их в соответствии с

рекомендациями производителя.

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ДА Чифи?рь (Чифи?р) — напиток, получаемый вываривaнием высококонцентрированной заварки чая. Обладает психостимулирующим действием, в некотором роде является наркотическим средством, вызывающим зависимость.НО психостимуляция не означает активность можеть быт и пассивность и безразличие депрессия и тп

Спасибо за уточнение. Я бы хотел

уточнить, что чифир на основе чая может содержать кофеин, который является психостимулятором. Кофеин может стимулировать центральную нервную систему и улучшать настроение, повышать бодрствование и концентрацию. Однако, слишком большое употребление кофеина может вызывать неблагоприятные побочные эффекты, такие как бессонница, беспокойство, тревога и сердцебиение.

В любом случае, как и при употреблении любого другого напитка, важно следить за количеством и частотой

потребления, чтобы избежать неблагоприятных последствий. Помимо этого, напиток на основе чая может содержать различные полезные вещества, такие как антиоксиданты и полифенолы, которые могут оказывать положительное воздействие на здоровье.

тогда какие психотропные вещества могут привести к безразличию к происходящему вокруг
Существует несколько

психотропных веществ, которые могут вызвать безразличие к происходящему вокруг:

Наркотики, такие как опиаты и героин, могут вызывать эйфорию и уменьшать чувствительность к боли, что может привести к безразличию к окружающему миру.

Транквилизаторы, такие как бензодиазепины, могут вызвать седативный эффект, уменьшая тревогу и нервозность. Если они принимаются в больших дозах или в комбинации с другими психотропными веществами, они могут вызывать безразличие к

происходящему вокруг.

Некоторые антидепрессанты, такие как трициклические антидепрессанты, могут вызвать седативный эффект, уменьшая тревогу и депрессию. Однако, если они принимаются в неправильных дозах, они могут вызывать безразличие и дезориентацию.

Некоторые наркотические анальгетики, такие как фентанил, могут вызвать сильное обезболивающее действие, что может привести к безразличию к окружающему миру.

Некоторые наркотические анестетики, такие как кетамин, могут вызывать состояние обезболивания и отрешенности, что может привести к безразличию к происходящему вокруг.

Важно помнить, что все эти психотропные вещества имеют высокий потенциал для злоупотребления и могут иметь серьезные побочные эффекты, поэтому их следует принимать только по назначению врача и под его контролем.

omari razak

в каких растениях они содержеться например чай кофе мята и тд

Кофе и чай содержат натуральные стимуляторы, такие как кофеин и теофиллин, которые могут вызывать психостимуляцию и увеличение активности. Мята содержит ментол, который также может иметь стимулирующий эффект на нервную систему.

Некоторые другие растения могут содержать психоактивные вещества, такие как:

Конопля - содержит

дельта-9-тетрагидроканнабинол (THC), который может вызывать эйфорию, изменение восприятия и другие психотропные эффекты.

Мак - содержит опиоиды, такие как морфин и кодеин, которые могут иметь обезболивающее и наркотическое действие.

Белена - содержит атропин, который может иметь психостимулирующий и галлюциногенный эффект.

Папавер сомнительный - содержит алкалоиды, такие как морфин и кодеин, которые могут иметь обезболивающее и наркотическое

действие.

Важно отметить, что эти растения могут иметь серьезные побочные эффекты и могут быть опасны при неправильном использовании. Эти растения не рекомендуется употреблять без консультации с медицинским специалистом.

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то есть чрезмерное употребление кофеина может hgbdtcnb к безразлию к окружению?

Чрезмерное употребление кофеина

может вызвать некоторые психические и физические симптомы, такие как беспокойство, бессонница, сердцебиение, дрожь рук и другие. Однако безразличие к окружающей среде не является обычным или типичным симптомом чрезмерного употребления кофеина.

Следует отметить, что каждый человек уникален, и реакция на кофеин может отличаться в зависимости от многих факторов, включая массу тела, возраст, общее здоровье, уровень усталости и другие. Некоторые люди могут быть более чувствительны к кофеину и могут испытывать более сильные

психические или физические симптомы.

Если вы заметили, что чрезмерное употребление кофеина влияет на ваше поведение или настроение, рекомендуется обратиться к врачу или другому медицинскому специалисту для консультации.

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Грибок научился заражать человека, распространяя “корневидные нити”

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Это звучит страшно и очень похоже на сериал “Одни из нас”.

Похоже, это первый зарегистрированный случай такого рода: грибок, который обычно поражает растения, заразил человека, внедрив в его тело корневидные нити.

61-летний миколог из Индии заразился тяжелым случаем болезни “серебряных листьев” – грибка, который может оказаться смертельным для огромного количества растений – в своем горле, сообщает *ScienceAlert*.

Другими словами, это очень похоже на вступительные эпизоды хитового телесериала HBO “Одни из нас”.

Существует лишь несколько грибков, способных заразить человека, например, стригущий лишай или грибок на ногах, но эксперты уже давно предупреждают, что из-за способности грибков к быстрой эволюции эта картина может вскоре измениться. Грибковые патогены могут быстро стать невосприимчивыми к противогрибковым препаратам или даже заставить иммунную систему обратиться против самой себя, что означает, что угроза может быть значительной.

В новой статье, опубликованной в журнале *Medical Mycology Case Reports*, исследователи подробно описывают случай индийского миколога, который, как они утверждают, является первым зарегистрированным случаем заражения человека растительным грибком *Chondrostereum purpureum*.

Анализ образцов, взятых из заполненного гноем абсцесса в горле индийского мужчины, позднее выявил длинные, похожие на корни нити, называемые гифами. Только с помощью специального молекулярного секвенирования ученые смогли идентифицировать “этот необычный патоген” после того, как стандартные методы, такие как микроскопия или лабораторная культура, “не смогли идентифицировать грибок”.

Грибок Chondrostereum purpureum.

“Этот случай подчеркивает потенциал экологических растительных грибков вызывать заболевания у людей”, – говорится в отчете, – “и подчеркивает важность молекулярных методов для идентификации видов грибков-возбудителей”.

Что еще хуже, растет вероятность того, что грибок вскоре приобретет способность переходить от человека к человеку.

“Ухудшение ситуации с глобальным потеплением и другими видами деятельности цивилизации открывает ящик Пандоры для новых грибковых заболеваний”, – говорится в статье. “А все большее число грибковых патогенов приобретает способность выживать при температуре человеческого тела”.

К счастью, наш организм имеет большое количество естественных защитных механизмов, чтобы противостоять вторжению грибковых патогенов, но не все мы успешно можем бороться с ними. Например, для людей с ослабленным иммунитетом риск заражения значительно выше.

Короче говоря, скорее всего, потребуется особенно вредный грибок, чтобы сломать защитные барьеры человеческого организма и перепрыгнуть от человека к человеку.

Тем временем у нас есть широкий выбор противогрибковых препаратов, которые все еще могут помочь. Индийского пациента, о котором идет речь, лечили “хирургическим дренированием абсцесса и длительной пероральной противогрибковой терапией”.

Хотя случай редкий, он должен побудить нас к изучению того, как эти грибки могут эволюционировать и перейти от заражения растений к человеку.

“Межвидовая патогенность требует большой работы, чтобы изучить механизмы”, – заключают исследователи, – “Надеемся, что это приведет к возможным рекомендациям по контролю и сдерживанию подобных инфекций”.

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о содержании Фосфат железа(II) в крови и в моче при менструация у женшин

Фосфат железа(II) - это соединение железа и фосфора, которое играет важную роль в организме человека, в частности, в образовании гемоглобина и транспортировке кислорода в ткани.

Во время менструации у женщин может наблюдаться изменение уровня фосфата железа(II) в крови и моче. Это связано с тем, что во время менструации происходит потеря крови, что может привести к дефициту железа в организме. Как

[illegible] следствие, уровень фосфата железа(II) в крови может снижаться.

С другой стороны, если женщина принимает препараты, содержащие железо, для компенсации потери железа во время менструации, то уровень фосфата железа(II) в крови может увеличиваться.

Что касается содержания фосфата железа(II) в моче, то его уровень также может изменяться во время менструации, но это зависит от конкретных обстоятельств и индивидуальных особенностей организма.

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В целом, если у женщины наблюдаются проблемы с менструальным циклом или симптомы дефицита железа, такие как усталость, бледность кожи, слабость, рекомендуется обратиться к врачу для проведения диагностики и назначения необходимого лечения.

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об окситоцине в крове при менструации

Окситоцин - это гормон, который производится в задней доле

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гипофиза и играет важную роль в регуляции социального поведения, родовой деятельности и лактации у женщин. Он также может влиять на менструальный цикл.

Во время менструации уровень окситоцина в крови может изменяться в зависимости от фазы цикла и индивидуальных особенностей организма женщины. Некоторые исследования показывают, что уровень окситоцина может снижаться в первой половине цикла и повышаться во второй половине, но эти изменения не являются универсальными и могут быть индивидуальными.

Окситоцин также может играть роль в регуляции болевых ощущений и уменьшении болевых симптомов, связанных с менструацией. Некоторые исследования показывают, что прием препаратов окситоцина может уменьшать интенсивность боли во время менструации.

Однако, в целом, более подробные исследования необходимы, чтобы полностью понять роль окситоцина в менструальном цикле и его связь с болевыми ощущениями. Если у женщины наблюдаются значительные болевые симптомы во

время менструации, то рекомендуется обратиться к врачу для проведения диагностики и назначения соответствующего лечения.

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об его содержании в менструационной крове

Уровень окситоцина в менструационной крови может изменяться в зависимости от фазы менструального цикла. Некоторые исследования показывают, что уровень окситоцина может быть

повышен во время менструации.

Однако, в целом, данные о содержании окситоцина в менструационной крови неоднозначны, и больше исследований необходимо для полного понимания его роли в менструальном цикле.

Окситоцин может играть роль в регуляции сокращений матки во время менструации и помочь уменьшить интенсивность болевых ощущений. Также он может влиять на уровень других гормонов, таких как прогестерон, который играет важную роль в регуляции

менструального цикла.

Если у женщины наблюдаются значительные болевые симптомы во время менструации или необычные изменения в ее менструальном цикле, рекомендуется обратиться к врачу для проведения диагностики и назначения соответствующего лечения.

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расскажите о содержании содержании Фосфат железа(II) в трупных ядах

Фосфат железа (II) - это соединение, содержащее железо и фосфат, которое может использоваться в качестве яда. Такие яды, как арсенаты, стрикнин, цианиды и другие, содержат фосфаты железа в качестве стабилизатора, который помогает сохранить яд в стабильном состоянии.

Содержание фосфата железа (II) в трупных ядах может быть различным в зависимости от вида яда и его концентрации. Обнаружение фосфата железа (II) в трупной жидкости или тканях может свидетельствовать о возможности отравления таким ядом.

Помимо того, что фосфат железа (II) может быть использован в качестве яда, он также может присутствовать в крови и тканях организма в нормальных условиях. Фосфат железа (II) является важным компонентом гемоглобина - белка, который переносит кислород в ткани организма.

Однако, если уровень фосфата железа (II) в крови слишком высокий или слишком низкий, это может указывать на наличие заболевания или других проблем со здоровьем.

В целом, обнаружение фосфата

железа (II) в трупных ядах может быть одним из факторов, которые помогут провести диагностику отравления и установить причину смерти. Однако, для точного диагноза и определения причины смерти требуется комплексное исследование и экспертиза, включая химический анализ трупной жидкости и тканей.

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может ли убить Фосфат железа(II)

Да, фосфат железа(II) может быть ядовитым и даже смертельным в

[illegible] определенных условиях.

Однако, в нормальных условиях, когда фосфат железа(II) присутствует в организме в небольших количествах, он не является токсичным и является важным компонентом гемоглобина - белка, который переносит кислород в ткани организма.

Опасность фосфата железа(II) как яда возникает, когда его концентрация в организме слишком высокая или когда он проникает в организм в несовместимой форме. Например, если фосфат железа(II) принимается в больших дозах, он

[illegible] может вызвать отравление, что может привести к серьезным последствиям, включая смерть.

Симптомы отравления фосфатом железа(II) могут включать в себя тошноту, рвоту, боли в животе, диарею, головокружение, потерю сознания и даже кому. Лечение отравления фосфатом железа(II) может включать в себя промывание желудка, введение антидота и другие меры поддержки жизнедеятельности.

В целом, фосфат железа(II) может быть ядовитым, но в нормальных условиях он не представляет угрозы

[illegible] для здоровья человека. Важно соблюдать правильную дозировку при приеме лекарств или других препаратов, содержащих фосфат железа(II), и следить за симптомами отравления, если они возникают.

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как опасно чрезмерное употребление мята и зеленого чая для мозга

Чрезмерное употребление мяты и зеленого чая не считается опасным для мозга в общем случае. Однако, как и с любым другим продуктом, употребление в больших количествах может иметь нежелательные последствия.

Например, крупные дозы кофеина, содержащегося в зеленом чае, могут вызвать нервозность, бессонницу, сердцебиение и другие симптомы, которые могут неблагоприятно повлиять на работу мозга. Поэтому

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рекомендуется умеренное употребление зеленого чая.

С другой стороны, мята может оказывать успокаивающее действие на нервную систему, поэтому ее употребление может оказаться полезным для уменьшения стресса и напряжения, которые могут негативно влиять на мозг.

В любом случае, важно помнить, что умеренность является ключом к здоровому образу жизни. Если вы испытываете какие-либо негативные эффекты от употребления мяты или зеленого чая, вам следует обратиться к врачу.

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какие страны западной Африки выраШЫвают чай

Несколько стран в западной Африке выращивают чай, включая:

Кот-д'Ивуар
Гана
Гвинея
Мали
Сенегал
Того
Однако, в целом, производство чая в западной Африке не такое большое, как в других регионах мира, таких как

Южная и Юго-Восточная Азия.

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ЭКСПОРТИРУЮТ ЛИ ЕГО В Марокко

Хотя Марокко известен своим богатым чаепитием, он сам не является крупным производителем чая и экспортировать его не может. Марокко импортирует большую часть своего чая, преимущественно из стран, таких как Китай, Индия и Шри-Ланка.

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меня интересует импорт чая из Африки в Марокко
Марокко импортирует некоторое количество чая из Африки, включая некоторые сорта из Западной Африки, такие как Гана и Кот-д'Ивуар. Однако, основные поставщики чая для Марокко находятся в других частях мира, включая Китай, Индию и Шри-Ланку.

Страны Западной Африки в основном производят низкокачественный чай, который используется в качестве

ингредиента для смесей чая и производства пакетированного чая. Марокко известен своими смесями мятного чая, изготовленными из зеленого чая из Китая, поэтому вероятно, что большинство чая, который импортируется в Марокко, приходит из Азии.

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какие сорта чая есть в Африки

В Африке производятся различные сорта чая, некоторые из которых включают:

Черный чай: это наиболее распространенный сорт чая в Африке и производится в различных странах, включая Кения, Мозамбик, Мали, Чад, Танзанию и Зимбабве.

Зеленый чай: производится в некоторых странах, таких как Маврикий, Мадагаскар, Кения, Южная Африка и Мали.

Белый чай: производится в некоторых странах, таких как Мадагаскар, Кения и Зимбабве.

Oolong (Улун) чай: производится в некоторых странах, включая Южную Африку и Мадагаскар.

Пуэр: производится в некоторых странах, таких как Южная Африка.

Ройбос: это чай без кофеина, который производится в Южной Африке и некоторых других странах региона.

Мятный чай: это неформальный сорт чая, который производится в некоторых странах, таких как Марокко и Египет, путем смешивания зеленого чая с мятой.

Кроме того, некоторые страны производят уникальные сорта чая, такие как бергамотный чай в Южной

Африке.

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эфтопские сорта чая есть,?

Ефиопия является родиной чая, но производство чая в этой стране не такое распространенное, как в других регионах мира, таких как Китай и Индия. Тем не менее, в Эфиопии производят несколько уникальных сортов чая, включая:

Черный чай: в Эфиопии производится черный чай, известный как "Эфиопский чай",

который имеет насыщенный вкус и аромат.

Зеленый чай: Эфиопия производит зеленый чай, который известен своим свежим и легким вкусом.

Белый чай: Эфиопия производит белый чай, который имеет деликатный вкус и аромат.

Ароматизированный чай: в Эфиопии производят ароматизированный чай, включая чай с мятой и другими травами.

В целом, производство чая в Эфиопии ограничено и составляет

только небольшую часть производства чая в мире. Однако, эфиопские сорта чая имеют свой уникальный вкус и аромат и являются интересным вариантом для любителей чая, ищущих необычные вкусы и ароматы.

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ОБЩЕИЗВЕСТНО ЧТО КНИГИ ПО ОКУЛЬТИЗМУ ИСПОЛЬЗУЮТ НЕПОНЯТНЫЙ ДЛЯ ОБИВАТЕЛЯ ЯЗИК ТО ЕСТЬ ОСОБЕННЫЙ ЖАРГОН ИЛИ ТАИНЫЙ ЗНАК ВОПРОС ТАКОЙ ЕСТЬ ЛИ КАКИЕ ТО СЛОВАРИ ДЛЯ ИХ ПОНИМАНИЯ ОБЫЧНЫМ ЧЕЛОВЕКОМ

Да, действительно, многие книги по оккультизму используют специальный терминологический язык, который может быть непонятен для обычного человека. Однако, существуют словари и глоссарии, которые помогают

объяснить значения терминов и понять их смысл.

Например, для понимания терминов, используемых в таро, можно использовать словарь таро. Для понимания терминов, используемых в каббале, можно использовать словарь каббалы.

Если вы заинтересованы в понимании определенной темы, связанной с оккультизмом, рекомендуется искать книги, которые объясняют термины и концепции на понятном языке, и изучать их, начиная с основных понятий и постепенно продвигаясь

дальше.

Смертельные пляски Святого Вита

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Пляски Святого Вита – это социальное явление, связанное с танцевальной манией, охватившей материковую Европу в период с XIV по XVII век, когда жертвы танцевали буквально до упаду. Также известные как "Танец Святого Иоанна", эти вспышки танцевальной мании собирали в группы людей, которые могли исчисляться тысячами. Толпы несчастных, истерично танцующих на улицах в течение часов, дней и, возможно, даже месяцев, пока они не падали в обморок от истощения или не умирали от сердечных приступов или инсультов.

В современной литературе жертвами этой танцевальной мании часто изображают женщин, хотя средневековые хроники говорят о том, что мужчины, женщины и дети в равной степени были подвержены этому странному заболеванию.

Одна из самых известных вспышек произошла в Ахене, Германия, 24 июня 1374 года, через несколько десятилетий после того, как Черная смерть (пандемия чумы) охватила всю Европу.

Почему люди страдали от танцевальной мании?

Изначально считалось, что танцевальная мания – это проклятие, приписываемое Святому Иоанну Крестителю или Святому Виту, отсюда и название заболевания. По этой причине люди, страдающие танцевальной манией, отправлялись в места, посвященные Святому Иоанну Крестителю, чтобы помолиться об избавлении.

Связь этого явления со Святым Витом можно проследить по инциденту, который произошел в Германии в 1278 году. В тот год группа из 200 человек так бурно танцевала на мосту через реку Маас, что мост обрушился, убив многих танцоров. Тех, кто выжил, отнесли в близлежащую часовню, названную в честь Святого Вита, и многие из них, как сообщается, полностью восстановили здоровье.

Самое интересное, что такие случаи не были единичными, а фиксировались множество раз по всей средневековой Европе. Вспышки заболевания происходили в Италии, Люксембурге, Франции, Германии, Голландии и Швейцарии в течение последующих трех столетий. В попытке объяснить это явление было выдвинуто несколько гипотез. Например, некоторые видят причину галлюцинаций и конвульсий, сопровождавших пляски Святого Вита, в отравлении грибом спорынья, паразитирующем на некоторых злаках, в том числе, на ржи и пшенице.

Обвинение грибка в танцевальной мании

Симптомы отравления спорыньей совпадали с наводнениями и влажными вегетационными сезонами, поскольку влажные условия были подходящими для роста грибка claviceps purpura. Этот гриб содержит токсичные и психоактивные химические вещества, включая лизергиновую кислоту и эрготамин, используемый в наше время в качестве прекурсора. Обычно встречающийся на культурном зерне, таком как рожь, гриб может вызывать определенные симптомы "пляски Святого Вита", включая нервные спазмы, психотические галлюцинации и конвульсии.

Тем не менее, утверждается, что вспышки танцевальной мании не всегда происходили во время наводнений или влажных сезонов. Да и не все симптомы пляски Святого Вита можно объяснить отравлением спорыньей.

Другое объяснение заключается в том, что его участники были последователями неких девиантных религиозных сект. Известно, что эти люди совершали паломничества по Европе в годы, последовавшие за Черной смертью, чтобы добиться божественной благосклонности. Со временем их число росло. Поскольку они были вовлечены в длительные пляски, пост и эмоциональное поклонение, то такие симптомы, как галлюцинации, обмороки и неконтролируемая дрожь, были обычным явлением.

Танцевальная мания как социальное явление

Хотя весьма правдоподобно, что некоторые из участников плясок Святого Вита действительно страдали психическими заболеваниями, утверждается, что большинство участников на самом деле не страдали ни от одного из симптомов, приведенных выше. Вместо того чтобы рассматривать пляски Святого Вита как форму психического расстройства, на него можно взглянуть как на социальное явление, иногда называемое "массовым психогенным заболеванием".

Этот вид социального феномена, или болезни, подразумевает возникновение схожих физических симптомов без известной причины, которые действуют на большую группу людей как форма социального влияния. Можно предположить, что некоторые из тех, кто участвовал в этих странных плясках, делали это из страха, в то время как другие танцевали, чтобы вписаться в толпу.

Похожие формы массовой истерии в современности

Хотя может показаться, что такая форма массовой истерии встречается только в учебниках истории, на самом деле она так же часто встречается и в наше время. Например, эпидемия смеха в Танганьике в 1962 году была вспышкой массовой истерии в Танзании, когда неконтролируемый смех, сопровождаемый обмороками, респираторными проблемами и плачем, распространился от группы школьниц на всю школу, соседние школы и целые деревни. Тысячи людей в той или иной степени пострадали, говорят, что это явление не удавалось полностью искоренить в течение восемнадцати месяцев!

Случаи массовой истерии, такие как танцевальная мания прошлого, по-прежнему ставят в тупик медицинское сообщество. Можно, конечно, поиронизировать над нелепым и странным поведением, но исследования показали, что существует ряд сложных факторов, которые могут в действительности способствовать формированию и распространению коллективной истерии.

К ним относятся слухи, чрезвычайная тревога или волнение, культурные верования, социальный и политический контекст, подкрепляющие действия авторитетных лиц и стресс. Случаи массовой истерии регистрировались по всему миру на протяжении веков и лишний раз напоминают нам о сложной природе человеческой психологии.

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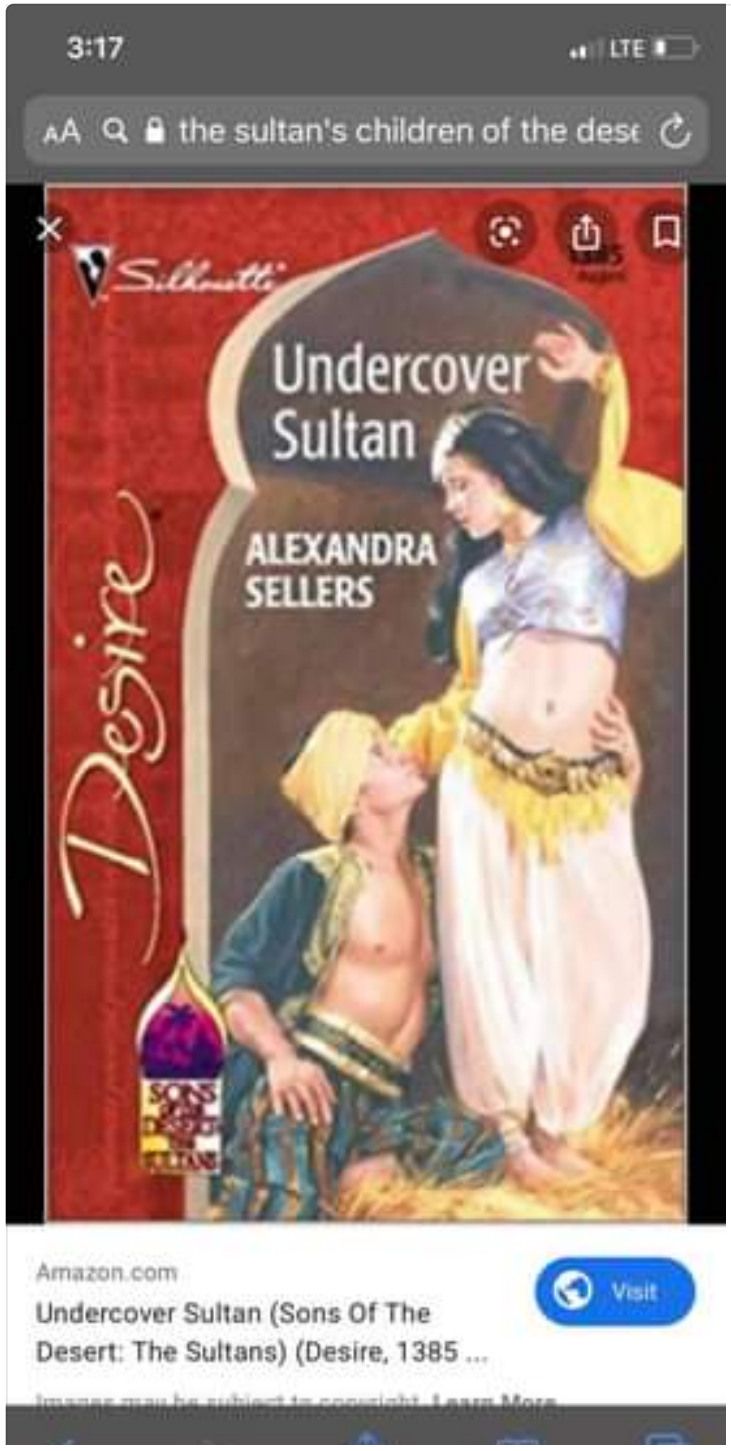
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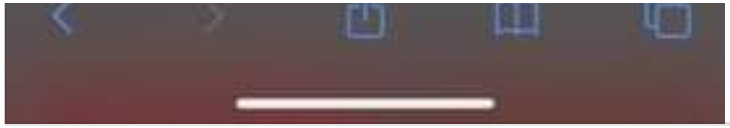

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Sweta Rosenberger
Королева Виктория считала, что британские монархи являются потомками царя Давида.

Таким образом, немного слукавив, можно сказать, что с 1837 года по 1901 год в Британии правили евреи. А сегодня английская корона принадлежит их детям, тоже евреям. Так есть ли в этой шутке правда? Давайте разберемся.
Факт: в королевской семье на протяжении столетий делали обрезание! По утверждениям британских историков традиция началась с короля Георга I, взошедшего на престол в 1714 году. Король привез обычай из Ганновера, откуда был родом. Традиция продолжалась более 200 лет.
По традиции, обрезание всем мальчикам королевской семьи делает главный моэль Лондона

По желанию Виктории, обрезание было сделано ее четырем сыновьям, в том числе королю Эдуарду VII. Принцу Чарльзу сделали обрезание в 1948 году. Во всяком случае, когда в газете The Jewish Chronicle появилась эта новость, официального опровержения со стороны королевского дома не последовало.
Однако обрезание само по себе является сегодня во всем мире процедурой не столько религиозной и обрядовой, сколько гигиенической. Ее делают миллионы людей в США и Европе. Почему бы и английским монархам не последовать их примеру? Но как тогда расценить тот факт, что на процедуру обрезания короли приглашают не обычного врача, а моэля – еврейского специалиста по обрезанию?!
По традиции, обрезание всем мальчикам королевской семьи делает главный моэль Лондона. Обрезание принцу Чарльзу в Букингемском дворце делал легендарный моэль Яков Сноумен, а его сын Лайонел Сноумен был выбран моэлем для проведения процедуры для футболистов клуба «Челси» в 1960-х и 1970-х годах.
Но вернемся к английской правящей династии. Принцесса Уэльская Диана прекратила традицию обрезания, несмотря на заверения Всемирной Организации Здравоохранения в безопасности и даже пользе процедуры. Её решение было принято общественностью и членами семьи довольно холодно и воспринималось как

неуважение к легенде о короле Георге.
Интересно то, что некоторые британские журналисты, проводившие расследования, склоняются к тому, что принцесса Диана имеет еврейские корни по женской линии. Однако официальные источники данную информацию не подтверждают. Кейт Миддлтон – дочь Кэрол Голдсмит, внучка евреев Рональда Голдсмита и Дороти Харрисон, согласно выводам журналистов и историков, также является еврейкой, но ни Википедия, ни официальный сайт Королевской семьи о данном факте не сообщают. Шутка ли?! Если еврейское происхождение принцессы Дианы и герцогини Кейт подтверждается, то на троне оказываются сын еврейки принц Уильям и еврейка Кейт Миддлтон! А значит, наследник английской короны автоматически становится евреем.
Из-за раздутой журналистами интриги, когда родился маленький принц Георг Александр Луи, мир замер от любопытства в ожидании решения монархической четы об обрезании. Однако, все, что касается этого аспекта жизни герцогини Кембриджской, держится в строгом секрете. Так что вопрос о еврейской династии на британском троне остается открытым.

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Olga Khalisova
похож!..ничего не скажешь!.. 🙂 1

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Саша Иванов
Споры и домыслы по этому поводу не закончатся,как арабо- израильский конфликт НЕКОГДА! Все что происходит в Виндзорском замке остаётся в Виндзорском замке! 1

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Gleb Nemo
Двенадцатое колено Дановo прекрасно себя чувствовало в Ирландии с незапамятных времен .
В Книге Судей Израилевых находим следующее упоминание о Дановом колене: «Галаад живет спокойно за Иорданом, и Дану чего бояться с кораблями? Асид сидит на берегу моря, и у пристаней своих живет спокойно» (5:17). Северная ветвь, спасаясь от ассирийцев, через Средиземное море приплыла в Ирландию.

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Читаем и смотрим А.Г. КУПЦОВА

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лихо, через Средиземное море в Ирландию, а Франция, и все другие страны по пути, это не одно десятилетие происходило, постепенно все по пути захватывая

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Андрей Николаев
да мало ли кто чего "считает"...

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Надоело быть на печке-иванушкой хочу принцем-евреем быть пусть судачат о мне в людных ПАБиках и принцессу-еврейку мне подовай!!!
P.S(Только обрезать мне не чего не надо)

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А как же кольцо и его магическая надпись? Если все это мифы,зря что ли я столько лет верил

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Соломон = сын солнца..совершенно не иудейское/ еврейское имя..

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Да и не поклонялся он их яхве...а поклонялся языческим богам... 1

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А сейчас как узнаешь? не как не узнаешь

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Was Moloch really Ba'al, the Ancient God Who Demanded Child Sacrifice?

Moloch, or Molech, is well known in the Bible for being the god to whom child sacrifices appear to have been made in a shrine outside the city of Jerusalem. Although Moloch is well known in the Bible, he is less well-known in the archaeological and historical records leading to disagreements over the identity of the god as well as the exact nature of the cult of Moloch.

Origin of the Name

The name "Molech" or "Moloch" most likely comes from the Hebrew word *Melekh*, meaning king. For a long time, it was believed that Moloch was another name for Milcom, the chief deity of the Ammonites, but this view has fallen out of favor because of more recent research.
The name of Molech was most likely a title or epithet for a deity rather than an actual name. It is common in Phoenician and Canaanite inscriptions for deities to be referred to as king of something. Malkandros, another name for El, the head of the Canaanite pantheon, for example, translates to "King of Man."

Moloch – followers sacrificed children to the idol. Source: Jonund / Public Domain .

Moloch and Ba’al-Hadad

One suggested identity for Molech is the Canaanite deity, Ba’al-Hadad or Hadad. Hadad was considered the king of the gods by the ancient Canaanites. Evidence that Moloch can be identified with him comes from the fact that the pagan alters in the valley of Ben-Hinnom where children were sacrificed are also described as altars to Ba’al by the prophet Jeremiah. Furthermore, Assyrian texts state that child sacrifices were made to Adad, the Assyrian equivalent of the Canaanite Hadad. This makes it reasonable to suggest that child sacrifices may have also been made to Hadad and that a cult of child sacrifice may have been related to him.

Hadad, God of Weather, Hurricanes, Storms, Thunder, and Rain - Assyrian soldiers carrying a statue of Adad. (Lindert / Public Domain)

Cult of Moloch

In the Biblical account, children are said to have been sacrificed or "passed through the fire" to Moloch at a shrine outside the city walls of Jerusalem called Topheth, in the valley of Ben-Hinnom. Although it is most likely that this practice was due to the introduction of a foreign deity, it has also been suggested that the Judahites believed that that they were making sacrifices to Yahweh, the national deity of the ancient Judahites and Israelites. Either way, the prophets harshly condemn this practice as being offensive to Yahweh whether it be a corruption of Yahweh worship or worship of a foreign deity such as Ba'al-Hadad.

The practice of child sacrifice is attested in other sources throughout the ancient Mediterranean world, particularly in Carthage. In the city, a sacred grove and a temple were dedicated to one such cult.

Moloch's sacrifice altar. (Archivist / Adobe)

Carthage was founded by Phoenician colonists which gives them a connection to the Canaanites. It has been suggested that there is also a connection between the child sacrifices practiced in Carthage and similar practices in Canaan and Judah such as the cult of Moloch.
Some scholars dispute this suggestion saying that the Carthaginian practices differed from the cult of Moloch. It is commonly believed that child sacrifice at Carthage was usually only done during times of extreme crisis, in accordance with Classical sources, whereas child sacrifice is said to have been a regular part of the cult of Moloch.

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On the other hand, it is isn't necessarily clear from the Biblical text that child sacrifice was as regular as it has been suggested in the cult of Moloch. The cult of Moloch may also have only involved sacrifice of children in times of crisis, or it may have occurred only on special occasions such as annual festivals or at the

birth of a first-born child. These practices are attested in other parts of the ancient Mediterranean. As a result, there isn't necessarily a reason to think that one cult involved regular sacrifices while the other one did not.

Child Sacrifice or Initiation?

Another major point of contention in the study of Moloch is whether or not children were sacrificed at all. Some scholars as well as ancient Rabbis have suggested that "pass through the fire" meant passing between rows of fire in an initiation rite. In this view, the "abomination of Moloch" condemned by the Hebrew prophets was Jewish children being initiated into paganism. Thus, children were not actually sacrificed at all and it was the initiation ceremony that alarmed the prophets.

There are some problems with this view, however. Although there are some cases where the text could be referring to something like this initiation rite, there are also cases where passing through fire is clearly referring to burning. Furthermore, ancient Near Eastern texts give good reason to believe that actual child sacrifice occurred.

Uncertainty Remains

There is a lot of uncertainty regarding Moloch, though a few things can be said with relative confidence. It is clear from Biblical and ancient Near Eastern sources that Moloch was probably a title or epithet used for a prominent Canaanite deity to whom children were at least occasionally sacrificed. This deity was either a foreign deity or he may have been a mischaracterization of Yahweh himself, though this is one of the less likely explanations. Beyond this, there is still much to learn.

Top image: Statue of the god Moloch, Turin Cinema Museum. (Stella / CC BY-SA 4.0)

By Caleb Strom

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The Smearing of Ted Gunderson

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Note from Ken Adachi, August 1, 2011

Ted Gunderson passed away on July 31, 2011 from complications related to kidney failure. More information here:

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If you know who late night radio talk show host Art Bell is, you probably already know that he recently retired from one of the most popular night time radio talk shows in America, *Coast to Coast with Art Bell.* Art lays the reason for his forced early retirement squarely on the shoulders of two individuals, Ted Gunderson and David Hinkson, because of a brief conversation between Hinkson and Gunderson about Bell on the night of December 9, 1997. Art has told his radio audience that his personal life has been devastated because of that exchange and that he felt compelled to retire from radio and vindicate his honor in a public trial. The conversation in question was carried on the Armed Forces Network (AFN), WWCR, KHNC, and other stations via short-wave radio. The entire transcript of the relavent two minute Gunderson/Hinkson conversation is attached to this article. It is a verbatim copy of the transcript submitted to the court in Nashville and titled by Gunderson's attorney as "Exhibit A".

A press release titled *Art Bell Prevails in Defamation Hearing*, posted April 28, 2000 by Rowland Network Communications, said that Bell's 'two-year battle' to vindicate his name had taken a 'significant step forward' and that attempts by radio host

Gunderson and radio stations WWCR and WNQM to dismiss the lawsuit were rejected by Judge Marietta Shipley after lenghty oral arguments in a Summary Judgment hearing on April 28 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The release continued:

> *Art Bell filed his defamation lawsuit in the Circuit Court for Davidson County after Mr. Gunderson and David Hinkson accused him of molesting children on a program aired worldwide on WWCR, a Nashville-based short wave radio station. Citing the emotional harm that resulted from the false charges, Mr. Bell announced on March 31, 2000 his retirement from radio broadcasting.*
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> Art Bell's lead counsel, Gerard P. Fox of Los Angeles, added:
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> "*When a person has been defamed, there is no putting the genie entirely back in the bottle. However, the Court's ruling today that Mr. Bell has provided sufficient evidence to allow the case to be decided by a jury goes a long way toward restoring his reputation. This day in Court has reaffirmed Mr. Bell's confidence in our judicial system."*

I believe this embroilment between Bell and Gunderson/Hinkson has been manufactured or manipulated into existence to discredit Ted Gunderson. Whether Bell is willingly participating in this smear effort or is an innocent dupe whose emotions have been manipulated to follow this course of action, I don't know, but his behavior does not fit the alleged 'crime'. Personally, I like Art Bell. I've been listening to his show on and off since 1995 and I always enjoy his interviews. It never occured to me that I would be writing an aritcle concerning Art Bell.

Let's review:

Art is a well known radio personality. During the April 28 summary court hearing in Tennessee involving Bell and Gunderson's attorneys, Gunderson's attorney stated that Bell's show was carried by more than 480 radio stations and had an estimated audience of nine million people. Regular listeners to the show have heard Art boast about the number of newly affiliated radio stations that have signed on to carry his show and those numbers seemed to have gone up steadily with each passing year. By all accounts, Art Bell seemed to be at the zenith of his radio career.

A question now begs to be asked: Why would a man at the very top of his chosen career, enjoying more popularity and earning power than he had ever achieved in his entire life, suddenly decide to throw it all away because of a two minute exchange between two individuals spoken on an obscure short-wave radio broadcast out of Nashville, Tennessee?

Another question: Before Art decided to discuss this incident on his show, how many of those nine million listeners in his audience, do you suppose, knew anything about the two minute conversation between Gunderson and Hinkson?

Very, very few I would think.

So why draw attention to it? When you are a well known radio personality with a large following, do you assist your critics by airing their accusations to your audience? Do you give them national exposure that they could not otherwise obtain?

Even more perplexing, why *quit* over it? Especially when you've been telling people for years how much you love the job. Yes, I've heard Art's on-air explanation of his son's apparent abduction and sexual abuse. Art said that stress over his son's situation is what caused him to suddenly quit his show last year. But the accused man in that case was convicted and imprisoned for life. Art came back to host his show and everything seemed to be hunky dorey until this: a two minute short-wave broadcast exchange that occurred more than 2 years ago, that now drives Art into early retirement and is accompanied by a three month long railing against Gunderson & Co.? This stream of events and Bell's strange conduct just don't add up. Is there more going on behind the scenes that we are not privy to?

What I'm observing is unreasonable and illogical conduct on the part of Art Bell coupled with a national chorus of booing from Bell fans aimed at Gunderson and Hinkson before the facts are even known.

For example, we have a press release from Rowland Network Communications, which is owned by Keith Rowland, Art Bell's web master, that states that *"Mr. Gunderson and David Hinkson accused him* [Bell] *of molesting children on a program aired worldwide... ".*

Is that what happened?

Let's examine the transcript from that 'notorious' broadcast:

Transcript of December 9, 1997 broadcast of Ted Gunderson radio program with guest David Hinkson on AFN, WWCR, KHNC and other stations and via short-wave radio

[After a discussion between Ted Gunderson ("TG") and David Hinkson ("DH") regarding the case of Ms. Linda Wiegand, who has accused her ex-husband in a custody fight of molesting and raping her two young boys, the program went to a station break. The following is a transcription of the broadcast after the break.]

TG We're back and my guest today is David Hinkson. I was telling you about the Wiegand case, Dave.

DH I'm going to tell you something, Ted, I thought was interesting. You do a lot of research. You're an investigator, right?

TG Right.

DH Okay, if I saw some paperwork, or somebody credible said they saw some paperwork, but we didn't have copies of it in our hands, pertaining to an indictment that had been squashed pursuant to a payola, how would you verify that?

TG Well, I'd go to the courts.

DH Okay. Art Bell..it's my understanding he recently paid to cover up his indictment. Now I can't prove it, but it was a credible source. Can you do a little research on that for me?

TG yeah, let's talk to, we'll.., we can talk. What court district is it in?

DN Pahrump.

TG Well, the record should be right there in Pahrump.

DH I was told, okay, that he bought his way out of it.

TG Well, then, if he bought his way out of it, there's a good possibility that the right person was paid off and the records have disappeared.

DH I won't say anymore than it has to do with the subject you're talking about with Wiegand.

TG Oh, that's interesting. Now, I'll tell you about Art Bell.

DH He's not friendly towards me. I'm not saying too much here am I?

TG Let me just tell you about...We tried to get him to take Linda Wiegand and put her on his show.

DH That's why he won't.

TG What happened was, I had his home phone number, and I called, and his wife said: "Well, he's asleep, he'll be up in an hour" and I said, "Have him call me." That was about ten days ago. I haven't heard from him yet. So, I gave the number to Linda. Linda called. And said, you know, "I'd appreciate it if you put me on your show. We got to protect our children. I need to get my children out from behind that situation." And he got mad and hung up on her.

DH Ah, ha!

TG She called him back and said: "People don't hang up on me." And he said, " I will not put you on my show until you tell me who gave you my home phone number." And so she called me and I said, "Tell Art Bell that I gave the home phone number to you." She said you [*sic*] told him, and she hasn't heard from him since.

DH Well, the only thing I'll say about this so-called indictment. And I'm not accusing. I want listeners to call Art Bell and ask him to his face "Were you indicted? Did you cover it up, Art?" I'm not accusing him. I'm just telling you a credible source showed me the stuff. ..[unintelligible]...hearsay..

TG [Unintelligible].. You need to get all that, you need...

DH I'm asking you to prove my hearsay. That what I'm telling you is correct.

TG OK, listen, we have a caller. Ruth from West Virginia.

[End of transcript]

I don't read any accusations of child molestation here. What I read is guest Hinkson bringing up the topic of Art Bell. I read Hinkson hinting at the idea that Bell has squashed some sort of indictment and I read host Gunderson RESPONDING to Hinkson's statements and questions. Drawn into the conversation about Bell, host Gunderson then relays a couple of anecdotes about Bell not returning his phone call and giving Art's home phone number to Linda Weigand. But that's ALL I read. Gunderson, especially, is saying NOTHING that's out of line here. Hinkson has brought up the topic of Art Bell and Hinkson is proffering allegations about Bell, not Gunderson.

Based on this brief exchange, however, Art Bell now paints Gunderson & Hinkson-from Coast to Coast-as the Bad Guys Who've Ruined My Life *and walks away from a job he absolutely loves*.

Is it just me, or is there something wrong with this picture???

Of the two villains, I know very little about David Hinkson. I believe he has a web based business and sells a product called Water Oz. I've never met him, I've never spoken to him, and I have no idea about his ethics, morality, honesty or lack thereof.

I know much more about Gunderson.

Ted Gunderson retired from the FBI in 1979 as Senior Special Agent-in-Charge for Los Angeles after spending 29 years with the Bureau. Over the years, he had risen in the ranks from Special Agent to Special Agent Supervisor, to Assistant Special Agent -in-Charge for New Haven and Philadelphia, to Chief Inspector, to Special Agent-in-Charge for Memphis and Dallas, and finally to Senior Special Agent-in-Charge for LA. Following retirement from the FBI, Gunderson founded an international security consulting and investigation firm called *Ted L. Gunderson & Associates* out of Santa Monica, California. Gunderson was hired as a Security and Anti-Terrorism Coordinator for the 1979 Pan American Games held in San Juan, Puerto Rico by Attorney General Griffin Bell, and again in 1984 for the Los Angeles Olympic Games. Gunderson has received a variety of awards like "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" and has appeared on a number of TV shows including "48 Hours", "Hard Copy", "Geraldo", "Inside Edition", and "Larry King Live". He also has a weekly short-wave radio show carried by WWCR (World Wide Christian Radio) called *The Ted Gunderson Intelligence Report*.

I first saw Ted Gunderson at a talk he gave a couple of years ago in Orange County, California on satanic ritual abuse involving children. At that talk, he mentioned the case of Army physician, Dr Jeffrey McDonald, who had received three consecutive life sentences for the murder of his wife and children. McDonald had insisted that his family had been killed by a group of people who entered his home and murdered his family in satanic rituals at Ft. Bragg, NC on February 17, 1970. Gunderson believed in McDonald's innocence and eventually found the "mysterious woman with the floppy hat" who had essentially corroborated McDonald's story and said that she was among the group who entered McDonald's home and committed the murders. The court discounted her confession and the woman soon wound up dead.

"Irregularities" committed by the government in the McDonald case are simply staggering. While under government control, evidence had been altered, destroyed, disappeared, and hidden from the defense. Recently, the Judge ruled that DNA testing could be done on the remaining artifacts, but did not allow the defense to be present when the court opened the envelopes which were supposed to contain 15 items of evidence. Only U.S. Department of Justice and FBI representatives were allowed to be present during the court proceedings. **Five** of the 15 items scheduled for examination of DNA **were missing** from those

envelopes. That's barely the tip of the iceberg in the McDonald case. Anyone who carefully examines the voluminous evidence gathered by Gunderson and others, can clearly see that Dr. Jeffrey McDonald was framed. The evidence fairly shouts at you.

Gunderson has vowed to never give up on McDonald, convinced that McDonald is an innocent patsy taking the fall for satanic ritual participants whose capture could lead to the exposure of highly placed government and civilian individuals that are involved in these abhorrent activities, as has been recently alleged in the JonBenet Ramsey case.

At the Orange County presentation, Gunderson also talked about the New World Order and said that he saw too many things in the field that substantiated the information he had read in books about the NWO such as that explained in *Pawns in the Game* by William G. Carr. The kidnapping and use of young children by the elites of the NWO as sacrificial ritual victims and sex slaves particularly bothered him.

Gunderson's interest in the ritual abuse of children entered a new phase after he was asked by a group of parents in 1991 from the **McMartin Preschool** in the city of Manhattan Beach, California to oversee the investigation and excavation of the areas beneath the classrooms of the school where the abused 2-4 year old children insisted they were taken through trap doors and tunnels leading into an underground room used for satanic rituals. Despite two trials and an investigation that lasted over 7 years (1983-1990), prosecutors claimed that they could not find evidence of tunnels. During the first trial, the parents of the involved children were not allowed access to the school site. They were only permitted to probe for tunnels in a lot *adjacent* to the school. The kids always said that the tunnels were *under* the school.The first trial ended with Mrs McMartin being acquitted while her grandson, Ray Buckey, was deadlocked in a hung jury. During the second trial of Buckey, ownership of the McMartin school had changed hands and the parents now had an opportunity to access the the site.

Gunderson obtained permission from the new owner of the school to dig and assembled a team of professional archaeologists to excavate the areas under the school. As expected, they discovered the tunnels exactly were the kids had said they were located. All of the underground locations had been carefully back filled, but to the seasoned eye of the archaeologists, the evidence was ample and glaring. After uncovering the tunnels, Gunderson called the District Attorney's Office of Los Angeles County and they sent an investigator named **Perez** to inspect the site.

Investigator Perez would not accept the opinion of the team's leader, **Dr. E. Gary Stickel** (of UCLA) that the team had found tunnels. Among a host of telling signs, Stickel pointed out to Perez that the soil used to back fill the tunnels was FOREIGN to the local area. The grade, composition, and mineral makeup of the soil was geologically DIFFERENT from the adjacent, undisturbed soil, but Perez remained unimpressed. Apparently, it didn't matter. The Los Angeles County's DA's Office had already declared there were no tunnels and they weren't about to be embarrassed by any findings to the contrary, even from professional archaeologists.

Since Perez refused to acknowlege the overwhelming evidence supporting the existence of the tunnels unearthed by Dr. Stickel's team, the DA did not bring up the tunnels in Ray Buckey's second trial which probably would have helped to convict him. The jury was lead to believe that since the young children were planted with "false memories" about the tunnels, their recollections of satanic and sexual abuse by Buckey and others must also be 'fabricated'. Buckey, like his grandmother, was acquitted and set free.

A one inch thick report titled *"Archaeological Investigations of the McMartin Preschool Site, Manhattan Beach, California"*, authored by Dr. Stickel documented the team's conclusive findings that the tunnels did indeed exist. Gunderson was never paid for his participation in the McMartin investigation and had spent $17,000. of his own money to help underwrite the cost of the subterranean excavation. During the course of the McMartin excavation, Gunderson spent numerous nights sleeping on the floor of the McMartin school in order to prevent any possible interference or tampering with the archaeological team's findings.

Gunderson's slides of the McMartin excavation were eye opening. One slide particularly, clearly revealed the evidence of a back filled tunnel. When the tunnel was originally dug, a long and thick tree root of approximately 6 inch diameter had traversed from one side of the tunnel to the other at mid height level. The original tunnel excavators had cut the root which traversed the tunnel, but left the ends of the root (imbedded in either side of the tunnel walls) intact. After Gunderson's team re-excavated the tunnel, the ends of the tree roots-protruding from each side of the tunnel-were plainly visible. One end, still attached to the tree, was alive, while the other end was dead and somewhat dried. At the time the case was in the news, I too, believed the media promoted story that McMartin and her son were long suffering innocent victims of over zealous parents and therapists who were planting "false memories" into the children in order to rake in therapy fees and win out-of-court settlements with insurance carriers.(How bitter must be the legacy of this injustice for those former children and their families.)

Gunderson also talked about The **Franklin Cover-Up** in Nebraska. Attorney **John DeCamp** had authored a book of the same title in 1992. What began in November of 1988 as an investigation by the FBI and IRS of a black man named **Larry King,** who was the president of the Franklin Credit Union in Omaha, Nebraska for millions in missing funds, soon led to the exposure of a satanic child abuse/sex slave ring that involved some of the most prominent community leaders in Omaha including: the former publisher of the *Omaha World Herald*, the then Chief of Police, the society editor of the *Omaha World Herald*, a former state senator, the head of the Nebraska Forestry Service, and the multi-millionaire heir to the Brandeis Department fortune. Approximately 80 youngsters came forward and made allegations concerning sexual abuse, forced prostitution, and cult activities including the human sacrifice of small children and babies at satanic rituals.

Many of the children stated that they were placed on private jets and flown to Washington DC and other cities for sex orgies with U.S. Congressmen, U.S. Senators, at least one top official in the White House, and other public officials. These same children were also used in an organized child kidnapping/sex slave operation that facilitated the abduction of yet other children from playgrounds and off the street, who were then used in child porn and snuff films or sold into slavery. "Sales" of abducted young American children to foreigners was common. A 10-13 year old blue eyed blonde could be auctioned off for more than $50,000 near an air strip close to Las Vegas or Toronto and then placed on an unmarked plane, never be seen or heard from again. One of those planes was positively identified as a DEA (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration) plane.

Of the 80 children who originally came forward, only four were willing to sign statements. Two of the four later recanted, but the remaining two, **Alisha Owen** and **Paul Bonacci**, refused to recant and held fast to their allegations. Criminal charges were filed against both of them. Owen was convicted of perjury before a grand jury by a prosecutor suspected to be 'dirty' and spent two years in solitary confinement. Six months after refusing to recant and prior to her perjury trial, Alisha's brother, Aaron Owens, committed 'suicide' in a correction center cell. The charges against Paul Bonacci were later dropped since he had, by now, been convicted of child molestation and it was felt that his testimony had been sufficiently discredited (Bonacci, with John DeCamp as his attorney, however, was later to obtain a judgement of one million dollars in damages against the former Franklin Credit Union president, Larry King).

Fifteen people connected to the Franklin Cover-Up have **died mysteriously**, including the senate committee appointed investigator,**Gary Caradori** and his young son, Andrew. Caradori's plane exploded in mid-air shortly after leaving Chicago for Lincoln, Nebraska on July 11, 1990. The day before, he had called the chairman of the senate investigating committee, Lauren Schmit, and told him that he had irrefutable evidence that the children involved in the Franklin Cover-Up were telling the truth.

Overlaying the Franklin Cover-Up case is a CIA front operation, called **The Finders**. Gunderson outlined the mission of The Finders in a description included in his 1993 report, titled "Child Kidnapping in America; The CIA Connection", as a:

"CIA Front established in the 1960's. It has TOP CLEARANCE and PROTECTION in its ASSIGNED task of kidnapping and torture-programming of young children throughout the U.S. Members are specially trained GOVERNMENT KIDNAPPERS known to be sexual degenerates who involve the kidnapped children in satanic sex orgies and bloody rituals as well as murders of other children and the slaughter of animals. They use a fleet of unmarked vans to grab TARGETED children from parks and school yards. In doing so, they use children within their organization as decoys to attract the victims close to the vans where they are grabbed by the adults. They then drug the children and transport them to a series of safe houses for safe keeping. They are then used in their ceremonies, for body parts, sex slaves, and some are auctioned off at various locations in the northern hemisphere. In the

past, they have been auctioned off near a location to Las Vegas, Nevada and Toronto, Canada. Marion David Pettie, a leader of the cult, is an identified homosexual, pedophile, and CIA officer. His son was an employee of a CIA proprietary firm, Air America, which was notorious for smuggling drugs, destined for the U.S. , out of the Golden Triangle into Saigon during the Viet Nam War."

This CIA operation has involved the kidnapping, abduction, enslavement, and murder of literally THOUSANDS of American children snatched from the streets of America by CIA operatives. In Gunderson's report on The Finders, he included copies of letters containing page after page of specific allegations and supporting documentation sent in 1992 to the Nebraska Attorney General, Dan Stenberg, the Nebraska FBI, the Director of the FBI, William Sessions, the Governor of Nebraska, and the Attorney General of the United States, William Barr, among others. The sort of replies he received back could be used for a graduate level course in Official Stonewalling.

If you've been paying attention to the news lately, you know that people who attempt to reveal illegal and criminal behavior in high places usually wind up dead, as witnessed lately by Waco analysis experts and witnesses who seem to be dying off in quick step fashion.

In the case of Gunderson, exposing the widespread satanic ritual murder, abuse, and kidnapping of young children for the degenerate pleasures of high level satanists in this country is Risky Business. If there's one thing that the NWO elite DOESN'T want the public to know about, it's the depth of their involvement in satanic depravities.

Satanists are convinced that if you murder a young child in an environment of absolute terror, that at the moment of death, the ritual participants can 'capture' the "life force" or life essence of their young victims. The younger the victim, the more powerful, they believe, the "life essence" captured. Satanic ritual guru, **Aleister Crowley**, spoke of this belief ad nauseum in his books.

Many victims of satanic ritual abuse and government sponsored mind control technologies have come forward in recent years with books describing their experiences. Their revelations are nothing short of mind numbing. Fritz Springmeier and high level mind-controlled survivor, Cisco Wheeler, have co-authored three books together detailing the use of satanic murder rituals (E.g. *The Illuminati Formula to Create An Undetectable Total Mind Controlled Slave* [1996]) to create - through terror - multible personalities, or **alters**, which are then individually progammed to perform tasks ranging from prostitution to assassinations while under mind control. **Cathy O'Brien**, another 'presidential model' mind control victim reveals in *Trance Formation in America* (1994) similar conditioning using satanic ritual terrorization of her and her daughter, Kelly.

British author David Icke has delved deeply into the satanic abuse of children in his book *The Biggest Secret* (1999) and his 3 hour video taped interview with mind control survivor and high satanic 'Mother Goddess' **Arizona Wilder** leaves no doubt

that the use of children in satanic rituals for sex, terrorization, and human sacrifice is wide spread in this country and abroad and reaches into the very highest level of governments, royalty, clergy, military/intelligence organizations, and the upper corporate world.

I had a chance to speak briefly with Ted after his Orange County talk two years ago, but I got to know him a lot better this past Fall and early Winter. We met and spent time together in Nevada where he had been helping another high level 'presidential model' mind control survivor named **Brice Taylor** and her daughter, who is also named Kelly. Taylor's1999 book, *Thanks for the Memories*goes even farther than Cathy O'Brien's book in its shocking revelations of the vicious and abominable conduct of well known celebrities and friends of NWO insiders such as Bob Hope

I spent last Thanksgiving with Ted, Brice, Kelly, and some other friends who were there to help. I was Ted's kitchen assistant, since he had insisted on buying *and* cooking the Thanksgiving meal for everyone (yes, he's a good cook). After we finished eating, I casually asked him if I could copy a few of his documents and he offered to let me copy *everything* he has: files, slides, photos, reports, investigative journals, notes, ...anything I wanted. Before I left Nevada, I took advantage of that offer and came home with a couple of heavy boxes full of Gunderson's files.

Ted Gunderson did not ask me to write this article, nor has he ever spoken to me about the Art Bell affair at any time. I obtained the radio broadcast transcript from a mutual friend who had gotten it from Gunderson's attorney. The information mentioned here concerning Gunderson's investigations was taken from the files he had allowed me to copy in Nevada. I had to write this story because Ted's reputation deserves to be defended. The impression that one is left with based on Art Bell's assumptions and on-air characterization of Gunderson is that he's a reckless rumor monger who is so lacking in integrity and concern for his fellow man that he would falsely accuse Art Bell of child molestation when Bell's own son apparently had been victimized by it. **That impression is about as far from reality as it can possibly get.. It is a lie, an utter fabrication on the part of Art Bell to smear Ted Gunderson's name and reputation.**

Gunderson is a Giver and cares about the safety and welfare of America's children more than any person I know. Over the past two decades he's contributed a great deal of his time and money to help people who were otherwise powerless and defenseless to rescue themselves. Based on his files, his work and investigational habits appear to be first rate and very professional. I've never heard him level accusations about anybody without evidence to support his suppositions. Never.

In the case of Art Bell, as the transcript of Hinkson and Gunderson clearly reveals, Ted didn't accuse Art Bell of ANYTHING... But how many of Bell's **nine million listeners** are ever going to know that? As Bell's lawyer Fox aptly remarked "*there is no putting the genie entirely back in the bottle".*

Gunderson's former comrades in the FBI have long ago turned their back and shunned him because he's been willing to tell it like it is and let the chips fall where they may. He's more interested in the truth, the welfare of the American people, and the saving of innocent lives than in being a comfortable retiree with Club Fed. His dedication to the principles of righteousness and justice has cost Gunderson dearly, more than the public will know.

It's truly ironic that Art Bell should be the vehicle to bring discredit on Ted Gunderson, when Art's son was reportedly a victim of kidnapping and sexual abuse; the very thing that Ted Gunderson has been trying to expose and put an end to in this country, all the while, working upstream against very powerful and dark forces.

The court case is due to resume on May 25.

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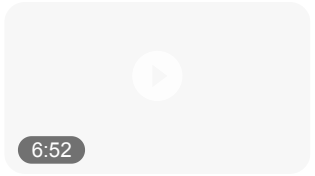

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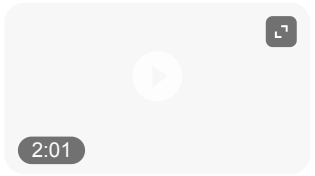

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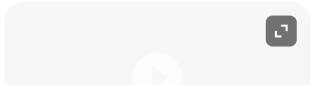

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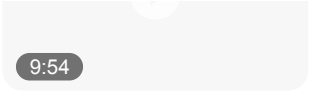

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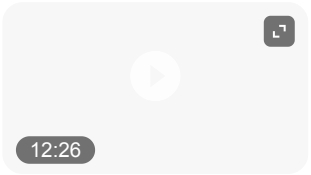

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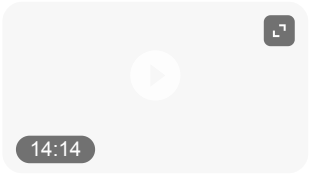

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В Южной Америке появился наркотик, который местные жители успели окрестить "Дыханием смерти". После его приема человек превращается в настоящего зомби, готового выполнять все, что ему скажут. Вещество, активно применявшееся немцами во время Второй мировой войны, вновь набирает популярность, сообщает Daily Mail.

Практически забытый препарат недавно вновь попал во внимание южноамериканской полиции: его стала активно применять колумбийская мафия. Наркотик не имеет ни вкуса, ни запаха, он называется скополамин. После его приема люди не помнят ничего, что происходило с ними в течение последних двух-трех суток. Случалось, что жертвы "Дыхания смерти" просыпались не только без денег, но и без некоторых внутренних органов. Разумеется, принять наркотик добровольно, вероятно, решались лишь редкие смельчаки.

В основном им пользуются колумбийские преступники, под тем или иным предлогом подмешивая опасное вещество в еду или питье своим жертвам. Как рассказывали некоторые бандиты, пойманные с пакетиком скополамина в кармане, этот порошок "хуже сибирской язвы". По словам одной из жертв, попробовавшей "Дыхание смерти", наркотик подсыпал ей в сок мужчина, с которым она случайно познакомилась на улице в колумбийской столице.

Злоумышленник спросил у девушки дорогу, разговорил ее, а потом угостил ее напитком с подмешанным туда опасным веществом. После этого жертва сама отвела преступника к себе домой, отдала ему все деньги и некоторые ценности. Стоит отметить, что скополамин не зря называют "Дыханием смерти": передозировка может привести к летальному исходу.

История скополамина уходит корнями в глубокую древность. Говорят, что древние южноамериканские племена использовали его, чтобы заживо хоронить жен и рабов почившего вождя, которые могли понадобиться ему в загробном мире. "Дыхание смерти" не раз применял при допросах нацист Йозеф Менгеле, а также сотрудники американских спецслужб во время холодной войны. Скополамин считался лучшим средством выпытать все тайны даже у самых несговорчивых противников.

Невероятно опасное вещество содержится в пыльце деревьев, растущих близ столицы Колумбии. О нем знают даже дети: мамы учат их не делать привалы под деревьями с желто-белыми цветами. В Эквадоре "Дыхание смерти" используют в медицинских целях.

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Подтвердилась массовая гибель россиян в Албании

Посольство России в Албании подтвердило гибель четырех российских граждан, сообщает МИД РФ.

Ранее в СМИ появилась информация о том, что четверо россиян от 31 года до 58 лет найдены погибшими от удушья в сауне отеля "Глория".

В сообщении МИДа в телеграм-канале отмечается, что консульский отдел посольства в Албании находится в постоянном контакте с правоохранительными органами страны и выясняет обстоятельства произошедшего.

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Путин делал пророческие заявления, но к нему не прислушались

Владимир Путин неоднократно выступал с пророческими заявлениями, касающимися разных сфер, рассказал в эфире телеканала "Россия 1" Дмитрий Песков.

"Он же никого не пугал, будь то сфера разоружения, сфера безопасности, изменение климата. Президент очень здорово иногда описывает перспективы", – отметил представитель Кремля в интервью ведущему программы "Москва. Кремль. Путин" Павлу Зарубину.

И даже те, кто не обратил внимания на заявления российского лидера, позже понимают, что он был прав.

"Может быть к нему не прислушиваются, но потом понимают, что так оно и происходит", – указал Песков.

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Il exista deux versions du Code Noir. La première préparée par le ministre du roi et puissant contrôleur général, Jean-Baptiste Colbert (1616 - 1683). Il fut promulgué en 1685 par Louis XIV, Roi de France du 14 mai 1643 au 1er septembre 1715 . La seconde promulguée par son successeur Louis XV en 1724. Les articles 5, 7, 8, 18 et 25 du Code noir de 1665 ne sont pas repris dans la version de 1724. Le texte suivant est celui de Colbert (1665).
Le Code Noir, qui était censé freiner les abus des maitres à l'égard de leurs esclaves, n'a eu pour effet que de codifier l'esclavage des noirs et la traite, justifiés, en ce temps là, par l'Eglise et les philosophes. A travers ses soixantes articles transpire l'hypocrisie du legislateur qui, tout en faisant semblant de considérer l'humanité de l'esclave noir, le présente, sur le plan purement juridique, comme une marchandise soumise aux lois du marché et un bien faisant partie intégrante d'un domaine.

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Texte intégral du Code Noir:

Art. 1
Voulons que l'Edit du feu roi de glorieuse mémoire, notre très honoré seigneur et père, du 23 avril 1615, soit exécuté dans nos îles ; se faisant, enjoignons à tous nos officiers de chasser de nos dites îles tous les juifs qui y ont établi leur résidence, auxquels, comme aux ennemis déclarés du nom chrétien, nous commandons d'en sortir dans trois mois à compter du jour de la publication des présentes, à peine de confiscation de corps et de biens.

Art. 2
Tous les esclaves qui seront dans nos îles seront baptisés et instruits dans la religion catholique, apostolique et romaine. Enjoignons aux habitants qui achètent des nègres nouvellement arrivés d'en avertir dans huitaine au plus tard les gouverneurs et intendant desdites îles, à peine d'amende arbitraire, lesquels donneront les ordres nécessaires pour les faire instruire et baptiser dans le temps convenable.

Art. 3
Interdisons tout exercice public d'autre religion que la Catholique, Apostolique et Romaine. Voulons que les contrevenants soient punis comme rebelles et désobéissants à nos commandements. Défendons toutes assemblées pour cet effet, lesquelles nous déclarons conventicules, illicites et séditieuses, sujettes à la même peine qui aura lieu même contre les maîtres qui lui permettront et souffriront à l'égard de leurs esclaves.

Art. 4
Ne seront préposés aucuns commandeurs à la direction des nègres, qui ne fassent profession de la religion Catholique, Apostolique et Romaine, à peine de confiscation desdits nègres contre les maîtres qui les auront préposés et de punition arbitraire contre les commandeurs qui auront accepté ladite direction.

Art. 5
Défendons à nos sujets de la religion [protestante] d'apporter aucun trouble ni empêchement à nos autres sujets, même à leurs esclaves, dans le libre exercice de la religion Catholique, Apostolique et Romaine, à peine de punition exemplaire.

Art. 6
Enjoignons à tous nos sujets, de quelque qualité et condition qu'ils soient, d'observer les jours de dimanches et de fêtes, qui sont gardés par nos sujets de la religion Catholique, Apostolique et Romaine. Leur défendons de travailler ni de faire travailler leurs esclaves auxdits jours depuis l'heure de minuit jusqu'à l'autre minuit à la culture de la terre, à la manufacture des sucres et à tous autres ouvrages, à peine d'amende et de punition arbitraire contre les maîtres et confiscation tant des sucres que des esclaves qui seront surpris par nos officiers dans le travail.

Art. 7
Leur défendons pareillement de tenir le marché des nègres et de toute autre marchandise auxdits jours, sur pareille peine de confiscation des marchandises qui se trouveront alors au marché et d'amende arbitraire contre les marchands.

Art. 8
Déclarons nos sujets qui ne sont pas de la religion Catholique, Apostolique et Romaine incapables de contracter à l'avenir aucuns mariages valables, déclarons bâtards les enfants qui naîtront de telles conjonctions, que nous voulons être tenues et réputées, tenons et réputons pour vrais concubinages.

Art. 9
Les hommes libres qui auront eu un ou plusieurs enfants de leur concubinage avec des esclaves, ensemble les maîtres qui les auront soufferts, seront chacun condamnés en une amende de 2000 livres de sucre, et, s'ils sont les maîtres de l'esclave de laquelle ils auront eu lesdits enfants, voulons, outre l'amende, qu'ils soient privés de l'esclave et des enfants et qu'elle et eux soient adjugés à l'hôpital, sans jamais pouvoir être affranchis. N'entendons toutefois le présent article avoir lieu lorsque l'homme libre qui n'était point marié à une autre personne durant son concubinage avec son esclave, épousera dans les formes observées par l'Eglise ladite esclave, qui sera affranchie par ce moyen et les enfants rendus libres et légitimes.

Art. 10
Les solennités prescrites par l'Ordonnance de Blois et par la Déclaration de 1639 pour les mariages seront observées tant à l'égard des personnes libres que des esclaves, sans néanmoins que le consentement du père et de la mère de l'esclave y soit nécessaire, mais celui du maître seulement.

Art. 11
Défendons très expressément aux curés de procéder aux mariages des esclaves, s'ils ne font apparoir du consentement de leurs maîtres. Défendons aussi aux maîtres d'user d'aucunes contraintes sur leurs esclaves pour les marier contre leur gré.

Art. 12
Les enfants qui naîtront des mariages entre esclaves seront esclaves et appartiendront aux maîtres des femmes esclaves et non à ceux de leurs maris, si le mari et la femme ont des maîtres différents.

Art. 13
Voulons que, si le mari esclave a épousé une femme libre, les enfants, tant mâles que filles, suivent la condition de leur mère et soient libres comme elle, nonobstant

la servitude de leur père, et que, si le père est libre et la mère esclave, les enfants soient esclaves pareillement.

Art. 14
Les maîtres seront tenus de faire enterrer en terre sainte, dans les cimetières destinés à cet effet, leurs esclaves baptisés. Et, à l'égard de ceux qui mourront sans avoir reçu le baptême, ils seront enterrés la nuit dans quelque champ voisin du lieu où ils seront décédés.

Art. 15
Défendons aux esclaves de porter aucunes armes offensives ni de gros bâtons, à peine de fouet et de confiscation des armes au profit de celui qui les en trouvera saisis, à l'exception seulement de ceux qui sont envoyés à la chasse par leurs maîtres et qui seront porteurs de leurs billets ou marques connus.

Art. 16
Défendons pareillement aux esclaves appartenant à différents maîtres de s'attrouper le jour ou la nuit sous prétexte de noces ou autrement, soit chez l'un de leurs maîtres ou ailleurs, et encore moins dans les grands chemins ou lieux écartés, à peine de punition corporelle qui ne pourra être moindre que du fouet et de la fleur de lys ; et, en cas de fréquentes récidives et autres circonstances aggravantes, pourront être punis de mort, ce que nous laissons à l'arbitrage des juges. Enjoignons à tous nos sujets de courir sus aux contrevenants, et de les arrêter et de les conduire en prison, bien qu'ils ne soient officiers et qu'il n'y ait contre eux encore aucun décret.

Art. 17
Les maîtres qui seront convaincus d'avoir permis ou toléré telles assemblées composées d'autres esclaves que de ceux qui leur appartiennent seront condamnés en leurs propres et privés noms de réparer tout le dommage qui aura été fait à leurs voisins à l'occasion desdites assemblées et en 10 écus d'amende pour la première fois et au double en cas de récidive.

Art. 18
Défendons aux esclaves de vendre des cannes de sucre pour quelque cause et occasion que ce soit, même avec la permission de leurs maîtres, à peine du fouet contre les esclave, de 10 livres tournois contre le maître qui l'aura permis et de pareille amende contre l'acheteur.

Art. 19
Leur défendons aussi d'exposer en vente au marché ni de porter dans des maisons particulières pour vendre aucune sorte de denrées, même des fruits, légumes, bois à brûler, herbes pour la nourriture des bestiaux et leurs manufactures, sans permission expresse de leurs maîtres par un billet ou par des marques connues ; à peine de revendication des choses ainsi vendues, sans restitution de prix, pour les maîtres et de 6 livres tournois d'amende à leur profit contre les acheteurs.

Art. 20
Voulons à cet effet que deux personnes soient préposées par nos officiers dans chaque marché pour examiner les denrées et marchandises qui y seront apportées par les esclaves, ensemble les billets et marques de leurs maîtres dont ils seront porteurs.

Art. 21
Permettons à tous nos sujets habitants des îles de se saisir de toutes les choses dont ils trouveront les esclaves chargés, lorsqu'ils n'auront point de billets de leurs maîtres, ni de marques connues, pour être rendues incessamment à leurs maîtres, si leur habitation est voisine du lieu où leurs esclaves auront été surpris en délit : sinon elles seront incessamment envoyées à l'hôpital pour y être en dépôt jusqu'à ce que les maîtres en aient été avertis.

Art. 22
Seront tenus les maîtres de faire fournir, par chacune semaine, à leurs esclaves

âgés de dix ans et au-dessus, pour leur nourriture, deux pots et demi, mesure de Paris, de farine de manioc, ou trois cassaves pesant chacune 2 livres et demie au moins, ou choses équivalentes, avec 2 livres de boeuf salé, ou 3 livres de poisson, ou autres choses à proportion : et aux enfants, depuis qu'ils sont sevrés jusqu'à l'âge de dix ans, la moitié des vivres ci-dessus.

Art. 23
Leur défendons de donner aux esclaves de l'eau-de-vie de canne ou guildive, pour tenir lieu de subsistance mentionnée en l'article précédent.

Art. 24
Leur défendons pareillement de se décharger de la nourriture et subsistance de leurs esclaves en leur permettant de travailler certain jour de la semaine pour leur compte particulier.

Art. 25
Seront tenus les maîtres de fournir à chaque esclave, par chacun an, deux habits de toile ou quatre aunes de toile, au gré des maîtres.

Art. 26
Les esclaves qui ne seront point nourris, vêtus et entretenus par leurs maîtres, selon que nous l'avons ordonné par ces présentes, pourront en donner avis à notre procureur général et mettre leurs mémoires entre ses mains, sur lesquels et même d'office, si les avis viennent d'ailleurs, les maîtres seront poursuivis à sa requête et sans frais ; ce que nous voulons être observé pour les crimes et traitements barbares et inhumains des maîtres envers leurs esclaves.

Art. 27
Les esclaves infirmes par vieillesse, maladie ou autrement, soit que la maladie soit incurable ou non, seront nourris et entretenus par leurs maîtres, et, en cas qu'ils eussent abandonnés, lesdits esclaves seront adjugés à l'hôpital, auquel les maîtres seront condamnés de payer 6 sols par chacun jour, pour la nourriture et l'entretien de chacun esclave.

Art. 28
Déclarons les esclaves ne pouvoir rien avoir qui ne soit à leurs maîtres ; et tout ce qui leur vient par industrie, ou par la libéralité d'autres personnes, ou autrement, à quelque titre que ce soit, être acquis en pleine propriété à leurs maîtres, sans que les enfants des esclaves, leurs pères et mères, leurs parents et tous autres y puissent rien prétendre par successions, dispositions entre vifs ou à cause de mort ; lesquelles dispositions nous déclarons nulles, ensemble toutes les promesses et obligations qu'ils auraient faites, comme étant faites par gens incapables de disposer et contracter de leur chef.

Art. 29
Voulons néanmoins que les maîtres soient tenus de ce que leurs esclaves auront fait par leur commandement, ensemble de ce qu'ils auront géré et négocié dans les boutiques, et pour l'espèce particulière de commerce à laquelle leurs maîtres les auront préposés, et au cas que leurs maîtres ne leur aient donné aucun ordre et ne les aient point préposés, ils seront tenus seulement jusqu'à concurrence de ce qui aura tourné à leur profit, et, si rien n'a tourné au profit des maîtres, le pécule desdits esclaves que les maîtres leur auront permis d'avoir en sera tenu, après que les maîtres en auront déduit par préférence ce qui pourra leur être dû ; sinon que le pécule consistât en tout ou partie en marchandises, dont les esclaves auraient permission de faire trafic à part, sur lesquelles leurs maîtres viendront seulement par contribution au sol la livre avec les autres créanciers.

Art. 30
Ne pourront les esclaves être pourvus d'office ni de commission ayant quelque fonction publique, ni être constitués agents par autres que leurs maîtres pour gérer et administrer aucun négoce, ni être arbitres, experts ou témoins, tant en matière civile que criminelle : et en cas qu'ils soient ouïs en témoignage, leur déposition ne

servira que de mémoire pour aider les juges à s'éclairer d'ailleurs, sans qu'on en puisse tire aucune présomption, ni conjoncture, ni adminicule de preuve.

Art. 31
Ne pourront aussi les esclaves être parties ni être en jugement en matière civile, tant en demandant qu'en défendant, ni être parties civiles en matière criminelle, sauf à leurs maîtres d'agir et défendre en matière civile et de poursuivre en matière criminelle la réparation des outrages et excès qui auront été commis contre leurs esclaves.

Art. 32
Pourront les esclaves être poursuivis criminellement, sans qu'il soit besoin de rendre leurs maîtres partie, (sinon) en cas de complicité : et seront, les esclaves accusés, jugés en première instance par les juges ordinaires et par appel au Conseil souverain, sur la même instruction et avec les même formalités que les personnes libres.

Art. 33
L'esclave qui aura frappé son maître, sa maîtresse ou le mari de sa maîtresse, ou leurs enfants avec contusion ou effusion de sang, ou au visage, sera puni de mort.

Art. 34
Et quant aux excès et voies de fait qui seront commis par les esclaves contre les personnes libres, voulons qu'ils soient sévèrement punis, même de mort, s'il y échet.

Art. 35
Les vols qualifiés, même ceux de chevaux, cavales, mulets, boeufs ou vaches, qui auront été faits par les esclaves ou par les affranchis, seront punis de peines afflictives, même de mort, si le cas le requiert.

Art. 36
Les vols de moutons, chèvres, cochons, volailles, cannes à sucre, pois, mils, manioc, ou autres légumes, faits par les esclaves, seront punis selon la qualité du vol, par les juges qui pourront, s'il y échet, les condamner d'être battus de verges par l'exécuteur de la haute justice et marqués d'une fleur de lys.

Art. 37
Seront tenus les maîtres, en cas de vol ou d'autre dommage causé par leurs esclaves, outre la peine corporelle des esclaves, de réparer le tort en leur nom, s'ils n'aiment mieux abandonner l'esclave à celui auquel le tort a été fait ; ce qu'ils seront tenus d'opter dans trois jours, à compter de celui de la condamnation, autrement ils en seront déchus.

Art. 38
L'esclave fugitif qui aura été en fuite pendant un mois à compter du jour que son maître l'aura dénoncé en justice, aura les oreilles coupées et sera marqué d'une fleur de lys sur une épaule ; s'il récidive un autre mois à compter pareillement du jour de la dénonciation, il aura le jarret coupé, et il sera marqué d'un fleur de lys sur l'autre épaule ; et, la troisième fois, il sera puni de mort.

Art. 39
Les affranchis qui auront donné retraite dans leurs maisons aux esclaves fugitifs, seront condamnés par corps envers les maîtres en l'amende de 300 livres de sucre par chacun jour de rétention, et les autres personnes libres qui leur auront donné pareille retraite, en 10 livres tournois d'amende par chacun jour de rétention.

Art. 40
L'esclave puni de mort sur la dénonciation de son maître non complice du crime dont il aura été condamné sera estimé avant l'exécution par deux des principaux habitants de l'île, qui seront nommés d'office par le juge, et le prix de l'estimation en sera payé au maître ; et, pour à quoi satisfaire, il sera imposé par l'intendant sur chacune tête des nègres payants droits la somme portée par l'estimation, laquelle

sera régalée sur chacun desdits nègres et levée par le fermier du domaine royal pour évité à frais.

Art. 41
Défendons aux juges, à nos procureurs et aux greffiers de prendre aucune taxe dans les procès criminels contre les esclaves, à peine de concussion.

Art. 42
Pourront seulement les maîtres, lorsqu'ils croiront que leurs esclaves l'auront mérité, les faire enchaîner et les faire battre de verges ou cordes. Leur défendons de leur donner la torture, ni de leur faire aucune mutilation de membres, à peine de confiscation des esclaves et d'être procédé contre les maîtres extraordinairement.

Art. 43
Enjoignons à nos officiers de poursuivre criminellement les maîtres ou les commandeurs qui auront tué un esclave étant sous leur puissance ou sous leur direction et de punir le meurtre selon l'atrocité des circonstances ; et, en cas qu'il y ait lieu à l'absolution, permettons à nos officiers de renvoyer tant les maîtres que les commandeurs absous, sans qu'ils aient besoin d'obtenir de nous des lettres de grâce.

Art. 44
Déclarons les esclaves être meubles et comme tels entrer dans la communauté, n'avoir point de suite par hypothèque, se partager également entre les cohéritiers, sans préciput et droit d'aînesse, n'être sujets au douaire coutumier, au retrait féodal et lignager, aux droits féodaux et seigneuriaux, aux formalités des décrets, ni au retranchement des quatre quints, en cas de disposition à cause de mort et testamentaire.

Art. 45
N'entendons toutefois priver nos sujets de la faculté de les stipuler propres à leurs personnes et aux leurs de leur côté et ligne, ainsi qu'il se pratique pour les sommes de deniers et autres choses mobiliaires.

Art. 46
Seront dans les saisies des esclaves observées les formes prescrites par nos ordonnances et les coutumes pour les saisies des choses mobiliaires. Voulons que les deniers en provenant soient distribués par ordre de saisies ; ou, en cas de déconfiture, au sol la livre, après que les dettes privilégiées auront été payées, et généralement que la condition des esclaves soit réglée en toutes affaires comme celle des autres choses mobiliaires, aux exceptions suivantes.

Art. 47
Ne pourront être saisis et vendus séparément le mari, la femme et leurs enfants impubères, s'ils sont tous sous la puissance d'un même maître ; déclarons nulles les saisies et ventes séparées qui en sont faites , ce que nous voulons avoir lieu dans les aliénations volontaires, sur peine, contre ceux qui feront les aliénations, d'être privés de celui ou de ceux qu'ils auront gardés, qui seront adjugés aux acquéreurs, sans qu'ils soient tenus de faire aucun supplément de prix.

Art. 48
Ne pourront aussi les esclaves travaillant actuellement dans les sucreries, indigoteries et habitations, âgés de quatorze ans et au-dessus jusqu'à soixante ans, être saisis pour dettes, sinon pour ce que sera dû du prix de leur achat, ou que la sucrerie, indigoterie, habitation, dans laquelle ils travaillent soit saisie réellement ; défendons, à peine de nullité, de procéder par saisie réelle et adjudication par décret sur les sucreries, indigoteries et habitations, sans y comprendre les nègres de l'âge susdit y travaillant actuellement.

Art. 49
Le fermier judiciaire des sucreries, indigoteries, ou habitations saisies réellement conjointement avec les esclaves, sera tenu de payer le prix entier de son bail, sans

qu'il puisse compter parmi les fruits qu'il perçoit les enfants qui seront nés des esclaves pendant son bail.

Art. 50
Voulons, nonobstant toutes conventions contraires, que nous déclarons nulles, que lesdits enfants appartiennent à la partie saisie, si les créanciers, sont satisfaits d'ailleurs, ou à l'adjudicataire, s'il intervient un décret ; et, à cet effet, il sera fait mention dans la dernière affiche, avant l'interposition du décret, desdits enfants nés des esclaves depuis la saisie réelle. Il sera fait mention, dans la même affiche, des esclaves décédés depuis la saisie réelle dans laquelle ils étaient compris.

Art. 51
Voulons, pour éviter aux frais et aux longueurs des procédures, que la distribution du prix entier de l'adjudication conjointe des fonds et des esclaves, et de ce qui proviendra du prix des baux judiciaires, soit faite entre les créanciers selon l'ordre de leurs privilèges et hypothèques, sans distinguer ce qui est pour le prix des fonds d'avec ce qui est pour le prix des esclaves.

Art. 52
Et néanmoins les droits féodaux et seigneuriaux ne seront payés qu'à proportion du prix des fonds.

Art. 53
Ne seront reçus les lignagers et seigneurs féodaux à retirer les fonds décrétés, s'ils ne retirent les esclaves vendus conjointement avec fonds ni l'adjudicataire à retenir les esclaves sans les fonds.

Art. 54
Enjoignons aux gardiens nobles et bourgeois usufruitiers, amodiateurs et autres jouissants des fonds auxquels sont attachés des esclaves qui y travaillent, de gouverner lesdits esclaves comme bons pères de famille, sans qu'ils soient tenus, après leur administration finie, de rendre le prix de ceux qui seront décédés ou diminués par maladie, vieillesse ou autrement, sans leur faute, et sans qu'ils puissent aussi retenir comme fruits à leur profit les enfants nés desdits esclaves durant leur administration, lesquels nous voulons être conservés et rendus à ceux qui en sont maîtres et les propriétaires.

Art. 55
Les maîtres agés de vingt ans pourront affranchir leurs esclaves par tous actes vifs ou à cause de mort, sans qu'ils soient tenus de rendre raison de l'affranchissement, ni qu'ils aient besoin d'avis de parents, encore qu'ils soeint mineurs de vingt-cinq ans.

Art. 56
Les esclaves qui auront été fait légataires universels par leurs maîtres ou nommés exécuteurs de leurs testaments ou tuteurs de leurs enfants, seront tenus et réputés, les tenons et réputons pour affranchis.

Art. 57
Déclarons leurs affranchissements faits dans nos îles, leur tenir lieu de naissance dans nosdites îles et les esclaves affranchis n'avoir besoin de nos lettres de naturalité pour jouir des avantages de nos sujets naturels de notre royauté, terres et pays de notre obéissance, encore qu'ils soient nés dans les pays étrangers.

Art. 58
Commandons aux affranchis de porter un respect singulier à leurs anciens maîtres, à leurs veuves et à leurs enfants, en sorte que l'injure qu'ils leur auront faite soit punie plus grièvement que si elle était faite à une autre personne : les déclarons toutefois francs et quittes envers eux de toutes autres charges, services et droits utiles que leurs anciens maîtres voudraient prétendre tant sur leurs personnes que sur leurs biens et successions en qualité de patrons.

Art. 59
Octroyons aux affranchis les mêmes droits, privilèges et immunités dont jouissent les personnes nées libres ; voulons que le mérite d'une liberté acquise produise en eux, tant pour leurs personnes que pour leurs biens, les mêmes effets que le bonheur de la liberté naturelle cause à nos autres sujets.

Art. 60
Déclarons les confiscations et les amendes qui n'ont point de destination particulière, par ces présentes nous appartenir, pour être payées à ceux qui sont préposés à la recette de nos droits et de nos revenus ; voulons néanmoins que distraction soit faite du tiers desdites confiscations et amendes au profit de l'hôpital établi dans l'île où elles auront été adjugées.

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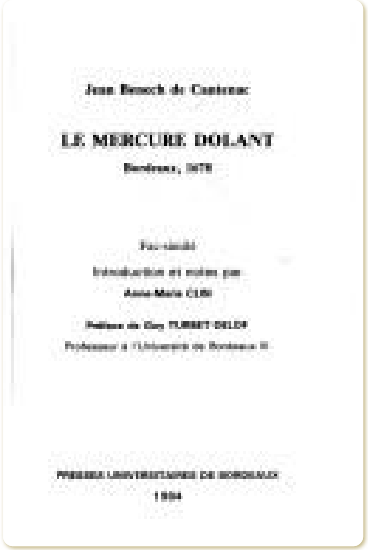

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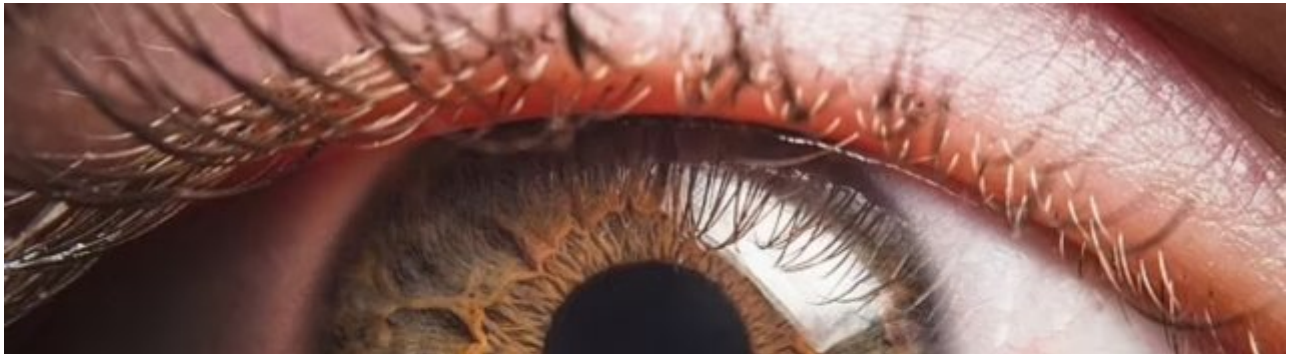

Фото: Daily Mail | Ученым из Университета штата Юта, США, удалось вернуть к жизни глаза умершего донора органов

Если результаты ученых будут применимы к умершему мозгу, то можно будет вернуть человека к жизни.

Ученым из Университета штата Юта, США, удалось вернуть к жизни глаза умершего донора органов. Это открытие может означать, что однажды смерть мозга не будет означать смерть в нынешнем понимании и что человека можно будет воскресить из мертвых, сообщает Daily Mail.

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В результате нового исследования ученые выяснили, что светочувствительные клетки сетчатки глаза умершего человека могут реагировать на свет в течении 5 часов после смерти. Они даже могут обмениваться сигналами друг с другом, как это происходит у живых людей.

Воскрешение мертвых реально?

Данные нервные клетки в сетчатке глаза являются частью центральной нервной системы (ЦНС), куда также входят человеческий головной и спинной мозг. Новое открытие ученых говорит о том, что существует вероятность того, что и другим нервным клеткам можно вернуть жизнеспособность. Таким образом можно будет восстановить сознание у людей, у которых мозг умер.

Смерть мозга происходит тогда, когда он перестает работать из-за того, что в него не поступает кислород или кровь. Для того, чтобы оживить глаза умершего донора органов, ученые восстановили подачу кислорода и других питательных веществ в глаза через 20 минут после того, как их изъяли у донора.

Результаты нового исследования

"Мы смогли оживить светочувствительные клетки в желтом пятне сетчатки глаза человека, которое отвечает за остроту зрения. Эти клетки даже через 5 часов после смерти человека все еще реагировали на яркий и даже тусклый свет. Теперь мы задаемся вопросом: действительно ли смерть мозга – это конец?", — говорит Фатима Аббас из Университета штата Юта.

Расположение желтого пятна (или макулы) на снимке глазного дна правого глаза. Правее расположено слепое пятно (англ. optic disk)

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Согласно законодательству многих стран, человек считается умершим, если у него умер мозг, даже если специальные аппараты поддерживают работу легких и сердца.

"Это абсолютно новое достижение, нам удалось даже заставить эти нервные клетки посылать сигналы друг другу, то есть они общались между собой. Такого раньше никогда никто не делал", — говорит Франс Винберг из Университета штата Юта.

По словам ученых, их новое открытие может помочь в разработке новых методов лечения потери зрения, а также поможет лучше понять болезни мозга.

которые нельзя получить при изучении лабораторных животных", — говорит Винберг.

Фокус уже писал о том ,что в результате нового исследования ученые выяснили, как люди становятся психопатами.

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Евреи Коэны

«жрец»; отсюда русское «иерей») — **сословие священнослужителей в иудаизме, состоящее из потомков рода Аарона**. Коэны исполняли священнослужение сначала в Скинии, а впоследствии в Иерусалимском храме. Статус коэна передаётся по наследству по отцовской линии, при условии соблюдения ряда определённых ограничений.

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Что такое "ген коэна"? Кто такие коэны? Кто является потомками ...

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Ученые из США установили, в конце концов, настоящие причины пьянства. Исследования показали, что люди, злоупотребляющие алкоголем, просто совершенно не понимают серьезность сложившейся ситуации.

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Ученые отметили - люди на «горьком опыте» других людей учатся, и считают, основываясь на собственных жизнен ситуациях, что все обошлось единожды, то в другой раз та повезет. Однако не нужно забывать - алкоголь является дово коварным другом, который может человека лишить всего, ценно, то есть материального благополучия, здоро социальных и родственных связей.

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Un **marabout** (en arabe : مَربوط [*marbūṭ*] ou مُرابِط [*murābiṭ*], appliqué, assidu ; en garnison) est un saint homme (il s'agit rarement d'une femme) et un sage musulman facilitant la vulgarisation de l'islam et faisant l'objet d'un culte populaire. On en retrouve en Afrique du Nord [1] et dans certaines régions d'Afrique subsaharienne.

Ce saint patron donne parfois son nom à un lieu-dit, à un village, à une ville, à qui il offre protection et bénédiction.

Le terme désigne aussi le tombeau à coupole (قُبّة [*qubba*], au pluriel قِبَاب [*qibāb*]) de la personne vénérée (saint).

Chaque année des milliers de fidèles se réunissent dans des zaouïa, autour du culte d'un marabout.

Grand marabout toucouleur (Sénégal) (1853)

Origine du terme [modifier | modifier le code]

Le substantif masculin [2,3] ‹ marabout › est emprunté [2,3], par l'intermédiaire [2] du portugais [2,3] *marabuto*, à l'arabe [2,3] *murābiṭ* [3] qui désignait, à l'origine l'homme vivant dans un ribat [3].

Fonctions [modifier | modifier le code]

En Afrique subsaharienne [modifier | modifier le code]

En Afrique subsaharienne, les marabouts sont des personnages à qui l'on prête des pouvoirs multiples, sortes de chamans. Ils rétablissent la santé ou l'ordre social à l'aide de talismans et

d'explications du malheur. Ces pratiques magiques sont critiquées par les musulmans orthodoxes, mais n'ont jamais cessé d'exister jusqu'à ce jour. Les marabouts sont aussi, de leur vivant, considérés comme sages, car ayant étudié au cours de leur retraite les divers aspects de l'islam. Ils agissent souvent comme conseil des villageois. Leur vie à l'écart des autres est censée leur donner le recul nécessaire ainsi que le détachement qui leur permet d'obtenir une grande autorité morale.

Ils ne demandent en général pas de salaire pour leurs actions, mais l'obligation morale tacite est de pourvoir à leurs besoins, qui, dans la mesure où ils sont ascètes, se réduisent à la nourriture et à la boisson, ainsi qu'au vêtement. Ils s'interdisent de demander un salaire.

Dans les confréries musulmanes en Afrique de l'Ouest, notamment au Sénégal, les marabouts sont organisés en hiérarchies élaborées. Le marabout le plus élevé de la confrérie des Mourides est ainsi élevé au rang de calife.

En Afrique subsaharienne, l'usage du terme a été étendu aux prêtres, chasseurs traditionnels ou sorciers relevant de rites animistes traditionnels, vaudous ou yoruba par exemple, travaillant à guérir leurs patients d'un mal ou aider à toute autre action sociale. Bien qu'abusif, car se rapportant à des pratiques peu en rapport avec l'islam, cet usage est néanmoins devenu courant.

Des tribus lettrées, notamment maures et touarègues, sont parfois désignées comme des tribus maraboutiques, comme les Kel Ansar.

Marabout et son chapelet (1890)

Marabout sénégalais (1890)

Au Maghreb [modifier | modifier le code]

Dans le Maghreb, les marabouts sont le plus souvent musulmans. Ils basent leurs techniques sur une lecture ésotérique du Coran. L'attention est portée sur un système de numérologie assez similaire au système de la kabbale, la lecture de certains versets, aux bénédictions (al-Fatiha).

Le terme "marabout" ne désigne pas un sorcier comme cela peut-être le cas en Afrique noire car il ne pratique aucun rite sacrificiel ou animiste au nom d'une quelconque divinité ou esprit. Le terme arabe "marabout" en Afrique correspond en réalité à un saint soufi mystique *rattaché* (*mûra-bet* en arabe) à une *silsila* (chaîne de transmission de la maîtrise spirituelle appelée *hekme*) qui suit une voie (*tariqa*) ésotérique de l'islam (voir soufisme). C'est en réalité un maître spirituel qui mène une vie de dévotion, recluse et ascétique. Souvent la population locale arabo-berbère, d'origine paysanne ou montagnarde, lui attribue toutes sortes de "miracles" qui ont donné lieu à de nombreuses croyances populaires. Le saint est généralement enterré dans un sanctuaire appelé *qubba* en raison de son dôme. Le vert et le blanc, symbole de la paix et de la bénédiction en islam, sont les couleurs qui leur sont toujours associées. Le saint n'a pas de pouvoir politique en général, mais les soufis lui rendent visite (*ziyarra*) pour le consulter ou s'entretenir sur des problèmes d'ordre spirituel.

Marabouts et saints par pays [modifier | modifier le code]

Article détaillé : Zaouïa (édifice religieux).

Les zaouïa sont des lieux de visites pieuses autour du personnage d'un saint musulman. Le terme de « pèlerinage » est en principe réservé *hajj*, le pèlerinage à La Mecque.

Algérie [modifier | modifier le code]

Alger [modifier | modifier le code]

- Sidi Abderrahmane ben Mohamed ben Makhlouf At-Thaalibi dit Sidi Abderrahmane, saint patron d'Alger
- Sidi Bougdour
- Sidi Hlel
- Sidi M'hamed Bou Qobrine dit « l'homme aux deux tombeaux », fondateur de la confrérie soufie Rahmaniyya
- Sidi Wali Dedda

Mostaganem [modifier | modifier le code]

- Sidi Said son mausolée se trouve près du siège de la mairie de Mostaganem
- Sidi Abdellah dans une hauteur qui surplombe le quartier El-Matmor.
- Sidi Lakhdar Ben Khlouf. Situé dans la commune portant le même nom distante de 50 km du chef-lieu de la wilaya.
- Sidi Maazouz El-Bahri (سيدي المعزوز) situé dans le quartier historique de Tijdit, dans un cimetière portant son nom.
  - Sidi Bensaber.
  - Sidi Othman.
- Sidi Allel El-Ksouri considéré comme l'une des plus anciennes tombes de la ville, anciennement située le long de l'oued de Ain Safra.
- Sidi Madjdoub.
- Sidi Belkacem situé dans la commune de Mazagran.
- Sidi Bendhiba El-Mdjahri.

La ville connue pour ses mille et une coupoles abrite aussi des mausolées (مقام) qui sont décrits dans le folklore local comme étant l'itinéraire de ces saintes personnes ou l'endroit où ils se sont reposés comme :

- Sidi Abdelkader de El-SAFAH (الصفاح)
- Sidi Abdelkder de Essebsadjia.
- Sidi Blel situé dans le quartier de El-Arssa.
- Sidi El-Mokhfi littéralement et traduit par «le discret» car sa tombe est inconnue.
- Sidi Maamar quartier de Tijdit.

Kabylie [modifier | modifier le code]

- Sidi lhadj Mhemed, tadart n wadnan n At Boudrare
- Sidi mohand Rezag ou Assous, akfadou, bejaia
- Djeddi Belkacem Ouali, taddert Ath Izid Souk-letnyen, Maatkas Tizi-Ouzou
- Lalla Fatma N'Soumer

- Lalla Khlidja
- Sidi Ali Moussa, taddert Sidi Ali Moussa Souk-letnyen, Maatkas Tizi-Ouzou
- Sidi Ammar Ighil El Mal, At-zmenzer, Tizi-Ouzou
- Sidi Touati, Béjaia
- Sidi El Hadj Hassaïne
- Sidi M'hamed Ouali à Bouzahrir Mekla
- Sidi hand oussaid, ouzellaguen,
- Sidi younes, ouzellaguen,
- Sidi Omar Ou El Hadj, Bouzguène, Azazga,
- Sidi Ahmed Ibn Idriss, Bouzguène,
- Sidi Ali Ouyahya Bni Qoufi, Boghni
- Sidi Bahloul Cheufa, Azazga,
- Sidi Abdel Kader Al Oudhi Al Hammami, Bouira
- Cheikh AlHeddad, Seddouk, Béjaia
- Sidi Said Amsisen, Seddouk, Béjaia
- Sidi Ahmad OuHaddad, Akfadou, Béjaia
- Sidi Ahmad Ouyahyan Oumalou, Béjaia
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- Abi Kacem Al Husseyni Al Boudjeli, Akbou, Béjaia
- Yemma Gouraya, sainte patronne de Béjaïa
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- Sidi Bahloul Ouassem
- Sidi Lahlou
- Sidi Abderahmen (L'Vahloul - Beni Ksila)
- Sidi Abdelmalek Cheurfa Ouadhias
- Sidi Ouelhadj Amghar, Ait Ouelhadj Ait Bouaddou Ouadhias.
- Sidi M'hend G Heddad, saint patron de la région Amacine (Feraoun et Ibarbachen"Tayma N ath Ouhddad"[1] [archive]) et Sidi-Aich (Hammam Sillal)[2] [archive]
- Yemma Mezghitane, sainte patronne de Jijel
- Sidi Ahmed Taffer
- Sidi Ahmed Aqellal
- Sidi M'hend Amokrane
- Sidi Merabet Moussa
- Sidi Lebsir
- Sidi Boukebrayene Cherif, Ighil Tazert, Larbaa Nath Irathen
- Sidi Ali oubou-issa, Ait oumalou, Larbaa Nath Irathen

Sidi M'hamed Ouali à Bouzahrir Mekla

- Sidi Abdelaziz ou rached Ait oumalou, Larbaa Nath Irathen
- Sidi Ali acherif Tizi Rached, Larbaa Nath Irathen
- Sidi Mohamed Chorfi, Ain Tolba (Algérie)
- Sidi M'hand Oumalek, Ait Oumalek, Tifrit N'ath Oumalek

Maroc [modifier | modifier le code]

Tombeau d'un marabout dans le Maroc méridional

- Molay Driss
- Lalla chafia
- Lalla mira lhartiya
- Sidi simohamed Boudargua
- Sidi Abdelkader Bouderka (Photo)
- Sidi Abderahman el Mjdoub
- Sidi Ali Menoun (Meknès)
- Sidi M'hamed el-Ayachi
- Sidi Ahmed Hajji
- Sidi Abdellah ben Hassoun
- Sidi Ben Acher al-Andaloussi
- Sidi Moussa Doukkali
- Sidi Bouhaja
- Sidi Mhammed mfadel Moul goumri
- Sidi Abdelkader el Harrati
- Sidi moussa doukkali
- Lalla Aicha Massoud
- Lalla Taja
- Sidi Abderrahman Ajjamar
- Sidi Ahmed Taghi
- Sidi Ahmed Ben Ichou
- Sidi Ahmed Bel Lahcen
- Sidi Ahmed Omoussa
- Zaouïa du cheikh Sidi Ahmed Rguibi
- Sidi Allal Al Kairaouani
- Sidi Ali Ifni
- Sidi Beliout
- Sidi Ahmed Zeriab
- Sidi Mbarek Regragui
- Sidi Messaoud
- Lalla Kadiria
- Sidi Mohamed Moul Assabiane
- Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdallah (Mirleft)
- Sidi Fettah
- Sidi Moumen Boulhnich
- Sidi Maarouf
- Sidi Abdellah Bel Hadj

- Sidi Hajjaj
- Sidi Moumen
- Sidi El Khadir
- Sidi Moussa El Majdoub
- Zaouïa Naciria
- Zaouïa Cherqaouia
- Zaouia Sidi el Mir Cherkaoui
- Zaouia Sidi el Mekki
- Zaouïa Aïssaouia
- Zaouïa Hamdouchia
- Zaouïa Tijaniyya
- Zaouïa de Sidi Ali Bouatel
- Zaouïa de Sidi Ali Ben Sidi Larbi Benazzouz Derkaouiyya
- Zaouïa Qadiriyya
- Zaouïa de Sidi Rezzoug
- Sidi Mohammed Ben Slimane
- Zaouïa de Sidi Boudala

Tunisie [modifier | modifier le code]

- Zaouïa de Sidi Agareb, Agareb
- Zaouïa de Ben Arbia, Agareb
- Zaouïa de Sidi Abdelkader, Béja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Baba Ali Smadhi, Béja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Bou Arba, Béja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Bouteffaha, Béja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Salah Zlaoui, Béja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Taïeb, Béja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Selem, Bizerte
- Zaouïa de Sidi Abdel-Kader, Cebbala Ouled Asker
- Zaouïa de Sidi Boulbaba, Gabès
- Zaouïa de Sidi Ali El Mekki, Ghar El Melh
- Zaouïa de Sidi Brahim El Jomni, Houmt Souk
- Zaouïa de Sidi Sahab, Kairouan
- Zaouïa de Sidi Amor Abbada, Kairouan
- Zaouïa de Sidi Abid El Ghariani, Kairouan
- Zaouïa de Sidi Bou Makhlouf, Le Kef
- Zaouïa de Lalla Manoubia, La Manouba
- Zaouïa de Sidi Ben Azzouz, Nefta
- Zaouïa de Sidi Boudaouara, Sfax
- Zaouïa de Sidi Saïd Khanfir, Sfax
- Zaouïa de Sidi Bou Saïd, Sidi Bou Saïd
- Zaouïa de Sidi Hassoune, Tinja
- Zaouïa de Sidi Belhassen Chedly, Tunis

- Zaouïa de Sidi Ben Arous, Tunis
- Zaouïa de Sidi Brahim Riahi, Tunis
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- Zaouïa de Sidi Mahrez, Tunis
- Zaouïa de Sidi Ali Chiha, Tunis
- Sidi Ali Ben Guedria, Sousse
- Sidi Ameur, Monastir
- Sidi El Gheribi, Menzel Kamel
- Om Zin, Jammal

Imrabdhen [modifier | modifier le code]

En Kabylie (Algérie), les Imrabdhen, (pluriel de amrabedh en kabyle[4]) sont les marabouts et saints et plus généralement dans l'Afrique du Nord berbérophone. Les lignages d'imrabden sont souvent des familles d'origine chorfa (pas tous chérifiennes). Imrabden est une dynastie berbère fondée par Yahia Ben Brahim en 1035, à l'origine des Imravdhen en Kabylie reste inconnue (avec manque d'études scientifiques crédibles sur le sujet).

Origine [modifier | modifier le code]

Le mot *amrabed* signifie littéralement *marabout* en français et est un emprunt à l'arabe *mrabet*, qui signifie : « un soldat ou un enseignant stationné dans un lieu déterminé »[5].

Les *imrabden* comme tous les Chérifs, bénéficient du titre honorifique de *Sidi* qui est traditionnellement utilisé pour se référer aux gens reconnus descendants du prophète de l'Islam. Et les femmes sont appelées généralement *Lalla*.

La majorité des familles chorfa en Kabylie (Algérie) sont issues de la lignée d'Idriss le Petit, fils d'Idriss le Grand, fils d'Abd Allah Al-Kamil dit « le Parfait », fils d'Al-Hassan Al-Muthanna « le deuxième », fils d'Al-Hassan « Sibt » lui-même fils de l'imam Ali ibn Abi Talib et de Fatima Zahra, fille de Mahomet, prophète de l'Islam.

Histoire [modifier | modifier le code]

Les marabouts Chorfas du Maghreb se rattachent, pour beaucoup, traditionnellement à une migration venue de l'Oued Draa dans le centre du Maroc, mais aussi de l'Andalousie, en Espagne après la Reconquista à la fin du XVe siècle, et se sont dispersés dans toutes les régions de l'Afrique du Nord, notamment au Maroc, en Algérie (surtout dans l'ouest et en Kabylie), en Tunisie et en Libye[6].

Le premier arrivé au Maghreb de la descendance de Ali ibn Abi Talib (gendre de Mahomet) est Idriss le Grand, le fondateur du royaume des Idrissides entre 789 et 985[7]. Après la chute de ce royaume au Xe siècle, leur descendance était tuée et pourchassée par le pro-fatimide Moussa ibn Abi Al-Afya el Miknasi. D'après la légende, ceux qui ont survécu aux massacres ont fui vers le désert et les montagnes pour se protéger[8].

Ils seraient arrivés en Kabylie entre le XIIe et le XVe siècle, se voulant plus instruits que les montagnards et connaisseurs du droit musulman (Fiqh) mais surtout neutres dans les luttes tribales[9] ; ces « nouveaux-venus » ne tardèrent pas ainsi à acquérir la considération générale des habitants.

À l'époque, les conditions exigées pour la prétention au chérifat sont généralement la possession d'un manuscrit de l'arbre généalogique de la famille et le témoignage de quatre personnages eux-mêmes

Chorfa, comme le témoigne une attestation qui daterait de la fin du XIVe siècle, appartenant à un chérif andalou, remise à l'historien Ahmed Taoufik al Madani en 1979 à Alger [10].

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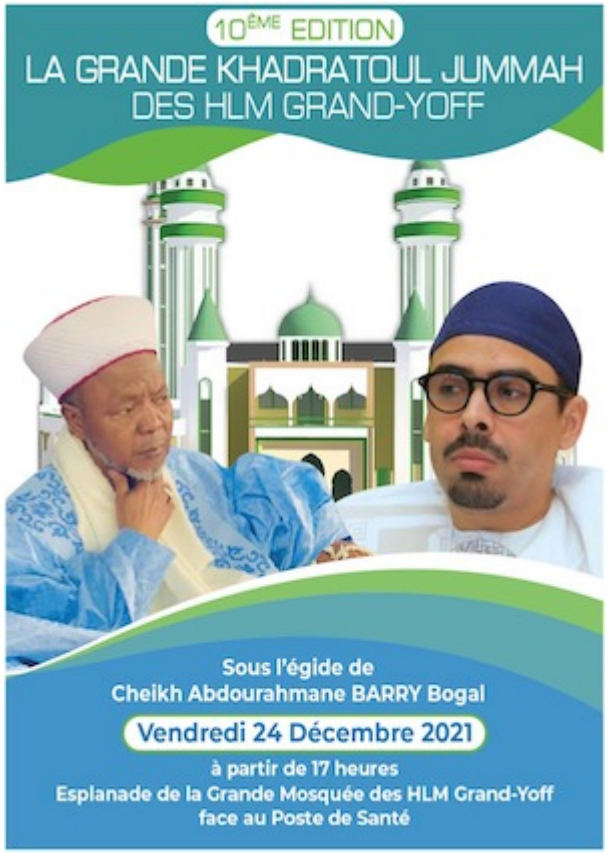

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qui aiguise le plus ma curiosité c'est l'ordre maçonnique. Qu'est-ce que c'est ? Et le professeur d'histoire de lui dire.

-C'est la réunion de trois malédictions réciproques=l'hermétisme, le satanisme et le secret de l'appartenance et de l'initiation. Que le bon dieu nous en garde.

-Pourquoi ce ton sentencieux, réplique l'adolescent interloqué.

-Vois-tu, dans l'islam, on entre au grand jour, avec comme référents= le coran et la sunna du prophète (PSL).

En franc-maçonnerie, l'impétrant qui ne peut être pauvre ou ignorant, est admis dans une loge. Il enfile un tablier fait de peau de porc et une paire de gants qui symbolisent son innocence face au meurtre d'Hiram. Agenouillé, les yeux débandés, il fait acte d'allégeance devant le vénérable maitre au-dessus duquel, sont accrochés, l'équerre et le compas. L'initié entame le voyage spirituel qui consiste à le sortir des ténèbres pour la lumière. De l'ignorance à la connaissance. Celui aussi de la révélation intérieure incommunicable. Il s'engage ensuite, sur le volume de la loi sacrée, à garder le secret maçonnique, et jure sa fidélité à l'ordre, et se vouera à soutenir ses frères maçons dans le besoin ou en difficulté.

Alors il est apparenté au mot de passe secret. Car tout est secret= son appartenance, la liste des frères, les réunions ou tenues. Ainsi en loge, il est formellement interdit d'écrire. A Défaut d'une mémoire d'éléphant, avoir une mémoire fidèle pour accéder aux grades supérieurs. S'engage alors pour lui, la suppression de tous les obstacles à la pénétration de la lumière. En attendant, le voila franc-maçon, titre qui lui sert de passe-droit pour une ascension sociale rapide, source de toutes les magouilles, de toutes les collusions et de toutes les pratiques mafieuses.

-Si je vous saisis bien, notre religion est donc ennemie de cet ordre ?

-Bien sûr. Car célébrer le culte d'Allah dans la mosquée, le jour, et le soir se rendre au temple

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maçonnique pour faire allégeance à Lucifer, n'est pas seulement outrageant. C'est un sacrilège. Il faut être habité par l'esprit du mal pour oser le faire.
Ce dialogue imagé, est le résumé de mon propos.
La franc-maçonnerie opérative
Au Moyen Age, après le triomphe du christianisme, les grandes villes d'Europe cherchaient à se doter de cathédrales dont la construction prenait des années comme pour les châteaux forts. Pour accomplir ces travaux délicats, les maçons taillaient des pierres, les ajustaient avant de les encastrer. Ils savaient travailler les pierres dont personne n'avait la maitrise ; mais gardaient jalousement le secret de leur corporation et articulaient des codes secrets par des salutations étranges.
Ces tailleurs de pierres construisaient leur demeure, les loges en face de leur ouvrage. Ils étaient souvent robustes et pour cause, mais analphabètes pour la plupart. O n entrait dans la profession comme novice 8 à 10 ans. Les apprentis soumis à une entière obéissance au maitre, apprenaient les rudiments d'un métier hiérarchisé, contenus dans un parchemin ou rouleau, appelé les Anciens Devoirs. Leur vie était partagée entre la taille des pierres le jour et les solitudes nocturnes dans les loges. Ainsi, ils organisaient des rituels en puisant dans leur imaginaire des origines fabuleuses, mythiques et bibliques. La légende se substitue à la vérité.
Abraham, détenteur des 7 sciences dont celle de la géométrie, a enseigné aux Egyptiens l'art de construire. Tout le temps que les Hébreux étaient en Egypte, ils construisaient des pyramides. En Israël, ils ont édifié sous la direction du tyrien Hiram Abif, le temple de Jérusalem ; et par une chaine mystérieuse, ont transmis le métier aux constructeurs de cathédrales. L'équerre, le compas et les 2 colonnes du Temple demeurent des symboles forts de la maçonnerie. Pour des illettrés, l'enseignement est vite compris et bien gardé. Dans les sociétés africaines où l'oral prime encore sur l'écrit, les superstitions fondées sur des affabulations, continuent encore à faire recette. Point n'est besoin de cohérence logique, ni de vérité historique, tout est obscur. La légende et le mythe servent de fil conducteur. Bref, toute cette histoire du métier, avec ses obligations morales et professionnelles, bien alimentées, est rapportée dans les manuscrits Regius et les Anciens Devoirs (Old Charges) par des clercs, eux aussi, peu soucieux de chronologie et de faits avérés ? Surtout que l'église protégeait ses ouvriers fort précieux. Le manuscrit Réqius fixe le statut et les conditions de travail, de recrutement de salaire des tailleurs de pierre ; la fraternité d'entraide, enfin la transmission du savoir par les canaux hiérarchisés : l'apprenti, le compagnon, le maitre.
Vers la fin du xvi siècle, les cathédrales, les églises et les châteaux sont construits en briques.
Frappés de plein fouet par le chômage,, les maçons s'organisaient en mutuelle dans le but de se soutenir. Pour augmenter les cotisations, ils ouvrirent leurs loges aux artisans, ouvriers et petits commerçants ? Les bourgeois et les riches aristocrates, qui y firent par la suite leur entrée, prirent progressivement le contrôle des 4 loges de Londres. Ces nouveaux intrus, hautement

éduqués, souvent membres de sociétés scientifiques, étrangers à tout travail manuel, imprimèrent à la maçonnerie sa marque spéculative, celle que nous lui connaissons aujourd'hui.

Les Constitutions de James Anderson

En 1717, les loges que comptait Londres, s'étaient rassemblées et élisaient un grand maitre du nom d'Anthony Sayer.

Deux ans plus tard, le révérend, Dr James Théophile Désagliers, 1683-1774, est porté à la tête de l'obédience. Sa famille avait émigré en Angleterre après la révocation de l'Edit de Nantes. Il devint même ministre de l'Eglise du Royaume.

Aussi donc, la grande loge d'Angleterre (interconfessionnelle) se pose en lieu d'ancrage de la franc-maçonnerie moderne. Les loges ayant perdu tout caractère professionnel, n'en conservent que les symboles. A la place de la construction des édifices, c'est une construction intérieure qui élève les hommes de la terre vers le ciel.

La nouvelle confrérie se dote, dés lors d'une légende de refondation, grâce à un presbytérien écossais, le pasteur James Anderson (1678-1789) qui rédigea un livre de 110 pages, appelé les constitutions d'Anderson ; la nouvelle bible des francs maçons est née.

Anderson, tente de revisiter les Anciens Devoirs pour les purifier des incohérences grossières.

11 articles parlent de l'obligation d'appartenir à la religion chrétienne et insistent sur le loyalisme envers l'Etat et ses institutions. Rien de plus normal pour une société conservatrice imprégnée de religiosité. Ces mêmes articles formalisent les relations de fraternité et de solidarité entre frères maçons dans la loge et avec la plus grande loge de Londres. Des lors, pour être franc-maçon, il faut croire en Dieu ou à un Etre suprême. Mais quel Etre suprême ? Car ce terme ne figure pas dans la bible, ni dans le coran. Cependant, les rituels et les symboles sont explicités par la loge, l'obédience et le rite pratiqué.

Le plan de carrière est fixé par des grades et des degrés : de l'apprenti au vénérable maitre.

Cette confrérie, à but humaniste, universaliste et moral, cherche à unir les hommes dans leur différence, mais interdit les discussions politiques ou religieuses. Ce club fermé, ne reçoit pas les femmes, les pauvres, les noirs, les ignorants. Il est plutôt réservé de préférence aux riches bourgeois et surtout les nobles avec l'expansion coloniale, la maçonnerie s'adapta et s'ouvrit aux noirs sauf aux Etat Unis où ils ont leur propre ordre appelé " Prince hall.

Dans les 6 derniers articles, il est question de l'attitude à prendre dans les réunions ou tenues. La prise de parole est ritualisée et systématisée par un règlement ; il s'agit d'aider à la maitrise de soi. L'apprenti n'a pas droit à la parole, son attitude consiste à écouter et à mémoriser.

Apres la tenue, des cotisations élevées, sont versées « le tronc de la veuve » pour soutenir les frères fauchés.

Reste alors à développer les rapports de fraternité, d'amitié, et de confiance mutuelle. Le tout alimenté par un banquet appelé Agape où la nourriture et l'alcool sont en abondance. Ces rencontres exclusivement masculines virent souvent à la débauche.

Pour préserver cette atmosphère bon enfant, tout est permis, sauf que les divergences politiques ou religieuses, s'arrêtent au seuil de la porte.
D'autres points parlent de la relation avec les profanes. A ce niveau, éviter de parler de son appartenance maçonnique ou celle de son « frère », même pas à ses intimes : ami, épouse…
Grace au tuilage, il apprend les signes particuliers de reconnaissance, par la parole ou le signe, pour permettre aux membres de se reconnaitre afin de se protéger des ennemis prompts à percer leurs mystères. L'entraide est le ciment unificateur des membres, en particulier pour ceux qui sont en situation difficile : argent, recasement, promotion, poursuites judiciaires.
Cette solidarité agissante est un attrait pour les arrivistes, les carriéristes et les opportunistes de tout point. De plus est que les conflits internes sont réglés par la justice maçonnique qui opère selon « laver son linge sale en famille ».
Enfin la 3è partie des constitutions d'Anderson comprend 39 articles sur les règlements généraux. Elles parlent de l'organisation des loges autour d'une obédience. Du respect pour les dirigeants, à commencer par le grand maitre à qui l'on doit obéissance, du venerable maitre pour lequel la soumission doit être totale.
Club initiatique où se perpétue la fraternité humaine. Peut être mais dans la réalité, c'est un club de service qui place l'intérêt maçonnique au dessus de l'intérêt général ou national.
Aucune originalité car tout est emprunt rien n'a été inventé. Le récit demeure encore événementiel, invérifiable. Aux maçons opératifs, ils ont emprunté les outils : compas, équerre, maillet, règle, fil à plomb...
.Le symbolisme religieux est emprunté au satanisme et au christianisme. Seule leur utilisation secrète les rend maçons. A l' origine, deux rites étaient reconnus, il y'en aura une centaine au fil des siècles.
Selon G. Mazzini, satanisme, grand maitre du grand Orient d'Italie « peu importe la diversité de rites ou de formes puisque la pensée est unique ».
Le rite français
Le rite écossais ancien et accepte 33E DEGRES
Le rite york 10 degrés
Et le rite écossais rectifie 33 degrés
Viennent après=
Le rite émulation fusion des Anciens et des Modernes.
Le Droit Humain qui comprend un courant de gauche et un courant de droite accueille les femmes.
Le rite de Memphis-Mesraim= unit la philosophie des lumières, la pensée grecque antique et égyptienne.
Le discours d'Andrew Ramsay (1686-1743) sur l'origine templière de la maçonnerie.
Andrew Ramsay, grand orateur de la loge de France, était exilé écossais. Il fait remonter la

maçonnerie aux ordres religieux des Templiers et Hospitaliers, contrairement aux Anciens Devoirs (Old Charges) qui la rattachent au Temple de Salomon. Le 30e degré de cet ordre est le grand élu, chevalier kadosh (en hébreu saint) ; donc, un lien ombilical avec les Templiers qui ont subi l'influence du mysticisme oriental.
L'année de la publication du discours de Ramsay, le pape clément XII excommunie les francs-maçons, en raison du secret de leurs assemblées, et dit-il « pour d'autres motifs justes et raisonnables de nous connus. »
Pour Ramsay, alors catholique ; « Du temps des croisades dans la Palestine, plusieurs princes, seigneurs et citoyens, entrèrent en société, firent vœu de rétablir les Temples chrétiens dans la terre sainte… Après les déplorables travers des croisades… le grand prince Edouard, ramènera tous ses confrères, et cette colonie de frères s'établit en Angleterre. Alors les membres en prirent le nom de franc-maçons. Depuis ce temps-là, la grande Bretagne fut le siège de notre ordre.
Extrait du discours de Ramsay
La légende affirme que Pierre d'Aumont, grand maitre, les a conduits en Ecosse où ils bénéficiaient de la protection de la Couronne et y perpétuèrent l'ordre du Temple. Leurs pratiques et leurs rites initiatiques secrets qu'ils partageaient avec les tailleurs de pierres écossais, a évolué vers la maçonnerie. La construction de la chapelle de Roslin, un sanctuaire bizarre, avec des motifs étranges, est à leur actif. Sur la face, sont incrustés des angles, des genoux accroupis, des mains sur le cœur. On l'appelle la cathédrale des codes ou la chapelle de Mary.
En 1599 ? LA 1e loge dite Ecossaise est fondée. C'est le Rite Ecossais Rectifié, qui revendique une filiation spirituelle avec l'ordre du Temple.
A ce jour, aucun historien n'a soutenu un lien quelconque entre templiers et francs-maçons.
A l'origine, c'était une milice destinée à sécuriser les routes peu sûres des pèlerins pour Jérusalem. Ces moines-chevaliers, au service du roi et du patriarche de Jérusalem, qui leur céda une partie de l'Esplanade de la Mosquée Al Aqsa, se faisaient appeler Templiers en souvenir du Temple de Salomon dont il ne restait rien, sinon le mur des Lamentations construit par Hérode le grand, et surmonté de briques cubiques, à l'époque des Omeyyades.
Templiers et Hospitaliers, s'engageaient à garder les lieux saints. Les premiers étaient vêtus de manteau blanc à croix rouge, les seconds du manteau noir ou rouge à croix blanche. Tout en comportant une blanche militaire, les Hospitaliers s'occupaient en particulier des pauvres et des malades.
Les Templiers qui s'interdisaient de fuir devant l'ennemi, constituaient une force redoutable. Leur devise était « ne pas céder au combat ».
Au nombre de 1000 à 1500, ils venaient de tous les pays d'occident une véritable force internationale sans laquelle les envahisseurs n'auraient pas, à eux seuls, réussi à conserver

leurs conquêtes, pendant deux siècles.
Entre temps, les templiers ont gagné en importance, en puissance militaire et financière.
Ils ont sous leur contrôle de vastes territoires et la garde d'importantes forteresses, sans parler des profits tirés des lettres d'échange pour les pèlerins.
Mais après la perte d'Acre en 1291, ces moins-soldats se replient en Europe. Leur fortune et leur influence ne tardèrent pas à inquiéter et monarques et rois.
En 1307, Philipe le Bel fit arrêter simultanément 138 templiers avec leur chef le grand maitre du chevalier du Temple Jacques Molay.
Sur l'accusation de reniement du christ, d'homosexualité et Sodomie, le tout aggravé de l'adoration d'une idole appelée Baphomet. Ils seront tous condamnés au supplice du bûcher et leurs biens donnés aux Hospitaliers. D'autres pays suivirent la France.
Les rescapés changèrent de nom et d'accoutrement, pour se fondre dans la masse, avant de fuir sous d'autres cieux. Le coup de grâce vint du Pape Clément v en 1312 avec la dissolution de l'ordre qui, de fait, avait cessé d'exister.
Maçonnerie et Religion
En proclament que « tout est dieu, ou Dieu est tout » la maçonnerie relativise la religion révélée en tant qu'attachement à la foi au même titre que d'autres attitudes de pensée. De ce fait, elle réunit pêle-mêle, cultes et croyances, les cultes d'Egypte, l'occultisme, le spiritisme, l'hermétisme.
C'est donc, en toute logique que divorçant avec la Grande Loge interconfessionnelle de Londres que le grand Orient de France supprime en 1877 la croyance en Dieu et privilégié la liberté totale de conscience, la recherche de la vérité et l'adhésion à la morale universelle.
E n proclamant sa neutralité religieuse, elle enlève progressivement toute foi religieuse à l'initié par le silence et le secret maçonnique. L e frère de lumière est invité à penser par lui-même, en dehors de tout dogme.
Parmi ses symboles et rites, le pentagramme, étoile à 5 branches, révélé au 2e degré, représente dans le satanisme, le bouc de Mendés.
Albert Pike, fondateur du Ku Klux Klan, raciste anti-noir, 33e degré.
-Dans « Morales et Dogmes » -prétend que « la religion maçonnique doit être maintenue dans la pureté de la doctrine luciférienne, la vraie religion est le satanisme. Lucifer est le dieu de la lumière et le dieu des Bons luttant pour l'humanité contre le dieu des ténèbres et des enfers ».
La Rose-Croix, une autre variante de la maçonnerie, affirme que le Dieu de la Bible n'existe pas. Le 18e degré de la Rose-Croix, est ouvertement antireligieux.
C'est tout naturellement que le Vatican considère la maçonnerie comme une secte impie, se fondant sur l'enseignement de Jésus-Christ qui dit : Jean 3 : 19,21 « Or voici d'où vient le jugement : la lumière est venue dans le monde, mais les hommes ont mieux aimé les ténèbres, que la lumière, car leurs œuvres étaient mauvaises. Car celui qui pratique des choses viles a de

la haine pour la lumière, de peur que ses œuvres ne soient reprises. Mais celui qui fait ce qui est vrai vient de la lumière, afin que ses œuvres soient manifestées comme ayant été opérées en accord avec Dieu ».
Huit Pape les ont excommuniés, dont les derniers en date est le Pape Jean XXIII en 1983.
L'Islam, qui rejette toute idolâtrie, toute représentation imagée, est une religion de foi totale et absolue en Dieu, dégagée de toute forme d'association. Cette foi intérieure du croyant, est vivifiée, en plus des 5 piliers de l'Islam, par l'amour du prochain.
« Allah est le défendeur de ceux qui ont la foi : il les fait sortir des ténèbres à la lumière. Quant à ceux qui ne croient pas, ils ont pour défenseurs les Tagut (diable, idole), qui les font sortir de la lumière aux ténèbres. Voilà les gens du feu, où ils demeureront éternellement » Sourate Al Baquarah (vache) verset 257.
L'opposition du musulman au frère de lumière est inconciliable, irréductible. Dans la plupart des pays arabo-persiques, les fils de la Veuve, n'ont pas droit de cité. En Arabie Saoudite, ils sont inconnus.
L'Egypte de Gamal Abdel Nasser a fermé leurs loges en 1952, Un Fatwa prononcé par l'université Al Azahar les assimile aux idolâtres.
L'Algérie indépendante, sous Ben Bella, interdit toute activité maçonne. En Iran, la Révolution Khomeyniste ne leur laissa aucun répit, après la fermeture de leurs loges.
Dans les Territoires occupés de Palestine, la maçonnerie alliée au judaïsme est perçue en ennemie de l'Islam et de la Cause des peuples opprimés. La Turquie, après le coup d'Etat de 1908, par des officiers, est le pays musulman qui comptait le plus de maçons.
Depuis l'avènement du parti islamique AKP (Parti de la Justice et du Développement) ceux qui ont rejoint sous les colonnes, sont en net recul. Paradoxalement en Afrique les temples maçonniques se multiplient, aussi bien chez les anglophones que parmi les francophones.
Franc-maçonnerie et pouvoir
L'histoire de l'Humanité s'inscrit dans une logique de convulsions et de contradictions, indispensables à son évolution.
Elle se déploie à des périodes et dates manquantes en des lieux déterminés. La maçonnerie les transcende pour les résumer en légendes. Elle dit le contraire de ce qu'elle fait sans pour autant s'interdire de s'approprier les conquêtes des peuples sur leurs oppresseurs.
La Révolution de 1789, c'est nous. La Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme, notre œuvre. La Démocratie, notre trouvaille.
Au nom des mêmes principes, ils ferment les yeux quand les F16 et les drones Américains bombardent la Libye après l'Irak pour leur voler leur pétrole ; ou qu'Israël procède à un massacre à guichet fermé sur Gaza.
Pour se parer des accusations de collusion avec la finance internationale pour dominer le monde, elle invoque ses activités philanthropiques et humanistes mais reste muette sur

l'exploitation des masses laborieuses.
En Afrique francophone, les confréries maçonniques sont des relais efficaces de la françafrique qui pérennise la mainmise économique, commerciale et culturelle de la France dans ses anciennes colonies.
Elles sont affilées pour la plupart aux obédiences françaises= le Grand Orient de France, la Grande Loge Nationale française.
La Rehfram (Rencontres humanistes et fraternelles africaines et malgaches) qui regroupe l'essentiel des loges africaines, se réunit chaque année dans une capitale africaine pour échanger des humanités et des fraternités. Cette partie visible de l'iceberg cache une autre réalité plus profonde= aplanir les hostilités ouvertes entre frères de lumière. Comme celle qui a opposé Pascal Lissouba membre du grand Orient de France et Sassou Nguesso, initié dans un temple de Dakar. En 1997, ils avaient plongé leur pays dans une guerre civile sanglante par milices armées interposées, des milliers de congolais y laissèrent leur vie « Cet exemple reconnait le monde diplomatique de septembre 1997, en dit long sur l'influence des franc-maçons en Afrique francophone ». Sous la colonisation, la maçonnerie s'était beaucoup investie pour le triomphe de la mission culturelle et civilisatrice de la France sur « des peuples vierges de passé et d'écriture ». Son manteau anticlérical abandonné en métropole, elle affichait ouvertement son hostilité à l'Islam maraboutique imprégné de la résistance omarienne.
L'indépendance acquise, beaucoup de dirigeants, pour des raisons de souveraineté nationale, religieuses ou idéologiques, ont interdit dans leur pays les activités maçonniques.
Au Mali le nationaliste Modibo Keita ferma la loge « Art et Science ». En Guinée, le révolutionnaire Sékou Touré, après « le complot maçonnique » de 1961, a décapité ses chefs.
En 1963, le très catholique Houphouët Boigny, jéta en prison, Kacou Aoulou et ses frères de la Loge « Fraternité africaine ».
Le marxisant Mathieu Kérékou au pouvoir au Bénin, comme pour se conformer à la lointaine Résolution de 1922 du 4e congrès de la défunte Internationale invitant les partis communistes à exclure les maçons de leur rang, il les cloua au pilori.
Après une décennie de repli tactique, la grande loge nationale française opérait une Persée spectaculaire en Afrique francophone. Toutes les loges rouvraient et reprenaient du service. Comme un caméléon, la maçonnerie sut s'adapter aux situations changeantes. Elle reste inféodée aux régimes en place, fuissent-ils des plus sanguinaires. La loi du silence aidant, elle place en orbite ses hommes dans les hautes sphères du pouvoir. De fait, s'installe une force occulte qui donne ses directives et applique les mots d'ordre des puissances de tutelle.
Amedée Dunet, ex-33e degré, ex-vénérable secrétaire général de la grande loge de France expliquait : « Elu grand secrétaire de la grande loge de France, j'ai connu le fond de la lâcheté humaine, de la cupidité, de l'hypocrisie, du mal. J'ai tout vu, tout su, tout connu. J'ai quitté la secte écœuré, affaibli, anéanti. Les principes écrits ne sont jamais appliqués, les chefs, des

chefs de caverne. La franc-maçonnerie est un instrument entre les mains de roués et de corrompus. C'est un syndicat d'arrivistes, sans scrupules, de petits hommes sans conscience… C'est une erreur de croire que la maçonnerie est un groupement d'hommes de gauche ». Conférence-1924-Strasbourg

La Franc-maçonnerie au Sénégal

La première loge maçonne vit le jour au Sénégal sous domination coloniale à St Louis. Dans son préambule de constitution, elle précise que c'est : «En l'an de vraie lumière 5781, le 9e jour du mois maçonnique et de l'ère vulgaire 9 juillet 1781 ».

A St louis où le commerce de la gomme prenait le pas sur le trafic de l'esclavage, la franc-maçonnerie était à la mode dans la société coloniale, les frères de cette loge se composaient de militaires, fonctionnaires et négociants de la compagnie du Sénégal, évidemment tous français. Trois loges seront créées plus tard : « La Parfaite Union », l'union sénégalaise et « l'Avenir du Sénégal ».

En 1834, des personnalités métisses marquantes dans le tissu économique et politique rejoignirent sous les colonnes. Ainsi, le premier initié mulâtre est Pellegrin François, maire de St Louis, ont suivi Nicolas d'Erneville, Valentin Batiste, Crespin Auguste. Les grandes familles de la petite bourgeoisie métisse.

Il faut attendre 1882 pour voir la maçonnerie coloniale s'ouvrir aux noirs avec Biram Sady et le capitaine des tirailleurs Mamadou Raçine.

Vers la fin du XIXe siècle, St Louis perd son rôle de carrefour commercial, au profit de Dakar capitale de l'AOF où les grands fonctionnaires ont ouvert la première loge en 1899. L'économie fondée essentiellement sur l'agriculture et la commercialisation des matières premières, a pour pôle d'attraction l'arachide, le principal produit d'exportation.

A) Blaise Diagne

La même année, Blaise Diagne, fonctionnaire des douanes, est initié aux mystères de la maçonnerie dans la loge l'Amitié du grand orient de France à St Denis de la Réunion.

L'homme est intelligent. Tout jeune, il raccolait des prix dans son école. Courageux et ambitieux, il avait le flair des opportunités politiques et ne tarissait pas de ressources imaginatives pour atteindre son but.

En 20 ans, il gravit tous les 3 grades et les 33 degrés et, est élu vénérablement maitre de la loge Pythagore en Guyane. A Paris, il est admis au Conseil de l'Ordre du Grand Orient de France. C'est tout naturellement qu'en sa mémoire, la 1e loge de Dakar est baptisée à son nom en 1977. Il est le père spirituel des frères de la lumière du Sénégal.

Des jeunes élites, pressées de s'élever dans l'échelle sociale, investissent avec les libanais, les loges de la région du Cap-Vert ou les temples de la Rose-croix.

Michel Quillardet vénérable maitre du GOF en visite à Dakar en 2007, estimait les enfants d'Hiram dans notre pays au nombre de 3000. Les groupes de bienfaisance qu'ils animent ne

sont autre que l'excroissance de la Veuve. Dans une causerie célèbre, intitulée depuis, le Fatwa du Ramadan, le grand guide Abdoul Aziz SY stigmatisé la pratique maçonne assimilée a l'idolâtrie, et voué aux gémonies les musulmans adeptes des loges
Le quotidien Walf Fadjri avait vu juste en dénonçant ces clubs de service couverts de lauriers et que l'on appelle = Rotary ou Lion's club.
Au plan politique, Blaise Diagne qui fut maire de Dakar et député colonial, sans interruption de 1914 à 1934, était un politicien avisé, manœuvrier, et à l'occasion machiavélique.
Galandou Diouf, un de ses lieutenants, hostile à l'administration coloniale, a ouvertement combattu son accointance avec les maisons bordelaises détentrices du monopole du commerce. Tout comme les nationalistes africains, en particulier, L amine Senghor communiste de la première heure, qui voyaient en lui l'instrument servile du colonisateur.
En pleine guerre, Blaise Diagne fit voter, le 29 septembre 1916, la loi sur les 4 communes, donnant aux ressortissants de Dakar, St Louis, Rufisque, et Gorée, la citoyenneté française, sans pour autant, leur conférer les mêmes droits que le colon français.
Les affres de la guerre ne sont pas sans rapport à cette loi restrictive.
Entre 1914 et 1916, 50000 soldats étaient recrutés. L'Afrique, ruinée par les épidémies et la famine consécutive au dépeuplement des campagnes et aux réquisitions de céréales et de bétail pour effort de guerre, était exsangue.
Devant l'obligation de fournir encore un certain contingent, les chefs locaux donnaient aux recruteurs leurs anciens esclaves à la place de leurs fils ou neveux.
L'exception vint d'El Hadj Malick Sy, grande figure de l'Islam, qui s'est refusé à laisser partir au front un seul de ses 500 talibés, des adolescents et adultes, confiés à lui, pour leurs humanités coraniques. Il donna son fils ainé Mohamed qui disparaitra à la bataille de Salonique. Ses disciples seront le fer de lance du Tidianisme à l'assaut des dernières poches de résistance du paganisme.
Une autre grande figure, le capitaine Joost Van Vollenhoven, d'origine néerlandaise, nommé gouverneur le 3 juin 1917, s'opposa à un nouveau recrutement massif exigé par le ministre des colonies en termes pathétiques : « je vous demande, monsieur le ministre, de ne pas donner l'ordre de procéder à de nouveaux recrutements de troupes noires. Vous mettriez le pays à feu et à sang. Vous le réuniriez complètement et ce, sans aucun résultat. Nous sommes allés non seulement au-delà de ce qui était sage mais au-delà de ce qui était possible de demander à un pays
En répondant au ministre qu'il ne pouvait obtempérer, il démissionna et alla au front où l'attendait la mort. Par devoir de mémoire une grande avenue de Bamako porte son nom. Tant il est vrai que pour rendre l'idéal à la réalité, l'ultime sacrifice n'est pas à écarter.
Blaise Diagne contre ses frères de race
Le général Robert Georges Nivelle, chargé de défendre Verdun, usée par deux années de guerre

de tranchées, atroce, où chaque périmètre de terrain étale ses morts sans nombre, décide de porter l'assaut final contre les Allemands. L e 16 avril 1917, il lance une offensive massive, connue sous l'appellation de Bataille de chemin des Dames. L'échec est total. Le coût humain effarant ; 350000 morts et blessés. Une hécatombe. Pour ne rien arranger des mutineries éclatent contre les mauvaises conditions au front, ajoutées aux révoltes des circonscrits qui refusent souvent de combattre. Alors la France se tourne, encore une fois de plus, sur ce qui restait de la musculature dans ses colonies africaines.

Clemenceau nomme Blaise Diagne, commissaire général chargé du recrutement indigène, en janvier 1918.

Fort de cette promotion, il est envoyé en Afrique avec une feuille de route bien établie : recrutement de 64000 hommes en AOF et 14000 en AEF. Dés lors, il distribue, à volonté, promesses et bonnes paroles. Ainsi, chaque engagé aura doit automatiquement à une médaille militaire. Un certificat de bien manger (la famille sévissait) une tenue militaire, la citoyenneté française, et enfin, la garantie d'un emploi après la guerre.

Son mentor Clemenceau disait qu' « on ne ment jamais autant qu'avant les élections, pendant la guerre ou après la chasse. En attendant, les agents recruteurs bien motivés, parcouraient les campagnes à la recherche de « chair à canon ».

Dans les provinces du Sine et du Saloum des centaines de jeunes fuyaient en Gambie anglaise où l'engagement n'était pas obligatoire. Jamais le Sénégal n'avait connu une misère aussi profonde que pendant la grande guerre. Malgré tout Blaise Diagne parvint à recruter 73000 hommes.

Après les hostilités, la plupart des survivants regagnèrent leurs villages pour reprendre leurs activités agricoles ; car très peu eurent droit à un emploi.

Le maire de Dakar assimilationniste convaincu, s'enorgueillissait du droit de vote et du titre de sujet français pour les ressortissants des 4 communes qui se distinguaient de la grande masse des indigènes taillables et corvéables à souhait grâce au système du travail forcé. « La France, disait-il, seule est capable de travailler pour l'avancement de la race noire ». En 1921, il est élu président de la commission sur les colonies. Entre 1931 et 1932, Blaise Diagne occupe le poste de sous-secrétaire d'Etat aux colonies dans le gouvernement de Pierre Laval. Dans son livre intitulé Blaise Diagne, Aly Khaly Dieng, présente le personnage comme une marionnette entre les mains de l'homme blanc.

A sa mort en 1934, il a eu droit aux hommages des différentes obédiences françaises. A Dakar, les Lébous ont refusé son inhumation dans leur cimetière. En dépit de fortes pressions des autorités coloniales, ils sont restés dignes, fermes et résolus. Finalement, la dépouille mortelle de celui qu'on appelle le premier député noir, trouvera sa sépulture dans un petit coin, à l'entrée du cimetière des Abattoirs. C'est e le châtiment réservé par l'Histoire à ceux qui tournent le dos aux intérêts de leur peuple pour se mettre aux ordres de l'étranger. Ils tombent dans l'oubli.

C’est pour le ressusciter dans la mémoire collective que le président Wade a donné le nom de Blaise Diagne à l’aéroport international de N’Diass. Une insulte à la mémoire des milliers de morts africains dans la boucherie de la première guerre mondiale-une offense à la morale- un mépris des sénégalais. Mohamed Ibn Malick Sy, Van Vollenhoven et tant d’autres seraient-ils morts pour rien?
Comme hier en 1918, Blaise Diagne arnaquait ses concitoyens au nom d’une assimilation impossible. Comme aujourd’hui, Wade trompait son peuple sous le manteau d’un nationalisme ombrageux. Ils ont, tous les deux, en partage le simulacre maçonnique.
Tout le contraire de Mamadou Dia, ancien président du Conseil, pour qui, l’immense amour qu’il a toujours porté au Sénégal, l’a rendu aimable.

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1. Posté par **Nouveau** le 15/03/2012 08:32

Je ne vais même pas prendre le risque de voter pour Macky qui donne des gages à tous les lobbies. Wade en a pour 3 ans et au moins il a de la poigne. Il vivra avec un gouvernement d'opposition ou d'union. Ce qui l'empêchera de faire passer son fils.

Mais Macky, non merci!!!!

2. Posté par **Léonard de vinci** le 15/03/2012 08:41

Macky,ce candidat qui pose probleme.
1)Il est soupçonne non sans raison d'appartenir aux loges maçonniques
2)Il semble qu'il soit lie aux homosexuels et cela,depuis Petrosen ou il a connu une ascension rapide
3)Il est entoure d'intellectuels gauchistes qui lui dictent la conduite a tenir et on sait de quoi ceux la sont capables
4)Son parti est fondamentalement ethniciste comme celui de GBAGBO
5)Comme Simone GBAGBO , c'est sa femme qui porte la ceinture
6)Comme GBAGBO,il accepte toutes les conditions qu'on lui poses
7)En bon franc macon,il n'aime pas les marabouts,surtout les marabouts mourides

Avouez quand meme que cocktail est explosif.
Votez Wade,c'est voter pour un vieux monstre mourant.
Votez MACKY,c'est voter pour un monstre au summum de sa puissance
Que faire

3. Posté par **Abdou** le 15/03/2012 09:16

Nous savons ce qui en est d' Ablaye Wade concernant la franc-maçonnerie. Après des aveux circonstanciés, il décide de donner le nom de Blaise Diagne au nouvel aéroport non encore inauguré. Les sénégalais, ont dans leur majorité, classé Ablaye Wade, sauf répentir sincère. Mais pour ce qui est de Macky Sall, tant qu'il ne se sera pas publiquement prononcé sur sa prétendu appartenance à la franc-maçonnerie pour la réfuter, je ne voterai pas pour lui. A lui de choisir de perdre au moins une voix ?

4. Posté par **Icarus** le 15/03/2012 09:18

Quand je suis arrivé à " faire allégeance à Lucifer", j'ai arrêté ma lecture. Du n'importe quoi.
M. Yérim Seck, s'il vous plaît, jetez de temps en temps un coup d'oeil aux articles qui passent sur votre site, ce serait une marque de respect pour vos lecteurs. Merci.

5. Posté par **Léonard de vinci** le 15/03/2012 09:19

ET PUIS COMME GBAGBO,SON SLOGAN C'EST ON GAGNE OU ON GAGNE

6. Posté par **Please** le 15/03/2012 10:53

Completement d’accord avec Icarus!!! C’est lamentable de lire des choses pareilles.... D’autant plus que beaucoup de lecteurs vont gober ces balivernes!!

7. Posté par **Baye Peul** le 15/03/2012 12:28

A Icarus et Please
Je trouve vos réactions trop à "l'emporte -pièce" . Je peux être admettre que vous ne soyez pas d'accord avec l'auteur de cet article que je trouve riche en enseignement mais la moindre des choses c'est de faire l'effort qu'il a fait en démontrant le non fondé de ses propos. A la place vous vous en prenez à cheikh Yérim qui n'est même pas l'administrateur de ce site pour le faire démentir des propos sur lesquels ses connaissances ne sont pas sûres d'être établies.

8. Posté par **mala** le 15/03/2012 13:20

bayepeul ta raison,les loges maconnique sont entrain de semer la terreur par vdans le monde,j ai vu un doc qui prouve leur implication dans tous les crise universelle,et dire que c est pas uin article important c est ignorer la realité,ils ont infiltré le vatican et lezs juifs et en ce moment leurs objectif c est de faire pareil pour l ISLAM,c est par hasard que le president wade a donné le nom du futur aeroport a blaise diagne,et aussi en temps de crise wade nous impose un monument qui coute des milliards,alors reflechissons bien avant de se nouer dans le critisisme

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LES FRANÇAIS ET LA TRAITE DES ESCLAVES EN SÉNÉGAMBIE

L'histoire de la traite des esclaves en Sénégambie au 18e siècle est essentiellement celle de la concurrence franco-anglaise, surtout après l'expulsion des Hollandais de la côte à la suite de la guerre de la gomme dans les années 1720. Le premier contact des navigateurs français avec le fleuve Sénégal remonte au milieu du 15e siècle mais leur premier établissement fixe n'a été fondé qu'en 1638 quand Thomas Lambert construisit une loge de commerce sur la pointe de Bieurt, située à trois lieues de l'embouchure du fleuve[1]. En 1628 déjà, il avait fallu déloger les Anglais de cet endroit. Le capitaine dieppois Bontemps avait alors enlevé aux Anglais deux navires (le *James* et la *Bénédiction*) portant cent Nègres et une cargaison estimée à 130 000 livres[2].

Thomas Lambert était un capitaine marchand qui, depuis 1626 au moins, fréquentait l'Afrique. En 1638, les négociants associés de Rouen et Dieppe le choisirent pour conduire au Sénégal deux vaisseaux chargés de marchandises et de matériaux pour bâtir une habitation. Celle-ci fut construite en briques avec un appontement sur la rivière pour recevoir les cuirs et charger les barques. Elle subsista jusqu'en 1658 quant elle fut détruite par la mer qui avait rompu la barre. La seconde habitation, construite par le commis Louis Caulier, ayant été détruite aussi, les Dieppois furent obligés d'abandonner la place et de se retirer dans une petite île située au milieu du fleuve et mieux protégée contre l'assaut des vagues. Louis Caulier y construisit

1. Sur la présence française au Sénégal et les différentes compagnies qui y contrôlèrent le commerce, voir l'ouvrage de référence d'Abdoulaye Ly, *La Compagnie du Sénégal*, Paris, Karthala, 1993.

2. Prosper Cultru (éd.), *Premier voyage du Sieur de la Courbe fait à la Coste d'Afrique en 1685*, Champion et Larose, Paris, Société de l'histoire des colonies françaises, 1913, p. XXIII.

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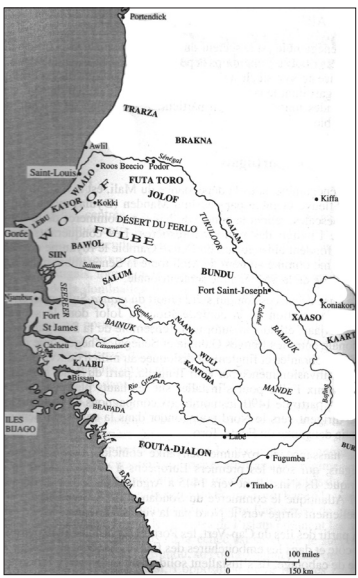
un fort en 1659. L'endroit, appelé Ndar par les autochtones, sera baptisé du nom de Saint-Louis en l'honneur du roi Louis XIV.

Premier établissement permanent des Français en Afrique, Saint-Louis du Sénégal a servi de base pour la mise en valeur des colonies françaises d'Amérique. Chef-lieu de la Concession du Sénégal et entrepôt général de vivres et marchandises de traite, la ville devint rapidement un foyer humain où se côtoyaient des Noirs, des Blancs et des mulâtres. Les limites de la Concession française du Sénégal avaient été fixées par les lettres patentes du roi de France de 1696, à savoir du Cap Blanc au nord, jusqu'à l'embouchure de la rivière Sierra Leone au sud. Mais, en fait, pendant la première moitié du 18e siècle, les Français se désintéressèrent de la partie de la côte située entre les Bissagos et la Sierra Leone. Les deux centres principaux de la concession étaient les établissements côtiers de Saint-Louis, à l'embouchure du fleuve Sénégal, et Gorée, au large de la presqu'île du Cap-Vert[3].



La Sénégambie au 18e siècle, carte établie par Boubakar Barry (d'après M. Abitbol, 1979)[4], dans *Histoire générale de l'Afrique*, tome V, Paris, Éditions de l'UNESCO, 1998.

3. André Delcourt, *La France et les Établissements Français au Sénégal entre 1713 et 1763*, Mémoires IFAN, Dakar, 1952, p. 91.

4. Cette carte de la Sénégambie se trouve dans *l'Histoire générale de l'Afrique, V, L'Afrique du 16e eu 18e siècle*, éditions UNESCO, 1999, Boubacar Barry, chap. 10, « La Sénégambie du 16e au 18e siècle », p. 319-361. Carte p. 321.

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Le fort de Saint-Louis était la résidence du directeur général de la Concession. Protégée des incursions venant de la mer par la langue de Barbarie à l'ouest et, au sud, par la barre qui gêne le franchissement de l'embouchure, Saint-Louis commandait l'entrée du fleuve Sénégal. Les Français avaient l'habitude d'engager des équipages noirs, surtout des mulâtres libres de Saint-Louis et Gorée appelés Gourmettes, pour le cabotage le long des côtes africaines et le franchissement de la barre. Cette opération réussie, les navires de haute mer s'arrêtaient devant le fort d'où partait une flottille pour assurer le commerce du fleuve. Pendant la saison des basses eaux, le commerce ne se faisait guère au-delà de Podor à cause de la rupture du cours d'eau en plusieurs endroits du fait du retrait des eaux. Le mil, les cuirs et peaux et surtout la gomme étaient alors négociés aux « escales » dites du Désert, du Coq et du Terrier Rouge dans le Fuuta Tooro[5]. Au moment de la crue, la flottille remontait le fleuve Sénégal jusqu'au confluent de la Falémé et ses environs, c'est-à-dire au pays de Galam.

Ce pays était le poumon économique de la Concession avec l'or et les esclaves comme principaux produits de traite. Pour Saugnier, c'est « le lieu des bonnes affaires […]. On se procure chez cette nation beaucoup d'esclaves que les caravanes y conduisent de diverses contrées de l'Afrique. On y traite en abondance, or, morphil, pagnes et mille autres objets[6] ». Au-delà du Galam, toute la région du Haut-Sénégal-Niger était intégrée à la mouvance de Saint-Louis du Sénégal. Cette ville aurait été le plus grand centre de traite négrière en Afrique n'eussent été les difficultés de la navigation sur le fleuve Sénégal et la concurrence des Anglais, solidement implantés en Gambie, qui parvenaient à détourner vers ce pays une partie des caravanes qui allaient au Galam.

Selon Prosper Cultru, la première expédition française au Galam date de 1667. Les Français avaient alors envoyé une trentaine d'hommes dans des barques, au moment de la crue, l'objectif étant de savoir si l'on pouvait naviguer de la rivière du Sénégal à

5. Voir Boubacar Barry, « La Sénégambie du 17e au 18e siècle », dans *Histoire générale de l'Afrique, V, L'Afrique du 16e eu 18e siècle*, éditions UNESCO, 1999, p. 319-361. Citation p. 327.

6. Saugnier, *Relations de plusieurs voyages à la côte d'Afrique, à Maroc, au Sénégal, à Gorée, à Galam, etc.*, Roux et Compagnie, Paris, 1791, p. 182.

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celle de la Gambie. Cette première tentative se solda par un échec car les membres de l'expédition furent décimés par la fatigue. Le 23 juin 1685, une deuxième expédition conduite par Chambonneau, directeur de la Concession, s'arrêta au Fuuta Tooro car le souverain du pays ne voulait pas « qu'il allât en Galam à cause de Sambaboüé (Samba Booy), son ennemi, qui s'y était réfugié, avec qui il craignait qu'il n'eût quelque commerce[7] ». Par la suite, le Fuuta obligera plusieurs expéditions à renoncer au voyage de Galam. Les souverains de ce royaume, de même que ceux de tous les pays riverains du fleuve, conditionnaient le droit de commerce dans leurs territoires, ainsi que le passage au pays de Galam, au paiement de redevances appelées « coutumes ». Le souverain du Fuuta, par exemple, percevait des traitants européens, avec force protocole, divers articles de traite désignés sous les noms évocateurs de « bonjour du Roy », « grand bonjour du Roy », « coutume du Roy », « coutume des femmes du Roy », « coutume de l'alquier du Roy », « coutume de Camalinque[8] ».

Le directeur de la Compagnie était désigné familièrement par les indigènes sous le nom « Borom Ndar » (le Seigneur de Ndar). Ce qui précède montre qu'il n'était pas tout puissant, loin s'en fallait. André Brüe, directeur de la Compagnie du Sénégal à partir de 1697 et premier concepteur d'une présence impérialiste française en Afrique occidentale bien avant Faidherbe[9], l'apprit à ses dépens pour avoir cherché à imposer les intérêts de la Compagnie au détriment de ceux de ses partenaires au Sénégal. Il s'en tira après de longs jours de captivité et une forte rançon au profit de Lat Sukaabe Faal, souverain des royaumes Wolof du Kajoor et du Bawol, de 1695 à 1720[10]. La faiblesse relative du « Borom Ndar » explique à cette époque sa propension à utiliser ses partenaires afri-

7. P. Cultru (éd.), *Premier voyage du Sieur de la Courbe fait à la coste d'Afrique en 1685*, *op. cit.*, p. 35 et p. 66.

8. Alquier ou Alcati, percepteur du Roi. Camalinque (kamalinku), prince héritier du trône des Satigi du Fuuta.

9. André Delcourt, *La France et les Établissements Français au Sénégal entre 1713 et 1763*, *op. cit.*, p. 108.

10. D'après Boubacar Barry, André Bruë fut arrêté par le roi du Kajoor et du Bawol en 1701. Voir « La Sénégambie du 17e au 18e siècle », *op. cit.*, p. 338 et Rokhaya Fall, *Les souverains sénégambiens et la traite négrière : Latsukaabe Ngoné Dièye et André Brüe*, 11 p. ronéo, 1997. Voir également Jean-Michel Deveau,

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cains les uns contre les autres pour s'accommoder à la réalité du terrain en attendant, plus de trois siècles plus tard, d'asseoir sa souveraineté absolue sur le pays. Delcourt n'a pas tort de considérer la vallée du fleuve Sénégal comme le meilleur champ d'étude de la politique française dans ses rapports avec les populations indigènes africaines, surtout quand il s'agit de maintenir un équilibre relatif entre les communautés noires et arabo-berbères[11].

Sous André Brüe, un premier fort fut construit au Galam en 1699, mais il fut emporté par les eaux en 1702[12]. En 1710, commença l'édification d'un nouveau fort qui sera achevé en 1714 et baptisé Fort Saint-Joseph[13]. La traite du fleuve était un véritable casse-tête pour les négociants français. Il fallut recourir à un personnel indigène nombreux. En 1720, toute la concession ne comptait que 98 employés civils dont 27 ouvriers et domestiques noirs et mulâtres. En 1736, il y avait 368 employés civils dont 229 ouvriers et domestiques noirs et mulâtres. Le personnel indigène était beaucoup plus important car les employés noirs et mulâtres de la marine de traite n'étaient pas recensés avec les ouvriers et domestiques[14]. Les embarcations utilisées dans le commerce du fleuve étaient des barques à fond plat que les Wolof appellent « mbana », gros porteurs évasés, plus aptes à la navigation fluviale que maritime, d'une capacité utile de dix à vingt-cinq tonnes[15]. Les chefs de ces embarcations, les « maîtres de barques », étaient choisis pour leur connaissance parfaite du fleuve. Ils étaient flanqués de leurs « mousses », apprentis navigateurs, et de « pileuses », femmes indigènes recrutées pour faire la cuisine et laver le linge. Des « maîtres de langues » étaient engagés pour leur parfaite connaissance

« L'Afrique et la traite négrière : l'échec d'André Brüe », dans M. Dorigny (dir.), *Les Traites négrières coloniales,* Paris, Éditions Cercle d'Art, 2009.

11. André Delcourt, *La France et les Établissements Français au Sénégal entre 1713 et 1763*, *op. cit.*, p. 139.

12. André Brüe fut le directeur de la Compagnie du Sénégal de 1697 à 1702, puis de 1714 à 1720 et en 1723.

13. Abdoulaye Bathily, *Les portes de l'or. Le Royaume de Galam (Sénégal), de l'Ère des Musulmans au Temps des Négriers (8e-18e siècle),* L'Harmattan, Paris, 1989, p. 255-256.

14. André Delcourt, *op. cit.*, p. 118.

15. Pathé Diagne, *Bakari II (1392) et Christophe Colomb (1492) à la rencontre de l'Amérique*, Éditions Sankoré, Dakar, sans date, p. 112.

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des coutumes et langues du pays et leur aptitude de négociateurs infatigables. Ils étaient toujours au cœur des situations les plus dramatiques qu'ils contribuaient à apaiser. Ils pouvaient aussi être à l'origine de malentendus surtout quand ils parlaient un français trop approximatif. Toutefois, les « laptots », navigateurs et soldats à l'occasion, prototypes des futurs tirailleurs sénégalais, étaient les auxiliaires les plus indispensables. Ils se recrutaient parmi toutes les nations du fleuve, surtout parmi les Bambara. Selon Lacourbe, « sans ces gens là il serait impossible de monter au haut de la rivière ; car ce sont eux qui, quand le vent est contraire, halent la barque à la cordelle et se mettent quelque fois dans l'eau jusqu'au col, lorsque le bord de la rivière n'est pas praticable[16] ». C'étaient généralement des esclaves dont plusieurs appartenaient aux « signares » de Saint-Louis, dames de compagnie, généralement mariées à des Blancs, qui contrôlaient une bonne partie du commerce de la ville selon Pruneau de Pommegorge[17].

Environ deux tiers des esclaves vendus dans la Concession du Sénégal provenaient du commerce de Galam, soit en moyenne 1 300 à 1 500 esclaves par an. Certaines années, le nombre d'esclaves traités au Galam était supérieur à 3 000. L'apogée du commerce de Galam fut atteinte entre 1720 et 1750. Dans son *Mémoire sur le commerce du Sénégal* (1752), Pruneau de Pommegorge nous apprend que les bâtiments de rivière engagés dans le commerce de Galam mettaient ordinairement quarante jours pour y monter et en descendaient en huit à quinze jours. Certaines barques parvenaient à effectuer deux, voire trois fois le voyage avant la baisse des eaux et chacune d'elle pouvait apporter 80 à 120 captifs[18]. Durant tout le 18e siècle, les esclaves capturés sur le Haut-Sénégal et dans les pays voisins étaient aussi acheminés vers d'autres points de traite de la Sénégambie, notamment en Sierra Leone, aux comptoirs portugais de Guinée, et surtout en Gambie où des prix suffisamment élevés attiraient les

16. P. Cultru (éd.), *Premier voyage du Sieur de la Courbe fait à la coste d'Afrique en 1685*, *op. cit.*, p. 35.

17. Pruneau de Pommegorge, *Description de la Nigritie*, Maradan, Amsterdam-Paris, 1789.

18. Pruneau de Pommegorge, *Mémoire sur le commerce du Sénégal*, 1752 ; cité par A. Bathily, *op. cit.*, p. 258.

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commerçants Jula, Jaxanke et Soninke[19]. Abdoulaye Bathily estime que la Gambie a détourné bon an mal an, l'équivalent de 25 % du nombre d'esclaves traités par les Français au Galam.

La Gambie était, avec la région des Bissagos, l'un des endroits de la côte où les compagnies reconnaissaient le droit pour les étrangers de posséder des établissements permanents. Les Anglais possédaient un fort – Fort James – sur une île située au milieu du fleuve. En amont de ce fort, ils interdisaient le passage aux Français car les captifs vendus dans la haute rivière coûtaient moins cher que ceux traités dans le cours inférieur. Le principal établissement des Français en Gambie était Albreda, sur la rive droite du fleuve, non loin de Fort James. Plus au sud, dans les fameuses Rivières du Sud, ils étaient établis à Bissao, Boulam et Cacheu où ils côtoyaient les Portugais. Toutefois, ils préférèrent abandonner ces établissements pour se livrer à la « traite volante » d'autant plus qu'ils ne pouvaient soutenir la concurrence avec les Luso-Africains établis de longue date dans la région et qui avaient tissé des liens très solides avec les chefs locaux. C'était dans les Rivières du Sud, zone rizicole par excellence, que le Sieur Herpin, capitaine du négrier l'Aurore, devait jeter l'ancre pour acheter du riz et des riziculteurs destinés à la Louisiane[20]. À propos de la Casamance, centre de gravité de ce royaume du riz, le sieur Pelletan notait : « on ignore quelle quantité de Nègres on y traite ; mais on sait que l'on peut tirer de cette rivière une assez grande quantité de riz de très bonne qualité[21] ».

Au nord de la Gambie, les Français avaient des comptoirs à Rufisque dans le Kajoor, à Portudal dans le Bawol, et à Joal dans le royaume du Siin[22]. En dehors de Saint-Louis, tous les établissements français situés au nord et au sud de la Gambie, jusqu'à la rivière Sierra Leone, étaient polarisés par Gorée, annexe de l'entrepôt général de Saint-Louis. Les avantages de Gorée sont évoqués

19. A. Bathily, *op. cit.*, p. 267-270.

20. *Instructions pour le Sr Herpin Commandant du vaisseau l'Aurore destiné pour la traitte des nègres à la Coste de Guinée*, 4 juillet 1718, dans V. Donnan, *Documents Illustrative of the Slave Trade to America, vol. IV, The Border colonies and the Southern colonies*, Octagon Books, New York, 1969, p. 636.

21. J. G. Pelletan, *Mémoire sur la colonie du Sénégal*, par le citoyen Pelletan, ancien administrateur et ancien directeur de la Compagnie du Sénégal Paris An IX, p. 38.

22. André Delcourt, *op. cit.*, p. 93-94.

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par de nombreux témoignages dont celui du Sieur Pelletan, ancien directeur de la Compagnie. Selon ce dernier, dans toute la côte, depuis le port de Mogador au Maroc jusqu'à la Côte de l'Or, la barre empêche le débarquement des chaloupes et même des canots qui ne peuvent entrer dans les embouchures des rivières qu'avec l'aide des pilotes praticiens du pays. Nulle part ils ne peuvent ni caréner, ni même abattre sur le côté pour réparer une voie d'eau. L'île de Gorée se trouvant protégée par la pointe avancée du Cap-Vert et à la distance d'une petite lieue de terre, offre un mouillage excellent pour les gros navires de même que des facilités pour faire de l'eau et du bois[23]. Gorée bénéficiait, de surcroît, de la protection de l'eau contre les attaques des chefs locaux et constituait ainsi un entrepôt sûr où l'on portait les marchandises et les esclaves à mesure qu'on les traitait sur la côte. Entourée de brisants et de roches, sauf dans sa partie orientale, Gorée était facilement défendable contre les assauts des concurrents européens[24].

À partir de 1444, Gorée fut successivement occupée par les Portugais, les Hollandais et les Anglais au gré des canonnades. En 1677, l'île fut prise aux Hollandais pour le compte des Français par le maréchal d'Estrée. Cette vive concurrence pour la possession de Gorée était due, outre les avantages évoqués, au fait que l'île conférait à la nation occupante une réelle supériorité sur le trafic négrier en Sénégambie. Les Français étaient convaincus que la possession de Gorée était le seul obstacle qui empêchait les Anglais de les expulser de toute la côte occidentale de l'Afrique. Comme les vaisseaux ne pouvaient séjourner sans danger dans la rade de Saint-Louis, ils n'y restaient dans la plupart des cas que le temps de décharger des marchandises et d'embarquer les esclaves qui s'y trouvaient. Une fois ces opérations terminées, on les faisait passer à Gorée où embarquaient la plus grande partie des esclaves traités en Sénégambie[25]. De là aux Amériques, la traversée durait environ un mois tandis que les captifs traités au-delà de la Séné-

23. Pelletan, *op. cit.,* p. 93-94.

24. Voir Djibril Samb, « Gorée et l'Esclavage », *Initiations et Études Africaines*, n° 38, IFAN, Dakar, 1997.

25. Gorée et Saint Louis on été l'objet de séminaires organisés par l'IFAN-Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar respectivement du 7 au 9 avril 1997 et du 18 au 20 décembre 1998. Les actes ont été publiés dans la série *Initiations et Études Africaines* par

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gambie mettaient deux à trois mois pour effectuer le trajet. La Compagnie d'Occident, devenue Compagnie Perpétuelle des Indes depuis mai 1719 avec l'incorporation des domaines de la Compagnie de Chine et des Indes Orientales, s'était réservée le commerce du Sénégal pour deux raisons : d'une part, elle considérait que ce pays « fournit les seuls esclaves qui soient utilisables en Louisiane, la Guinée étant trop éloignée ; d'autre part, il sert de relâche aux vaisseaux qui se rendent en Guinée et ainsi rendent encore service à la traite des nègres[26] ». Guinée s'entend ici pour la côte d'Afrique située au-delà de la Sierra Leone jusqu'en Afrique centrale.

La Compagnie des Indes était confrontée à plusieurs problèmes. Son monopole sur le commerce négrier transatlantique était battu en brèche par des armateurs privés auxquels elle s'était résolue à vendre des licences à partir de 1742 en ce qui concerne le commerce du Sénégal. La Compagnie était aussi dans un état de désorganisation tel que les navires faisaient parfois défaut pour transporter les esclaves. Il s'agit là d'un problème fort ancien car le Sieur de La Courbe l'évoquait dans un mémoire en date du 26 mars 1693, suite à un troisième séjour au Sénégal où il occupait le poste de directeur général de la Compagnie. Il reprochait à celle-ci de n'avoir jamais eu en France un directeur qui connût les marchandises, l'assortiment, les prix et les dates favorables pour la navigation. On envoyait des navires pour charger des marchandises quand les comptoirs étaient encombrés de captifs qui mouraient de maladies dans les enclos, parce qu'on ne venait pas les prendre, et l'on envoyait des négriers à une époque où, en revanche, on avait jusqu'à 50 000 cuirs qui pourrissaient faute d'avoir été enlevés[27].

Enfin, il y avait aussi le problème de la nourriture des esclaves dans un contexte de crise généralisée. Selon Oumar Kane, disettes et famines revenaient de façon cyclique en Sénégambie au 17e siècle, « mais le 18e siècle bat tous les records en la matière, au point qu'on peut affirmer qu'il est le siècle de la crise généralisée […] La

Djibril Samb sous les titres *Gorée et l'esclavage* et *Saint Louis et l'esclavage*, Dakar, Institut fondamental d'Afrique noire Cheikh Anta Diop et IFAN, 1997, 228 p.

26. *Mémoire de la Compagnie des Indes (3 juillet 1761)* ; cité par Delcourt, *op. cit.,* p. 23. Voir également sur ce sujet Abdoulaye Ly, *La Compagnie du Sénégal*, Paris, Karthala, 1993.

27. Voir P. Cultru, *op. cit.,* p. LII-LIII.

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guerre et les destructions qu'elle entraîne sont souvent à l'origine des disettes et des famines. C'est le cas en 1723, 1724 […] : la crise de subsistance s'est toujours accompagnée de la recrudescence de la traite négrière car, à côté des prises ordinaires, il arrive que les populations affamées offrent des leurs pour sauver les autres de la mort par faim. Le seul élément qui freine l'achat massif des esclaves, c'est la possibilité de les nourrir[28] ».

Ces « maccube heege » (captifs de la faim), comme les appelaient les Fulbe du fleuve, étaient donc de ceux qui surpeuplaient les captiveries de la Concession du Sénégal où beaucoup mouraient d'inanition. À la lecture des correspondances des responsables du poste de Galam, on constate que toute la première moitié des années 1720 était marquée par la pénurie alimentaire. Dans une lettre datée du 6 août 1720, le directeur de Galam faisait état de sérieuses difficultés de ravitaillement qu'il expliquait par la guerre entre le Xaaso et le Bambuxu. Dans une autre lettre datée du 18 décembre 1723, il demandait aux responsables de la concession du Sénégal de ne point être surpris « de voir que depuis trois ans Galam n'a fourni que très peu de captifs dans la basse saison parce que le mil y a été d'une rareté étonnante[29]… »

Pendant la guerre de Sept Ans (1756-1763), les Anglais occupent Gorée et Saint-Louis dès 1758. Lors du traité de paix de 1763 qui mit fin à la guerre, la France accepta de renoncer à son comptoir de Saint-Louis, mais parvint à faire reconnaître son droit de possession sur Gorée. Le 1er novembre 1765, un arrêté du roi d'Angleterre créait la « Province of Senegambia » avec Saint-Louis comme capitale. Ainsi, 130 ans après leur expulsion de l'embouchure du fleuve Sénégal, les Anglais parvenaient à reprendre pied dans la région, mais leur objectif était avant tout les basse et moyenne vallées du fleuve où se négociait la gomme destinée à leur industrie textile. Selon Abdoulaye Bathily, il semble que le Galam était, entre 1767 et 1774, une sorte de concession réservée à la Norton and Grace. Dans ses correspondances, ce groupe de la City déclarait n'être pas intéressé par la traite des esclaves mais

28. Oumar Kane, *Le Fuuta-Tooro des Satigi aux Almaami (1512-1807)*, *Thèse de Doctorat d'État es-lettres*, Dakar, 1986, p. 548.

29. Abdoulaye Bathily, *op. cit.*, p. 278-279.

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par le commerce de l'or, de l'ivoire, de la cire, des cuirs et peaux[30]. Toutefois, la nomination de Charles O'Hara comme gouverneur de la « Province of Senegambia », le 1er novembre 1765, allait se traduire par la recrudescence du commerce négrier touchant particulièrement le pays wolof. Pendant dix ans, entre 1766 et 1776, Charles O'Hara s'est livré à une politique désastreuse consistant à financer les razzias des Maures sur le Kajoor, le Waalo et le Bawol. Dans le seul royaume du Waalo, les Anglais auraient récupéré plus de 8 000 esclaves en moins de six mois en 1775. Le gouverneur anglais participait lui-même au pillage des villages wolof situés sur les deux rives du fleuve. Il fut rappelé en 1776 à la suite de pétitions organisées par les marchands britanniques et la population de Saint-Louis qui l'accusaient de brutalité et surtout de trafic clandestin d'or et d'esclaves[31].

En 1779, l'expédition Lauzun reprenait Saint-Louis pour le compte des Français ; mais la traite de Galam était compromise du fait de l'abandon des établissements fortifiés. La Révolution de 1789 se traduisit par la disparition de la Compagnie et de ses privilèges. L'exploitation de la traite au Galam était désormais le fait de négriers individuels qui se regroupaient parfois en association. À partir de 1792, les guerres de la Révolution puis de l'Empire créèrent une atmosphère d'instabilité peu propice à l'installation des Français au Galam. D'ailleurs, c'est tout le commerce français au Sénégal qui était compromis du fait du blocus imposé par la marine anglaise pendant les guerres révolutionnaires[32]. Cette situation s'est traduite par la percée des négociants américains qui s'emparèrent de l'essentiel du commerce français au Sénégal en y établissant des maisons de commerce et des facteurs[33]. La percée américaine au Sénégal se concrétisa davantage pendant les guerres napoléoniennes avec le blocus naval imposé par les Anglais et l'occupation de Saint-Louis par ces derniers, de 1800 à 1817.

À partir de 1807, à la faveur de la révolution industrielle, l'Angleterre, ayant décidé d'abandonner la traite négrière (suppression

30. A. Bathily, *op. cit.*, p. 297.

31. B. Barry, *La Sénégambie du 15e au 19e siècle. Traite Négrière, Islam, Conquête Coloniale, op. cit.*, p. 112 et p. 134.

32. A. Bathily, *op. cit.*, p. 298-299.

33. Pelletan, *op. cit.*, p. 93.

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généralisée par toutes les puissances européennes en 1815) et de lutter contre le trafic d'êtres humains, la traite clandestine devint alors très active dans toute la Sénégambie, notamment à Saint-Louis et Gorée. Séparée de l'Angleterre et de tout accord bilatéral avec quelque puissance que ce soit, la France feindra toujours d'agir contre la traite jusqu'en 1833, date à laquelle les deux pays signaient une convention pour la répression de la traite des Noirs. La France avait voté une nouvelle loi abolitionniste le 15 avril 1818. La traite des Noirs était légalement interdite aux nationaux, mais s'y adonner ne constituait pas un acte criminel[34]. Entre 1818 et 1848, s'étale une période de 30 ans durant laquelle des négriers français sont régulièrement mis en accusation mais sans grand dommage à cause d'une législation à la fois tatillonne et laxiste. L'ampleur du trafic négrier dans la colonie[35] avait conduit le Sieur Morénas à déposer deux pétitions à la Chambre des députés, le 14 juin 1820 et le 19 mars 1820, dénonçant l'implication de divers bâtiments français dans le commerce illégal[36]. En 1848, à la faveur de l'avènement de la IIe République, les autorités françaises mettent officiellement fin à la traite négrière et à l'esclavage dans les territoires sous leur contrôle. Mais l'esclavage subsistera au moins jusqu'aux premières décennies du 20e siècle.

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34. S. Daget, *op. cit.*, p .59.

35. Archives nationales du Sénégal, K2, « Traite des Noirs-Saisie de navires qui se livrent à la traite des Noirs (1818-1830) ».

36. Voir Joseph-Elzéar Morenas, *Pétition contre la traite des Noirs, qui se fait au Sénégal, présentée à la Chambre des députés le 14 juin 1820*, Paris, 1820 et *Seconde pétition contre la traite des Noirs, présentée à la Chambre des députés le 19 mars 1821*, Paris, 1821.

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WALL STREET

Kuhn Loeb & Co
1867

ROTHSCHILD

Lewis Solon Rosenstiel
1891-1975

Schenley Industries
1892

National Crime Syndicat
- Cambino
- Genovese
- Colombo
- Lucchese
- Bonanno

BLACK HAND

Spanische Grippe
1918-1920

Prohibition In Kanada
1918-1920

Vernichtet?
Deutsch-Town

Jüdische Mobster

Leo Trotzki
Lew Bronstein
1879-1940
New York

Samuel Bronfman
1889-1971

Seagram's

B'NAI B'RITH
1843

BASEL
1897

ADL
Anti-Defamation League
1913

US-Zeitungen:
"Six Million Jews"
ab 1915

BALFOUR DEKLARATION
1917

Familie
Schiff
Warburg

Haganah
1920

Bern

Igun Zwai Leumi
1931

Wladimir Lenin
1870-1924

ALIJA BET
ab 1934

Hitler & Stalin

Lechi
1940

UdSSR
1922-1991

DDR
1949-1990

Israel
1948

Mossad
1949

Edgar M. Bronfman
1929-2013

Mega Group
1994

Marc Rich
1934-2013

Ghislaine & Robert Maxwell

"Nat" Rothschild & Ray Chandler

Edouard de Rothschild
*1957

Richard Branson & Prinz Andrew
*1950 / *1960

Jeffrey Epstein
1953-2019

Heidi Klum

Leslie Wexner
1937

Victoria's Secret

Komitee der 300

Barack Obama & Wendy
*1961

Clare Bronfman & Sara Bronfman
*1979 / *1976

NXIVM
1998

2019

Osiris Kult
"fishing-14"

Podesta Brother's

Maddie McCann

JonBenét Ramsey
1990-1996

George Bush, Sr
1924-2018

Johnny Gosch
1982

Franklin Cover Up Scandal 1989

George Soros
*1930

Bronfman Rothschild
WEALTH ADVISORS

David de Rothschild
*1942

Famile Lauder

Jüdischer Weltkongress
1936

Moshe Wertheim
1930-2016

Tibor Rosenbaum
1923-1980

Rothschild Party
1972

Guy de Rothschild
1909-2007

Bohemian Grove
1899

Cathy O'Brien
MK Ultra

OSS / CIA
1942 / 1947

Studio 54
1977-1986

Brooke Shield
Playboy 1975

Roy Cohn
1927-1986

Kuba
bis 1953

PLAYBOY
1953

Hefner Clan

John Edgar Hoover
1895-1972

James Angleton
1917-1987
CIA-Spionage Chef

FBI
1908

Allen W. Dulles
1893-1969

Operation Underworld

La Cosa Nostra
Sizilien

WORLD WAR II
1939-1945

Operation Paperclip
1945

Ratten-Linie
1945

Operation O.d.e.SS.A
1945

Pearl Harbor
1941

Operation Texas
1938

Nürnberger Gesetze
1935

NAtional ZIonist

Ha'avara
1933

Waffen
Drogen
Alkohol
Glücksspiel
Prostitution
Erpressung
Geldwaschen

Börsen Crash
1929

US Prohibition
1920-1933

Plaza Hotel
New York

Suite 233

Callboys Kinder

LIEBES-FALLEN

Frauen-Kleider

BLACKMAIL PARTYS

Fotos

Las Vegas
ab 1930

Bau-Mafia
Zerstörung

Das grüne Auge
Mormonen

Hollywood
ab 1908

The Chicago Outfit

vs. Irische Mobster

Cosa Nostra

LITTLE ITALY

Lucky Luciano
1897-1962

Kooperation

Kosher Nostra

Meyer Lansky
1902-1983

شهادات في حق التيار الموري

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▪وكالة الأنباء الإسبانية (EFE) تكتب عن التيار المغربي الموري.. نعم والخبر صحيح.. وأشارت بشكل بارز الى صفحتنا Moorish History – التّاريخ المَغربي المُورِي وإلى صفحة التّيار المَغربي المُورِي – ⵜⴰⵎⴰⵣⵉⵖⵜ ⴰⵏⵎⵓⵔⵉ وهذه سابقة مدوية والتي توضح أن أصداء التيار قد بلغت الاعلام الدولي ونال اهتمامه..

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▪نحن لا نستغرب بتاتا اهتمام الاسبان بالتيار.. خاصة وانه يحمل افكارا تنافسية مناوئة تذكّر بالتفصيل بامجاد المغاربة بشبه الجزيرة الآيبيرية.. فإنبعاث الشخصية الوطنية المغربية على أسسها المحلية الصلبة.. وعلى الوعي التاريخي من شأنه ان يثير حفيظة جيراننا الشماليين..

▪ومن أبرز ما جاء لوصف التيار المغربي الموري أنه يلجأ الى: ""قراءة وطنية للتاريخ بحثًا عن محفزات للفخر الوطني والتغلب على الروايات اليمينية التقليدية."

▪ويضيف ""ينشر المشاركون على صفحات هذه التيارات اليمينية (مثل **Moorish_History**، مع 160.000 متابع) على صفحات – خاصة على Facebook – نصوصًا عن تاريخ المغرب، وملفات تعريف لملوك سابقين وأبطال حرب، ورسوم بيانية، وصور مركبة تمجد التاريخ "الفريد" للوطن، كدعوة للفخر بالهوية "المغربية/الموريّة"، ويحاربون ما يسمونه "الاستلاب الهوياتي"، على حد تعبير الصفحة المسماة "التيار المغربي الموري" والتي تضم 16 ألف متابع."

▪يضيف نفس التقرير ""أن التيار يهدف إلى "تعزيز الثقافة والتاريخ والهوية المغربية في قلب الشباب: المغرب أمة ذات حضارة فريدة وأصيلة.. وأن الهدف أيضا هو التعريف بـ "عبقرية" الشخصية المغربية في العلوم والأدب والعمارة والفن والصناعة، مع مراعاة مساهمات الحضارات "الموريّة" منذ فجر التاريخ"'

▪""يعبر التيار، عن دعمه "القوي والشامل" للدولة المغربية، لا سيما في "الأمور التي لها بعد دولي" لأن أي تغيير سياسي يجب أن يتم في سياق الاستقرار.. وفي الوقت الراهن فالتيار المغربي الموري غير موجود خارج وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، لكن يشار الى أن بعض أعضاء هذا التيار يستعدون لإنشاء جمعية ثقافية تترجم أفكارهم إلى واقع."

تعقيبات :

▪هذا التقرير بالرغم من العقلانية التي كُتب بها، الا انه يحمل نوعا من التحامل الخفي، وهذا التحامل يبدأ من العنوان المغالط، وخاصة وأنه أطلق حكما على كل نشطاء التيار بأنهم علمانيون، والواقع أن التيار لديه ميولات علمانية تنسجم مع المبادىء التي يرتكز عليها باتباع العلم والموضوعية ونبذ الاساطير والخرافات المرتبطة بالشخصيات والأحداث التاريخية، مع حرص تام على احترام معتقدات وأديان المغاربة، خاصة وان التيار يضم الجميع ويفتح الباب بوجه الكل باختلاف أفكارهم..

▪اما إفتراض المحلل الذي لا أحد يعرف إسمه بان التيار "هو رد فعل من طرف الدولة، لتخلق رواية جديدة" فهو إفتراض غير موفق، فالتيار الموري هو مبادرة حرة تلقائية تماما، ولو كان افتراضه صحيحا لاخترق الاعلام العمومي والنشر الثقافي بكل أشكاله. فأغلب نشطائه هم من الخريجين والطلبة بمختلف تخصصاتهم، من دون خلفية سياسية أو حزبية...

▪وللإشارة فتصريح الكاتب والروائي الأستاذ حسن اوريد لوكالة الأنباء الاسبانية كان فيه نوع منً التسطيح للتيار الموري، بإعتباره تيارا يعتمد على قراءة إيديولوجية للتاريخ لتبرير الشخصية المغربية الموريّة "الفريدة" حسب تعبيره. وهذا مايخالف توجهات التيار الموري الذي ينبذ القراءات الإيديولوجية للتاريخ، والتي مافتىء يدفعها لكونها ألحقت ضررا كبيرا بالتاريخ المغربي، فالتيار يتسلح بالثورة المعرفية الموضوعية البعيدة عن فخ الايديولوجية، وهذا سبب تواجده اصلا لمحاولة تصحيح المغالطات، وضمن إطار هذا الحكم المجانب للصواب يمكن إعتبار رأي الأستاذ أوريد نوعا من الحكم الايديولوجي أيضا إن صح التعبير.

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▪وبخصوص إقحام التيار في الموجة اليمينية العالمية، فالتيار الموري لا ينخرط في أي تكتل يميني كيفما كان، كما تفعل التيارات اليسارية التي تشترك في نفس الاهداف، وإنما يعتمد التيار مقاربة محلية خالصة، بعيدة كل البعد عن أي رموز أخرى في العالم، ناهيك أنه تيار ثقافي صِرف معني بمواضيع واضحة بدون حمولة سياسية.

▪أما وصف الأستاذ اوريد للتيار بأنه كسائر التيارات اليمينية يتبنى "نظرية التطهير"، فهو وصف مغالط، فالتيار لا يعطي تعريفا للمغاربة قائما على التعددية لتأويلات خاطئة، بل على مفهوم الغنى الثقافي، الغنى الذي ينتصر أولا وأخيرا لبلادنا وتاريخها وتراثها وثقافتها الحضارية المحلية في جو تسود فيه الروح الجماعية، ولدعم التصالح مع هويتنا المحلية الأمازيغية بمختلف تمثلاتها الغنية، من منطلق أن الشخصية الوطنية المغربية لا يمكن بنائها على أسسها الصلبة، من دون خطوات تسامح كبيرة مع هويتها المحلية، ولغة الأرض، الغير مستوردتين، فتعزيز الروابط بين الانسان المغربي، وبين بيئته وثقافته المحلية من شأنها خلق المواطن الوطني والفاعل والمساهم بإيجابية كبيرة بمسلسل التنمية.

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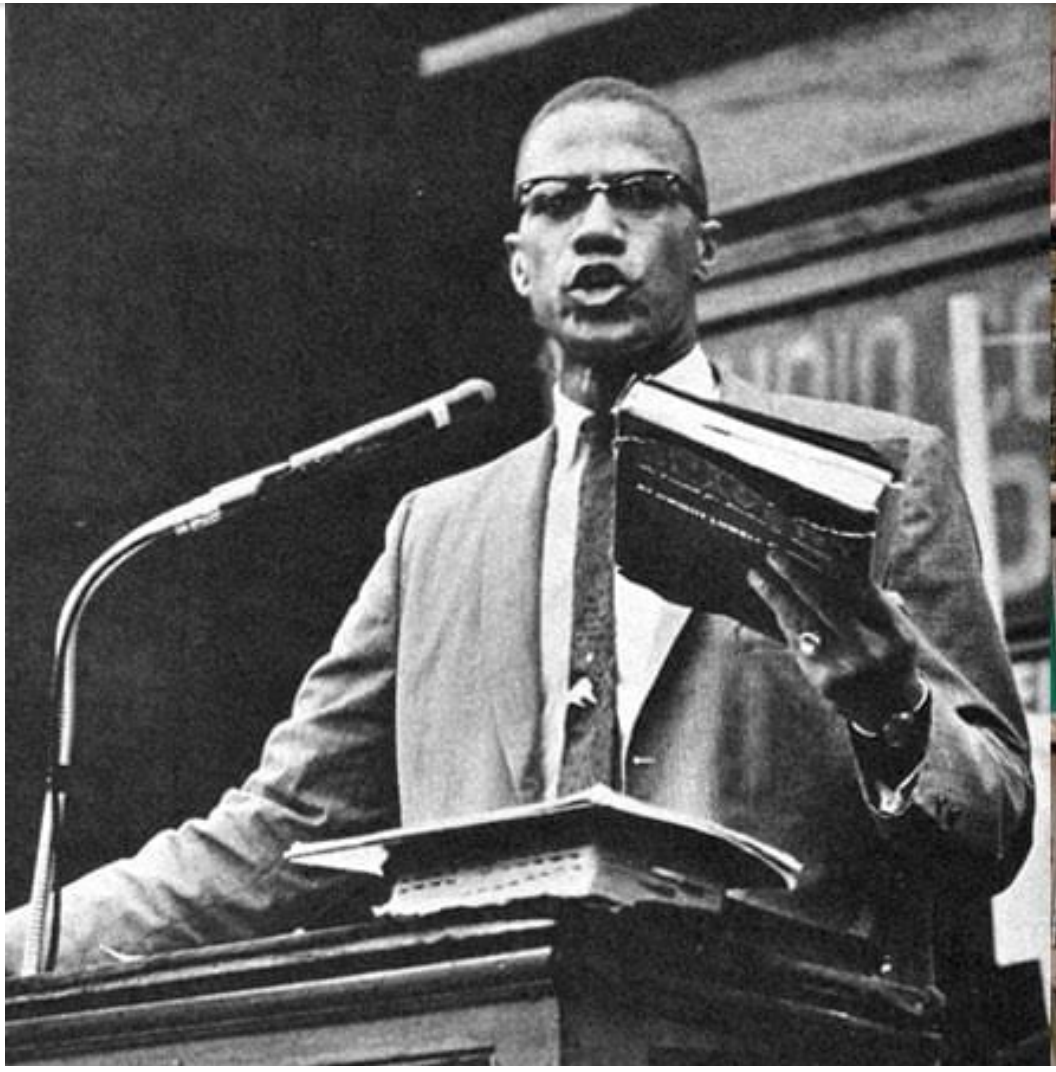

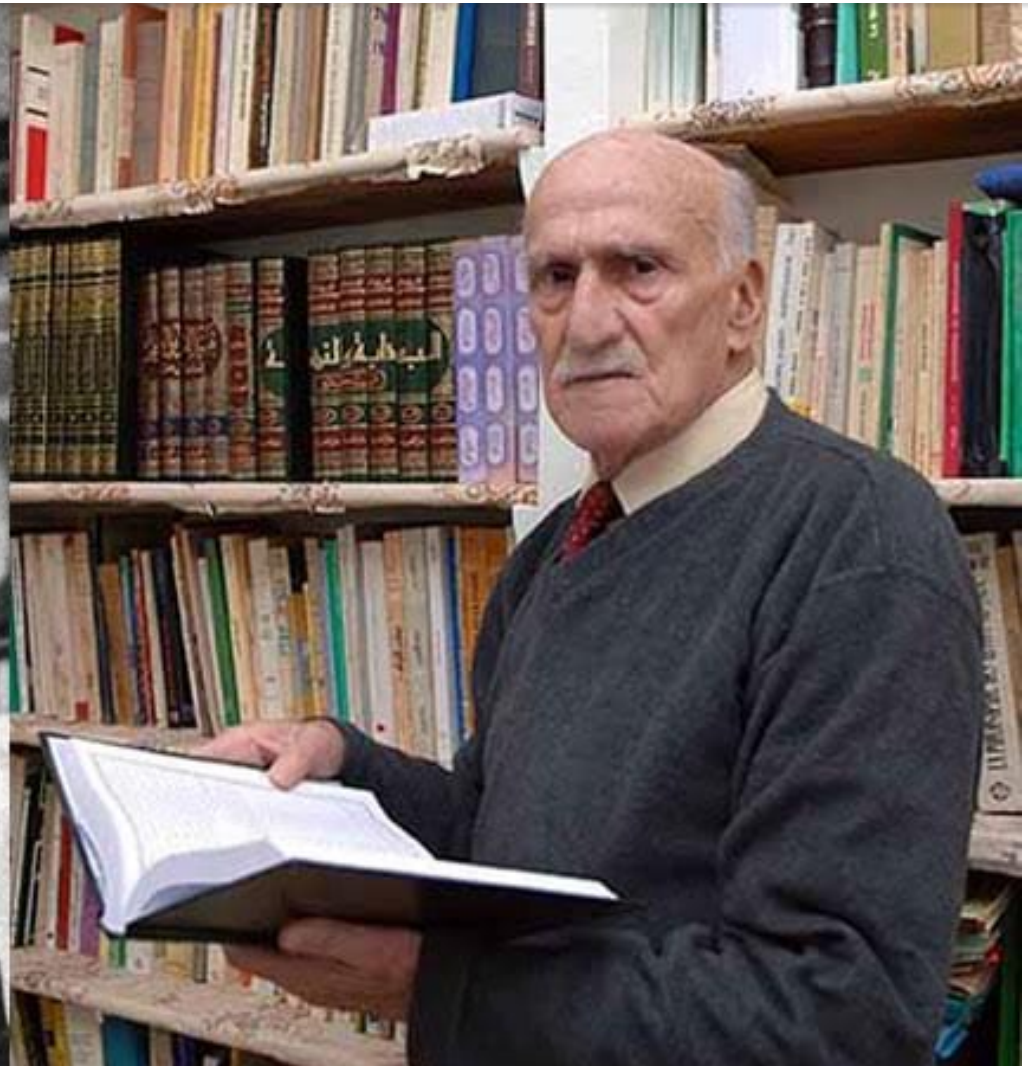

Eminente personnalité algérienne, pétrie d'humilité, cette vertu des grands hommes, Tahar Gaïd, 87 ans, n'a jamais été de ceux qui courent

son combat, mené jusqu'au sacrifice, le range dans la catégorie des héros valeureux des luttes de libération.

Cet ancien ambassadeur en Afrique dont la riche carrière diplomatique a été ponctuée de rencontres marquantes, notamment avec les deux révolutionnaires de légende que furent Malcolm X et Che Guevara, a accordé à **Oumma une interview exclusive. Il révèle au grand jour l'influence qu'il exerça sur la vision idéologique et politique de l'icône du mouvement noir aux Etats-Unis,** lors d'un entretien, à forte valeur historique, relégué, hélas, aux oubliettes de l'Histoire.

Malcolm X s'employa pourtant à en dévoiler l'importance publiquement, au cours de la conférence de presse qu'il donna à New York en 1964, en rendant hommage à son grand inspirateur dont il se flattait d'avoir suivi à la lettre les conseils avisés : *« **C'est l'ambassadeur d'Algérie au Ghana qui m'a fait changer d'opinion en me conseillant de créer un parti** »,* se félicitait-il alors.

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Né le 22 octobre 1929 à Timenguche, Beni Yala (Wilaya de Sétif), Tahar Gaïd fut un militant de la première heure du mouvement national algérien PPA/MTLD. Il a combattu pour l'Indépendance au prix d'un emprisonnement, en 1956, qui le cloîtra pendant six longues années derrière les barreaux des prisons et camps d'internement en Algérie.

de Mascara, puis à Alger.

A partir de 1980, il se consacra aux aspects théoriques et pratiques de l'Islam, devenant un auteur prolifique en la matière. Son ouvrage « le Dictionnaire élémentaire de l'Islam (OPU) » fera date.
Révolutionnaire dans l'âme et fin diplomate, Tahar Gaïd est avant tout un homme très pieux et éclairé, chantre du "Juste Milieu" contre toutes les formes d'extrémismes, ayant fait sienne cette citation de l'imam Ali à la forte résonance :

« **Ne sois pas trop tendre, car on te pressera, ni trop sec, car on te brisera.»**

Tahar Gaïd dédicaçant ses ouvrages au Salon du Livre à Alger

Vous étiez l'ambassadeur d'Algérie à Accra, au Ghana, lorsque vous avez rencontré Malcolm X en 1964. Cet entretien important, à forte valeur historique, a-t-il eu lieu à sa demande et pour quelles raisons ?

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Malcolm X revenait de son pèlerinage à La Mecque. Le Ghana était alors dirigé par feu Kwamé Nkrumah, très forte personnalité africaine, chaud partisan d'une fédération africaine et défenseur d'une Afrique libérée de toutes les formes d'aliénation et de colonisation. L'Afrique,

des partis d'opposition s'étaient établis à Accra.

Vous comprenez aussi les raisons qui ont conduit Malcolm X à visiter le Ghana à son retour de La Mecque. Il est à faire remarquer que l'Algérie était auréolée de son indépendance, acquise deux ans auparavant, après une guerre qui a duré sept ans.

Il n'est pas exagéré de dire que les pays africains francophones devaient indirectement leur indépendance au sang versé par les Algériens. Ces éléments, entre autres, ont motivé Malcolm X à demander à voir non pas ma personne, qu'il ne connaissait pas, mais à rencontrer le représentant de l'Algérie révolutionnaire, partisane de la libération effective du continent africain.

Les idées révolutionnaires et le combat de Malcolm X faisaient écho en vous. Avant de le rencontrer, quelle perception en aviez-vous en tant que militant de la première heure du mouvement national algérien ayant combattu pour l'indépendance de l'Algérie ?

Je dois avouer que j'avais une vague idée du combat mené par Malcolm X et du prestige qu'il avait aux Etats-Unis, voire dans le monde entier. J'avais été arrêté le 24 mai 1956 et libéré que le 30 mars 1962, après six années de détention.

radios. Les seules informations que nous avions étaient celles qui nous provenaient de nos parents et nos avocats pendant les visites réglementaires, ou encore des rares moments où nous pouvions faire entrer clandestinement des journaux de France.

Il n'en reste pas moins qu'en deux années, j'ai pu m'informer quelque peu de la lutte des Afro-américains, plus particulièrement vers la fin de l'année 1963. Je me trouvais à New-York pour assister, avec la délégation algérienne, à la session de l'ONU. J'ai profité de ce déplacement officiel pour visiter le quartier qu'on appelait Harlem. J'ai eu ainsi l'occasion, en me hasardant dans des cafés et des bars, de discuter avec les gens de leurs problèmes et de leurs aspirations.

Il faut dire de surcroît que l'Algérie défendait le droit des peuples à disposer d'eux-mêmes et soutenait les causes justes. A ce titre, je ne pouvais que recevoir Malcolm X avec fierté et sympathie, voire avec la chaleureuse fraternité que pouvait éprouver un jeune révolutionnaire à l'égard d'un dirigeant révolutionnaire d'une haute stature internationale.

Contrairement à l'idée largement répandue selon laquelle la vision politique de Malcolm X, alias al-Hajj Malik al-Shabazz, fut chamboulée par son pèlerinage à La Mecque, en avril 1964, ce sont vos échanges qui exercèrent une réelle influence sur lui. Quelle en fut la teneur ?

fraternité dont il avait été témoin à La Mecque. Cette ferveur qui animait les pèlerins de tous les continents l'avait impressionné et ému. Cela ne faisait aucun doute.

Ensuite, il avait abordé le problème des Afro-américains aux Etats-Unis, leur lutte et leurs revendications. Il parlait avec une forte conviction et chaleur, selon son habitude, martelant constamment ces deux mots « Noirs » et Blancs » en les opposant continuellement l'un à l'autre.

J'avais compris qu'il n'avait pas transposé la solidarité des peuples vécue à La Mecque au niveau des réalités américaines. Je voyais qu'il distinguait l'une de l'autre et que le vécu dans les lieux saints n'avait, pour lui, aucune relation avec les réalités et les besoins de sa « nation ». L'exposé qu'il me faisait de sa vision politique était toujours dominé par une tension irréversible entre le « Noir » et le « Blanc ».

Je l'ai interrompu au milieu de son exposé pour lui dire : *« Pourquoi donc es-tu venu me voir ? Tu ne vois pas que je suis blanc. Tu ne fais que m'attaquer et me blâmer »*. Il a été interloqué par mon intervention. Je

m'attaquer et me blâmer », il a été interloqué par mon intervention. Je dois dire qu'il me fixa pendant quelques instants. Je m'étais aperçu qu'il réfléchissait. Non seulement, il réfléchissait vite mais comprenait aussi vite les intentions de son interlocuteur. C'est pourquoi, il releva la tête et

Vous êtes-vous appuyé sur votre expérience révolutionnaire personnelle pour tenter de lui faire dépasser son clivage racial entre « Blancs » et « Noirs » ?

Oui, cela s'imposait. Je lui ai parlé longuement de l'expérience algérienne, en insistant sur le fait que nous ne confondions pas le colonialisme avec le peuple français et que nous faisions une distinction entre les gouvernements français, qui conduisaient une politique coloniale en Algérie, avec le peuple de France.

Egalement, dans notre conception de la lutte, nos attaques visaient essentiellement les colons qui accaparaient les richesses des Algériens et non pas directement les Français d'Algérie qui étaient d'origines diverses : Français, Espagnols, Italiens, Maltais…

Je lui disais, en le répétant avec force, que notre lutte ne revêtait ni un caractère religieux, bien que l'Islam était un des éléments mobilisateurs du militantisme des Algériens, ni ethnique, bien que nous appartenions à

une sphère culturelle différente de la France. C'est ainsi qu'une grande partie du peuple français avait soutenu, lui ai-je indiqué, la lutte des Algériens pour reconquérir leur indépendance et que de nombreux

Je lui ai affirmé que nous avions gardé la même ligne politique à l'égard du peuple français lorsque nous avons pris les armes pour reconquérir notre indépendance. C'est ainsi que des Français militèrent activement à nos côtés en transportant des valises d'argent, collecté dans les milieux de notre émigration, et des valises contenant également des armes. Des Français véhiculèrent des dirigeants du FLN pour les faire passer, en toute sécurité, d'un endroit à un autre. Des aides matérielles furent apportées aux Algériens détenus dans les prisons françaises.

Je lui ai cité quelques noms d'intellectuels français qui défendaient notre cause à travers leurs écrits. Je n'ai pas manqué aussi de lui rappeler que nous étions soutenus par des manifestations de Français dans plusieurs villes de France. Mon objectif était de lui faire abandonner cette idée de lutte du « Noir » contre le « Blanc », d'autant plus que je lui avais déclaré que, sur la base de l'expérience algérienne, s'il changeait sa vision politique, il gagnerait la sympathie et le soutien de nombreux Américains blancs.

Dans cette perspective, je lui avais proposé de créer un parti politique dont le programme serait fondé sur une nouvelle vision des rapports entre « Noirs » et « Blancs ».

Malcolm X m'avait écouté attentivement. Il me remercia pour mon long exposé et nous nous sommes dit au revoir, sans savoir si mes arguments avaient été persuasifs et percutants. Je crois pourtant qu'ils le furent. A quoi, il fallait ajouter le ton de mes paroles. Je parlais avec le dynamisme et la ferveur révolutionnaire qui m'animaient à cette époque.

Je me voyais aussi éloquent que Malcolm X, sans connaître, sur le moment, l'impact de mes explications. Nous nous sommes malheureusement quittés sans que je sache si je l'avais convaincu ou s'il allait camper sur ses positions. Il ne laissa rien paraître, à tel point que je pensais qu'il m'avait seulement écouté poliment et que sa visite n'était qu'une marque de courtoisie.

L'avenir devait vous rassurer pleinement sur votre force de conviction auprès de l'une des figures les plus charismatiques et puissantes du mouvement noir aux Etats-Unis. Quand l'avez-vous su ?

J'ai rencontré Malcolm X trois mois plus tard au Caire, lors de la

conférence des pays membres de la ligue arabe. J'étais membre de la délégation algérienne. Quant à lui, il était certainement venu défendre la cause de son mouvement auprès des délégations arabes présentes au Caire.

suivi votre conseil) ». Je n'ai pas saisi sur le moment ce qu'il voulait dire. Je ne l'apprendrai que plus tard, lorsqu'il annonça publiquement la création de son nouveau parti politique.

Parmi les souvenirs que vous gardez de cette rencontre, pouvez-vous relater une anecdote mémorable ?

La visite de Malcolm X à Accra (Ghana) avait coïncidé avec la présence de Muhammad Ali dans cette ville. Je me trouvais entre un « champion du monde » en politique et un champion du monde de boxe (Que Dieu leur accorde Sa miséricorde avec l'espoir qu'Il les a accueillis dans Son immense Paradis).

Je me souviens encore de la longue silhouette de l'un et de l'autre, lançant devant une foule d'admirateurs : *I am the king ! ».* J'étais ravi et comblé. C'est une image inoubliable et douloureuse à la fois, aujourd'hui encore.

La grande histoire n'a pas retenu votre influence sur l'orientation

politique de Malcolm X. Que ressentez-vous face à cette injustice historique ?

celle-ci passe à toute vitesse, laissant derrière elle des bons et des mauvais souvenirs. Ce n'est pas la seule « affaire » que j'avais à traiter. Accra était le siège de partis politiques d'opposition de divers pays africains.

L'Algérie apportait son discret soutien politique à ces partis. C'est ainsi que j'ai eu comme ami Djibo Bakari, le vrai leader et libérateur du Niger. Cependant, la France colonialiste en a voulu autrement. Je l'ai abrité à l'ambassade lors du coup d'Etat qui a destitué Nkrumah. Au bout d'un mois, malgré la surveillance de la police et de l'armée ghanéennes, j'ai réussi à lui faire traverser la frontière togolaise et ensuite la frontière du Dahomey (aujourd'hui le Bénin). Je l'ai déposé au Nigéria où je l'ai quitté à sa demande.

Dans l'extrait ci-dessous du film "Ali" (2001), le biopic consacré à Mohammed Ali que l'on doit au grand réalisateur Michael Mann, avec dans le rôle titre Will Smith, Malcolm X croise par hasard le champion du monde des poids lourds au Ghana et lui indique, en le désignant et le

nommant, qu'il est en compagnie de l'ambassadeur d'Algérie à Accra, Tahar Gaïd.

Votre carrière diplomatique fut riche et bien remplie. Quels sont, à vos yeux, ses moments forts ?

J'ai noué des relations très amicales avec le secrétaire de l'UPC (Union Populaire du Cameroun). Je ne me rappelle plus son nom. Je lui avais préparé un voyage à Alger de deux semaines. Il était revenu enchanté. Il était surtout très admiratif de la conscience politique de la jeunesse algérienne. Ce n'est malheureusement plus le cas. Les jeunes et les plus

vieux ont troqué les idéaux de liberté et de justice sociale pour le matérialisme sordide.

Je me souviens également avoir eu « affaire » avec un représentant de l'opposition du Nigéria. Là encore, son nom m'échappe, il s'est libéré de

été fructueux et instructifs.

Lorsque j'étais ambassadeur en Tanzanie, j'ai pris l'initiative, sans aviser mon gouvernement mais avec l'accord du MPLA (mouvement de libération de l'Angola), et escorté de deux Angolais maquisards, de traverser la frontière zambienne pour me rendre dans les maquis de l'Angola, où j'ai vécu au milieu des combattants pendant cinq jours, avec pour objectif de régler un différend. Les deux parties avaient une grande confiance en l'Algérie.

Cette initiative personnelle me rappelle celle que j'ai prise au lendemain du premier novembre 1954, alors que j'étais enseignant à Palikao ou Tighenif (ville de l'Oranie). J'ai organisé, sans en rendre compte à personne, des cellules de Fidaï (nom donné aux militants du FLN qui opéraient dans les villes et réalisaient des opérations militaires). Le groupe fut rattaché à l'organisation d'Oran, après mon entrevue en avril 1955 avec Abbane Ramdane. La tâche était dangereuse, car Palikao était une petite ville de colonisation, d'où une facile surveillance de la

population, asservie par des colons et des Pieds-noirs.

Je suis gêné d'égrener ces quelques souvenirs parmi tant d'autres, mais je veux montrer que mon activité de militant servait les intérêts de mon pays. Je cherchais à glorifier les idéaux de liberté, chers à l'Algérie des

fois réglée, je fermais le registre et je passais à une autre activité.

Il n'en reste pas moins qu'aujourd'hui je suis bien heureux que ce soit le site Oumma qui rétablisse la vérité sur ma rencontre avec Malcolm X et l'influence déterminante qu'elle a eue sur son évolution idéologique et politique.

J'espère que des personnes ou des associations suivront son exemple et mettront en lumière d'autres activités encore peu connues, voire totalement méconnues du grand public et de cercles plus restreints. C'est une bonne chose que de rétablir la vérité, quel que soit l'endroit où elle se cache.

Son assassinat, le 21 février 1965, vous a-t-il surpris, diriez-vous que cela a été un choc pour vous ?

Je m'attendais à un grave affrontement avec l'organisation « Nation of Islam » et son leader Elijah Muhammad qu'il venait de quitter, mais je ne pensais pas que cela irait jusqu'au crime. L'annonce de sa mort a été

effectivement un choc brutal, car les Etats-Unis, dans leur ensemble, perdaient un grand homme. Sa mort marqua la fin d'une époque mais pas la fin de la lutte des Afro-Américains, bien que si Malcolm X vivait

Che Guevara, que vous avez eu également l'opportunité de rencontrer, figure à votre panthéon des grandes figures de l'anti-impérialisme. Comment s'est passée cette entrevue inoubliable ?

J'ai effectivement rencontré Che Guevara à Accra (Ghana). Il se rendait au Congo où, pensait-il, il allait déclencher des révolutions en Afrique à partir de ce pays. Bien sûr, il ne me dévoila pas son projet. Je croyais qu'il voulait simplement discuter avec moi pour connaître mon point de vue sur la situation politique en Afrique. Quand il me parla de révolution dans le continent africain, je lui ai répondu que cela n'était pas possible dans le contexte actuel, parce que le sentiment tribal l'emportait sur le sentiment religieux et même patriotique.

Je pense que beaucoup de choses ont changé en Afrique mais dans les années 60, il n'était pas rare de rencontrer dans une même famille, par exemple, un frère musulman, une sœur chrétienne, une mère animiste… D'une manière générale, l'Africain chrétien, par exemple, défendrait sa tribu contre un autre chrétien d'une autre tribu

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Nous avons vu le sort de Lumumba, sans racine tribale déclarée, qui avait voulu moderniser politiquement son pays. Nous avons encore en mémoire l'attitude de Tchombé au Katanga, région de l'ethnie à laquelle

apparemment libérée du colonialisme ? Tel est le résumé de l'exposé que j'avais fait à Che Guevara.

J'ai revu le Che quelques années après. Il m'avait fortement serré la main, en me disant : « *You are right ! = Vous avez raison ! ».* J'étais flatté mais l'honneur allait à mon pays, car c'est en son sein que j'ai été formé et que ma plume et ma langue ont été aiguisées pour le bonheur du peuple auquel j'appartiens.

Je souhaite que la jeunesse algérienne, française et du monde entier prenne exemple sur ces deux géants de l'histoire moderne que sont Malcolm X et Che Guevara. Les jeunes, génération montante et ouverte sur l'avenir, apprendront d'eux le courage, l'esprit de sacrifice, y compris le sacrifice suprême, les idéaux de liberté des peuples et d'égalité des hommes, saisiront à leur juste valeur les principes de justice et de justice sociale.

Ils combattront le racisme, l'islamophobie et prendront conscience qu'il n'y a pas une culture et une civilisation au-dessus des autres. L'histoire

est un enchaînement d'événements. Chaque époque historique hérite de la précédente et ouvre ses bienfaits à l'époque suivante. Il n'y a pas de race blanche mais un creuset d'ethnies dans chaque nation. En un mot, ils sauront ce qu'est l'Homme, al-Insân.

mémoires ?

J'ai déjà écrit, non pas mes mémoires, mais mes souvenirs avec des impressions. Le contenu du livre prend fin avec l'Indépendance de l'Algérie. Il est en vente dans les librairies d'Alger depuis le 1er novembre. Je prépare le second tome où j'évoquerai mon entretien avec Malcolm X et ma rencontre avec Che Guevara.

Donc, quant à rétablir la vérité historique sur l'influence que j'ai eue sur Malcolm X, ainsi que sur d'autres pans de ma carrière et de mes activités auprès du grand public, le site Oumma vient de le faire au

site. Je vous souhaite une bonne continuation et beaucoup de succès.

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Masyaf Castle, the Seat of the Assassins

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Fans of the popular video game series *Assassin's Creed* would be familiar with the castle of Masyaf in Syria. In the series, the castle of Masyaf was the headquarters of the notorious Assassins, and this is not fiction - Masyaf was indeed once home to the much feared **ancient order of assassins** .

During the late 11th century, an order of Nizari Ismailies was formed in Persia and Syria by a man called Hassan-i Sabbah. These were the notorious Hashshashins who captured many mountain fortresses and posed a threat to Sunni Seljuk authority in Persia. Perhaps the Hashshashin, from which the name 'assassins' derives, were most famous for the way they got rid of their opponents – through highly-skilled assassinations.

Based on archaeological evidence, it has been suggested that the castle of Masyaf was built during the time of the Byzantines, constructed on top of a natural limestone hill that rose above the surrounding plain and village. This gave the castle a strategic position which allowed its occupants to oversee and control the region. The Assassins first occupied the castle in A.D. 1141 when they captured it from the Sanqur, who held it for the Banu Munqidh of Shayzar, one of the petty Islamic dynasties in the region during the 12 th century A.D.

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The castle of Masyaf as it stands today. Source: Wikipedia

The Assassins were notorious throughout the region for their efficiency at dispatching their enemies. This gave them a degree of political power that some of the bigger powers in the Middle East were not comfortable with. Thus, Masyaf became a target for those who were brave enough to make an attempt at breaking the power of the Assassins. This endeavour was undertaken by no less an illustrious character as Saladin, the first Sultan of Egypt and Syria and the founder of the Ayyubid dynasty.

Saladin's siege of the castle in 1176 A.D., however, ended in failure. According to legend, while Saladin was asleep beneath Masyaf, an Assassin managed to infiltrate his tent. Saladin awoke to catch a glimpse of this figure as he was leaving the tent. A poisoned cake or hot scones with a poisoned dagger were left on the side of Saladin's bed. This pastry was accompanied by a note warning Saladin that he would be killed if he did not withdraw. Fearing for his life, Saladin chose to make peace with the Assassins.

*'Saladin the Great' by **DanarArt***

Nevertheless, the Assassins were not invincible. In 1260 A.D., Masyaf and three other Assassin fortresses surrendered to the invading Mongols. The Mongol victory was short-lived, however, as they were defeated by the Mamelukes at the Battle of 'Ayn Jalut in the same year. Once the Mongols were expelled from Syria, the Assassins were back in control of Masyaf. Ten years later, the Mamelukes under their sultan, Baibars, took control of Masyaf. Whilst the Assassins eventually disbanded, the castle remained a part of the landscape.

In 2000, conservation work began on the castle of Masyaf. This project, completed in 2006, has consolidated and restored the crumbling structure. Moreover, it has provided us with a much better understanding of the Assassins when they occupied the castle. For instance, the

project discovered a tunnel that is believed to have been a secret escape passage. In addition, a system of channels designed to carry rain water into cisterns beneath the castle was also uncovered. This is further evidence that the castle was designed to withstand long periods of enemy siege. Yet, the castle is not without its luxuries, as attested by the finding of a traditional bath house.

*Tunnel inside Masyaf Castle. Image source: **TripAdvisor***

It may be worth pointing out that the castle of Masyaf does not exist as an isolated point in the landscape, but co-exists with the neighbouring old city of Masyaf. Thus, the conservators, who took into account the urban context of the castle, made an effort to conserve and enhance the old city, upgraded the markets and pedestrian areas and created more attractive facilities for tourists. By taking these measures, the local population would benefit from the tourism industry, and would probably work to preserve the castle, as they have a stake in it. Thus, by involving the local population, such ancient monuments may be protected for future generations to come.

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Well I believe there wouldn't be any or as many if America (and the West) had stayed out of their countries and not raped murdered their women and children and and pillaged the natural resources

TSURUGI WROTE ON 31 MAY, 2017 - 01:25
No I'm pretty sure it's Islamic hardliners actually.

MICHAEL STONES WROTE ON 15 MARCH, 2017 - 10:34
And you can thank the number one terrorist regime (USA) for that

TSURUGI WROTE ON 24 JULY, 2014 - 03:22
Fascinating. I love the Assassin's Creed games, it's good to see old Masyaf getting fixed up. Involving the locals is brilliant, I hope it works. The problem is, there aren't a lot of tourists willing to go to Syria right now.

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Alba Fucens, a City Not Even the Roman Gods Could Protect

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Italy is visited by millions of tourists each year for its many remarkable ancient ruins, fascinating heritage sites, incredible food, and beautiful countryside. Because there is such an abundance of historical locations to visit, many sites are not as well known. One of these is Alba Fucens, which contains some of the finest early Roman ruins in Italy. This once a bustling town at the foot of Monte Velino was largely destroyed by marauding pirates in the Middle Ages .

The History of Alba Fucens

The town which once stood on this site was ancient. It was founded by the Aequi, a tribe who lived in the area before the establishment of Rome. They were a hardy mountain people and were among the most implacable foe of the Early Roman Republic .

Alba Fucens, originally a hillfort, was finally conquered in the Third Samnite War (298 to 290 BC). The area was occupied by the Romans who sent citizens to colonize the town, although the Aequi were given many rights. During the Second Punic War (218 to 201 BC), the city refused to send soldiers to help in the war against Hannibal and it appears that the population of the town was punished.

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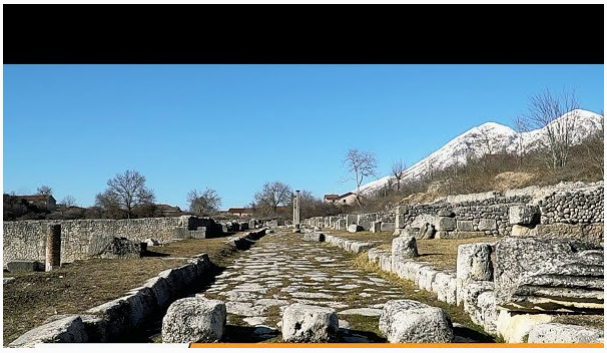
The location of Alba Fucens, central Italy, Europe (Google Maps)

Alba Fucens prospered during the Social War (91 to 88 BC), when many Italian allies revolted against Roman rule since they stayed loyal. By this time the town was losing its **Aequi culture** and was increasingly Latin in culture and language.

As Alba Fucens was located in a very strategic position, it was fought over during the many civil wars. These eventually led to the fall of the Roman Republic in the First Century BC. Reports in primary sources state that the hill-top town was used to hold captured **foreign kings** .

Based on archaeological evidence found at the site, Alba Fucens prospered in the Imperial period (27 BC to 476 AD). Following the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the town became part of the Ostrogothic and Lombard kingdoms.



From the 9 th century AD, Arab pirates and raiders, known as the Saracens, were ravaging the coasts of Italy and conquering territories. As they became more brazen, they ventured inland. In the 10 th century they attacked Alba Fucens, destroyed it, and **enslaved** much of the population. The town was almost completely depopulated and entered into a period of decline.

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Alba Fucens was completely abandoned when the survivors established the nearby town of Massa d'Albe. Belgian archaeologists investigated in the mid-20 th century and did much to conserve the ruins.

The Remains of the Once Prosperous Alba Fucens

The abandoned town is located in Abruzzo, Central Italy, in a mountainous region with many historic sites. Despite its sack by the **Saracens** there are still spectacular ruins to be seen. The remaining town walls, roughly 2 miles (3.2km) long, encircle the site and are among the best-preserved in all of Italy.

According to inscriptions, the amphitheater was built by the Praetorian prefect Naevius Macro. The **circular structure** , with tiers of seats encircling an open space, afforded the crowd a great view of the games held here. The remains of this once popular venue and its original entrance stand as a testament to the durability of Roman construction.

The town of Alba Fucens, Abruzzo, Italy (**ValerioMei** / Adobe Stock)

The foundations of many private and public buildings are still visible, including Alba Fucens' original market and the columns located in this area. The thermal spa is very impressive with its mosaics, and what would an ancient Roman city be without its shrines, these one dedicated to **Hercules**, Isis and Apollo. Or a partly standing Roman wine bar, sadly no longer trading. Studies have shown that their sewage system was unique and one of the most sophisticated ever found from the Roman period.

On the hill above the abandoned town stands the Church of San Pietro which has an interesting blend of Romanesque and Byzantine motifs and designs and dates back to the 12th Century. Stones and columns from the **Temple of Apollo** were used in its construction. San Pietro's apse is much admired as are several mosaics in the church. From this higher vantage point, ancient page shrine and remining stones that once belonged to the Temple of Apollo are visible. A castle ruined in the 15 th century during the French invasion of Italy is close to Mount Velino.

Roman road through Alba Fucens with ruins and original wall (**e55evu**/ Adobe Stock)

How to see Alba Fucens

Alba Fucens is in Abruzzo, approximately 50 miles east of Rome. The site is not far from the town of Massa d'Albe and there is a car park adjacent to the site. Admittance is free.

Top image: Alba Fucens, Roman archaeological site with amphitheater. Monte Velino mountain with snow, Abruzzo region, central Italy

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Like many, if not most ancient stone-built sites all around the Med, if there are no texts of the era describing their construction, the laborious quarrying, moving and erecting of the stones, which doesn't happen 'in a day', we should assume these were aboriginal complexes built prior to the Ice Age. I.e., by the fair-haired Atlantean-era people, whose culture was destroyed in the event that caused the Ice Age. Otherwise, it just doesn't add up.

Nobody gets paid to tell the truth.

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Thanks for your article! It is so nice to see reviewed some of the least famous (but still amazing) historical places of my country.

Alba Fucens is an incredible place where we find the finest ancient and medieval architecture was made. Great works, not inferior for charm and beauty to more famous gems of the country, Alba Fucens really stands out of the average. It is also quit far inland, sitting on mountain highlands with amazing views.

Megalithic walls are just everywhere, here! The kilometric surrounding wall is such, there are three false doors as well, fit in a polygonal segment within the urban area. Recently, a pristine megalithic tunnel, featuring a neat polygonal masonry just as outside, was found and further work is going to follow.

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15 Basic Facts Most People Don't Know About The Actual History Of Ninjas

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Are ninjas real? While they seem like a part of Japanese folklore, they are, in fact, real. Though most people think of the ancient shinobi mercenaries as nothing but stealth assassins, in reality, they were a lot more James Bond than Sonny Chiba's Hattori Hanzo. Espionage was the name of the game. Cloaked in a variety of disguises, they infiltrated enemy territory to learn building layouts, swipe secret passwords, and spread misinformation. If need be, they were also up for sabotage, mainly in the form of arson.

No one knows when ninjas first started to appear, but it's estimated it was around the 15th century. However, they didn't fully come into their own until the Sengoku period (also known as the Warring States Period). During this time, the two most famous ninja clans, Iga and Koga, had their heydays. But like with all golden ages, eventually, the sun had to set. Even so, shinobi have left an imprint on the history of Japan that will never be erased. So, if you only thought ninjas were all myth, think again: these are some real facts about ninjas.

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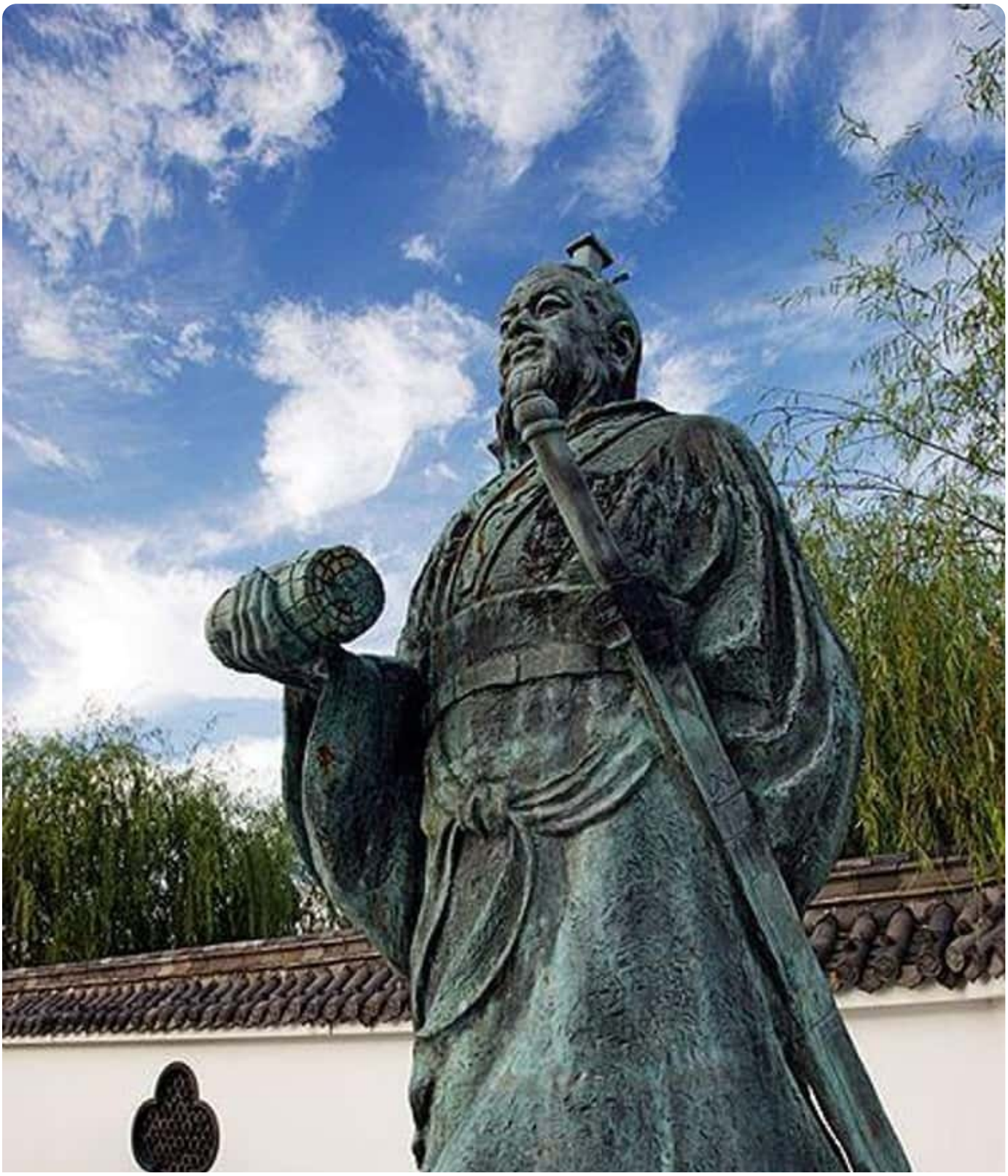

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After the Tang dynasty collapsed in 907, some of the generals fled to Japan. Later, in the 1020s, Chinese monks followed, carrying their own new ideas along with them.

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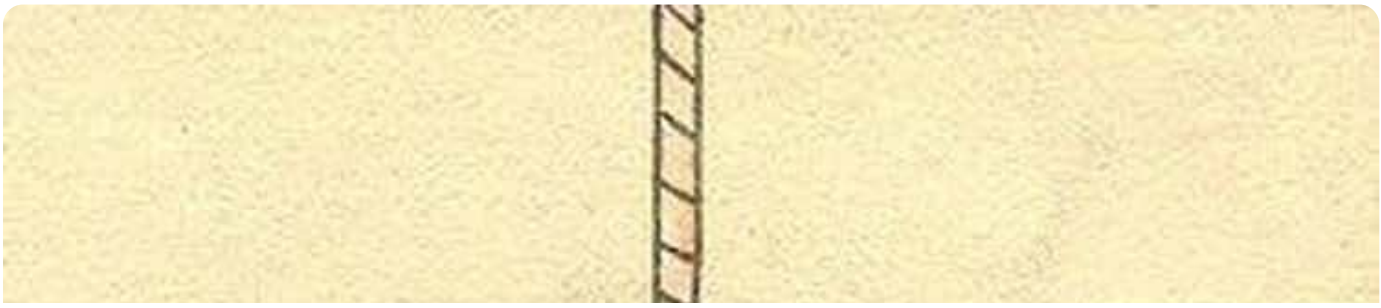

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Some say ninja, some say shinobi. Who's right? As it turns out, everybody's a winner! Ninja stems from Chinese, but it's pronunciation changed after it was adopted into Japanese (ninja translates to “one who endures”). Shinobi on the other hand, is a homegrown Japanese term.

In Kanji, ninja (or shinobi, and more formally shinobi-no-mono) has two characters, and when pronounced in Chinese, sounds like "nin-sha." In modern times, ninjas are sometimes referred to as ninjutsu.

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The two most famous ninja clans were Iga (from Mie prefecture) and Koga (Shiga prefecture).

They kept their ninja communities hidden away in the local mountains and forests, allowing them to hone their skills.

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The Tartarians were a tall people, averaging some eight to twelve feet in height. They would have been considered giants to our current average height of only around six feet.

Each preceding civilization had an average taller height than the civilizations coming after them and each succeeding civilization had an average shorter height than the civilizations predating them. Statures diminishing after each deluge and with each new astrological age we entered.

The Tartarians are thought to have been “Breatherians,” a being who does not rely on the digestion and burning of calories from food/water, but instead rather receives energy straight from the aether. The aether is thought to be the very fabric of the space time continuum that some would associate with electrons, the wind, the holy spirit, the atmosphere, and the gasses in the atmosphere such as oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen. Since the The Tartarians quite possibly had a completely altered digestion system than the one we now have, they had no need for toilets in their bathrooms. Which could hint at one of the reasons why bathrooms in the recent past have been used quite extensively more as social gathering powder rooms to not only freshen oneself up but to hear and spread local gossip.

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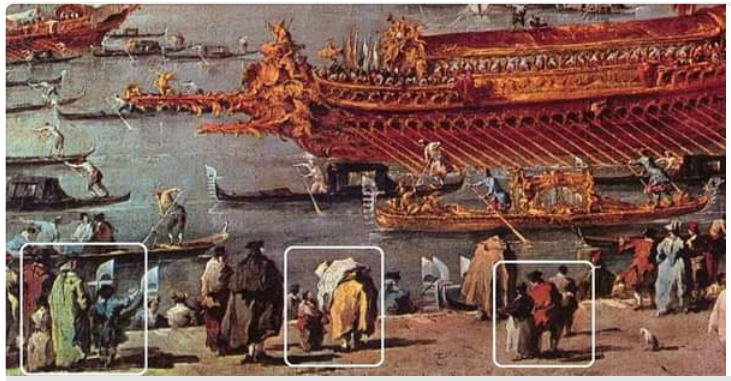

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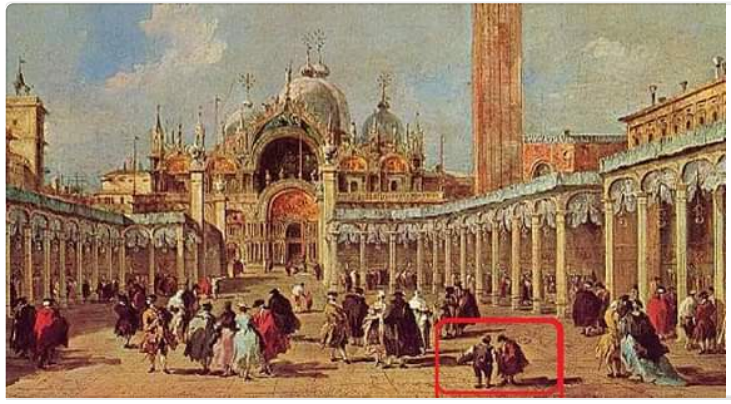

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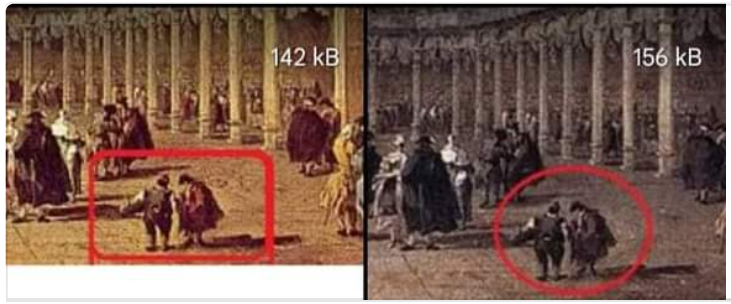

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ТЕХНОЛОГИИ И НАУКА

Непорочное зачатие или обман. Зоопарк разгадал тайну того, как изолированная ото всех гиббон родила

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ничего, однако она постоянно находилась в изолированном вольере и смотрители зоопарка никак не могли понять в чем же дело, пишет IFL Science.

В попытках разгадать тайну "непорочного" рождения работники зоопарка собрали волосы и экскременты Момо, ее детеныша, а также четырех самцов, которые содержались поблизости и могли претендовать на звание отца малыша-гиббона. Каково же было удивление сотрудников зоопарка, когда анализ ДНК, проведенный Киотским университетом, показал, что один из самцов в действительности является отцом детеныша.

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как же гиббоны устраивали себе "свидания"?

Со временем ответ нашелся. По словам директора зоопарка Дзюна Ямано, они с коллегами предполагают, что зачатие произошло не в самих вольерах, где содержались гиббоны, а в выставочном пространстве.

Сотрудники зоопарка исследователи выставочное пространство и обнаружили, что здесь гиббоны были разделены лишь дощатой перегородкой. По словам Ямано, вероятно, в один из дней, когда самец Ито находился в выставочном пространстве, они и спарились через отверстие.

Отметим, что перфорированная доска, которая разделяла выставочные зоны гиббонов, имела отверстия диаметром всего около 9 миллиметров, что кажется весьма любопытным. Сотрудники зоопарка также рассказали о том, что после того, как тайна "непорочного" зачатия была раскрыта, они тут же заменили деревянную перфорированную перегородку на стальную пластину без отверстий.

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Почему рождение Иисуса от девственной девы не удивило ранних христиан

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матери, по имени Мария, что является фундаментальным для христианского понимания того, что Иисус есть божественный сын Божий.

Исследователь Нового Завета Родольфо Гальван Эстрада III рассказал, почему рождение Иисуса от Марии не удивляло ранних христиан, пишет Ancient Origins.

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Он утверждает, что первоначальную аудиторию этой истории не оттолкнула бы предполагаемая "странность" истории о непорочном зачатии. По мнению исследователя, эта история была гораздо более привычной для слушателей в то время, когда древнее Средиземноморье наполняли рассказы о легендарных людях, рожденных от богов — и когда ранние христиане уделяли пристальное внимание пророчествам еврейской Библии.

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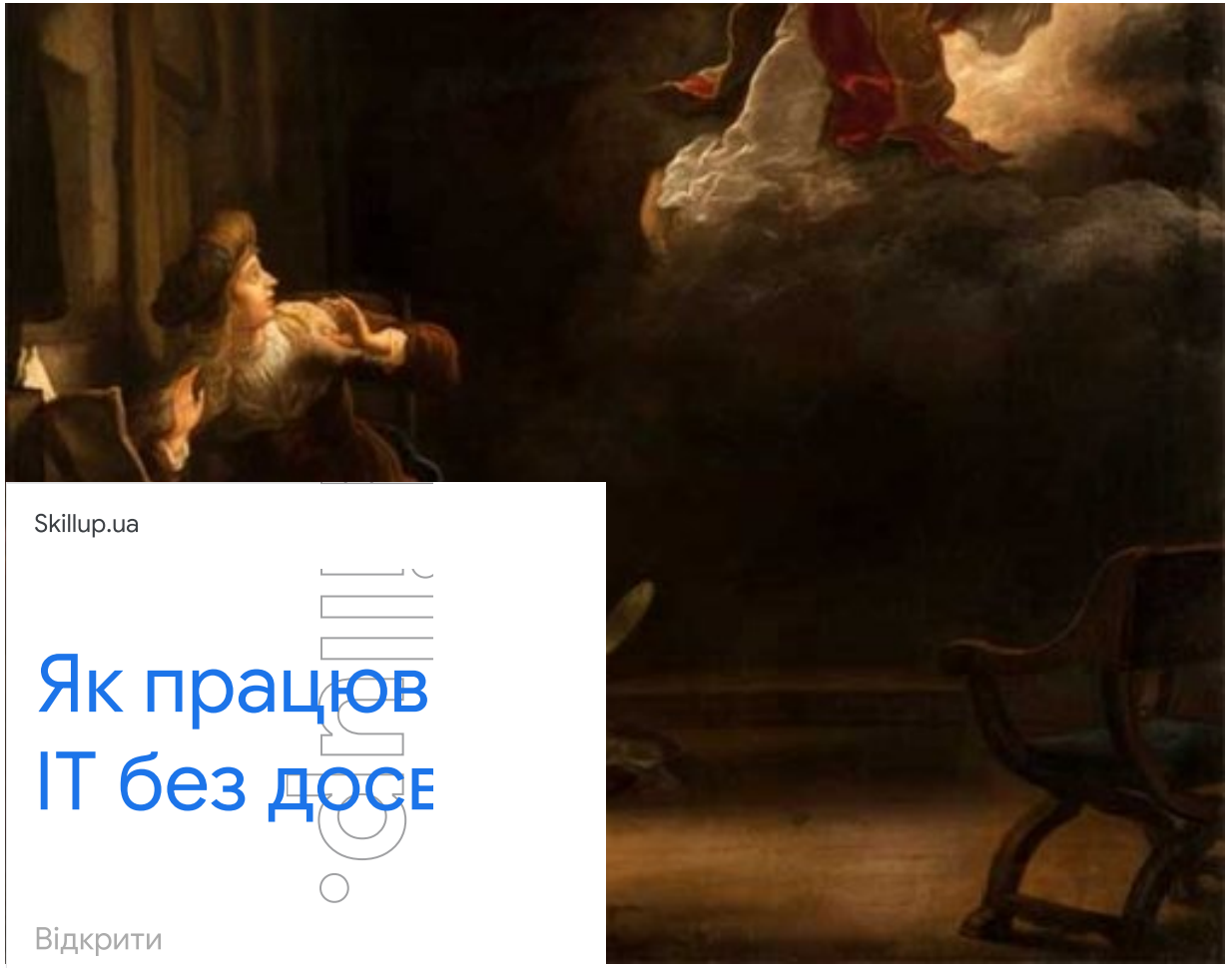
Впечатляет то, что Новый Завет относительно молчит о непорочном зачатии, за исключением двух мест. Оно появляется только в Евангелиях от Матфея и Луки, написанных спустя несколько десятилетий после смерти Иисуса.

Книга от Матфея объясняет, что когда Иосиф был обручен с Марией, она "беременела от Духа Святого". Автор связывает эту неожиданную беременность с ветхозаветным пророчеством в Исаии 7:14, в котором говорится, что "Дева во чреве зачнет, и родит Сына, и дадут Ему имя: Эммануил". По словам пророка Исаии, этот ребенок станет знаком для еврейского народа, что Бог защитит его от могущественных империй.



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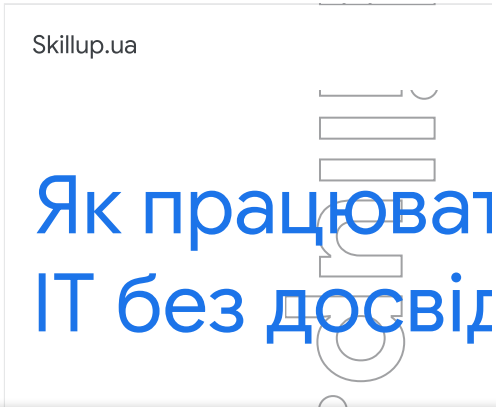
Была ли вера в непорочное зачатие основана на неправильном переводе? Необязательно. В греческой и иудейской мысли такие термины иногда были синонимами. И это же греческое слово, parthenos, встречается и в версии

сомнениям в чести Марии. Она также способствовала их вере в то, что Иисус был Сыном Божьим, а Мария – Матерью Божией. Эти идеи приобрели еще большее значение во втором веке, когда некоторые христиане спорили о происхождении Иисуса: просто ли он родился человеком, но стал Сыном Божьим после крещения? Был ли он полубожественным существом, не совсем человеком? Был ли он полностью божественным, и полностью человеческим?

Последняя идея, символизирующая непорочное зачатие, была наиболее приемлемой — и сейчас является стандартной христианской верой. Но относительное молчание о ней в первые несколько десятилетий христианства не обязательно свидетельствует, что ранние христиане в нее не верили. Как отметил библеист Реймонд Браун, непорочное зачатие, вероятно, не было главным вопросом для христиан первого века. Они утверждали, что Иисус был божественным Сыном Божьим, который стал человеком, не пытаясь объяснить, как это произошло.



Александр Македонский.

Одна из древнейших греческих легенд утверждает, что Персей, древний предок греческого народа, родился от девственной матери, по имени Даная. История начинается с того, что Данаю заточил ее отец, царь Аргосу, который боялся ее, потому что было пророчество, что внук его убьет его. По легенде, греческий бог Зевс превратился в золотой дождь и оплодотворил Данаю.

Когда Даная родила Персея, они сбежали и наконец высадились на острове, где он и вырос. Впоследствии он стал известным героем, убившим змееголовую Медузу, а его правнуком стал Геракл, известный своей силой и безудержным гневом.

Драматург Эврипид, живший в V веке до нашей эры, описывает историю Иона, отцом которого был греческий бог Аполлон. Аполлон изнасиловал Креусу, мать Иона, отказавшуюся от него при рождении. Ион вырос, не зная о своем божественном отце, но в конце концов примирился со своей матерью-афинянкой и стал известен как основатель разных греческих городов на территории современной Турции.

Наконец, легенды утверждали, что Зевс был отцом Александра Македонского, македонского правителя, завоевавшего свою огромную империю в возрасте

средиземноморском мире. Ко второму веку нашей эры Юстин Мученик, христианский богослов, защищавший христианство, признал этот момент: что девственное рождение не считалось бы "экстраординарным" в обществах, знакомых с греко-римскими божествами. Фактически, в обращении к римскому императору Антонину Пию и философам Юстин утверждал, что они должны терпимо относиться к христианской вере в непорочное зачатие так же как они относились к вере в истории о Персее.

Идея участия Бога в зачатии ребенка, обреченного на величие, не казалась бы столь уж необычной для древней аудитории. Более того, толкование ранними христианами пророчества в Исаии 7:14 из Септуагинты поддерживало их веру в то, что происхождение Иисуса было не только божественным, но и предсказуемым в их пророческих писаниях.

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الحلقة 147: الشعوب الآرية، المملكة الإغريقية-الهندية، الإيرانيون الأوائل و علاقتهم بالديانة البراهمية، صُحُف إبراهيم و جذور البراهمية من خلال نصوص الريغ-فيدا

د. هيثم طيون Dr. Hitham Tayoun و د. سام مايكلز Dr. Sam Michaels

إن إشكالية عدم توثيق الهجرات الهندو-أوربية يجعلها تبدو لنا اليوم مجرد إفتراضات، لكن يوجد تفاعل واضح و كبير بين القبائل الآسيوية و المنطقة الواقعة في شمال غرب الهند التي عرفت بإسم آريا Arya. الديانات الآسيوية كانت تتمثل في عبادة الشمس (ميثرا) و عبادة الماء (يردنا). في الهند تكونت العقيدة أو الديانة البراهمية (الهندوسية) التي ما زال تأثيرها موجود و أعرافها مفعلة عند اليهود و المسلمين الشيعة الذين نجد عندهم طبقة رجال الدين أعلى الطبقات الإجتماعية. و الآريون هم من أسس العقيدة الهندوسية البراهمية في الهند. الهجرة الوحيدة الموثقة هي هجرة البارثين و تكوين مملكة بارثيا التي كانت تسيطر على تجارة طريق الحرير ابتداءً من جنوب الصين و آسيا الوسطى مروراً بأفغانستان و شمال غرب الهند و إيران و العراق و سوريا و أرمينيا و تركيا حتى حدود بيزنطة حيث كانوا يجلبون العملات الذهبية من بيزنطة مقابل الحرير ...

آريان (Aryans) هو شعب قديم أصله من شرق أوروبا استولى على إيران من الشمال الغربي للهند حوالي 2,000 ق.م. و كان سبباً في تدهور حضارة السند. كانت لغته صورة أولية من السنسكريتية و يطلق عليها اللغة الآرية. و هي أساس اللغات الهندو الأوروبية حيث كان الشعب الآري يسكن المناطق الممتدة من شرق أوروبا إلى جنوب آسيا. و قد وصل للهند سنة 3,000 ق.م. سكن بعض الآريين شمال الهند إبان العصر البرونزي و الآريون ذوو بشرة بيضاء اللون و عرفوا بالنوريكيين و التيتوتيكيين. اليوم لم يبقَى من هذا الجنس سوى اللغة الآرية التي تضم عدة لغات تعرف باللغات الهندو أوروبية. نزحت القبائل الآرية من شرق أوروبا (روسيا الحالية) حوالي عام 1,800 ل 1,500 قبل الميلاد لتستوطن أعالي نهر السند بسهولياموناYamuna و غانغِتيك Gangetic و كانت تتكلم إحدى اللغات الهندو-أوروبية و تعبد آلهة الإغريق و الأوروبيين الشماليين و قد ابتكرت أشكالاً من النصوص الشفهية في الفيدا المقدسة للديانة البراهمية المعروفة بالديانة "الهندوسية"

الهندوسية (بالإنجليزية: Hinduism) و يطلق عليها أيضاً البراهمية، هي الديانة السائدة في الهند ونيبال. و هي مجموعة من العقائد و التقاليد التي تشكلت عبر مسيرة طويلة من القرن الخامس عشر قبل الميلاد إلى وقتنا الحاضر، و لا يوجد لها مؤسس معين تنتسب إليه شخصياً و إنما تشكلت عبر امتداد كثير من القرون، و أحد أصولها المباشرة هي ديانة فيدا التاريخية منذ الهند في العصور الحديدية، و لذلك فكثيراً ما تُعتَبر "أقدم ديانة حيّة في العالم" و تضم الديانة البراهمية (الهندوسية) القيم الروحية و الخلقية إلى جانب المبادئ القانونية و التنظيمية متخذة عدة آلهة بحسب الأعمال المتعلقة بها، فلكل منطقة إله و لكل عمل أو ظاهرة إله. و أحد التصنفيات المنهجية للنصوص البراهمية / الهندوسية هي النصوص الشروتية (الإلهام)، و النصوص السيريتية (المحفوظ)، و تناقش هذه النصوص اللاهوت و الفلسفة و الأساطير و و طقوس و بناء المعابد. و أحد النصوص العظمى الفيدا و الأوبانيشاد و البوراناس و رامايانا و البهاغافاد غيتا، و الآجاما. أتباعها يربون على المليار نسمة، منهم 890 مليون نسمة يعيشون في شبه القارّة الهندية ذات الـ 96% من تعداد الهندوس في العالم، و تعتبر بذلك ثالث أكبر ديانة في العالم بعد المسيحية و الإسلام

كلمة "هنْدُو" (بكسر الهاء) هي كلمة فارسية الأصل و لم تستخدم هذه الكلمة لتصف الديانة الهندوسية بل استخدمها الفرس ليشيروا للقوم الذين يسكنون ما وراء نهر السند في الجزء الشمالي الغربي من شبه القارة الهندية. و أول ما ورد ذكرها كان في الريجفدا. و الهندوسية (بالهندية: فرناشرمَ) تعني النظام الإجتماعي (فَرْنَ) الرباعي و الروحي (آشْرَمَ) الرباعي. و باللغة السنسكريتية (دَيْوَناغَرِي :हिंदू धर्म) تعني لغة الملائكة، و هي اللغة التي دونت بها الفيدا، و شروحها (بورانات) التي تحمل كل منها إسم الحكيم، و عددها 18، بالإضافة إلى مهابهارت و تعني تاريخ الهند الكبرى و رامايانا، و يعادلان الإلياذة عند الإغريق. سلّم المولى برهما الفيدا إلى ولده نارد موني الذي سلمها إلى مريده فياس دف الذي دونها بعد أن كانت مشافهة و هو كبير مراجع الفيدا و بعد أن صنفها إلى أربعة أوكلها إلى مريديه الذين عملوا على نشرها في الأرض

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يعود أول دليل على وجود دين في الهند في فترة ما قبل التاريخ إلى أواخر العصر الحجري الحديث (5,500–2,600 ق.م). أما معتقدات و شعائر الفترة الكلاسيكية المبكرة فتسمى الديانة الفيدية التاريخية، هذه الديانة يظهر فيها تأثر ها بالديانة الهندو-أوروبية البدائية، و أقدم فيدا هي الريغ فيدا Rigvida و يرجع تاريخها من 1,700 -1,100 ق. م، و هي مركز الفيدات لآلهة مثل إندرا و فارونا و آغني، و في طقوس السومية. و طقوس تضحيات النار يابنا تغنى بترانيم فيدية لكن بدون معبد أو تماثيل. و قد شهد القرنين التاسع و الثامن قبل الميلاد تكوّن الأوبانيشادية الأولى. و الأوبانيشاد تمثل الأساس النظري للهندوسية الكلاسيكية و تسمى فيدانتا (و هي ختام الفيدا). شنت الأوبانيشاد هجمات على التكثيف المتزايد للطقوس، و من ثم فقد تم توليف هذه التضاربات الواحدية (نسبة للمذهب الواحدي Monistic) في إطار إيماني في المخطوطة الهندوسية المقدسة بهاغافاد غيتا. و الملاحم السنسكريتية العظمى رامايانا و مهابهاراتاتم جمعها على فترات طويلة أثناء أواخر قرون ما قبل الميلاد و بداية القرون الميلادية، و هي تحوي قصصاً أسطورية عن حكام و حروب الهند القديمة تخللتها أطروحات دينية و فلسفية. و كتاب برواناس المتأخر يحوي حكايات عن الديفا والديفيز و تفاعلها مع الإنسان و حروبه ضد الراكشاسا. و التمدن المتزايد في الهند في القرنين الثامن و السابع قبل الميلاد أدى إلى زيادة حركات زهدية أو ما يعرف بالشارمانا، التي تحدت منهجية الطقوس. و يُعتَبر ماهافيرا (حوالي 549 - 477 ق.م)، مؤيد الجاينية و بوذا (حوالي 563- 483 ق.م.) مؤسس البوذية من أبرز أيقونات تلك الحركة. أطلق المصطلح في البداية على تلك المفاهيم الدينية للهندوس و عُرفت تلك المفاهيم بالتالي بالهندوسية - ديانة الهندوس. و البراهمي أو الهندوسي هو من يؤمن بالفلسفات الواردة في أسفار الـ "فيدا"

تنص فلسفة الفيدا على الوحدة البائنة أي أن الله و سائر الأحياء من نوع واحد (برهمن) لكنهم آحاد (آتمان). يتجلى الله في ثلاثة وجوه: برهمن اللاشخصي و برماتما (الذات العليا) و بهجفان (الغني) بينما سائر الأحياء شقوقه. تعلن الفيدز أن لله ثلاثة قدرات: القدرة الباطنية (الروحية) و القدرة الخارجية (المادية) و القدرة البينية (الأحياء). لذلك، الوجود مؤلف من الله المقتدر و قدراته. بالنسبة للهندوس هو عملية البحث عن الذات الروحية و تبينها عن المادة. كما لا تنادي الهندوسية بالبحث عن الخلاص أو إنقاذ الروح، فالروح سليمة و ليست بحاجة لخلاص أو إنقاذ كما في الأفكار المسيحية، فكل ما يحتاجه الإنسان هو فهم إختلاف الجسم المادي و ذاته الروحية

الفيدانتا و اختصارها الفيدا هي موجز الأوبانيشدات. كلمة فيدا تعني "العلم" و كلمة انتا تعني "حد العلم". تنص الفيدانتا أن عملية البحث عن الذات (الوصول إلى الآلهة) يمكن أن تتم بطرق عديدة. سبل تحقيق الذات هي اليوجا أو اليوغا و هي عدة أشكال تقصد التحكم بالعقل و الحواس قبل العثور على الذات العليا (برماتما) داخل القلب. ترسماليوجا ثلاثة دروب: كرم يوجا و هي درب العمل الصالح المتمثل بالطقوس الدينية المشتملة على تقديم القرابين إلى الملائكة ابتغاء دخول جنانهم وغيان يوجا و هي درب العلم التخميني ابتغاء التوحد بالآلهة وبهكتي يوجا و هي درب التتيم بحب الآلهة

أطلق "سمارت" على فترة ما بين 1,000 ق.م و 100 م بالفترة (الما قبل الكلاسيكية) و تعتبر الفترة التكوينية للأبيشاند (الفيدات) و البراهيمية و الجاينية و البوذية، تتبعها الفترة (الكلاسيكية) من 100 م إلى 1,000 م و يصاحبها إزدهار الهندوسية و البوذية في الهند. أما عن "مويسيه" فاطلق على الفترة ما بين 800 ق.م إلى 200 ق.م بالفترة (الكلاسيكية) و يراها كفترة إعادة تقييم للعادات و المعتقدات، فالبراهميين و شعائرهم لم يعد عليها نفس الإقبال كالفترة الفيدية و يقول أيضاً أن بعض مفاهيم الديانة الهندوسية مثل الكارما و التناسخ و الإستنارة الشخصية، التي لم يكن مُتعارفٌ عليها في الفترة الفيدية، تطورت في الفترة الكلاسيكية. و نستطيع فهم الهندوسية من خلال كتبها ، ونظرتها إلى الإله و معتقداتها وطبقاتها إلى جانب بعض القضايا الفكرية و العقائدية الأخرى:

أ- كتبها:

للهندوسية عدد هائل من الكتب عسيرة الفهم، غريبة اللغة، و قد أُلّفت كتب كثيرة لشرحها و أخرى لاختصار تلك الشروح و كلها مقدسة عندهم و أهمها:

1- "الفيدا" (Veda): هي كلمة سنسكريتية معناها "الحِكمة و المعرفة" تصور حياة الآريين، و مدارج الإرتقاء للحياة العقلية من السذاجة إلى الشعور الفلسفي، و فيها أدعية تنتهي بالشك و الإرتياب، كما أن فيها تأليهاً يرتقي إلى وحدة الوجود، و هي تتألف من أربعة كتب

2- مها بهارتا: ملحمة هندية تشبه الإلياذة و الأوديسا عند اليونان ، و مؤلفها "وياس" ووهو إبن العارف "بوسرا" الذي وضعها سنة 950 ق.م.، و هي تصف حرباً بين أمراء من الأسر المالكة، و قد اشتركت الآلهة في تلك الحرب

ب- نظرة الهندوسية إلى الآلهة:

- التوحيد: لا يوجد عند البراهميين (الهندوس) توحيد بالمعنى الدقيق، لكنهم إذا أقبلوا على إله من الآلهة أقبلوا عليه بكل جوارحهم حتى تختفي عن أعينهم كل الآلهة الأخرى، و عندها يخاطبونه ب"رب الأرباب" أو "إله الآلهة"

- التعدد: يعتقد الهندوس بأن لكل طبيعة نافعة أو ضارة إلهاً يُعبد كالماء و الهواء و الأنهار و الجبال. و هي آلهة كثيرة يتقربون إليها بالعبادة و تقديم القرابين أو الأضاحي (مثل عيد الأضحى في للديانة الإبراهيمية النصرانية أي الإسلامية و تقديم الأضاحي إلى رب الأرباب / الإله الأكبر / الله أكبر)

- التثليث: في القرن التاسع قبل الميلاد جمع الكهنة الآلهة في إله واحد أخرج العالم من ذاته و هو الذي أسموه: 1- براهما: من حيث هو موجود و 2- فيشنو : من حيث هو حافظ و 3- شيفا: من حيث هو مُهلك (قارنوا مع أسماء الإله الإسلامي الله: الموجود و الحافظ و المُهلِك)، من يعبد أحد الآلهة الثلاثة فقد عبدها جميعاً أو عبد الواحد الأعلى و لا يوجد أي فارق بينها

- تُعد البقرة حيواناً مقدساً في الهندوسية (قارنوا مع تقديس العجل الذهبي و عبادة البعليم في الديانة اليهودية و مع إسم أهم سورة في القرآن الإسلامي و عن ماذا تحدّثت سورة البقرة)، كما تقدس بعض الجماعات أنواع من الزواحف كالأفاعي و أنواع من الثدييات كالقردة، و لكن تتمتع البقرة من بينها جميعاً بقداسة تعلو على أي قداسة، و لها تماثيل في مختلف المعابد و المنازل و الميادين، و لها حق الإنتقال إلى أي مكان، و لا يجوز للهندوسي أن يمسها بأذى أو بذبحها، و إذا ماتت دفنت بطقوس دينية

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- و أيضاً يعتقد البراهميون / الهندوس بأن آلهتهم قد تحل في الانسان فيسمى "أفاتار Avatar" كالفيلم الأمريكي الشهير للمخرج كاميرون، مثل الأفاتار (كريشنا) على سبيل المثال! و تظهر معتقدات البراهمية / الهندوسية جلية واضحة في في "الكارما" و تناسخ الأرواح و الإنطلاق و وحدة الوجود:

1- " الكارما ": و هي قانون الجزاء ، أي أن نظام الكون إلهي قائم على العدل المحض و هذا العدل الذي سيقع لا محالة إما في الحياة الحاضرة أو في الحياة القادمة، و جزاء حياةٍ يكون في حياة أخرى ، و الأرض هي دار الإبتلاء كما أنها دار الجزاء و الثواب (و في المعتقدات الإسلامية؛ الدنيا هي دار الإبتلاء لكن الآخرة هي دار الجزاء و الثواب)

2- تناسخ الأرواح: إذا مات الإنسان يفنى منه الجسد، و تنطلق منه الروح لتتقمص و تحل في جسدٍ آخر بحسب ما قدم من عمل في حياته الأولى، و تبدأ الروح في ذلك دورة جديدة

3- الإنطلاق: صالح الأعمال و فاسدها ينتج عنه حياة جديدة متكررة لتثاب فيها الروح أو لتعاقب على حسب ما قدمت في الدورة السابقة.

- من لم يرغب في شيء و لن يرغب في شيء و تحرر من رق الأهواء، و اطمأنت نفسه فإنه لا يعاد إلى حواسه، بل تنطلق روحه لتتحد بالبراهما

4- وحدة الوجود: التجريد الفلسفي وصل بالبراهميين إلى أن الإنسان يستطيع خلق الأفكار و الأنظمة و المؤسسات، كما أنه يستطيع المحافظة عليها أو تدميرها، و بهذا يتحد الإنسان مع الآلهة، و تصير النفس هي عين القوة الخالقة:

- الروح كالآلهة أزلية سرمدية مستمرة غير مخلوقة

- العلاقة بين الإنسان و الآلهة كالعلاقة بين شرارة النار و النار ذاتها، و كالعلاقة بين البذرة و بين الشجرة

- هذا الكون كله ليس إلا ظهوراً للوجود الحقيقي، و الروح الإنسانية جزء من الروح العليا

أفكار و مُعتقدات أخرى في البراهمية / الهندوسية:

- الأجساد تحرق بعد الموت لأن ذلك يسمح بأن تتجه الروح إلى أعلى و بشكل عمودي لتصل إلى الملكوت الأعلى في أقرب زمن، كما أن الإحتراق هو تخليص للروح من غلاف الجسم تخليصاً تاماً

- عندما تتخلص الروح و تصعد يكون أمامها ثلاثة عوالم: 1- إما العالم الأعلى: عالم الملائكة، 2- و إما عالم الناس: مقر الآدميين بالحلول، 3- و إما عالم جهنم: و هذا لمرتكبي الخطايا و الذنوب

- ليس هناك جهنم واحدة، بل لكل أصحاب ذنب جهنم خاصة بهم (قارنوا مع درجات جهنم و الدرك الأسفل عند المسلمين)

- البعث في العالم الآخر إنما هو للأرواح لا للأجساد

- المرأة التي يموت زوجها لا تتزوج بعده، بل تعيش في شقاء دائم، و تكون موضعاً للإهانات و التجريح و تكون في مرتبة أقل من مرتبة الخادم، و لذلك قد تحرق المرأة نفسها إثر وفاة زوجها تفادياً للعذاب المتوقع الذي ستعيش فيه، و قد حرّم القانون المدني هذا الإجراء الديني المتبع منذ أمدٍ بعيد في الهند الحديثة!!

الإيرانيون الأوائل و أسطورة التكوين الإيرانية:

بعد أن تملكت القبائل الأوراسية من هضبة إيران و ما حول نهر بلخ قام أفرادها بإرساء أسس الحضارة الإيرانية القديمة قبل إمبراطورية أحفادهم الفرس الإخمينيين بحوالي 1,300 سنة. أتت القبائل الأوراسية إلى إيران حوالي 1,800 قبل الميلاد بعد أن استفاد أفرادها من الحضارة الدرافيدية فى الهند التى استولوا عليها و تسيدوها، و عبدوا الآلهة الجديدة فى المنطقة ميثرا و أنديرا و ناستياس، و كانوا يتبعون النظام العشائري. و قد توثقت العلاقات و التأثيرات المتبادلة بينهم و بين أبناء عمومتهم العيلاميين الذين سبق و أن أتوا من نفس مواطنهم الأصلية في القوقاز منذ قرون عديدة. و كانت مدينة سوسة (شوشان بالفارسية) بمثابة المركز المشع حضارياً و تراثياً في منطقة بلاد الرافدين. و قد حدثت اتصالات كبيرة بينهم و بين جيرانهم الساميين من بابليين و آشوريين في العراق القديم، و كانوا حلقة وصل لا تنضب في تسريب التراث اللاهوتي و العقائدي الآري - خاصةً الهندي منها - إلى الأقوام السامية

هناك الكثير من الأساطير الإيرانية القديمة، لكن أشهرها بالطبع هي تلك التي تحكي عن بدايات الشعب الآري فى إيران للقديمة و هي أقرب ما تكون إلى سفر تكوين إيراني موازي لسفر التكوين التوراتي الذي يحكي عن بدايات الشعب اليهودي و غيره من شعوب تلك المنطقة من العالم آنذاك، حيث تقول الأسطورة الإيرانية أن أول ملوك إيران كان "جيومرت بن يافث بن نوح" و يعتبر هو الجد الأول للفرس و كان يسكن الجبال و يقال له (كر شاه) أي "ملك الجبال"، ثم جاء حفيده "هوشنك بن سيامك بن جيومرت" و قام بتعمير الأراضي الإيرانية لأول مرة. بعد وفاة هوشنك بقيت البلاد من بعده 300 سنة بلا ملك حتى حكمها الملك "طمهورث" الذي قام بتعمير بلاد فارس من جديد، و هو أول من جعل الكلاب تقوم بحراسة الغنم و المواشي و أول من استخدم الطيور الجارحة للصيد و بحسب الأسطورة "قام بركوب الشيطان و طار به إلى السماء"! و من بعده جاء الملك "جمشيد" الذي كان أول من غزل القز و الكتّان و القطن و صنع الخوذة العسكرية و رتّب طبقات الناس و قسّم أعمالهم أي "التّخصص" و ألزمهم العمل باختصاصاتهم. و تضيف الأسطورة الإيرانية أنّ جمشيد قام بصناعة عجلة و فرشها بالديباج و طار بها في السماء و سمي ذلك يوم أورمزد أول أيام الربيع الذي اتّخذه الفرس عيدهم الأعظم و أسموه ب"عيد النيروز"

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دعونا فيما يلي نستعرض معكم دراسة تقدم لكم تصوراً يبدو متماسكاً، عن كل من قريش و النبي إبراهيم و مكة، خلاصته أن ظروفا طارئة هي على الأرجح فيضان هائل حدث لنهر السند، حيث كانت المنطقة موطنا هاماً للحضارة البراهمية (الهندوسية) اضطرت أعداداً كبيرة من السكان الهندوس للهجرة في إتجاهين: شرقاً إلى الهند الحالية، و غرباً إلى عُمان و اليمن في شبه الجزيرة العربية، و كان قائد أو متزعم رحلة الهجرة إلى الغرب كاهن أكبر يُدعى أبراهام (الكهنة البراهمان هم الكاستا العليا في الديانة الهندوسية) و اسمه في اللغة السنسكريتية (براهما). يلاحظ من هذه الدراسة أن هناك تطابقاً كاملاً ما بين براهما / أبراهام الهندوسي و أبرام أو أبراهام التوراتي أو إبراهيم القرآني (الذي تنسب إليه الأديان الإبراهيمية الثلاثة)، فزوجة النبي إبراهيم كان إسمها ساراي أو سارا / سارة، و كان معها جارية إسمها هاجار أو هاجَر، بالمقابل نلاحظ أنّ أبراهام كانت له زوجة إسمها ساراسواتي و جارية لها كان إسمها هاكار!! من المُثير أيضاً النبي إبراهيم كان له ولدان: إسماعيل و إسحاق و كذلك كان لأبراهام الهندوسي ولدان: إشماهال (و هو تركيب لغوي من مقطعين: إش أي شيفا و ماهال على وزن تاج ماهال / التاج أو القصر العظيم) فيعني إسمه "شيفا العظيم أو الكبير"، و إيشاكو (إسحاق أو إيزاك) الذي يعني إسمه "صديق شيفا"، حيث أنّ أبراهام كان هندوسياً من أتباع الإله شيفا، و كان للديانة الشيفية - في موطنها الأصلي الهند - معبد يسمى "كابا - ليشواران" (لاحظوا التشابه بين كابا و كعبة). و في موطنهما المهجري بأرض شبه جزيرة العرب أقام أبراهام و ابنه إشماهال معبداً للإله شيفا حمل نفس الإسم: "كابا أو كعبة"!!!

فيما يخص مكة و كعبتها، تتفق آراء المؤرخين و الباحثين على أن الأصل في إسم "مكة" هو "إل-مقة"، و هو إسم عُثر عليه في العديد من النقوش السبئية كان مرتبطاً بعبادة الإله القمر. أورد الدكتور سيد القمني في كتابه [النبي إبراهيم و التاريخ المجهول] ما نصه: "في النقوش المكتشفة حتى الآن في آثار الجنوب العربي ورد إسم غريب أكثر من ألف مرة، و كان واضحاً أنه إسم علم لإله معبود، زعم الباحثون في آثار اليمن أنه إسم لمعبود سبئي، كما زعموا أنه كان إله القمر، و يُعد أشهر الآلهة المعبودة في اليمن، و هذا هو الإله الذي سجلته النقوش بإسم (المقة / إل-مقة)" و يقول الباحث د. سام مايكلز، في مقال له بهذا الخصوص: "كان العرب في جنوب شبه الجزيرة العربية يعبدون ثالوثاً هو الإله القمر و الإلهة الشمس و الإبنة العزّة أو العزّى و كان الإله الأكبر في هذا الثالوث هو الإله القمر"، و يضيف د. سام: "و قد ورد إسم إل- مقّة في كتابات المسند على نحو يصوره بصورة ثور أحياناً و بشكل نسر أو حيّات. و هذا كلّه يؤكد أن هذا الإله كان يُشير إلى القمر لأن هذه الرموز كانت تدل على إله القمر عند الساميين، و قد أُشير الى المقة بـ (هلّل) بمعنى هلال" و الهلال هو رمز للإله شيفا الذي غالباً ما يصور جالساً على العرش في وضعية اليوغا و بيده حربة ثلاثية (رمزاً للثالوث الإلهي براهما و فيشنو و شيفا)، و على رأسه هلال هو رمزه الخاص. و هذا يعيدنا إلى فرضية أن الكاهن الهندوسي الشيفي (أبراهام) هو من بنى الكعبة - بمعية إبنه إش ماهال / إسماعيل - كمعبد للإله (شيفا)، الذي يرمز إليه بالهلال كإله ذكر، و معروف أن اليمنيون عبدوا القمر كإله ذكر (إضافةً إلى الشمس كإلهة أنثى - زوجة القمر و ابنته - و الزهرة ابنته إضافةً إلى إلهة كوكب زحل إلهة القدر و الموت أو المنية مناة ابنته الثالثة؛ تلك هي الغرانيق العُلى و إنّ شفاعتهنّ لتُرجى)، فقد عبده الحِميَريون بإسم الإله "عم" (يذكرنا ب جزء عم في القرآن) ، و عبده الحضرميون بإسم الإله "سين" (يذكرنا بسورة يا سين في القرآن)، و عبده المعينيون بإسم الإله "ود" (الودود هو أحد أسماء الله الحسنى)، و عبده السبئيون بإسم (إل - مقة / إيل - مقة). تخبرنا الروايات الهندية أنّ الملك الهندي فيكراماديتيا Vikramaditya وسّع نفوذ مملكته ليشمل (مكة) و هو إسم يتجانس لفظاً و دلالةً مع الإسم الهندوسي (ماكها / makha) بمعنى المكان الذي تقام فيه التماثيل لعبادة النار كموضع مقدس تابع لإله كوكب زحل المُخيف الإله شيفا، و من المُلفت للنظر التشابه الكبير بين طقوس الحج الإسلامي و طقوس العبادة البوذية، كالطواف سبع مرات حول المعابد و الهياكل الهندوسية المقدسة، و الإغتسال و حلق شعر الرأس، و ملابس الإحرام المُتطابقة مع ملابس الرهبان البوذيين مما يدل على أن الكعبة كانت بالأصل معبداً هندوسياً للإله شيفا و أن طقوس حج بيت إل-مقة لعرب ما قبل الإسلام تأثرت على نحوٍ كبير بالطقوس الهندوسية لعبادة الإله (شيفا) كما يقول الكاتبان الهنديان أوبروي و أوك في مؤلفهما المُشترك [نظرة سريعة على بلاد العرب قبل الإسلام]، خاصةً و أنه مع مُنتصف الألفية الميلادية الأولى أصبحت معظم تجارة الهند المتجهة غربا تمر بشبه الجزيرة العربية و أصبحت مكة مركزاً تجارياً رئيسياً (لتجارة الترانزيت) و مُلتقى للتجار من الشرق و من الغرب حيث استقرت أعداداً مُتزايدة من التجمعات الهندية في البحرين و على مشارف البصرة في شمال الخليج الفارسي حاملين معهم عقائدهم البراهمية / الهندوسية و البوذية، و منها عبادة الإله شيفا، الذي تقول هذه الدراسة أن زعيم الهجرة الجماعية الهندوسية من السند إلى اليمن (الكاهن أبراهام) هو من بنى له الحرم المكي و الحرم (Hariyam) هي كلمة سنسكريتية تعني في العربية: "معبد الإله أو بيت الله". و قد ورد في كتاب [الأصنام للكلبي]: يظهر إله القمر في مقارنة تفضيلية، بما يفيد أنه أكبر من اللات و العزى، في القَسَم الذي كان يردده أبناء قبيلة الأوس حيث كانوا يقولون: "و باللات و العزى و مَن دان دينها، و بالله، إنّ الله مُنهنّ أكبرُ"، لاعتقادهم بأنّ القمر أكبر من الشمس (اللات) و من كوكب الزّهرة (العزّى / العزّة)، و من هنا جاء التكبير الإسلامي المُختصر المعروف للجميع اليوم: "الله أكبر (من الشمس) و العزّة لله"!!نخلص مما سلف إلى القول بأنه يمكن للدارس أن يستنتج أن الأصل في كلمة مكة هو (إل – مقة) الذي سجلته النقوش في آثار سبأ كتركيب لغوي يتكون من مقطعين: المقطع الأول (إل) (أو إيل) بمعنى إله / إله القمر، و المقطع الثاني (مقة)، بمعنى (معبد أو بيت)، و بالتبادل المعروف ما بين حروف الإقلاب لكل من حرفي الميم و الباء، و حرفي القاف و الكاف، في اللغات السامية، نرى أن كلمة (مقة) ليست سوى نطق مُختلف لكلمة (مكة أو بكة) حيث أطلق إسم العلم (مكة) على موقع المعبد الأسود المكعب الشكل (رمز كوكب زحل / الإله يهوه التوراتي المُتداخل مع الإله إيل او إل إله القمر الله / الإله شيفا البراهمي الهندوسي) المعروف بإسم (الكعبة المكية) تمييزاً لها عن سائر الكعبات التي كانت مقامة في أنحاء شبه الجزيرة العربية و العراق و بلاد الشام كبيوت لعبادة الآلهة الوثنية قبل الإسلام! المصادر مذكورة ضمن سياق النص أعلاه

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براهما (إبراهيم) الشخصية الدينية التي ارتبطت بصحف الفيدا، بل بكثير من المصطلحات الدالة على الديانة المرتبطة بالفيدا هي الشخصية المسماة في النصوص السنسكريتية "براهما" التي عرفت في الشرق الأدنى بإسم النبي "أبراهام / أبرام" في التوراة و الاناجيل أو النبي "إبراهيم" في القرآن. بالتأكيد هناك من سيعترض على ربط هاتين الشخصيتين في شخص واحد؛ و سيرد هذا الإعتراض أولاً و قبل اباآخرين من أتباع الديانة نفسها التي يُفضلون إطلاق مُصطلح "البراهمية" عليها بدلاً من مصطلح "الهندوسية" ، لأن الأول يدل على الأصل الذي يرد في النصوص المقدسة، فليس ل"هندي" أو "هندوسي" أي ذكر فيها، و لأن المُصطلح الأخير يشمل كل ما في الهند الحديثة و القديمة من أديان، بعضها ناشيء عن البراهمية و بعضها الآخر وافد من ثقافات أخرى. ثم سيعترض أيضاً أصحاب الديانات الإبراهيمية الأخرى خاصة اليهودية و إبنتها الوفية النصرانية (الإسلام) على ذلك، بسبب ادّعاء كل من هاتين الديانتين ملكية شخصية "إبراهيم"، بوصفه السّلف الأول لكل من الشعبين الإسرائيلي و العربي و معتقداتهما اليهودية و الإسلامية، فلا يرضون بأن يكون أصله هندياً أو آرياً كما سيرد في تحليل النصوص السنسكريتية و الوقائع التاريخية و المواقع الجغرافية. إذاً سيتوجب علينا الإعتماد في هذا الربط على ناحيتين: ١. الأولى لغوية خالصة تتعلق باتفاق الأسماء الدالة على الشخصيتين في بلاد السّند و في بلاد غرب الرافدين (الشرق الأدنى)، و ٢. الثانية هي اتفاق الصفات المُلازمة لكل منهما حتى و إن اختلفت المؤهلات و المُصطلحات الدالة على الهوية - المصدر: كتاب صحف إبراهيم، جذور البراهمية من خلال نصوص الفيدا

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practices as expressions of the same unchanging reality. The panoply of deities are understood by believers as symbols for a single transcendent reality. أتباع الطوائف الهندوسية المختلفة يعبدون عدداً رهيباً من الآلهة، و يتبعون تقاليداً لا حصر لها على شرف آلهة معينة. و لأنها الهندوسية فإن ممارسيها يرون غزارة الأشكال و الممارسات على أنها نفس الحقيقة الثابتة. و مظلة الآلهة المتعددة يفهمها المؤمنون على أنها رموز لنفس الحقيقة السامية

Orlando O. Espín, James B. Nickoloff (2007).An Introductory Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies. Liturgical Press. The devas are powerful spiritual .21 beings, somewhat like angels in the West, who have certain functions in the cosmos and live immensely long lives. Certain devas, such as Ganesha, are regularly worshiped by the Hindu faithful. Note that, while Hindus believe in many devas, many are monotheistic to the extent that they will recognize only one Supreme Being, a God or Goddess who is the source and ruler of the devas. الديفا هي كينونات روحانية قوية، تشبه إلى حد ما الملائكة في المفهوم الغربي، التي لها وظائف محددة في الكون و تعيش لفترات طويلة جداً. و بعض الديفات، مثل جانيشا) يعبدها المؤمن الهندوسي بانتظام. لاحظوا أنه بينما يؤمن الهندوسي بديفات متعددة فإن بعض الهندوس موحد لدرجة أنه لا يعترف إلا بكينونة أسمى واحدة، إله أو إلهة هي مصدر و حاكم الديفات كلها

The Popular Encyclopædia, Blackie & Son, 1841, p 61 .22

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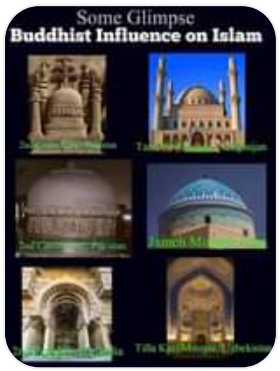

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04 14 سين مرغ و مفهوم مُحَمَّد رَسولُ الله، نبوّة الشامبهالا الهندية، التشابهات بين البوذية و اليهودية و الإسلام توافق التلمود مع الأحاديث النبوية

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لو راجعنا المخطوطات التي تعود إلى القرنين السادس 6 و السابع 7 الميلاديين نجد أنّها تشير إلى أنّ (مُحَمَّد) هو شخص مُنفصل تماماً عن كسرى الفرس خسرو الثاني و قد قضى على حُكم الملك الفارسي يزدجرد الثالث (آخر كسرى للفرس و هو بحسب الباحث د. سامي فريد عبد الملك بن مروان و هو نفسه المأمون في بحثه العصر الساساني الأخير هو نفسه العصر العباسي الأول و لا وجود لخلفاء راشديين و لا خلفاء أمويين) و أنهى حُكم الساسانيين / آل ساسان! و في شهادة لإحدى المخطوطات الفارسية ذكرت أن محمد "كان قائد الجيشِ الذي قضى على يزدجرد"، و حتى التاريخ الإسلامي يوجد فيه حديث منسوب للنبي يقول فيه: "هلك كسرى و لا كسرى بعده" في إشارة واضحة لتطابق المخطوطات الفارسية تلك مع كتب الحديث و التراث الإسلامية. إضافةً إلى أن تلك الأحداث كانت تمثّل ثورة لإعادة مجد مملكة بارثيا العربية من جديد (الحلم العربي) و العرب الذين أتوا من بلاد فارس (و ليس من شبه الجزيرة العربية) كانوا أصحاب مملكة البارثان / البارثن / البرثن التي كانت مُمتدة من تخوم الهند و السند شرقاً و أرمينيا إلى حدود الصين شمالاً و إلى العراق و بلاد الشام غرباً، و لذلك نجد العديد من وجوه الخلفاء العباسيين بملامح آسيوية خالصة، لأنه قد حدث صِراع بين تلك القبائل على السلطة. يقول الباحث أحمد رسمي: "عندما قمنا بالبحث عن المدينة التي أتى منها الإمبراطور البيزنطي موريس (أو موريق) الذي ساعد الملك الفارسي خسرو الثاني باستعادة حكمه من الإنقلابي بهرام تشوبين وجدنا أنها كانت تقع في أرمينيا و إسمها (عربسوس / عرب سوس) و نحن نعلم أنّ لازمة (سوس) هي لازمة يونانية و تعني "مدينة" أي أنّ عربسوس أو عرب سوس تعني "مدينة العرب" التي كانت في أرمينيا". و هذا يُطابق ما أورده الباحث عارف مُعين في مُحاولته أن يُظهِر بأن الملك الفارسي خسرو الثاني نفسه كان هو (محمد رسول الله) حين ذكر أنّ أخوال خسرو الثاني كانوا من البارثان و قد ساعدوه في استعادة حكمه من الإنقلابي بهرام تشوبين، لأننا نجد أنّ الإمبراطور البيزنطي موريس (موريق) كان فعلاً من أخوال خسرو الثاني لأنه كان بارثي الأصل، و توحيد البارثان تمّ تحت راية المذهب الديني النصراني النسطوري التوحيدي الجديد (سيصبح نواة الإسلام الشيعي لاحقاً) الذي وحّدهم تحت راية مذهب واحد لأنّ ذلك كان هو الحل الوحيد لجمع قبائل فارسية و عربية و يهودية و مسيحية مُتفرّقة كانت لكل منها عادات و تقاليد مُختلفة ...

سين مرغ: رسول ما بين الأرض و السماء! من أين أتى مفهوم "رسول الله":

من المُمكِن جداً أن يكون الملك خسرو الثاني هو الذي ساعد في ظهور و تبلور دين الإسلام فعلاً و ذلك عن طريق أنّه سمح لقائد جيوشه سين / إيليا / عليا / شاهين / ذو الفقار / أبو تراب / الفاروق / إياس بن قبيصة ملك المناذرة أن يُباشر دعوته تحت رعايته! و لو أخذنا بعين الإعتبار لقب إليا / عليا و هو القائد (سين)، نلاحظ أنّ القادة الفرس كانوا يأخذون ألقابهم من الديانة الزرداشتية القديمة تكريماً لهم، فلماذا أطلق الملك خسرو الثاني على إيليا / عليا لقب

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(سين)؟ الحقيقة أنّ هذا تعبير يرجع لـ(سين مرغ) الكائن الأسطوري الفارسي المُشابه للعنقاء أو طائر الفينيق و كان يُسَمَّى عند الفُرس: (رسول ما بين الأرض و السماء)!! هذا يعني أن الملك خسرو الثاني شخصياً أعطى القائد إيليا / عليا لقب الرّسول (سيُطلَق عليه لاحقاً بصيغة رسول الإسلام / النبي المحمد)!!!، عندما أحب الإمبراطور هيراكيوليس / هيركوليس (هرقل) أنّ يتفاوض على السلام مع الفرس اختار صقر المملكة القائد سين حتى يتكلّم معه و لم يختار القائد الآخر خنزير المملكة الجنرال شهرباراز أو شهرفاراز (أبو سُفيان) رغم كونه رومياً كان يعمل تحت أمرة الفرس، لأنّ القائد سين هو "الرسول" / رأس الجناح الديني الذي كان له التأثير الأكبر، الأمر الذي أغضب خسرو الثاني، لأن إيليا / عليا (الرّسول) وافق حينها على عقد السلام مع هرقل قبل العودة لرأي خسرو الثاني فأخذ حجماً أكبر مما أراده له خسرو الثاني، و هذا ما تخوّف منه إلقائد إيليا / عليا من أنّ خسرو الثاني كان يفكر بالتآمر عليه و بالتّخلّص منه، مما دفع إيليا / عليا إلى أن يهرب من وجهه و أن يُهاجر مع أتباعه و قيامه بالإلتجاء إلى قبائل الغساسنة (المسيحيين العرب / النّصارى) في بلاد الشام و يبدأ في تأسيس جيش الإنقلاب على حُكم الساسانيين!

نبوءة الشامبهالا الهندية:

"مُحَمّد رسول الله" هي نبوءة الشامبهالا، التي تمّ تفصيلها على إيليا / عليا؛ نبوءة مُحَمّد المعلّم السّابع. أما مكة الإسلام الأولى المعنية هنا فهي كعبة بلخ التي كانت تقع بشمال أفغانستان، و من هنا جاء لفظ (بر مكة) أو ال(برامكة)، سَدَنة أو حفظة بيت كعبة بلخ الذين سنتناولنهم بالتفصيل في إحدى الحلقة القادمة، و عبارة "كالاكي المُوَحِّد" تعني "أمير المُوَحِّدين" أو "أمير المؤمنين"، فالفتح الفارسي لبلاد العراق و الشام و فلسطين و مصر هو الفتح العربي، و الذي كان قائد جيش العرب (البارثان) ما هو إلا ملك المناذرة صقر المملكة الشاهين إياس بن قبيصة / إيليا / عليا الرّسول / سين مرغ / القائد سين / النبي الفاتح / المُحَمَّد المُخَلِّص، الذي كان يستعين به كسرى الفرس خسرو الثاني في جميع حروبه و يأخذ مشورته، و جيش إياس / إيليا / عليا كان مؤلفاً من الهاجريين (أبناء هاجر) أو الإسماعيليين / أبناء إسماعيل (السراسنة / السرسن) الذي كان مُتحالفاً مع عرب و يهود الرّها و قبائل يهود شمال شبه الجزيرة العربية (يهود الشتات) في "الحرب المُقدّسة" لاسترجاع مدينة القدس و موقع قدس الأقداس من الرّوم البيزنطيين!!

من أين أتى مفهوم "الحرب المُقَدَّسة" و مفهوم الجهاد المُقَدَّس في الإسلام؟!

أتى من الديانة البوذية في الهند؛ أسطورة الشامبهالا! حينما يفكر الناس في المفهوم الإسلامي للجهاد أو "الحرب المُقَدَّسة" فهم يربطونه بالمعنى السلبي الذي يحمل معنى الإنتقام و التّدمير بإسم الله لإكراه الناس على اعتناق دين الإسلام. و قد يقرون أنهم بذلك مُساويين للصليبيين، لكنهم عادةً لا يرون أنّ البوذية مُشابهة لهذا، فهم على أية حال يقولون إنّ البوذية دين السلام، و ليس فيها مُصطلح "الحرب المُقَدَّسة"! لكن الفحص العميق للنصوص البوذية، و خاصةً أدب "الكالاتشاكرا تانترا"، يكشف كِلا المستويين الداخلي و الخارجي للمعركة التي يُمكن أن نسميها "حروب مُقَدَّسة". و الدراسة غير المنحازة للإسلام تكشف نفس الشيء، ففي كلا الديانتين قد يستغل القادة الأبعاد الخارجية للحرب المُقَدَّسة لمكاسبَ سياسيةٍ أو إقتصادية أو شخصيَة، باستخدامها لحشد القوات العسكرية للمعركة. و هناك أمثلة تاريخية معروفة بالنسبة للإسلام، غير أن المرء ينبغي ألا يكون ورديا حيال البوذية، و يظن أنها مُحصنةٌ ضد هذه الظاهرة. و رغم ذلك فإن الديانتين تؤكدان على أنّ المعركة المُقَدَّسة هي معركة داخلية روحية ضد جهل الإنسان لنفسه و ضد أساليبه و نزعاته التّدميرية!!

أسطورة الشامبهالا:

كما جاء في التراث فقد علَّم بوذا ملك شامبالا (الهاء صامتة) المدعو سوتشاندرا "الكلاتشاكرا تانترا" في أندرا جنوبي الهند عام 880 ق.م.، عندما كان هذا الملك يزور المدينة هو و حاشيته، ثم عاد سوتشاندرا بالتعاليم إلى بلاده الشمالية؛ حيث ازدهرت تلك التعاليم في شمال الهند و انتقلت منها إلى الصين منذ ذلك الحين. و شامبهالا أو شامبالا هي مملكة بشرية، ليست أرض بوذية طاهرة؛ توفّرت فيها كل الظروف التي كانت تؤدي إلى مُمارسة الكلاتشاكرا. و على الرغم من أنه قد يمثلها موقع حقيقي على الأرض، إلا أنّ الدالاي لاما الرابع عشر 14 يوضّح لنا أنّ الشامبالا هي مملكة روحية فقط. و برغم الأدب التقليدي الذي يصف الرحلة المادية لها، فإن الطريقة الوحيدة للوصول إليها تكمن من خلال مُمارسة التّأمل الدقيق للكلاتشاكرا. بعد الملك (سوتشاندرا) بسبعة 7 أجيالٍ من الملوك، و تحديداً في عام 176 ق.م. جمع الملك (مانجوشري ياشاس) كل رجال الدين في مملكة شامبالا، خاصةً حُكماء البراهمة (الرُّهبان البراهميين)، ليعطيَهم تنبؤات و تحذيرات مفادها أنه في خلال ثمانِمئة 800 عامٍ في المُستقبل، سيظهرُ دينٌ غير هندي في مكة؛ بسبب غياب الوحدة بين شعب البراهمة، و التّراخي في اتّباع وصايا الكُتب الفيدية بطريقةٍ صائبةٍ، و سيقبل كثيرون هذا الدين في المُستقبل البعيد، و ذلك حينما يهدّد قادته بالغزو. و لمنع هذا الخطر وحَّد الملك (مانجوشري ياشاس) شعب شامبالا في "طبقة فاجرا" واحدة؛ بالإنعام عليهم بتمكين الكلاتشاكرا. و بفعله هذا أصبح الملكُ أول كالكي، أي أول مُوَحِّدُ للطبقةِ و عندئذٍ ألَّف "الكلاتشاكرا تانترا الموجزة" و هي نسخة "الكلاتشاكرا تانترا" الموجودة حالياً

يكاد مُعظم الباحثين يُجمِعون على أنّ الدين غير الهندي الموجود في الكلاتشاكرا هو الدين اليهودي و هو دين الإسلام نفسه، و قد يرجع ذلك لكون دين الإسلام قد ظهر في التاريخ الذي تنبأ به الملك مانجوشري ياشاس! و قد يُعزّز من استنباطهم هذا أنّ اليهودية و الإسلام لهما مظاهر كثيرة مُشتركة جاءت في مواضع أخرى من نصوص الكلاتشاكرا مثل: نحر الذبائح بإسم الله، و خِتان الذكور، و النساء المُحجَّبات، و وضعيات الصلاة و الصلاة خمس مراتٍ في اليوم بالتوجه نحو الحرم المكّي. المُصطلح السنسكريتي لغير الهنود هنا هو "مليتشا" (و بلغة التِّبت لالو)، و هو يعني "شخصاً ما يتحدث بطريقة غير مفهومة"، أي بلغة غير سنسكريتية (الطريف أننا اليوم نطلق تعبير معاكس على أنّ شخصاً ما يتحدّث بالسنسكريتية للدلالة على أنه يتحدث بطريقة غير مفهومة فنحن نقول: احكي معي بالعربي مو بالسنسكريتي). و قد طبّق الهندوس و البوذيون هذا المُصطلحَ على كل الغُزاة الأجانب في شمال الهند، بدءاً من غزو الهنود الإغريق Indo-Greek Kingdom في زمن أشوكا الكبير (الإسكندر الأكبر). أما المُصطلح السنسكريتي الرئيسي الآخر المُستخدم فهو "طايي"، و هو مُصطلح مُشتق من المُصطلح الفارسي الذي يُشير إلى العرب؛ فهو مُستخدم للإشارة إلى الغزاةِ العرب لإيران في مُنتصف القرن السابع 7 الميلادي

قدّم الكالكي الأول مزيداً من الوصف للدين المُستقبلي غير الهندي، على أنّ لديه صفاً من المُعلّمين العظماء، هم: آدم و نوح و إبراهيم و موسى و عيسى و ماني و محمد و المهدي. و أنّ محمد سيأتي إلى بغداد في أرض مكة، و هذه الفقرة تُساعد في تحديد الغزاة داخل المُجتمع الإسلامي. عاش محمد، بحسب الرواية الإسلامية الرسمية، بين عامي 570 م و 632 م أما بغداد فقد بُنِيَت في عام 762 م؛ لتكون حاضرة الخلافة العباسية العربية و استمرت حتى سقوطها و تدميرها على أيدي الغُزاة المغول عام 1,258 م. و ماني رجل فارسي، عاش في العراق في القرن الثالث 3 الميلادي، و أسَّس ديانة اختيارية هي: المانوية، التي كانت تقوم، مثل الديانة الإيرانية التي سبقتها: الزرادشتية، على الصِّراع بين قوى الخير و الشر. و كانت الطائفة الشيعية المانوية المُبتدعة هى الوحيدة فى الإسلام التى كانت ترى فى مانى نبياً، تلك الطائفة التى كان من أتباعها بعض المسؤولين الكبار فى البلاط العباسى ببغداد فى صدر

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الدولة العباسية، اضطهدهم الخلفاء العباسيون. لكن عامة المُسلمين عامة لا يرون ماني كذلك. علماء البوذية فيما يُعرَف اليوم بأفغانستان و شبه القارة الهندية عملوا في بغداد خلال الجزء الثاني من القرن الثامن 8 الميلادي (طبعاً جميع هذه التواريخ تقليدية و لا تحتسب الزمن الشبحي حوالي ال 300 سنة المُضافة إلى التقويم الميلادي و في حال تطبيقها هذا يضع جميع تلك الأحداث في القرن الميلادي الرابع و ليس السابع)، و كانوا يترجمون النصوص السنسكريتية إلى العربية. و تُتابع النّبوءة: سيكون المهدي حاكماً مُستقبلياً (إمام) من نسل محمد، يقود المؤمنين إلى القدس، و يستعيد الشريعة الإسلامية، و يوحّد أتباع الإسلام في دولة سياسية واحدة، قبل قيام الساعة التي تنهي هذا العالم. و هو مُعادل التّصوُّر الإسلامي للمسيح المُنتَظر، فمفهوم المهدي برز فقط خلال العصر العباسي الأول (الساساني الأخير)، حيث ظهر ثلاثة 3 أشخاص ادَّعَوا هذا اللقب: ١. الخليفة نفسه (الملك الساساني عبد الملك بن مروان / المأمون)، و ٢. منافسه في مكة (عبد الله بن الزّبير / من الزّبيل)، و ٣. شهيد يحمل إسمه تجرَّد لحملة تمرُّد ضد الدولة العباسية (بابك الخرمي؟). أما النّظر للمُهدي المُنتَظر على أنه يسوع عيسى المسيح بن مريم فلم يظهر إلا لاحقاً!

المُلفِت للنّظر أنّ قائمة الشيعة الإسماعيلية للأنبياء هي القائمة نفسها الموجودة في الكلاتشاكرا، لكن ينقصها (ماني) فقط! و الإسماعيلية هي الطائفة الوحيدة التي تؤمن بأنّ المُهدي نبي!! الشيعة الإسماعيلية كانت الطائفة الرسمية المُتّبعة في مولتان (أو ما يعرف اليوم بشمال السند في الباكستان) خلال النّصف الثاني من القرن العاشر 10 الميلادي، و كانت مولتان حليفةً للإمبراطورية الفاطمية الإسماعيلية التي كان مركزها في مصر (القاهرة)، حيث كان الإسماعيليون الفاطميون ينافسون العباسيين من أجل السيادة الكاملة على العالم الإسلامي
من هذا الدليل قد نفترض أن وصف الكلاتشاكرا للغزاة غير الهنود كان اعتماداً على الإسماعيليين في مولتان أواخر القرن العاشر 10 الميلادي، مُختلطاً ببعض مظاهر الشيعة المانوية في أواخر القرن الثامن 8 الميلادي. و على الأرجح أن مُعِدّي هذا الوصف كانوا معلمين بوذيين يعيشون تحت حُكم الشاهيين الهندوس في شمال أفغانستان و أوديانا (وادي سوات في شمال غرب باكستان الحالية). فالأديرة البوذية في منطقة كابول من أفغانستان، مثل سوباهار، لها زخارف مِعمارية مُشابهة لتلك الموجودة في الكالاتشاكرا ماندالا، حيث كانت أوديانا إحدى المناطق الرئيسة التي نَمَت فيها التانترا البوذية. علاوةً على ذلك كان لأوديانا اتصال مُباشر مع كشمير؛ حيث ازدهرت بها كلٌ من التانترا البوذية و الهندوسية الشيفية (نسبةً للإله الظّلامي شيفا إله كوكب زحل). و كان هناك طريقٌ رئيسٌ للحج البوذي ربط الإثنين معاً. لذا يجب علينا أن ننظر إلى العلاقات البوذية - الإسلامية في شرقي أفغانستان و أوديانا و كشمير خلال العصر العباسي لنفهم سياق تعاليمها عبر التاريخ و منشأ مفهوم الحروب المقدسة

نبوءة عن حرب مُستقبلية رهيبة و ظهور المُهدي المُنتَظر / الإمام المهدي / إمام الزمان / المسيح / المُخلّص:

"الحرب بين قوى الخير و الشر، التي ستنتهي بحربٍ رهيبة يقودها المسيح"، هي فكرة ظهرت بدايةً في الزرادشتية، و تأسّست في القرن السادس 6 قبل الميلاد، أي قبل ولادة بوذا، و دخلت اليهوديةَ في الفترة ما بين القرن الثاني 2 قبل الميلاد و القرن الثاني 2 الميلادي، و بالتالي شقّت طريقَها إلى اليهو-مسيحية النصرانية المبكرة و المانوية، ثم بعد ذلك إلى الإسلام. و قد ظهرت فكرة هذه الحرب الرهيبة بطريقة أخرى في الهندوسية في "الفيشنو بورانا"، في القرن الرابع 4 الميلادي تقريباً و هي تروي أنّ الإله فيشنو سيظهر في تجسّده الأخير في نهاية الكاليوجا في صورة كالكي، و يولد في بلدة شامبالا إبناً للبراهمان (فيشنو ياشاس)، و سيهزم غير الهنود في ذلك الوقت الذين يتّبعون مسار التدمير، و سوف يعيدون إيقاظ عقول الناس. بعد ذلك، و في مواكبة المفهوم الهندي للزمن الدوري، سيتبع ذلك عصرٌ ذهبي، بدلاً من الحكم النهائي و نهاية العالم، كما في رواية غير الهنود للفكرة. من الصعب إثبات أن وصف "الفيشنو بورانا" مُستمد من التأثيرات الأجنبية بتصرُّف ليتلاءم مع العقلية الهندية، أم أنه نشأ بصفةٍ مُستقلة. و إنّ إستخدام الإسلام لتمثيل القوى التدميرية المهددة أمرٌ ربما يمكن فهمه إذا نُظِر إليه في سياق العصر العباسي الأول / الساساني الأخير في منطقة كابول بشرقي أفغانستان!

العلاقات البوذية - الإسلامية أثناء العصر العباسي:

في بداية هذا العصر (الساساني الأخير) حكم العباسيون الأوائل منطقة باكتريا (شمالي أفغانستان)؛ حيث سمحوا للبوذيين المحلّيين و الهندوس و الزرادشتيين بمُمارسة شعائرهم شريطة أن يدفعوا الجزية. رغم ذلك قَبِل العديد منهم الإسلامَ طواعيةً، خاصة مُلاّك الأراضي و الطبقات الحضرية العليا المُتعلمة. فثقافة الإسلام العليا كانت أكثر منالاً من ثقافتهم، و يمكنهم تجنب دفع الجزية. و قد حكم ملوك الشاهيين الأتراك –مُتحالفين مع التبتيين– كابول؛ حيث ازدهرت البوذية و الهندوسية، و ربما كان من السهل أن يشعر الحكام البوذيون و رجال الدين بالقلق من احتمال حدوث ظاهرة مُشابهة هناك، أي التحول نحو الإسلام!!

حكم الشاهيون الأتراك المنطقة حتى عام 870 م، و قد فقدوا السيطرة عليها فقط بين عامي 815 م و 819 م؛ إذ أنه أثناء تلك السنوات الأربعة غزا الخليفة العباسي المأمون (عبد الملك بن مروان / يزدجرد الثالث) كابول، و أجبر الشاه الحاكم على الخضوع له و قبول الإسلام. و قد قدَّم شاه كابول ليُعبِّر عن خضوعه إلى الخليفة هدية كانت عبارة عن تمثال ذهبي لبوذا من دير سوباهار. و وأرسل الخليفة المأمون، كعلامةً على انتصار الإسلام، التّمثال الضّخم بعرشه الفضي و تاجه المرصَّع إلى مكة، و عرضه هناك عند الكعبة لمدة عامين كاملين! بفعلته هذه كان الخليفة يظهر سلطتَهُ في حكم العالم الإسلامي بأسره بعد قهرِه لأخيه في حربٍ أهلية. و رغم ذلك فهو لم يُجبِر البوذيين في كابول على دخول الإسلام، و لم يُدَمِّر الأديرة، و لم يُحَطِّم تمثال بوذا الذي أهداه له شاه كابول باعتباره صنماً، لكنه أرسله بدلاً من ذلك إلى مكة بوصفه غنيمةً!! بعدما انسحب الجيش العباسي الساساني ليُحارب حركاتٍ إنفصاليةً في أجزاء أخرى من إمبراطوريتهم سَرعان ما استردت الأديرة البوذية عافيتها. الفترة التالية التي كانت فيها منطقة كابول تحت الحكم الإسلامي كانت أيضًا قصيرةً، بين عامي 870 م و 879 م. فقد غزاها الحكام الصفاريون، و كانوا يحكمون دولة عسكرية مُستقلة، و كان من قسوتها تدميرها للثقافات المحلية و قد أرسل الغزاة عدداً من الأصنام البوذية إلى الخليفة العباسي كغنائمَ حرب. لكن حينما استعاد الشاهيون الهندوس المنطقة من الشاهيين الأتراك مرةً أخرى استعاد البوذيون و الأديرة رونقهم السابق

ثم غزا الأتراك الغزنويون شرقي أفغانستان، و انتزعوها من الشاهيين الهندوس في عام 976 م، لكنهم لم يُدَمِّروا الأديرة البوذية هناك. و باعتبارهم تابعين للدولة العباسية كان الغزنويون أيضاً أتباعاً لأهل السُّنّة. و على الرغم من أنهم تسامحوا مع البوذيين و الهندوس في شرق أفغانستان، قام حاكمهم الثاني محمود الغزنوي بحملة ضد المُنافسين للعباسيين، و هي دولة مولتان الشيعية، فقد غزا محمود الغزنوي مولتان عام 1,008 م، و في طريقه أبعد الشاهيين الهندوس من قندهار و أوديانا. تحالف الشاهيون الهندوس مع مولتان، و حيثما غزا محمود الغزنوي سلب ثروة المعابد الهندوسية و الأديرة البوذية، و دَعَمَ قوّاته. بعد انتصاره في مولتان، مدفوعاً برغبته في مزيدٍ من الأرض و

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الثروة، واصل محمود غزواته ناحية الشرق، فغزا مقاطعة البنجاب الهندية الحالية، المعروفة في تلك الأيام بـ"دلهي". لكن حينما اندفعت القوات الغزنوية نحو الشمال من دلهي نحو سفوح جبال كشمير، مُطاردةً فلول الشاهيين الهندوس عام 1,015 م (أو 1,021 م، بحسب إختلاف المصادر التاريخية) فقد هُزموا باستخدام المانترا كما يزعمون، و كان هذا أول هجوم لجيش مُسلم على كشمير. فوصف الكلاتشاكرا للغزو المُستقبلي، و هزيمة القوات غير الهندية في دلهي، على الأرجح إذاً كان مجرّد خلط بين التّهديد المولتاني للعباسيين و تهديد الغزنويين لكشمير!

المفهوم الإسلامي للجهاد:

هل إحدى طرائق الغازي هي المفهوم الإسلامي للجهاد؟ إذا كان الأمر كذلك، فهل الكلاتشاكرا تصور بدقةٍ الجهاد؟ أو هي فقط تستخدم الغزو غير الهندي للشامبالا لتمثل تطرفاً يجب تحاشيه؟ لكي نتحاشى سوء الفهم بين الأديان من المهم استقصاء هذه الأسئلة! فالكلمة العربية "الجهاد" تعني: النِّضال، يحتاج الفرد فيهِ أن يتحمّل المُعاناة و الصّعوبات مثل الجوع و العطش، أثناء رمضان، و هو شهر الصيام. هؤلاء الذين ينخرطون في هذا النِّضال يُسمون: "مُجاهدين"، و هذا يُذَكِّرُ المرءَ بالتعاليم البوذية عن الصّبر من أجل ال"بوديساتفا" لتحمُّل الصّعوبات في اتّباع طريق التّنوير

أهل السُّنَّة من المُسلمين يعرفون خمسة 5 أنواع من الجهاد:

١. جهاد عسكري: يمثل حملةً دفاعية ضد المُعتدين الذين يحاولون إلحاق الضرر بالإسلام، و هو ليس هجوماً عدوانياً لإكراه الآخرين على اعتناق الإسلام
٢. جهاد بالمال: لدعم الفقراء و المُحتاجين
٣. جهاد بالعمل: و هو دعم الإنسان لنفسَه و لأسرته بأمانة
٤. جهاد بالدِّراسة: لاكتساب المعارف و
٥. جهاد ضد النّفس: و هو نضالٌ داخلي لقهر الرّغبات و الأفكار ضد التّعاليم الإسلامية

أما المُسلمين الشيعة فيؤكدون على النوع الأول من الجهاد؛ مُساوين بين الهجوم على دولةٍ إسلامية و الهجوم على الدين الإسلامي، و العديد من الشيعة يقبلون أيضاً النوع الخامس، و هو الجهاد الداخلي الرّوحي ...

التشابهات العديدة بين البوذية و اليهودية و الإسلام:

عرض الكلاتشاكرا لحرب شامبالا الأسطورية، و المناقشة الإسلامية للجهاد يبين تشابهاً ملحوظاً؛ فكلٌّ من الحروب المقدسة البوذية و الإسلامية هي تكتيكات دفاعيةٌ لإيقاف هجوم القوى المُعادية الخارجية، و لم تكن أبداً حملاتٍ عدوانيَّةً للفوز بمُعتنقين جُدد للدين. و كلاهما لديه مستويات داخلية روحية للمعنى؛ حيث تكون المعركة ضد الأفكار السلبية و العواطف المدمرة. و كلاهما تقومان على مبادئَ أخلاقيةٍ، لا على أساس التّحامل و الكراهية. و هكذا، فعرض الغزو غير الهندي لأسطورة الشامبالا هو عرضٌ سلبيٌّ محض، فإن أدب الكلاتشاكرا في الحقيقة يُحَرِّفُ مفهومَ الجهاد بطريقة البراسانغيكا، من أخذها إلى المنطقية المُتطرِّفة لتبيان موضع لِتَحاشيه. و كما شوَّه العديدُ من القادة مفهوم الجهاد، و استغلوه من أجل القوة و المكاسب الشخصية، فإن الشيء نفسه حدث مع شامبالا، و مناقشتها للحرب ضد القواتِ الأجنبيةِ المدمرة. و كمثال على ذلك فقد أعلن أغفان دورجييف، مُساعد المعلم دالاي لاما الثالث عشر 13، و هو روسي مغولي من بوريا‌تيا، عاش في أواخر القرن التاسع عشر 19 الميلادي، أنّ روسيا كانت هي شامبالا، و أنّ القيصر الرّوسي كان هو الكالكي! بهذه الطريقة حاول إقناعَ الدالاي لاما الثالث عشر 13 بأن يتحالفَ مع روسيا ضد البريطانيين "المليتشا"، في الصِّراع من أجل السيطرة على آسيا الوسطى!!

كما جاء في التراث فقد عرَف المغولُ كلاًّ من الملك سوتشاندرا ملك شامبالا، و جنكيز خان بوصفهما تناسخاً للفاجراباني. و الحرب من أجل شامبالا التي دارت حينئذٍ كانت حربٌ من أجل مجد جنكيز خان و منغوليا. و هكذا فالقائد سوخي باتور، قائد الثورة الشيوعية المنغولية عام 1,921 م ضد الحكم القاسي للبارون فون أونغيرن-ستيرنبيرغ الروسي الأبيض الذي كان يدعمه اليابانيون، ألهم قواتِه بوصف الكلاتشاكرا للحرب لإنهاءِ الكاليوجا، و وعدهم بعودة مولدهم بعد موتهم ليكونوا مُحاربينَ مع ملك شامبالا (في تشابه مع عقيدة المُكافأة بجنّة الفالهالا عند مُحاربي الفايكنغ في إسكندنافيا و الخلود في جنّة عدن عند المُسلمين)، و ذلك رغم عدم وجود أساس نصّي لزعمه في أدب الكلاتشاكرا. إبان الغزو الياباني لمنغوليا في ثلاثينيَّاتِ القرن العشرين الفائت حاول الحكام اليابانيون بدورهم كسب التّحالف المغولي و الدّعم العسكري، من خلال حملة تَدَّعِي أن اليابان كانت هي شامبالا!!

و مثلما يُمكن لنُقّاد البوذية أن يُركِّزوا على إساءة استخدام المستوى الخارجي الكلاتشاكرا للمعركة الروحية و تجاهل المستوى الداخلي، مما فيه من إجحافٌ للبوذية كليةً؛ فالشيء نفسه يَصدُق على النُّقاد المُعادين للإسلام و للجهاد! النّصيحة في التانترا البوذية فيما يتعلّق بالمعلم الرّوحي ربما تكونُ مفيدةً هنا، فكل معلم روحي تقريباً لديه خليط من الصفات الإيجابية و السلبية. و على الرغم من أن التابع لا ينبغي أن يُنكرَ الصِّفات السَّلبيةَ للمعلم؛ إذ إنّ الإسهابَ فيها سيُسببُ مشاعر الغضبَ و الإكتئاب، و لو أنه بدلاً من ذلك ركّز على جوانب معلمه المضيئةِ سيكسب إلهاماً لاتّباع الطريق الروحي. الشيء نفسه يمكن أن يُقالَ عن التعاليم البوذية و الإسلامية، فيما يتعلق بالحروب المقدسةِ، فكلا الدينَين تعرَّضا للإساءة لدعوتَيْهما من أجل معركةٍ خارجيةٍ، حينما تُهدِّد القوى التّدميرية المُمارسةَ الدينيةَ. و دون إنكار أو إسهابٍ في هذه الإساءاتِ يُمكن للمرء أن يكسِبَ الإلهامَ بالتركيزِ على الفوائدِ من خوضِ حربٍ مقدسةٍ داخلية في كِلا العقيدَتَيْن [1-3]

توافق كتاب التلمود مع الروايات و الأحاديث النبوية؛ الثرات الملصوق بالإسلام هو نسخة طبقة الأصل للثراث اليهودي!

من خلال بحثنا في كتب تشرح عن كتاب التّلمود المقدس لدى اليهود نشأته و تاريخه و كتبة أصوله و أبوابه وجدنا و كأننا نقرأ عن كتب الموروث الإسلامي، إن صح التعبير، لدى طوائف الأمة سواءً أسنة كانوا أو شيعة. و سنلقي الضوء على أوجه التوافق بين الموروثين مُختصرين قدر الإمكان، لنسأل أنفسنا اسئلة مهمةً في النهاية. و سيكون شرحنا عن كتاب التّلمود مُسترسلاً و شرحنا عن موروث السنة و الشيعة ما بين أقواس، ليسهل للقارئ المُقارنة:

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1. التّعريف:
يُعرف التلمود على أنه الشريعة الشفهية التي كتبت بعد وفاة نبي الله موسى / محمد ملك اليهود و كذلك [السنة القولية الشفهية هي ما كتب عن النبي محمد بعد موته مشافهة]

2. أول من كتبها و هالة التّقديس:
كان أوّل من كتب المرويات لدى اليهود هو الحاخام (عيزرا الكاتب) الذي يعده اليهود واحداً من أنبيائهم التالين، و له في العهد القديم سفر خاص به ورد في لقبه: "عزرا الكاتب.. كاتب كلام وصايا الرّب"
و كذلك [نهي عن كتابة المرويات في عهد الرسول محمد و عهد خلفائه، ثم تم السماح بكتابتها و جمعها فبدأ مالك بن أنس الملقب ب"حجة الله على خلقه"، في موطأه ثم تولى محمد البخاري في الحديث بجمعها في صحيحه. و لدى الشيعة الكليني الملقب ب"ثقة الإسلام" و كتابه الكافي]

3. الحجية:
يعتبر التلمود هو سجل يجمع نقاشات الحاخامات حول الشريعة المكتوبة و يجمع أيضاً الأخلاق و العادات و الأساطير و القصص التي يعدها التراث اليهودي مؤصّلة بالتواتر الشفهي
و كذلك [تعتبر روايات السنة هي تجميع لما قاله النبي محمد و ما حصل من نقاشات و اختلافات الصحابة لدى السنة و أهل البيت لدى الشيعة مؤصلة بالتواتر الشفهي]

4. الطبقية:
يعتبر كتبة التراث الشفهي (التلمود) حاخامات معلمين يقال لهم "سفرائيم" قاموا بجمع أسفار التوراة و شروحاتها و ربطوها بالتراث المروي شفاهياً، و على امتداد 300 سنة قاموا باستنباط أحكام التوراة و تكييفها بالمرويات حتى أصبحت شريعة تفاعلية
و كذلك [يعتبر السنة كتبة الموروث الشفهي علماء لمُصطلح الحديث، كما يعتبر الشيعة أئمة لأهل البيت قاموا بجمع الروايات بعد وفاة النبي محمد بـ 200 سنة، ثم قاموا باستنباط أحكام القرآن مما جمعوه من المرويات حتى أصبحت شريعة تفاعلية]

5. السلطة الدينية:
سنّ اليهود مجموعة من الشرائع سميت فيما بعد "كلام السوفريم"، ثم تشكلت بعدهم هيئة قضائية صارت بمثابة سلطة تشريعية عرفت بإسم حُكماء الدين (السنهدرين الأعلى)
و كذلك [تم تشكيل سلطة تشريعية بإسم علماء الدين لدى السنة و الشيعة]

6. التأصيل:
أتى بعدهم من كتب تلك الشريعة الشفاهية و سميت "المِشناه" أي (كتاب المراجع و القوانين) في عام 200 م، و كاتبوها يعرفون بإسم "التنائيم" أي "المعلمون"
و كذلك [سنّ علماء الحديث لدى السنة مجموعة شرائع سميت بعلم مُصطلح الحديث، كما سنّ الشيعة في كتبهم فهم أئمة أهل البيت لتفاسير القرآن و روايات عن سيرة النبي محمد و حديثه و تعليقاتهم عليه]
و بعد ذلك بـ 300 عام ظهر تحليل للمشناه سمي ب"الجمارا" (أي التّكملة)، قام به من أسموا أنفسهم ب"الأمورائيم"
و كذلك [انتشر ما يسمى بالمذاهب الإسلامية ليتشكل علم الفقه الإسلامي و عرف علمائها سنة و شيعة بإسم أئمة المذاهب أو الفقهاء]

7. العدد:
تتألف المِشناه من ستة 6 مباحث تسمى "سداريم"
و كذلك [يجزم علماء مُصطلح الحديث أن صحاح المرويات 6 و هي ما تعرف بإسم كتب الصحاح الستة 6 لدى السنة بينما لدى الشيعة فهي 4 كتب فقط]

8. التفريع:
كل سدر منها يتألف من 7 إلى 12 مقالة "مسيختوت" هي:
1- سدر طهروت (الطهارة)
2- سدر زراعيم (العبادات)
3- سدر موعيد (الأعياد و تقاليدها)
4- سدر نشيم (أحكام الزواج و الطلاق و مُلك اليمين)
5- سدر نزيقين (العقوبات)
6- سدر قداشيم (أحكام الصّيام و التّضحية و الهيكل)
و كذلك [يتألّف كل صحيح من الصحاح الستة 6 لدى السنة أو الكتب الأربعة 4 لدى الشيعة من عدة كتب يحتوي كل كتاب منها على عدة أبواب كل باب يتألف من عدة روايات، و من هذه الكتب:
1- كتاب الطهارة

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2- كتاب العبادات
3- كتاب الزواج
4- كتاب العقوبات
5- كتاب الصّيام
و غيرها من الكتب
9. الفحوى و الأسلوب:

يتكون التلمود من المِشناه و الجمارا، و المِشناه عبارة عن آراء محسومة فيها القليل من الحوار، بينما الجمارا فعلى النقيض منها فهي تطرح على شكل جدال و حوار بين السائل و المُجيب حتى و إن كانت شخصياتهم وهمية من صنع الخيال
و كذلك [تلتزم كتب الحديث على الحكم المحسوم بالرواية، أما ما يعرف ب"الفقه" فهو على اختلافات كثيرة بين أهل المذاهب يشوبها الجدل و الطرح الحواري بين السائل و المُجيب كلٌ بحسب مذهبه دون تحديد لهوية السائل]

نأتي الآن للتساؤلات:

التشابهات بين الموروث اليهودي و الموروث الإسلامي ليست مُقتصرة فقط على الكتب بل تتعدّاها إلى ظهور الطوائف، نهايةً ب(اليهود القرّائين) في اليهودية و (المسلمون القرآنيون) في الإسلام. من كتب هذه الكتب و لماذا؟ لماذا هذا التوافق أو بالأحرى شبه التطابُق التام بين كتب الموروث اليهودي و كتب الموروث الإسلامي؟! ألا يبدو واضحاً لنا أنّ تراثنا الإسلامي من الفقه و التشريع و كتب السيرة و الأحاديث النبوية هو نسخة طبقة الأصل للتراث اليهودي و هو مليء بالإسرائيليات، و القصص الكاذبة و المزورة و المسروقة من أساطير الشعوب و الحضارات القديمة؟! ألا يجدر بنا أن نصيح بملء أصواتنا: صح النوم أيها الغافلون!!!

أخيراً نود أن نُثير الإنتباه إلى عدة نقاط حول بحث د. سامي فريد "مقدمة في نشوء الإسلام":

1. أولاً، يوجد خطأ في الجدول المُرفق على أنّ عمر بن الخطاب ليس الملك خسرو الثاني بل هو الملك الساساني خسرو الأول فاقتضى التنويه

2. شخصية محمد رسول الله كما بتنا جميعنا نعلم هي توليفة من عدة شخصيات دينية و عسكرية؛ الشخصية الدينية القرآنية الرئيسية مُتمحورة حول النبي موسى (موزا / بوذا سيدهارتا غواتاما أي سيّد بني حارثة قثم جاءَ و أتمّ) ملك اليهود و الخطاب القرآني موجه بشكل أساسي إلى بني إسرائيل ثم أضيفت عليها عدة شخصيات لأنبياء آخرين أتوا بعده، فقد نسج رواة الفرس شخصية محمد الدينية كمزيج من عدة أنبياء آخرين مثل زرادشت و مزدك (مصدق) و ماني و يوحنا المعمدان و تحطيم إبراهيم لأصنام قومه (تحطيم محمد لأصنام الكعبة) و هجرة موسى بأتباعه هرباً من الإضطهاد الديني (الهجرة النبوية؛ هجرة محمد و التجائه بالنجاشي ملك الحبشة و أيضاً هجرته من مكة إلى المدينة)، أما شخصية محمد القائد العسكري فهي لعليا / إيليا / إياس بن قبيصة ملك المناذرة قائد جيش خسرو الثاني الذي حرّر الشام و القدس من البيزنطيين و استعاد صليب الصلبوت المقدس منهم، و أيضاً أخذ الرواة الفرس جوانب من شخصية ملك الفرس الساساني خسرو الثاني و ألصقوها بشخصية محمد في كتب التراث الإسلامي و السيرة النبوية مثل التجاءه إلى أخواله من آل شيبان في الأهواز و زواجه من شيرين المسيحية (زواج محمد من ماريا القبطية) و هربه مع صديقه الصدوق إليا / عليا / القائد سين / الشاهين / صقر المملكة إياس بن قبيصة من وجه المنقلب عليه بهرام تشوبين (هروب محمد مع أبو بكر من وجه المُشركين و اختباءهما في أحد المغاور في الرواية الإسلامية) و غيرها ...

3. محمد السيرة النبوية شخصية وهمية نشأت من دمج سيرة قثم جاء و أتمّ (بوذا / النبي موسى) مع شخصيتي إياس / الياس بن قبيصة حاكم الحيرة و شخصية مُسلمة بن حبيب الحنفي و أسموه قثم بن عبد اللات القرشي (أخذوا من مُسلمة لقبه الصادق الأمين و آياته المكية السلمية التي تدعو للحوار و لحُسن مُعاملة الأهل و الجوار إلخ ...)، الذي ولد في بصرى و درس على يد بحيرا الراهب و القس ورقة بن نوفل في الشام كنبي و مبشر لأم القرى أي أورشليم و القرى المهلكة كمدين في سيناء و لوط في البحر الميت. "المُهاجرين" هم أتباع الدعوة النصرانية التوحيدية من اليهو-مسيحيين الذين طردوا من بلاد الشام و فلسطين من قبل الروم المسيحيين التثليثيين الذين أجبِروا الباقين منهم على التعميد بإسم الثالوث و هؤلاء هم "المُستضعفين الذين لم يُهاجروا" الوارد ذكرهم في القرآن، أما "الأنصار" فهم المناذرة الذين آووهم و أعزوهم و شاطروهم أموالهم و أملاكهم و قاموا بحمايتهم. من هؤلاء و هؤلاء تشكّل جيش عليا / إليا المُقاتل زعيم الحيرة و فاتح القدس الذي حارب جيش مُسلمة لاحقاً في الشام و هزمه. بكة الأصلية هي أورشليم القديمة قبل البتراء و لم تكن إيلياء القدس و لا مكة الحجاز الحالية في المملكة السعودية، أما بلخ في أفغانستان فهي مكة المذكورة في كتب التراث الإسلامي و السيرة النبوية الفارسية و التي كانت كعبتها (كعبة النوبهار / نيافا هارا / و سدنتها البرامكة) قبلة لعدة أديان و مقر لآلهة الهندوس و البوذيين و النّصارى / النّصرانيين الموحدين (اليهو-مسيحيين نواة المُسلمين قبل تزواجهم مع الزردشتية لإنتاج دين الإسلام) و اليهود، (هي التي كانت بداخلها صور المسيح و أمه)، أي أنها كانت مركز تجمُّع ديني للجميع من كل الأديان و الفرق و الطوائف كانوا يحجّون إليها و يتاجرون على طول طريق القوافل، طريق الحرير الذي امتد من الهند شرقاً إلى روما غرباً

4. كما رأينا الشخصية المحمدية الإسلامية هي شخصية معقدة جداً جمعت القليل من شخصية كل من هؤلاء أي من كل بستان زهرة كما سنفصلها لاحقاً في الفصول القادمة، أما بالنسبة لما أخذ منها من شخصية مزدك / مصدق (أنزلناه مصدقاً لما بين يديه من الكتاب) ما يهمنا منها هو نظامه و ثورته الإشتراكية الشيوعية التي أراد عبرها مُشاركة الثروة بين الأغنياء و توزيعها على الفقراء (محمد سعى على ذلك و أمر بتوزيع الغنائم و بالزّكاة و الحض على إطعام المساكين) و أيضاً قيام مزدك بثورة جنسية و انفجاره بالإباحية الجنسية مما أدّى إلى مقتله لاحقاً (محمد انفجر بالزيجات بعد عمر الخمسين بعد وفاة زوجته خديجة بنت خويلد و تزوج من تسع نساء عدا ملكات اليمين بحسب كتب التراث الإسلامي و السيرة النبوية) لذلك نجد هناك تشابهات كبيرة بين شخصية النبي الفارسي مزدك / مصدق مع جوانب من تركيبة أو توليفة الشخصية المحمدية الإسلامية في كتب التراث الإسلامي و السيرة النبوية الفارسية المُلفّقة المدونة في العصر العباسي

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5. في ذلك الوقت كان الحكام يتدرّجون بالألقاب بحسب حجمهم و مساحة رقعة حكمهم، من حاكم أو والي محلي صغير إلى أمير منطقة كبير إلى أمير المؤمنين وصولاً إلى المنصب الأعلى و هو منصب "هلفة الله أو خلفة الله" (الخليفة / خليفة المُسلمين)، فيزدجرد الثالث مثلاً كان له 15 لقباً كان منها "عبد الملك" بن مروانان / بن مروان (أي من مرو في فارس) و أيضاً حصل على لقب "المأمون" عندما تسلّم الخلافة و هي أعلى لقب و أعلى سلطة سياسية في البلاد تماماً مثل لقب "أغسطس" الذي كان يُمنَح للإمبراطور الرّوماني كدرجة عليا، فهذه عادة درج عليها الحكام الساسانيين مثلما درج عليها الحكام البيزنطيين و هنا بيت القصيد: هذا يفسر لماذا نقش الملك الفارسي الساساني يزدجرد الثالث لقبه "المأمون" على الحجر التأسيسي و على الجدران الداخلية لمسجد قبة الصخرة في إيلياء القدس الفلسطينية الحالية و لم ينقش لقبه "عبد الملك" أو "بن مروانان / بن مروان" مع أنه كان باستطاعته القيام بذلك، و لأولئك الذين يصرّون على أنّ المأمون "العباسي" قام بشطب أو محي إسم "عبد الملك بن مروان" الأموي و إقحام إسمه بدلاً منه، نقول لهم و للمرة الألف فقط إنظروا إلى إسم المأمون المؤلف من كلمة واحدة فقط في النقش الذي يبدو بوضوح أنه مكتوب في سياق الجملة بمكانه الصحيح و لا يوجد مط أو إطالة في حروفه ليسد مكان عبارة طويلة هي "عبد الملك بن مروان" المؤلفة من أربعة كلمات، نعتقد أنّ الجدل بات محسوماً في هذه المسألة فلا خلاف على أنّ النّقش أصلي و لم يقُم المأمون بتزويره أو استبدال إسم أو بالأحرى لقب عبد الملك بن مروان و إقحام إسمه بدلاً منه (عبد الملك أو عبد المسيح هو لقب ديني بالمناسبة فالملك هو الله / الملك هو المسيح God is King)!

6. بالنّسبة للعملات، يرد إسم يزدغرد الثالث على عدة عملات بكتابات إسلامية و آيات قرآنية صريحة، فكيف لملك ساساني أن يضرب على عملاته آيات قرآنية؟! أيضاً، توجد عملات له بعد ان استحوذ على لقب "عبد الملك" مضروب عليها كتابات باللغة البهلوية / الفهلوية (الفارسية الوسطى / الساسانية) فكيف لحاكم عربي "أموي" ان يضرب عملة باللغة الفارسية الساسانية و هو الشهير بانه "قام بتعريب الدواوين" ألم يكن حريٌ به القيام بتعريب صكّته التي ستخلد ذكره قبل تعريب أي شيء؟

7. تذكر المرويات الإسلامية و جود 14 خليفة أموي لكن عشرة 10 منهم لا يوجد أي دليل و لا أي عملة و لا أي أثر واحد على وجود اي منهم و لم تكتب سيرتهم من قبل رُواة الفرس في العصر العباسي إلا بعد مرور وقت طويل على انقضاء زمنهم، كل ذلك يدعم ما توصّل له الباحث المصري الكبير د. سامي فريد بتعاون من الباحثة المغربية المُتميزة ليلى حسن بأنّ العصر العباسي الأول كان هو نفسه العصر الساساني الأخير و لا وجود لعصر راشدي و لا لعصر أموي، أما العصر العباسي الثاني فهو عصر حكم ترك المغول. نتمنى أن تكون الفكرة قد توضحت لكم الآن بشكل أفضل، للمزيد يُرجى مُراجعة بحث مقدمة في نشوء الإسلام، أين و كيف و متى؟ ل د. سامي فريد على الروابط التالية:

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إن إشكالية عدم توثيق الهجرات الهندو-أوربية يجعلها تبدو لنا اليوم مجرد إفتراضات، لكن يوجد تفاعل واضح و كبير بين القبائل الآسيوية و المنطقة الواقعة في شمال غرب الهند التي عرفت بإسم آريا Arya. الديانات الآسيوية كانت تتمثل في عبادة الشمس (ميثرا) و عبادة الماء (يردنا). في الهند تكونت العقيدة أو الديانة البراهمية (الهندوسية) التي ما زال تأثيرها موجود و أعرافها مفعلة عند اليهود و المسلمين الشيعة الذين نجد عندهم طبقة رجال الدين أعلى الطبقات الإجتماعية. و الآريون هم من أسس العقيدة الهندوسية البراهمية في الهند. الهجرة الوحيدة الموثقة هي هجرة البارثين و تكوين مملكة بارثيا التي كانت تسيطر على تجارة طريق الحرير ابتداءً من جنوب الصين و آسيا الوسطى مروراً بأفغانستان و شمال غرب الهند و إيران و العراق و سوريا و أرمينيا و تركيا حتى حدود بيزنطة حيث كانوا يجلبون العملات الذهبية من بيزنطة مقابل الحرير ...

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آريان (Aryans) هو شعب قديم أصله من شرق أوروبا استولى على إيران من الشمال الغربي للهند حوالي 2,000 ق.م. و كان سبباً في تدهور حضارة السند. كانت لغته صورة أولية من السنسكريتية و يطلق عليها اللغة الآرية. و هي أساس اللغات الهندو الأوروبية حيث كان الشعب الآري يسكن المناطق الممتدة من شرق أوروبا إلى جنوب آسيا. و قد وصل للهند سنة 3,000 ق.م. سكن بعض الآريين شمال الهند إبان العصر البرونزي و الآريون ذوو بشرة بيضاء اللون و عرفوا بالنوريكيين و التيتوتيكيين. اليوم لم يبقَى من هذا الجنس سوى اللغة الآرية التي تضم عدة لغات تعرف باللغات الهندو أوروبية. نزحت القبائل الآرية من شرق أوروبا (روسيا الحالية) حوالي عام 1,800 ل 1,500 قبل الميلاد لتستوطن أعالي نهر السند بسهولياموناYamuna و غانغِتيك Gangetic و كانت تتكلم إحدى اللغات الهندو-أوروبية و تعبد آلهة الإغريق و الأوروبيين الشماليين و قد ابتكرت أشكالاً من النصوص الشفهية في الفيدا المقدسة للديانة البراهمية المعروفة بالديانة "الهندوسية"

الهندوسية (بالإنجليزية: Hinduism) و يطلق عليها أيضاً البراهمية، هي الديانة السائدة في الهند ونيبال. و هي مجموعة من العقائد و التقاليد التي تشكلت عبر مسيرة طويلة من القرن الخامس عشر قبل الميلاد إلى وقتنا الحاضر، و لا يوجد لها مؤسس معين تنتسب إليه شخصياً و إنما تشكلت عبر امتداد كثير من القرون، و أحد أصولها المباشرة هي ديانة فيدا التاريخية منذ الهند في العصور الحديدية، و لذلك فكثيراً ما تُعتَبر "أقدم ديانة حيّة في العالم" و تضم الديانة البراهمية (الهندوسية) القيم الروحية و الخلقية إلى جانب المبادئ القانونية و التنظيمية متخذة عدة آلهة بحسب الأعمال المتعلقة بها، فلكل منطقة إله و لكل عمل أو ظاهرة إله. و أحد التصنفيات المنهجية للنصوص البراهمية / الهندوسية هي النصوص الشروتية (الإلهام)، و النصوص السيريتية (المحفوظ)، و تناقش هذه النصوص اللاهوت و الفلسفة و الأساطير و و طقوس و بناء المعابد. و أحد النصوص العظمى الفيدا و الأوبانيشاد و البوراناس و رامايانا و البهاغافاد غيتا، و الآجاما. أتباعها يربون على المليار نسمة، منهم 890 مليون نسمة يعيشون في شبه القارّة الهندية ذات الـ 96% من تعداد الهندوس في العالم، و تعتبر بذلك ثالث أكبر ديانة في العالم بعد المسيحية و الإسلام

كلمة "هنْدُو" (بكسر الهاء) هي كلمة فارسية الأصل و لم تستخدم هذه الكلمة لتصف الديانة الهندوسية بل استخدمها الفرس ليشيروا للقوم الذين يسكنون ما وراء نهر السند في الجزء الشمالي الغربي من شبه القارة الهندية. و أول ما ورد ذكرها كان في الريجفدا. و الهندوسية (بالهندية: فرناشرمَ) تعني النظام الإجتماعي (فَرْنَ) الرباعي و الروحي (آشْرَمَ) الرباعي. و باللغة السنسكريتية (دَيْوَناغَرِي :हिंदू धर्म) تعني لغة الملائكة، و هي اللغة التي دونت بها الفيدا، و شروحها (بورانات) التي تحمل كل منها إسم الحكيم، و عددها 18، بالإضافة إلى مهابهارت و تعني تاريخ الهند الكبرى و رامايانا، و يعادلان الإلياذة عند الإغريق. سلم المولى برهما الفيدا إلى ولده نارد موني الذي سلمها إلى مريده فياس دف الذي دونها بعد أن كانت مشافهة و هو كبير مراجع الفيدا و بعد أن صنفها إلى أربعة أوكلها إلى مريديه الذين عملوا على نشرها في الأرض

يعود أول دليل على وجود دين في الهند في فترة ما قبل التاريخ إلى أواخر العصر الحجري الحديث (5,500–2,600 ق.م). أما معتقدات و شعائر الفترة الكلاسيكية المبكرة فتسمى الديانة الفيدية التاريخية، هذه الديانة يظهر فيها تأثر ها بالديانة الهندو-أوروبية البدائية، و أقدم فيدا هي الريغ فيدا Rigvida و يرجع تاريخها من 1,700- 1,100 ق. م، و هي مركز الفيدات لآلهة مثل إندرا و فارونا و آغني، و في طقوس السومية. و طقوس تضحيات النار يانا تغنى بترانيم فيدية لكن بدون معبد أو تماثيل. و قد شهد القرنين التاسع و الثامن قبل الميلاد تكوّن الأوبانيشادية الأولى. و الأوبانيشاد تمثل الأساس النظري للهندوسية الكلاسيكية و تسمى فيدانتا (و هي ختام الفيدا). شنت الأوبانيشاد هجمات على التكثيف المتزايد للطقوس، و من ثم فقد تم توليف هذه التضاربات الواحدية (نسبة للمذهب الواحدي Monistic) في إطار إيماني في المخطوطة الهندوسية المقدسة بهاغافاد غيتا. و الملاحم السنسكريتية العظمى رامايانا و مهابهاراتاتم جمعها على فترات طويلة أثناء أواخر قرون ما قبل الميلاد و بداية القرون الميلادية، و هي تحوي قصصاً أسطورية عن حكام و حروب الهند القديمة تخللتها أطروحات دينية و فلسفية. و كتاب بروناس المتأخر يحوي حكايات عن الديفا والديفيز و تفاعلها مع الإنسان و حروبه ضد الراكشاسا. و التمدن المتزايد في الهند في القرنين الثامن و السابع قبل الميلاد أدى إلى زيادة حركات زهدية أو ما يعرف بالشارمانا، التي تحدت منهجية الطقوس. و يُعتَبر ماهافيرا (حوالي 549 - 477 ق.م)، مؤيد الجاينية و بوذا (حوالي 563- 483 ق.م.) مؤسس البوذية من أبرز أيقونات تلك الحركة. أطلق المصطلح في البداية على تلك المفاهيم الدينية للهندوس و عُرفت تلك المفاهيم بالتالي بالهندوسية - ديانة الهندوس. و البراهمي أو الهندوسي هو من يؤمن بالفلسفات الواردة في أسفار الـ "فيدا"

تنص فلسفة الفيدا على الوحدة البائنة أي أن الله و سائر الأحياء من نوع واحد (برهمن) لكنهم آحاد (آتمان). يتجلى الله في ثلاثة وجوه: برهمن اللاشخصي و برماتما (الذات العليا) و بهجفان (الغني) بينما سائر الأحياء شقوقه. تعلن الفيدز أن لله ثلاثة قدرات: القدرة الباطنية (الروحية) و القدرة الخارجية (المادية) و القدرة البينية (الأحياء). لذلك، الوجود مؤلف من الله المقتدر و قدراته. بالنسبة للهندوس هو عملية البحث عن الذات الروحية و تبينها عن المادة. كما لا تنادي الهندوسية بالبحث عن الخلاص أو إنقاذ الروح، فالروح سليمة و ليست بحاجة لخلاص أو إنقاذ كما في الأفكار المسيحية، فكل ما يحتاجه الإنسان هو فهم إختلاف الجسم المادي و ذاته الروحية

الفيدانتا و اختصارها الفيدا هي موجز الأوبانيشدات. كلمة فيدا تعني "العلم" و كلمة انتا تعني "حد العلم". تنص الفيدانتا أن عملية البحث عن الذات (الوصول إلى الآلهة) يمكن أن تتم بطرق عديدة. سبل تحقيق الذات هي اليوجا أو اليوغا و هي عدة أشكال تقصد التحكم بالعقل و الحواس قبل العثور على الذات العليا (برماتما) داخل القلب. ترسماليوجا ثلاثة دروب: كرم يوجا و هي درب العمل الصالح المتمثل بالطقوس الدينية المشتملة على تقديم القرابين إلى الملائكة ابتغاء دخول جنانهم وغيان يوجا و هي درب العلم التخميني ابتغاء التوحد بالآلهة وبهكتي يوجا و هي درب التتيم بحب الآلهة

أطلق "سمارت" على فترة ما بين 1,000 ق.م و 100 م بالفترة (الما قبل الكلاسيكية) و تعتبر الفترة التكوينية للأبيشاند (الفيدات) و البراهيمية و الجاينية و البوذية، تتبعها الفترة (الكلاسيكية) من 100 م إلى 1,000 م و يصاحبها إزدهار الهندوسية و البوذية في الهند. أما عن "مويسيه" فاطلق على الفترة ما بين 800 ق.م إلى 200 ق.م بالفترة (الكلاسيكية) و يراها كفترة إعادة تقييم للعادات و المعتقدات، فالبراهميين و شعائرهم لم يعد عليها نفس الإقبال كالفترة الفيدية و يقول أيضاً أن بعض مفاهيم الديانة الهندوسية مثل الكارما و التناسخ و الإستنارة الشخصية، التي لم يكن مُتعارفٌ عليها في الفترة الفيدية، تطورت في الفترة الكلاسيكية. و نستطيع فهم الهندوسية من خلال كتبها ، ونظرتها إلى الإله و معتقداتها وطبقاتها إلى جانب بعض القضايا الفكرية و العقائدية الأخرى:

أ- كتبها:

للهندوسية عدد هائل من الكتب عسيرة الفهم، غريبة اللغة، و قد أُلّفت كتب كثيرة لشرحها و أخرى لاختصار تلك الشروح و كلها مقدسة عندهم و أهمها:

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1- "الفيدا" (Veda): هي كلمة سنسكريتية معناها "الحِكمة و المعرفة" تصور حياة الآريين، و مدارج الإرتقاء للحياة العقلية من السذاجة إلى الشعور الفلسفي، و فيها أدعية تنتهي بالشك و الإرتياب، كما أن فيها تأليهاً يرتقي إلى وحدة الوجود، و هي تتألف من أربعة كتب

2- مها بهارتا: ملحمة هندية تشبه الإلياذة و الأوديسا عند اليونان ، و مؤلفها "وياس" ووهو إبن العارف "بوسرا" الذي وضعها سنة 950 ق.م.، و هي تصف حرباً بين أمراء من الأسر المالكة، و قد اشتركت الآلهة في تلك الحرب

ب- نظرة الهندوسية إلى الآلهة:

- التوحيد: لا يوجد عند البراهميين (الهندوس) توحيد بالمعنى الدقيق، لكنهم إذا أقبلوا على إله من الآلهة أقبلوا عليه بكل جوارحهم حتى تختفي عن أعينهم كل الآلهة الأخرى، و عندها يخاطبونه ب"رب الأرباب" أو "إله الآلهة"

- التعدد: يعتقد الهندوس بأن لكل طبيعة نافعة أو ضارة إلهاً يُعبد كالماء و الهواء و الأنهار و الجبال. و هي آلهة كثيرة يتقربون إليها بالعبادة و تقديم القرابين أو الأضاحي (مثل عيد الأضحى في للديانة الإبراهيمية النصرانية أي الإسلامية و تقديم الأضاحي إلى رب الأرباب / الإله الأكبر / الله أكبر)

- التثليث: في القرن التاسع قبل الميلاد جمع الكهنة الآلهة في إله واحد أخرج العالم من ذاته و هو الذي أسموه: 1- براهما: من حيث هو موجود و 2- فيشنو : من حيث هو حافظ و 3- شيفا: من حيث هو مُهلك (قارنوا مع أسماء الإله الإسلامي الله: الموجود و الحافظ و المُهلِك)، من يعبد أحد الآلهة الثلاثة فقد عبدها جميعاً أو عبد الواحد الأعلى و لا يوجد أي فارق بينها

- تُعد البقرة حيواناً مقدساً في الهندوسية (قارنوا مع تقديس العجل الذهبي و عبادة البعليم في الديانة اليهودية و مع إسم أهم سورة في القرآن الإسلامي و عن ماذا تحدّثت سورة البقرة)، كما تقدس بعض الجماعات أنواع من الزواحف كالأفاعي و أنواع من الثدييات كالقردة، و لكن تتمتع البقرة من بينها جميعاً بقداسة تعلو على أي قداسة، و لها تماثيل في مختلف المعابد و المنازل و الميادين، و لها حق الإنتقال إلى أي مكان، و لا يجوز للهندوسي أن يمسها بأذى أو بذبحها، و إذا ماتت دفنت بطقوس دينية

- و أيضاً يعتقد البراهميون / الهندوس بأن آلهتهم قد تحل في الانسان فيسمى "أفاتار Avatar" كالفيلم الأمريكي الشهير للمخرج كاميرون، مثل الأفاتار (كريشنا) على سبيل المثال! و تظهر معتقدات البراهمية / الهندوسية جلية واضحة في في "الكارما" و تناسخ الأرواح و الإنطلاق و وحدة الوجود:

1- " الكارما ": و هي قانون الجزاء ، أي أن نظام الكون إلهي قائم على العدل المحض و هذا العدل الذي سيقع لا محالة إما في الحياة الحاضرة أو في الحياة القادمة، و جزاء حياةٍ يكون في حياة أخرى ، و الأرض هي دار الإبتلاء كما أنها دار الجزاء و الثواب (و في المعتقدات الإسلامية؛ الدنيا هي دار الإبتلاء لكن الآخرة هي دار الجزاء و الثواب)

2- تناسخ الأرواح: إذا مات الإنسان يفنى منه الجسد، و تنطلق منه الروح لتتقمص و تحل في جسدٍ آخر بحسب ما قدم من عمل في حياته الأولى، و تبدأ الروح في ذلك دورة جديدة

3- الإنطلاق: صالح الأعمال و فاسدها ينتج عنه حياة جديدة متكررة لتثاب فيها الروح أو لتعاقب على حسب ما قدمت في الدورة السابقة.

- من لم يرغب في شيء و لن يرغب في شيء و تحرر من رق الأهواء، و اطمأنت نفسه فإنه لا يعاد إلى حواسه، بل تنطلق روحه لتتحد بالبراهما

4- وحدة الوجود: التجريد الفلسفي وصل بالبراهميين إلى أن الإنسان يستطيع خلق الأفكار و الأنظمة و المؤسسات، كما أنه يستطيع المحافظة عليها أو تدميرها، و بهذا يتحد الإنسان مع الآلهة، و تصير النفس هي عين القوة الخالقة:

- الروح كالآلهة أزلية سرمدية مستمرة غير مخلوقة

- العلاقة بين الإنسان و الآلهة كالعلاقة بين شرارة النار و النار ذاتها، و كالعلاقة بين البذرة و بين الشجرة

- هذا الكون كله ليس إلا ظهوراً للوجود الحقيقي، و الروح الإنسانية جزء من الروح العليا

أفكار و مُعتقدات أخرى في البراهمية / الهندوسية:

- الأجساد تحرق بعد الموت لأن ذلك يسمح بأن تتجه الروح إلى أعلى و بشكل عمودي لتصل إلى الملكوت الأعلى في أقرب زمن، كما أن الإحتراق هو تخليص للروح من غلاف الجسم تخليصاً تاماً

- عندما تتخلص الروح و تصعد يكون أمامها ثلاثة عوالم: 1- إما العالم الأعلى: عالم الملائكة، 2- و إما عالم الناس: مقر الآدميين بالحلول، 3- و إما عالم جهنم: و هذا لمرتكبي الخطايا و الذنوب

- ليس هناك جهنم واحدة، بل لكل أصحاب ذنب جهنم خاصة بهم (قارنوا مع درجات جهنم و الدرك الأسفل عند المسلمين)

- البعث في العالم الآخر إنما هو للأرواح لا للأجساد

- المرأة التي يموت زوجها لا تتزوج بعده، بل تعيش في شقاء دائم، و تكون موضعاً للإهانات و التجريح و تكون في مرتبة أقل من مرتبة الخادم، و لذلك قد تحرق المرأة نفسها إثر وفاة زوجها تفادياً للعذاب المتوقع الذي ستعيش فيه، و قد حرّم القانون المدني هذا الإجراء الديني المتبع منذ أمدٍ بعيد في الهند الحديثة!!

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الإيرانيون الأوائل و أسطورة التكوين الإيرانية:

بعد أن تملكت القبائل الأوراسية من هضبة إيران و ما حول نهر بلخ قام أفرادها بإرساء أسس الحضارة الإيرانية القديمة قبل إمبراطورية أحفادهم الفرس الإخمينيين بحوالي 1,300 سنة. أتت القبائل الأوراسية إلى إيران حوالي 1,800 قبل الميلاد بعد أن استفاد أفرادها من الحضارة الدرافيدية فى الهند التى استولوا عليها و تسيدوها، و عبدوا الآلهة الجديدة فى المنطقة ميثرا و أنديرا و ناستياس، و كانوا يتبعون النظام العشائري. و قد توثقت العلاقات و التأثيرات المتبادلة بينهم و بين أبناء عمومتهم العيلاميين الذين سبق و أن أتوا من نفس مواطنهم الأصلية في القوقاز منذ قرون عديدة. و كانت مدينة سوسة (شوشان بالفارسية) بمثابة المركز المشع حضارياً و تراثياً في منطقة بلاد الرافدين. و قد حدثت اتصالات كبيرة بينهم و بين جيرانهم الساميين من بابليين و آشوريين في العراق القديم، و كانوا حلقة وصل لا تنضب في تسريب التراث اللاهوتي و العقائدي الآري - خاصة الهندي منها - إلى الأقوام السامية

هناك الكثير من الأساطير الإيرانية القديمة، لكن أشهرها بالطبع هي تلك التي تحكي عن بدايات الشعب الآري فى إيران للقديمة و هي أقرب ما تكون إلى سفر تكوين إيراني موازي لسفر التكوين التوراتي الذي يحكي عن بدايات الشعب اليهودي و غيره من شعوب تلك المنطقة من العالم آنذاك، حيث تقول الأسطورة الإيرانية أن أول ملوك إيران كان "جيومرت بن يافث بن نوح" و يعتبر هو الجد الأول للفرس و كان يسكن الجبال و يقال له (كر شاه) أي "ملك الجبال"، ثم جاء حفيده "هوشنك بن سيامك بن جيومرت" و قام بتعمير الأراضي الإيرانية لأول مرة. بعد وفاة هوشنك بقيت البلاد من بعده 300 سنة بلا ملك حتى حكمها الملك "طمهورث" الذي قام بتعمير بلاد فارس من جديد، و هو أول من جعل الكلاب تقوم بحراسة الغنم و المواشي و أول من استخدم الطيور الجارحة للصيد و بحسب الأسطورة "قام بركوب الشيطان و طار به إلى السماء"! و من بعده جاء الملك "جمشيد" الذي كان أول من غزل القز و الكتّان و القطن و صنع الخوذة العسكرية و رتّب طبقات الناس و قسّم أعمالهم أي "التّخصص" و ألزمهم العمل باختصاصاتهم. و تضيف الأسطورة الإيرانية أنّ جمشيد قام بصناعة عجلة و فرشها بالديباج و طار بها في السماء و سمي ذلك يوم أورمزد أول أيام الربيع الذي اتّخذه الفرس عيدهم الأعظم و أسموه ب"عيد النيروز"

هل الكعبة المكية هي مقام لعبادة الإله شيفا؟

دعونا فيما يلي نستعرض معكم دراسة تقدم لكم تصوراً يبدو متماسكاً، عن كل من قريش و النبي إبراهيم و مكة، خلاصته أن ظروفا طارئة هي على الأرجح فيضان هائل حدث لنهر السند، حيث كانت المنطقة موطنا هاماً للحضارة البراهمية (الهندوسية) اضطرت أعداداً كبيرة من السكان الهندوس للهجرة في إتجاهين: شرقاً إلى الهند الحالية، و غرباً إلى عُمان و اليمن في شبه الجزيرة العربية، و كان قائد أو متزعم رحلة الهجرة إلى الغرب كاهن أكبر يُدعى أبراهام (الكهنة البراهمان هم الكاستا العليا في الديانة الهندوسية) و اسمه في اللغة السنسكريتية (براهما). يلاحظ من هذه الدراسة أن هناك تطابقاً كاملاً ما بين براهما / أبراهام الهندوسي و أبرام أو أبراهام التوراتي أو إبراهيم القرآني (الذي تنسب إليه الأديان الإبراهيمية الثلاثة)، فزوجة النبي إبراهيم كان إسمها ساراي أو سارا / سارة، و كان معها جارية إسمها هاجار أو هاجَر، بالمقابل نلاحظ أنّ أبراهام كانت له زوجة إسمها سارا سواتي و جارية لها كان إسمها هاكار!! من المُثير أيضاً النبي إبراهيم كان له ولدان: إسماعيل و إسحاق و كذلك كان لأبراهام الهندوسي ولدان: إشماهال (و هو تركيب لغوي من مقطعين: إش أي شيفا و ماهال على وزن تاج ماهال / التاج أو القصر العظيم) فيعني إسمه "شيفا العظيم أو الكبير"، و إيشاكو (إسحاق أو إيزاك) الذي يعني إسمه "صديق شيفا"، حيث أنّ أبراهام كان هندوسياً من أتباع الإله شيفا، و كان للديانة الشيفية - في موطنها الأصلي الهند - معبد يسمى "كابا - ليشواران" (لاحظوا التشابه بين كابا و كعبة). و في موطنهما المهجري بأرض شبه جزيرة العرب أقام أبراهام و ابنه إشماهال معبداً للإله شيفا حمل نفس الإسم: "كابا أو كعبة"!!!

فيما يخص مكة و كعبتها، تتفق آراء المؤرخين و الباحثين على أن الأصل في إسم "مكة" هو "إل-مقة"، و هو إسم عُثر عليه في العديد من النقوش السبئية كان مرتبطاً بعبادة الإله القمر. أورد الدكتور سيد القمني في كتابه [النبي إبراهيم و التاريخ المجهول] ما نصه: "في النقوش المكتشفة حتى الآن في آثار الجنوب العربي ورد إسم غريب أكثر من ألف مرة، و كان واضحاً أنه إسم علم لإله معبود، زعم الباحثون في آثار اليمن أنه إسم لمعبود سبئي، كما زعموا أنه كان إله القمر، و يُعد أشهر الآلهة المعبودة في اليمن، و هذا هو الإله الذي سجلته النقوش بإسم (المقة / إل-مقة)" و يقول الباحث د. سام مايكلز، في مقال له بهذا الخصوص: "كان العرب في جنوب شبه الجزيرة العربية يعبدون ثالوثاً هو الإله القمر و الإلهة الشمس و الإبنة العزّة أو العزّى و كان الإله الأكبر في هذا الثالوث هو الإله القمر"، و يضيف د. سام: "و قد ورد إسم إل- مقّة في كتابات المسند على نحو يصوره بصورة ثور أحياناً و بشكل نسر أو حيّات. و هذا كلّه يؤكد أن هذا الإله كان يُشير إلى القمر لأن هذه الرموز كانت تدل على إله القمر عند الساميين، و قد أُشير الى المقة بـ (هلّل) بمعنى هلال" و الهلال هو رمز للإله شيفا الذي غالباً ما يصور جالساً على العرش في وضعية اليوغا و بيده حربة ثلاثية (رمزاً للثالوث الإلهي براهما و فيشنو و شيفا)، و على رأسه هلال هو رمزه الخاص. و هذا يعيدنا إلى فرضية أن الكاهن الهندوسي الشيفي (أبراهام) هو من بنى الكعبة - بمعية إبنه إش ماهال / إسماعيل - كمعبد للإله (شيفا)، الذي يرمز إليه بالهلال كإله ذكر، و معروف أن اليمنيون عبدوا القمر كإله ذكر (إضافةً إلى الشمس كإلهة أنثى - زوجة القمر و ابنته - و الزهرة ابنته إضافةً إلى إلهة كوكب زحل إلهة القدر و الموت أو المنية مناة إبنته الثالثة؛ تلك هي الغرانيق العُلى و إنّ شفاعتهنّ لتُرجى)، فقد عبده الحِميَريون بإسم الإله "عم" (يذكرنا ب جزء عم في القرآن) ، و عبده الحضرميون بإسم الإله "سين" (يذكرنا بسورة يا سين في القرآن)، و عبده المعينيون بإسم الإله "ود" (الودود هو أحد أسماء الله الحسنى)، و عبده السبئيون بإسم (إل - مقة / إيل - مقة). تخبرنا الروايات الهندية أنّ الملك الهندي فيكراماديتيا Vikramaditya وسّع نفوذ مملكته ليشمل (مكة) و هو إسم يتجانس لفظاً و دلالةً مع الإسم الهندوسي (ماكها / makha) بمعنى المكان الذي تقام فيه التماثيل لعبادة النار كموضع مقدس تابع لإله كوكب زحل المُخيف الإله شيفا، و من المُلفت للنظر التشابه الكبير بين طقوس الحج الإسلامي و طقوس العبادة البوذية، كالطواف سبع مرات حول المعابد و الهياكل الهندوسية المقدسة، و الإغتسال و حلق شعر الرأس، و ملابس الإحرام المُتطابقة مع ملابس الرهبان البوذيين مما يدل على أن الكعبة كانت بالأصل معبداً هندوسياً للإله شيفا و أن طقوس حج بيت إل-مقة لعرب ما قبل الإسلام تأثرت على نحوٍ كبير بالطقوس الهندوسية لعبادة الإله (شيفا) كما يقول الكاتبان الهنديان أوبروي و أوك في مؤلفهما المُشترك [نظرة سريعة على بلاد العرب قبل الإسلام]، خاصةً و أنه مع مُنتصف الألفية الميلادية الأولى أصبحت معظم تجارة الهند المتجهة غربا تمر بشبه الجزيرة العربية و أصبحت مكة مركزاً تجارياً رئيسياً (لتجارة الترانزيت) و مُلتقى للتجار من الشرق و من الغرب حيث استقرت أعداداً مُتزايدة من التجمعات الهندية في البحرين و على مشارف البصرة في شمال الخليج الفارسي حاملين معهم عقائدهم البراهمية / الهندوسية و البوذية، و منها عبادة الإله شيفا، الذي تقول هذه الدراسة أن زعيم الهجرة الجماعية الهندوسية من السند إلى اليمن (الكاهن أبراهام) هو من بنى له الحرم المكي و الحرم (Hariyam) هي كلمة سنسكريتية تعني في العربية: "معبد الإله أو بيت الله". و قد ورد في كتاب [الأصنام للكلبي]: يظهر إله القمر في مقارنة تفضيلية، بما يفيد أنه أكبر من اللات و العزى، في القَسَم الذي كان يردده أبناء قبيلة الأوس حيث كانوا يقولون: "و باللات و العزى و مَن دان دينها، و بالله، إنّ الله مُنهنّ أكبرُ"، لاعتقادهم بأنّ القمر أكبر من الشمس (اللات) و من كوكب الزّهرة (العزّى / العزّة)، و من هنا جاء التكبير الإسلامي المُختصر المعروف للجميع اليوم: "الله أكبر (من الشمس) و العزّة لله"!!إنخلص مما سلف إلى القول بأنه يمكن للدارس أن يستنتج أن الأصل فى كلمة مكة هو (إل

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– مقة) الذي سجلته النقوش في آثار سبأ كتركيب لغوي يتكون من مقطعين: المقطع الأول (إل) (أو إيل) بمعنى إله / إله القمر، و المقطع الثاني (مقة)، بمعنى (معبد أو بيت)، و بالتبادل المعروف ما بين حروف الإقلاب لكل من حرفي الميم و الباء، و حرفي القاف و الكاف، في اللغات السامية، نرى أن كلمة (مقة) ليست سوى نطق مُختلف لكلمة (مكة أو بكة) حيث أطلق إسم العلم (مكة) على موقع المعبد الأسود المكعب الشكل (رمز كوكب زحل / الإله يهوه التوراتي المُتداخل مع الإله إيل او إل إله القمر الله / الإله شيفا البراهمي الهندوسي) المعروف بإسم (الكعبة المكية) تمييزاً لها عن سائر الكعبات التي كانت مقامة في أنحاء شبه الجزيرة العربية و العراق و بلاد الشام كبيوت لعبادة الآلهة الوثنية قبل الإسلام! المصادر مذكورة ضمن سياق النص أعلاه

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Tuesday at 10:03 AM

"Celui qui ne fait rien pour ouvrir son troisième oeil, restera toujours dans les ténèbres" il aura vue une pénurie alimentaire..

LES MARINES DELIVRENT 200 ENFANTS SUR UN CARGO -
un Cargo Vraquier en attente de déchargement, ancré au large de Long Beach, en """Californie""" ! et, bien d'autres ailleurs.
Les Marines ont lancé un raid avant l'aube sur l'un des centaines de cargos, un vraquier battant pavillon de Hong Kong appelé Morning Star, ancré au large de Long Beach, en Californie, et a sauvé 200 enfants étrangers qui avaient été emprisonnés dans une cale délabrée, a déclaré un adjoint militaire sous promesse d'anonymat.
HELAS, LES MARINES ONT EGALEMENT RECUPERE LES CORPS DE 12 ENFANTS MORTS a ajouté notre source.
Bien que les détails opérationnels soient rares, Real Raw News a appris que des Marines de Coronado avaient infiltré le navire vers 2h00 du matin, puis traversaient furtivement le navire, maîtrisant son équipage de 20 hommes et le capitaine en utilisant une force non létale.
TOUS CES BATEAUX BLOQUES - aucun n'a pensé la raison de ce blocage. GRRRRR

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> The name Baphomet appeared abundantly during the trial of the Temple Order in 1307, under the reign of Philippe IV the Bel. The Templiers, in the fall of the Latin States of the East in 1291, were many exiled to France and represent a powerful military and financial force in the face of a debt-weakened royal power. They have, among other things, been accused of apostasy, for having in the East denied Christ and worshipped " Baphomet ". The name of the idol allegedly adored by the Templars appears both in the accusation and in some confessions obtained during interrogations led by the Inquisition.
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Baphomet, une idole occulte

Baphomet, qui es-tu ? S'agit-il d'une idole satanique, d'un symbole gnostique, ou d'une relique vénérée par les Templiers ? Aujourd'hui, je vous invite à plo...

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Depuis leur disparition tragique au 14e siècle, les templiers n'ont cessé d'alimenter ce qu'il est convenu d'appeler l'Histoire mystérieuse : empilement d'énigmes et d'extrapolations, serpentant dans les failles de l'Histoire officielle et dans lequel il est malaisé de distinguer le vrai du faux. Aux templiers, on a tout supposé : la possession du Saint-Suaire, celle du Graal, la découverte de l'Amérique, la jouissance d'un trésor fabuleux (matériel ou spirituel), des secrets alchimiques, la perpétuation de l'ordre dans des confréries occultes, des mœurs indécentes, des initiations clandestines, jusqu'à l'adoration du Diable. Mystère des mystères, le Baphomet trône tout en haut de ce labyrinthe de conjectures. À l'origine, pièce parmi d'autres dans le procès, l'idole gagna le devant de la scène avec la naissance du templarisme maçonnique, vers le milieu du 18e siècle, alimentant à la fois le corpus mythique de la franc-maçonnerie et les thèses anti-maçonnique s. Mais c'est à Éliphas Levi que reviendra l'honneur de lui donner la silhouette plutôt inquiétante d'un androgyne à tête de bouc, un flambeau planté entre les cornes, le front orné d'un pentagramme. Tantôt diabolisé, tantôt réhabilité au gré des interprétations, Baphomet portera finalement toutes les couleurs du manteau bigarré que ses biographes lui ont tricoté au fil des siècles, en conservant toujours des bûchers templiers comme une odeur de roussi. S'efforçant de faire la part du mythe et de la réalité, cet ouvrage retrace la lente émergence du mythe. Remarquablement documenté, il fascinera les amateurs de mystère, mais également tous ceux que captivent les mythes jalonnant l'aventure humaine.

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25 October at 08:54 ·

LES SOCIÉTÉS SECRÈTES :
LE CONTRÔLE OLIGARCHIQUE MONDIAL SUR LA POPULATION MONDIALE :

Beaucoup de juifs sentent que quelque chose ne tourne pas rond et fuient les organisations juives en masse.
Selon une enquête, 25% des quelque cinq millions de juifs américains s'identifient à une autre foi.
Les 1/4 sont laïques laissant que 51% dire qu'ils sont juifs par la religion.
La moitié de tous les juifs se marient aux États-Unis avec des non-juifs et les 3/4 d'entre eux, élèvent leurs enfants dans une autre religion.

La société secrète semble être le modèle d'organisation de la Franc-Maçonnerie, du sionisme et du communisme.
Seuls ceux qui sont corruptibles et aptes à exercer le chantage sont mis au courant de la véritable feuille de route et sont autorisés à progresser. Ce modèle s'applique maintenant au monde entier.

Les gens qui réussissent sont souvent ceux qui ont accepté le marché du diable : "Servez-moi et je vous donnerai le monde."
Le véritable objectif du sionisme et de toutes les sociétés secrètes, est de tromper les gens pour l'avancement du programme des super-riches. Les objectifs ésotériques de la plupart des sociétés sont toutes dirigés vers le même but, à savoir : la concentration du pouvoir politique, économique et intellectuel entre les mains d'un petit groupe d'individus, chacun d'entre eux contrôlant une branche de la vie matérielle et spirituelle internationale du monde d'aujourd'hui.

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Le but secret du sionisme est le même que celui de la Franc-Maçonnerie.
Dans son encyclique humanum genus 1884, le pape Léon XIII a écrit que le but ultime de la Franc-Maçonnerie est de : "déraciner complètement tout l'ordre religieux et moral du monde auquel le christianisme avait donné naissance... Cela signifie que la fondation et les lois de la nouvelle structure de la société seront tirées du naturalisme pur."
Le pape Léon XIII a dit : "la franc-maçonnerie est la personnification de la Révolution permanente, elle constitue une sorte de société inversée dont le but est d'exercer une seigneurie occulte sur la société que nous connaissons, et dont la seule raison d'être consiste à mener une guerre contre Dieu et son Eglise."
Un expert sur les sociétés secrètes a écrit que la franc-maçonnerie : "a été utilisé comme... un filet pour attraper, tester et sélectionner les personnes pouvant être utilisées à des fins subversives... la direction révolutionnaire utilise dans la mesure du possible, des organismes inoffensifs comme leur manteau, et les gens innocents comme leurs agents inconscients..."- Miss Stoddard - Trail of the Serpent -

Ceci est confirmé par le fondateur des Illuminati, Adam Weishaupt qui a écrit : "La loge maçonnique sera notre pépinière. Tous ceux qui ne sont pas adaptés au travail devront rester dans la loge maçonnique et avancer sans rien savoir de l'autre système." Ces innocents ne peuvent pas concevoir qu'ils ont été trahis et s'accrochent à leur précieuse identité. Ils préfèrent un mensonge confortable à une vérité amère. Ainsi, Satan remplit ses rangs.

L’holocauste a dupé les juifs en prenant la Palestine pour y établir un foyer national.
Le véritable objectif d’Israël est d’être la capitale de la tyrannie mondiale de Rothschild.
Mais combien de juifs ont sacrifié leur argent et leurs vies pour cela ?
La tromperie est la méthode de Satan.

Stonehengecroix gamméefamille sataniquehumanum genus
Mais les hommes méchants et imposteurs avanceront toujours plus dans le mal, égarant les autres et égarés eux-mêmes.
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L’objectif est de compromettre des gens, puis de les laisser récolter le blâme. Serait-il logique de dire aux juifs et aux francs-maçons moyens le réel ordre du jour ?
Bien sûr que non. Ils ne voudraient pas le soutenir. Au moment où ils le découvrent, il est trop tard.
Les Juifs sont maintenus dans l’obscurité au sujet de leur histoire et de la religion.
Entre le Ier et le début du XIXème siècle, pas un seul texte d’histoire juive n’a été écrit.
Dans le même temps, les juifs ordinaires sont pourvus de l’image flatteuse d’eux-mêmes, celle d’un peuple détesté non pour l’attaque de leurs dirigeants sur les institutions chrétiennes et musulmanes ou pour leur participation dans le Nouvel Ordre Mondial mais pour leur intelligence supérieure, leur industrie et leur dévouement à la cause de la justice sociale.

Néanmoins, il faut savoir que les sociétés secrètes sont comme un arbre muni de ses branches : plus vous enlever les écorces, plus vous comprenez que tout ceci est rattaché à un ensemble de choses qui ne finissent par faire plus qu’un – elle s’imbrique par les hommes car ils se servent des choses du passé pour construire leur avenir… Certains Hommes vivent en se cachant d’arrière une effigie tout en croyant que c’est une bonne chose, d’autres savent très bien ce qui se passe.
Les sociétés dites secrètes, peu importe le postulat, le symbole que chaque personne pourra avoir, tire toutes leurs croyances de l’Égypte, des sorciers, des satanistes, mais aussi des personnes qui ont toujours eu besoin des forces occultes pour appliquer leur philosophie.
Les personnes haut placées : médecins, ministres, magistrats, politiciens, présidents peuvent en faire partie - Tous les médias ne sont pas là pour vous informer mais pour maintenir le secret. Un secret codé depuis années et qui, pour la plupart à généralement tendance à être négligé par la population. La télévisons, les jeux, la politique, le travail ne sont que l’opium du peuple.

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Que ceux qui n'ont pas cru, ne comptent pas que ce délai que Nous leur accordons soit à leur avantage.
Si Nous leur accordons un délai, c'est seulement pour qu'ils augmentent leurs péchés.
Et pour eux un châtiment avilissant.
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LE COMITÉ DES 300 :

Créé en 1729 par la B.E.I.M.C. (British East India Merchant Company) pour s’occuper des affaires bancaires et commerciales internationales et soutenir le trafic d’opium, le Comité des 300 est dirigé par la Couronne britannique.
Il représente le système bancaire mondial dans sa globalité et compte, en plus, les représentants les plus importants des nations occidentales.
Toutes les banques sont reliées aux Rothschild par le Comité des 300.

LES OBJECTIFS À ATTEINDRE :

Amener à la destruction totale de l’identité et de la fierté nationale, qui fut la première idée considérée si le concept d’un seul gouvernement mondial venait à fonctionner.
Travailler et amener à la destruction des religions, et plus précisément, la religion chrétienne, puis finir par l'Islam.
Établir un contrôle sur chaque personne à travers l’utilisation de contrôle d’esprit (via le MK-Ultra).
Destruction de la jeunesse par divers forme de drogue.
Encourager, et éventuellement légaliser l’utilisation de drogues et faire de la pornographie une priorité, qui sera largement acceptée, et qui éventuellement, deviendra quelque chose d’ordinaire.
Il est à savoir que les plans de génocide de Pol Pot ont été conçus aux États-Unis par une personne de la fondation de recherche du Club de Rome.
Démoraliser les travailleurs de la classe moyenne en créant un chômage excessif. Comme les métiers se réduisent au niveau de zéro-croissance après industrialisation, présenté par le Club de Rome.
Priver les gens de décider leurs propre destins par le moyen de créer des crises les unes après les autres puis ensuite gérer les crises, provoquant confusion et démoralisera la population jusqu’à qu'elle sera confrontée à trop de choix, et de la dépression en résultera à échelle massive.
Aux États-Unis, une agence pour les Gestions des Crises est déjà en place, elle est appelée 'Federal Emergency Management Agency' (F.E.M.A.).
Obtenir l'immunité historique pour renforcer l’état sioniste israélien (en Palestine) en préservant coûte que coûte le mythe des six millions.
Provoquer un effondrement total des économies mondiales et engendrer un chaos total politique.
Pénétrer et Corrompre tous les gouvernements, et travailler de l’intérieur afin de détruire l’intégrité souveraine des nations comme en Libye.
Organiser un système international terroriste et négocier avec les terroristes quand les activités terroristes doivent avoir lieu comme Daesh.
Prendre le contrôle de l’éducation avec l’intention et le but de l’anéantir et de la détruire complètement. Et prendre le contrôle de toutes les politiques étrangères.
LE CONSEIL DES 33 :
Livre Jaune N°6Livre Jaune N°5
Ils sont représentés les Francs-Maçons des rangs les plus élevés du monde de la politique, de l’économie et de l’Église. Ils sont l’élite du Comité des 300.
Le conseil des 33 est chargé de faire exécuter les ordres des 13.
Ils interviennent sur les quatre façades de la pyramide, soit :

Économique,
Socio-culturel,
Politico-militaire
et Religieux.
L'on dit qu'à ce niveau et au niveau supérieur, les initiés doivent avoir fait un sacrifice humain ou avoir tué quelqu'un de sang-froid.
Ils transmettent les ordonnances au travers différents groupuscules comme : le Groupe Bilderberger, des loges franc-

maçonniques, des organisations politiques, organismes gouvernementaux, des Églises (sorcellerie), des commissions, des associations, les médias et autres.
L'autorité des 33 est indiscutable dans le monde. Ils infiltrent tous les secteurs décisionnels de la société ; et la font évoluer dans le sens qu'ils désirent.
Comme vous avez pu vous en rendre compte, le secteur le plus important à contrôler, le religieux.
Ils doivent à tout prix, empêcher la progression de la chrétienté, qu'ils considèrent comme une menace et bien pire.

Dans ce sens, les lois gouvernementales et différentes organisations, des collusions et des corruptions, les y ont aidés.
Notamment, différentes églises chrétiennes protestantes se sont vues paralysées dans leur mouvement de croissance, leurs leaders ayant été achetés.
Tandis que la tête de l'église catholique a été infiltrée par la Franc-Maçonnerie.

LE CONSEIL DES 13 :

C'est un grand conseil des druides.
Treize grands druides forment le clergé privé des Rothschild. Ils doivent passer leur pouvoir occulte d'une génération à l'autre, en tentant d'avoir des membres de sang pur.

Ils programment les membres de leur propre famille au travers de rituels sataniques comportant des sacrifices de sang.
Ils se considèrent comme des dieux depuis l'antiquité.
On apprend que certaines églises ont été construites sur des autels dédiés aux cultes sataniques des druides.
Ils sont liés aux chevaliers templiers, ont mené Hitler au pouvoir, et ont contrôlé toutes les guerres jusqu'à aujourd'hui.
Francs-Maçons et Illuminati sont indissociables.
Ils appartiennent aux 13 familles les plus riches du monde, et ils sont les hommes qui contrôlent vraiment le monde en étant derrière toutes les scènes (pratiquement que des hommes, avec quelques exceptions).

The Deciders, ceux qui donnent les ordres aux présidents et aux gouvernements, et ils sont souvent écartés de tous votes publics, car leurs actions ne pourraient pas vraiment être votées.
Leurs lignées sanguines remontent jusqu'à plusieurs milliers d'années, et ils sont très prudent de garder leurs lignées sanguines dans un état pur de génération en génération.
La seule manière est de s'engendrer est de le faire entre eux. Lors des présidentielles, ils sponsorisent les deux côtés afin d'avoir un jeu actif. Ils décident qui sera le prochain président, et ils font en sorte que leur homme gagne, même si ils ont à tricher comme ils l'ont fait en Floride quand le président George W. Bush a gagné contre Al Gore.

La plupart des campagnes présidentielles sont financées par l'argent de la drogue, ce qui est compréhensif si vous savez que les Illuminati contrôlent le trafic de drogue.
Ils réduisent les qualités de vies des pays développés comme l'Europe, à un niveau suffisamment bas, pour que les gouvernements puissent plus facilement être contrôlés.
Leur divinité est Lucifer, cela n'est pas important si vous ne croyez pas en cela mais eux y croient, et ils le pensent sérieusement.
En ayant contrôle de l'industrie du cinéma (Hollywood), de la musique (Universal) - ils savent comment influencer les jeunes à danser leurs musiques et à accepter cette sorte de réalité.

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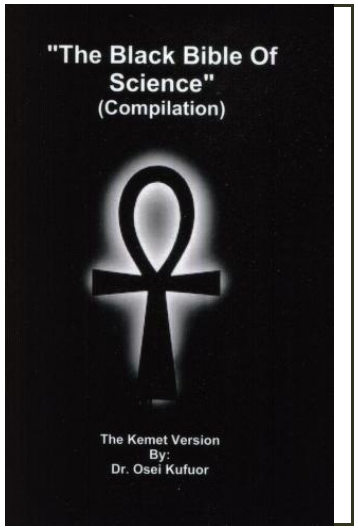
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КАННИБАЛЬСКОЕ ПЛЕМЯ.
Откровения иудейского врача о людоедстве.
МАТАЕВ,ИУДЕЙ,ЧИТАЮЩИЙ В АМЕРИКАНСКОМ БРУКЛИНЕ ЛЕКЦИИ ДЛЯ ЕВРЕЕВ:ДРЕВНИЕ ЕВРЕИ ОХОТИЛИСЬ НА ЛЮДЕЙ,НО НЕ НА МАМОНТОВ.
В это можно было бы не верить, если бы библейские иудеи не начали открыто пропагандировать в США среди евреев идею, что они из рода "охотников на людей", что впереди предстоит война, в ходе которой должна погибнуть большая часть человечества, и что евреям не надо будет заботиться, где им взять еду – они должны стать людоедами....
Всё это рассказал на камеру не какой-то "городской сумасшедший",
а официальный платный лектор, иудей, читающий в американском Бруклине для евреев лекции по "ОБЖ" ("Основы Борьбы за Живучесть"). Такие лекции проходят в США легально, а имя лектора хорошо известно как американским евреям, так и российским, — это Михаил Матаев, врач из России, ныне живущий в США.
Врач вещает о каннибализме с ухмылочкой, «человечина для нас, самое полезное мясо, чистый протеин», со знанием дела советует специалист , «здесь в ход идёт всё, даже кишки». Острит, пытается подвести теоретическую базу под свою иудейско-крысиную философию выживания «нормальных людей» в экстремальных условиях чрезвычайной ситуации. Лектор Михаил Матаев рисует сегодня американским евреям такую картину: когда привычный уклад жизни нарушится, когда в города Америки перестанут подвозить продовольствие, а магазины перестанут торговать продуктами питания, и это обязательно будет, это случиться,

американские города превратятся в каменные джунгли, население которых начнёт сначала испытывать голод, а потом начнёт и умирать от голода. А это несколько сот миллионов человек! И от этой беды никуда не деться! Как же в этой ситуации должны выживать евреи?
Перед Михаилом Матаевым поставлена задача донести до евреев мысль, что по этому поводу им не нужно особо беспокоиться! Для них не будет проблем с едой, еда для них будет везде. Причём её будет в избытке при любых обстоятельствах!
Несколько сот миллионов американских гоев — чем не еда?
Чтобы хоть как-то смягчить шок в головах американских евреев от идеи будущего людоедства, каннибализма, Михаил Матаев объясняет им их прошлое.
"Кстати, вы знаете, из кого МЫ произошли? Были сильные племена, которые могли забить мамонта и сожрать его. А МЫ, евреи, произошли из слабых племён, которые не могли охотиться на мамонтов. Наши предки были вынуждены охотиться на людей. Сильные племена при охоте на мамонта посылали вперёд своих разведчиков — 3 или 5 человек. На них, на этих разведчиков, и охотились наши предки! Вот от этих охотников на людей мы и произошли!"
. Справка : В книге Чисел есть несколько мест, свидетельствующих о еврейском каннибализме. Человеческая плоть заменяла сынам Израилевым недостаток пищи в походных условиях. Перед вторжением в Ханаан еврейские вожди говорят такую речь народу: "Не бойтесь народа земли сей, ибо он достанется нам на съедение" (Числ. 14:9). Пророк Валаам говорит Валаку следующую характерную притчу об израильтянах: "Вот, народ как львица встает и как лев поднимается; не ляжет, пока не съест добычи и не напьется крови убитых" (Числ. 23:24). Всё это очень характерные места, указывающие на факт каннибализма у древних евреев. В ходе дальнейшей истории каннибализм у евреев был делом обычным, так что, по свидетельству пророка Иезекииля, даже возник демографический кризис: "Так говорит Яхве: "За то, что говорят о тебе (Израиле): "Ты – пожирающий людей и делающий народ твой бездетным", за то уже не будешь поедать людей и народа твоего не будешь впредь делать бездетным" (Иез. 36:13-14). Факты людоедства у евреев были также предсказаны и зафиксированы во время осады городов войсками неприятелей (Втор. 28:54-57; Лев. 26:29; 4 Цар. 6:24-30, Ис. 9:19-21, Иер. 19:9, Пл. 2:20, см. Вт. 28:53, Лев. 26:29). Еврейская Библия буквально переполнена свидетельствами о человеческих жертвоприношениях, совершавшихся евреями в рамках культа "Молох": Иер. 7:31, 19:4-6, 32:35; Пс. 106:36-38; 4 Цар. 16:3, 17:17, 21:6; Иез. 16:20-21, 23:37, 39; Ис. 57:5. Евреи объединили служение идолам со служением Богу, придали Богу кровавую атрибутику, будто ему были нужны жертвы, всякие "приятные благоухания" от горящей плоти, заколения, возлияния и т. д. Пророк Иезекииль говорит, что евреи были завоеваны Навуходоносором и отведены в плен в Вавилон именно за каннибализм. Причем пророк подчеркивает, что традиция людоедства у евреев практиковалась еще до египетского рабства и своим каннибализмом они причиняли вред всем окружающим народам.
То, что древние евреи были людоеды, в этом нет никаких сомнений. Это факт установленный.

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Более половины богатств на планете принадлежит 81 миллиардеру

[17:20 17 января 2023 года]

Суммарное благосостояние 81 самого обеспеченного человека превышает половину совокупного мирового показателя, свидетельствует доклад благотворительной организации Oxfam.

За последние два года 1% богатейших людей планеты увеличили свои состояния на $26 трлн, при этом общемировой показатель возрос на $42 трлн. То есть на самых состоятельных пришлось две трети роста, в то время как оставшиеся 99% населения в совокупности увеличили свое состояние всего на $16 трлн, следует из отчета, представленного на Всемирном экономическом форуме в Давосе.

Это указывает на то, что темпы накопления средств самыми богатыми людьми ускорились, отмечает CNBC.

Исполнительный директор Oxfam International Габриэла Бухер призвала повысить налоги для сверхбогатых, заявив, что это “непременное условие для сокращения неравенства и возрождения демократии”. По ее мнению, изменения в налоговой политике помогут справиться с продолжающимися кризисами во всем мире.

“Налогообложение сверхбогатых людей и крупных корпораций — это выход из сегодняшних накладывающихся друг на друга кризисов. Пришло время разрушить удобный миф о том, что снижение налогов для самых богатых приводит к тому, что их богатство каким-то образом “просачивается” ко всем остальным”, — сказал Бухер.

На 1% богатейших людей приходится 45,6% общемирового состояния, на 50% с наименьшими доходами — всего 0,75%, согласно расчетам Oxfam. За последние два года богатство миллиардеров в среднем увеличивалось на $2,7 млрд в сутки.

Среди 1 тыс. самых богатых людей всего 124 женщины и пять чернокожих.

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10:30 24 января
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10:20 24 января
Наем рабочих для оккупированных рф территорий Украины остановили до весны

10:10 24 января
Партнер Андрея Ермака начал входить в строительный бизнес Столара-Медведчука

10:05 24 января
Наступление россиян в Запорожской области захлебнулось

10:00 24 января
ООН купит семена для украинских фермеров

09:50 24 января
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Верхние уровни ставок на доходы физлиц стали ниже и менее прогрессивными, отмечается в докладе. При этом средняя ставка налога на самых богатых в ОЭСР (включает 38 государств) снизилась с 58% в 1980 году до 42% в последнее время. Для 100 стран средний показатель находится еще ниже — около 31%.

В результате многие из самых богатых людей на планете почти не платят налоги. Например, реальная налоговая ставка у одного из самых богатых людей в истории Илона Маска, главы производителя электромобилей Tesla, составляет 3,2%. Другой богатейший человек — руководитель Amazon.com Inc. Джефф Безос — платит налоги по ставке менее 1%. Между тем один из рыночных трейдеров, с которым работает Oxfam в Уганде, Абер Кристин выплачивает 40% от доходов в виде налогов.

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АНАЛИТИКА

Премия нашла героя

[21:00 22 января]
[Олег КАЛИТА]

Предъявление обвинения Андрею Коболеву в получении 10 млн долларов вскрыло всю сетку блогеров/медийщиков, очевидно в свое время сидевших на жестком подсосе у “Нафтогаза”. Вроде бы приличные и разумные люди неожиданно задаются вопросом, как же еще было отблагодарить экс-главу НАКа за выигрыш 4,6 млрд долларов в Стокгольмском арбитраже у “Газпрома”?

“Необхідно запропонувати Заходу концепт енергетичної програми розвитку України на десятиліття вперед”

[11:15 19 января]
[Редакція]

Досі більшість громадян України думали про енергетичну систему країни виключно через призму видатків сімейного бюджету. Суспільна думка змінилася в лічені осінні дні. Тепер ми всі розуміємо, що якість життя залежить від безперервності доступу до необхідного обсягу електрики, водо- та теплопостачання.

Усталость ментала

[11:57 18 января]
[Никита АФАНАСЬЕВ]

Практика регулярного пролета раскрашенного в пиксель вертолета над крышей моей девятиэтажки на высоте буквально 10 метров давно вызывала у меня как у человека с хорошо развитым ПТСР легкое недоумение, переходящее в панику. Катастрофа в Броварах показала, что персональная паранойя имела под собой кое-какие основания.

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ДАЙДЖЕСТ

Бывший офицер ФБР помог Дерипаске обнаружить в даркнете полмиллиарда долларов

[09:30 24 января]
[agents.media, 23 января 2023]

Российский миллиардер Олег Дерипаска нанял бывшего главу контрразведки нью-йоркского офиса ФБР Чарльза Макгонигала, чтобы тот нашел в даркнете активы одного из российских “олигархов”.

Рубен Варданян, лидер армян Нагорного Карабаха, отказался осудить войну в Украине в программе Би-би-си Hard Talk

[08:40 24 января]
[BBC News Русская служба, 23 января 2023]

Программа Би-би-си Hard Talk поговорила с премьер-министром самопровозглашенной Нагорно-Карабахской республики Рубеном Варданяном. Мы публикуем стенограмму передачи.

Біда не вчить

[08:20 24 января]
[zn.ua, 23 января 2023]

Поки ЗСУ та енергетики борються, енергетичний комітет в ОПУ зайнятий лише контролем над фінансовими потоками.

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Что, не можете вообразить? Я тоже! А у нас оказывается, это просто! Боже, Украина! Куда ты катишься?

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На аукционе продали письмо Екатерины II о пользе вакцинации за 1,2 млн долларов

Четверг, 2 декабря 2021, 15:50 • Анна Мурашко • 22095

КИЕВ. 2 декабря. УНН. На аукционе в Лондоне продали письмо российской императрицы Екатерины II о пользе вакцинации от оспы. Документ и портрет правительницы ушли с молотка за 951 000 фунтов (1,2 млн долл.). Об этом **УНН** сообщает со ссылкой на аукционный дом MacDougall's.

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Сообщается, что письмо Екатерины II написано 20 апреля 1787 года и адресовано к генерал-фельдмаршалу графу Петру Александровичу Румянцеву.

На письме стоит личная подпись Екатерины и содержится указание генералу о внедрении практики прививания от оспы во вверенных ему губерниях.

Добавим, что портрет, который шел с письмом, написанный художником Дмитрием Левицким.

Напомним, что "вакцина" стала словом 2021 года по версии словаря Merriam-Webster.

Переглянути цей допис в Instagram

Допис, поширений MacDougall's Auction House (@macdougallsauction)

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Подписывайтесь на канал новостей УНН в Telegram

Суббота, 4 декабря 2021

- 02:26 Слезы счастья и сердце: названы самые популярные эмодзи 2021 года
- 01:50 Убедила отказаться от меха: Билли Айлиш стала "Человеком года" по версии PETA

Пятница, 3 декабря 2021

- 02:17 IMDb выбрал самых популярных актеров 2021 года
- 01:30 Моргенштерн и Скриптонит: кого украинцы чаще всего слушали на Spotify в 2021 году

Четверг, 2 декабря 2021

- 16:19 Дом из "Один дома" перед Рождеством выставили для бронирования на Airbnb

путину грозит древнее еврейское проклятие: в чем оно заключается

Василий Неплохой | 14 января, 17:58

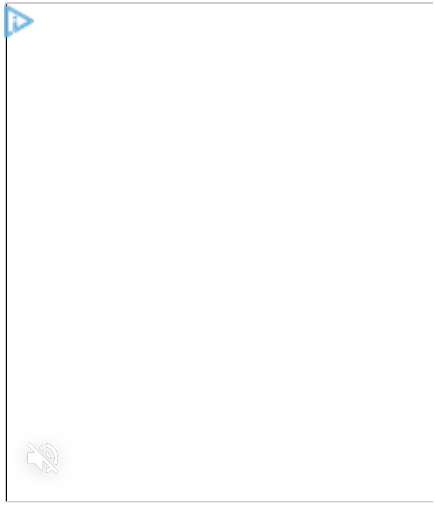
ЧИТАТЬ НА УКРАИНСКОМ

Новость обновлена 14 января 2023, 21:27

Днепр вновь подвергся обстрелу несмотря на то, что главу кремля предупредили об ответственности

В субботу 14 января россияне в очередной раз совершили массированную ракетную атаку по территории Украины, одна из ракет упала в Днепре и частично разрушила многоэтажный дом. В сети же напомнили, что российскому диктатору владимиру путину ранее пригрозили страшным проклятием, если на территории города вновь упадут ракеты.

Как сообщила журналистка Соня Кошкина в своем telegram-канале, Геннадий Корбан во время предыдущего массированного удара по городу пообещал применить против главы кремля древнее еврейское проклятие "Пульса де-нура".



"Надеюсь, Корбан свое слово сдержит. И то, что он сейчас в Лондоне, с этой точки зрения, даже к лучшему", — написала Кошкина.

Она сообщила, что для проведения "ритуала" необходимо, чтобы некоторое количество раввинов собрались в одном месте в одно время. Кроме того, она подчеркнула, что человека, которого намерены проклясть, должны предупредить заранее, чтобы дать ему возможность исправиться.

"Считается, что проклятие сугубо еврейское, но якобы действует не только на евреев. Ждем. Не подведите, Геннадий Олегович", — написала журналистка.

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УКРАИНА 14 января, 23:02

Россияне нанесли новый ракетный удар по Украине: что известно на данный момент (обновляется)

Как сообщалось ранее, 15 июля 2022 года россияне совершили массированный обстрел Днепра, после которого Корбан пригрозил применить против путина древнееврейского проклятия. Ранее "Телеграф" писал о том, что такое "Пульса де-нура" и как оно применяется.

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"Долги за электричество растут. У облэнерго нет средств на покупку и ремонт трансформаторов", - Иван Плачков

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Синто-рю

Синто-рю (яп. 新当流) или **Касима Синто-рю** (яп. 鹿島新当流) — древнее японское боевое искусство (корю), основанное Цукахарой Бокудэном (1490 — 1571) в период Муромати[1][2].

Синто-рю	
新当流	
Другие названия	Касима Синто-рю
Дата основания	около 1530 года
Страна	Япония
Основатель	Цукахара Бокудэн
Место создания	провинция Касима
Родоначальное БИ	• Тэнсин Сёдэн Катори Синто-рю
Производные БИ	• Ямагути-рю

Касима Синто-рю зачастую путают со школой Касима Син-рю. Эта ошибка довольно распространена из-за того, что эти два названия похожи, несмотря на то, что написание иероглифов позволяет увидеть разницу (яп. 鹿岛 新 当 流 и яп. 鹿岛 神 流) и во-вторых, Уэсиба Морихэй, основатель Айкидо, был вдохновлен занятиями Касима Синто-рю в своей практике с оружием, в то время как некоторые из его учеников и последователей включили элементы Касима Син-рю в Айкидо. Текущий глава школы — Ёсикава Цуэнэтака.

История

Касима Синто-рю — одна из старейших боевых традиций Японии[3]. По одной из версии школа была основана примерно в 1530 году Цукахарой Бокудэном, которого именовали «кэнсэй», что в буквальном переводе означает «Священный Меч»[3].

Цукахароа Бокудэн был мастером фехтования. Он обучался у своего отца и позже довел своё мастерство до совершенства, занимаясь муся сюгё (аскетической воинской тренировкой), путешествуя по Японии и тренируясь с наиболее искусными мастерами. Позднее он систематизировал местные боевые искусства области Касима и вывел их в единую систему — Касима Синто-рю[3]. В дальнейшем искусство формировалось в период Сэнгоку («Сэнгоку Дзидай» или «Период Воюющих Государств»), то есть во времена феодальных войн, благодаря чему техники школы основывались на опыте сражений того времени и вращались вокруг поиска слабых мест в защите противника. Свою технику Цукахара Бокудэн передал роду Такэда.

Касима Синто-рю, предположительно, имела ряд техник иайдзюцу в своей учебной программе, но они были утрачены со временем[4]. В арсенале используемого оружия школы находятся меч (катана), копьё (яри) и глефа (нагината).

В городе Касима, Япония, 12 июня 1994 года был построен памятник в честь Цукахары Бокудэна[5].

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Mia Shaker **تحذير للمغاربة و المغربيات من أخطر مخطط صه..يو...ني**
19 April at 23:01 ·

بحال هاد الوقيتة من داك لعام فرمضان نيت ولدي كان تصاب بتسمم من دلاح ملي ديتو عند طبيب صيفطو لانزكان ينعس حيت خاصو دوا يدوز ليه مع العروق مهم فاش كنت فسبيطار مع ولدي فجناح الاطفال جابو واحد لبيبي افريقي ماماه ولدات فجناح الولادة فالانزكان نيت مهم لبيبي جابوه لجناح الاطفال الغد ليه باباه جا بغا يدي ولدو فاش طبيب جا كيشوف فالاوراق لقا بلي لبيبي بسمية و الاب عندو سمية الطبيب رفض يعطي لبيبي لباباه قالي جيب شي وتيقة كتبت ان هاد الكنية لي عندي هنا تاع ولدك الاب من طبيعة الحال معندو حتى ورقة حتى عقد زواج مكاينش مهم طبيب مبغاش يعطيه ولدو عيا ميطلب او يغوت طبيب جرا عليه ايوا سير الاب او رجع بليل هجم او نتا او قشلة تاع لعناطز او كاينين غير حنا فداك الجناح مع واحد الفرملية او حارس فقط حيت هوما جاو من لور تاع سبيطار او نقزو ايوا حيحو بليل اراك لحجر او لمعيار كاع لوليدات ناضو كيغوتو مخلوعين او حتى الامهات تخشينا غير تخحت الآسرة باش ميجيش فينا الحجر دازت شي عشرين دقيقة تقريبا عاد مشاو لغد ليه جا داك الأفريقي مع واحد الفاعل جمعوي مغربي او خدا الأفريقي ولدو او حنا مكاين لي تشوق لينا ولا حاشاها لينا مكاين لي قال لينا كيبقيتو واش مخلوعين
انا دبا كنشوف هاد الأفارقة بلا حتى قانون ضاسرين بلا قياس
او كملو دبا بهاد القانون لي داروه ليهم
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Root ana da5alt ga3 les amis diali qola wa7ed ydaral ga3 les amis dialo bach yakbar lagroupe

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Yassine Malki
Had 3waza qolhom machakil had w9 li mdaralhom lmaghreb allah ya3ti dinmo losiba

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بغيت نعرف مرتو إفريقية و لاشنو؟؟

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هاد البلاد غادة وكتفوندا

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Ghozln EL Azz

ويلي ويلي دبا أي أب خاصو يصطاحب الابن ديالو والزوجة للمستشفى فديك المدن ولا المناطق لي فيها العناطز بزاف وخا الاب يبقى خارج أسوار المستشفى ولا يخلي الطفل ديالو والزوجة ديالو معرضين للخطر ومنهنا فصاعدا أي أخ أب لازم عليه يصطاحب البنت أو الاخت ديالو للمدرسة وخا ماتبغيش صرفقها وخصوصا فديك البلايص المعروفة بالعناطز بكثرة

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Fine Aziz **تحذير للمغاربة و المغربيات من أخطر مخطط صه..يو...ني**
11 hrs ·

Without a doubt you have seen this video that made Shi Yamat Al-Boz inside Morocco and even outside, it is normal because it is always the speeches that play on emotion always like receiving the recitation and be a liar.

This is the betrayal of the world, you ignorant, so what to do with you, or you are a madlass.

The first lie is this video and all you can understand is that the Arabic language is eternal and that the languages of the world and European are the ones that will die in the near future

The second lie is that the Arabic language does not change with time, the opposite of European languages, and among them the English language given by our reader world, example in the video.

The thing that this reader didn't say and what he said to people is what the West means when he says in a language that it is dead or you will die.

The West when they say that a language will die as they mean that that language will not be spoken in their daily lives and Ga will only remain in the books, and as a French example, that after years the French in July, they need a French dictionary to understand their words. French means Ga Yuli Khaso reads French in school to understand it, so after years Ga Yuli is back to French, the problem we have is Hanaya, Ga Yuli in school as he reads a very different language and in his daily life he speaks a different language.

The second lie is Fash who says that the French language is the French language of the 18th century, and this indicates that the French language has changed the opposite of Arabic that is consistent over time.

The thing that this mad world didn't say is that in the 19th century European countries have circulated compulsory education, they saw the French language that people would speak at this time in the street and inside the house and in the school, they did it in the school, the language of the oven 11 or 12 and they started As they read it For the French.

The opposite of the Dakshi who introduced the Arabic systems that took the Arabic language of Yamat Quresh and started to read it to the people of their dialysis, and hadshi is normal, we regret to understand the Qur'an and wrote the Hadith, but they don't lie to us and tell us that the Arabic language does not change and does not die, see according to the concept A For the west of Rah The Arabic language has died and the saturation of death centuries ago because no one speaks it in the world anymore, but even in the quarantine they speak the Arabic language they call it the Easter

And without a doubt, any Moroccan has seen that he is a Fash Kimhi to Europe, enough to read the language of Dyal Dik for a country in school, and find it in the street, and learn it in the streets, while the western who is Kiji, we have Kikon, a reader of the Arabic language and Kiji for the street, how they are, despite the years of extortion in our country.

All languages and accents of the world change with time until you die and only books will remain to preserve the languages that have died while those that are not in the sofa as a final contradiction and Arabic language is no exception as they call these maddlesons under the abbey of Islam

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Teddy Guillois

متصلبي الرأي و ذوي العقول المتحجرة مازال ماعارفينش بان اللغات لي كاينة حاليا وليدة الأمس اقدم لغة فيهوم مافايتاش 1600 عام .. و هناك لغات تحتضر حاليا

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Teddy Guillois

المغرب فأواسط القرن العشرين (ف أوج القومية العربية) استقطب دهاقنة اللغة العربية المعاصرة من سوريا و العراق و مصر و كان الاستاذ ديال اللغة العربية يحظى باحترام كبير ، اليوم أكبر جيش فالتعليم النظامي فالمغرب هوما أساتذة اللغة العربية ؛
أستاذ اللغة العربية اليوم لا قيمة له ، و يقدر يتلقى ابشع أنواع العنف و العصا فأي مظاهرة ..

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Ali Chleuh replied · 1 reply

رضى الله الشاوي

اللغة البربرية ميتة وستدفن عما قريب يا بربري

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رضى الله الشاوي replied · 2 replies

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Ahmed Ibrahim **غموض في بلاد سومر**
12 hrs ·

سلسلة #الصيام_في_بلاد_سومر
. صيام الحب

مازلنا نبحث عن جذور الصيام واول النصوص التي دونت بهذا الخصوص. وهنا أؤكد ان مايتم طرحه لحد الان هو الصيام الطوعي الغير واجب. اي الامتناع عن الطعام والشراب طوعا..
في البحث السابق تكلمنا عن ربما اول إشارة عن الصيام الطوعي الذي ينتج في حالة الحزن الشديد. كما حصل مع كلكامش والان بين أيديكم نص جديد عن صيام طوعي اخر

ويعتبر أغرب انواع الصيام هو (صيام الحب)

في المعهد الشرقي في شيكاغو هناك وثيقة مسمارية تقدم حال فتاه وقعت في الحب.
تصف نفسها بأنها غير قادرة على الاكل والشراب من شدة الحب وانها ترفض الأكل طواعيا لأنها مغرمة ووقعت بالحب.
رغم وفرة الطعام الا انها صامت طواعيا. وتصف حالها كيف انها تمر بمخازن الطعام دون ان تأكل
وانها تنام وهي صائمة عن الأكل.

للحديث تتمة ان شاء الله
للمزيد #pəɯɥɐ_ibrahim

وإليك النص الاكدي الذي يصف حال تلك الفتاة فقط لمن يهتم في الترجمة والبحث

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mīnam epšētima

ibbalum
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allat

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simānim

ša ippan šattim itbuku

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Adad ina
ṣērišu / mā ibtā’

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سلام آل باشآ

هذا اضراب عن الطعام مو صيام

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Emad SalahEldin

انت مفهومك عن الصيام سده النفس وعدم الرغبه في الأكل. الصيام هو حرمان النفس من الملذات المعتاده لتهذيبها . ايه علاقته دا بموضوع سده النفس اللي بتعرضها؟!

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Ghozln EL Azz مخطط الصها...ين...ة في المغرب
12 hrs ·

قبل الحرب بين روسيا وأكرانيا كان كترات بزاف ديال الهدرة على النظام العالمي الجديد وحتا القنوات العالمية هدرات عليه ومن بينهم الجزيرة وقالك كاين صراع على هاد النظام وانا نقول علاش معلموش الشعوب ديال العالم بهاد النظام واش موافقين أولا ؟
وفهاد الظرفية خرجات شي تقارير على ثراوات القطب الشمالي قالك غيكون الوجهة ديال الصراع الجديدة حيت فيه ثراوات بتريليونات الدولارات واش زعما حرب اوكرانيا سبة باش يهلكو القطب الشمالي ؟؟
وزيد كترات الهدرة بزاف على الفوسفاط ديال المغرب قالك منهنا الفوق غيكون هو السلة ديال الغذاء فالعالم والسؤال واش غتفتح باب الصراع في المغرب
سؤال لدوك ليكايقولو واش بغيتو نوليو بحال سوريا
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Les auteurs de secrets initiatiques en Islam et rituels maçonniques ont consacré, avec le concours des chercheurs Idriss Aberkane, Karim-Hervé Benkamla et le regretté Bruno Etienne, ces traditions ésotériques au passage du relais d'une génération à l'autre, d'une religion à l'autre et d'une société ésotérique à l'autre.

Depuis l'Antiquité, les peuples se sont réapproprié les mythes appartenant au monde méditerranéen. On retrouvera ainsi dans les travaux imposés à Gilgamesh le Mésopotamien ceux d'Héraklès le Grec, les symboles tenus dans ses mains par la déesse Ishtar, ceux d'Athéna et de Cérès, la représentation maternelle d'Isis portant dans ses bras Horus, celle de Marie et de Jésus ; les Mages de la Nativité avec leurs cadeaux précieux, témoignages de l'héritage spirituel de Zoroastre offert au Christianisme. Parfois le relais peut être inversé : les théologiens musulmans moutazilites appliquent sous les Abbassides la grille de lecture de la philosophie grecque sur les textes révélés. Le soufisme, savant ou populaire, comme dans les zaouïas algériennes aujourd'hui, ainsi que les traditions initiatiques chiites, ismaéliennes, druzes, alaouites, ont puisé dans la Gnose orientale un rituel antique que l'on retrouvera importé dans le compagnonnage médiéval occidental. Ce mouvement de va et vient de la pensée entre Orient et Occident assure l'unité de ce livre ; le fait que les religions juive, chrétienne, musulmane tout aussi bien que la franc-maçonnerie se déclarent « universelles » montre qu'avec patience et ténacité, nous nous devons de souligner que l'humanisme méditerranéen est bien notre substrat culturel commun malgré la diversité des appellations de nos croyances.
Aussi le franc-maçon occidental non seulement ne doit pas s'inscrire dans la rupture avec le passé mais il doit aussi admettre les connaissances initiatiques de son frère oriental pour lequel Hiram et Salomon sont de véritables grands ancêtres. Mythes et traditions constituent la mémoire des hommes éclairés à la recherche de l'initiation authentique.

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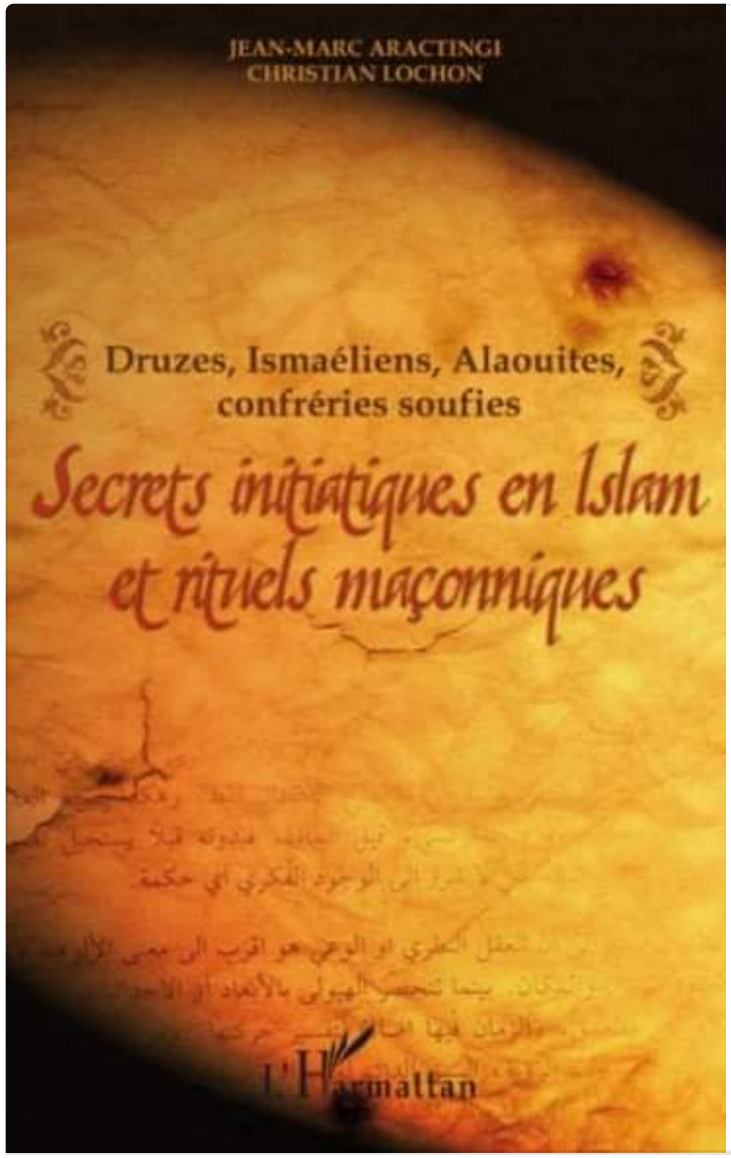

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Абубакар II

Абубакар II (**Абу Бакр II**) — девятый правитель империи Мали в XIV веке (1310 г.). Являлся преемником своего племянника Мухаммеда ибн Гао и предшественником Мансы Мусы. Абубакар II отрёкся от престола для исследования «океанских просторов», но его экспедиции оказались безрезультатными, и он не вернулся в свою страну.

Абубакар II	
Дата рождения	XIII век
Дата смерти	XIV век
Страна	Мали
Род деятельности	путешественник-исследователь, суверен

Описание

Известная информация об Империи Мали берётся из трудов арабских учёных, включающих аль-Омари, Абу Саида Усмана ад-Дуккали, Ибн Хальдуна и Ибн Баттута. Отсутствие надёжных источников является серьёзной проблемой этого исторического периода, и обобщённая история правителей империи Мали не указывает Абубакара II в качестве мансы Мали[1].

Абубакар II, иногда называемый Абу Бакром II или Абу Бекром II, или Мансой Мухаммедом, был одним из двух сыновей от Колонкан — сестры Сундиаты Кейты, основателя империи Мали. Он был последним из короткой династии внутри клана Кейта, ведущей свою историю от Колонкан. После его

отречения в 1311 году империю стала контролировать другая ветвь Кейта, династия Фага Лайе.

Правление

Практически всё известное об Абубакаре II написано в работах Аль-Омари во время исторического хаджа в Мекку Канкана Мусы. Находясь в Египте, Муса объяснял, что он унаследовал трон после отречения предыдущей династии. Он сообщил, что в 1310 году император финансировал строительство 200 судов для людей и ещё 200 направлялось на исследование пределов морей, которые являлись западной границей империи. Миссия оказалась безрезультатной, и информация пришла лишь от капитана одной лодки, отказавшейся плыть за другими судами, когда они достигли места впадения реки в море и водоворота. По словам Мусы I, его предшественник был неудержим и отправил флот, сам став во главе экспедиции. В 1311 году предыдущий правитель временно уступил власть Мусе, назначив его визирем, и отправился с тысячами судов с людьми и большим числом припасов. После невозвращения прежнего императора Муса сам стал императором.

Заявление о трансатлантическом переходе

Небольшое число учёных, в том числе Иван ван Сертима, ранее работавший в Ратгерском университете, и малийский учёный Гауссу Диавара, заявляли, что Абубакар II успешно прибыл в Новый Свет[2][3][4].

Консенсус основных археологов, антропологов, этноисториков, лингвистов и других современных учёных, специализирующихся на доколумбовой эпохе, утверждает, что нет никаких свидетельств ни о каком подобном путешествии в Америку и что нет достаточных оснований, доказывающих контакт Африки с Новым Светом в какое-либо время доколумбовой эпохи[5]. Статья BBC под заголовком «Величайший исследователь Африки» резюмирует споры с точки зрения учёных и историков в Мали[4].

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قراءة في ملف أراضي "بني حريزة" الجماعية باسنادة

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تم التداول في وسائل الإعلام الرسمية خلال الاسابيع الماضية موضوع أراضي الجماعات السلالية وتسهيل عملية التمليك لأصحابها في إطار تدخل الدولة على مستوى المركزي لإيجاد الحلول الممكنة لمجموعة من المشاكل التي يتخبط فيها ملاكي هذه الأراضي ، ومنها عدم استفادة ذوي الحقوق من عائدات الكراء وعدم استثمارها واستغلالها في الميدان ألفلاحي والسياحي مثلا لتعود بالنفع على الاقتصاد الوطني والمحلي .

لذلك كان من الواجب إثارة مشكل أراضي شاسعة جدا بجماعة اسنادة إقليم الحسيمة تسمى "اراضي بني حريزة أو الزيتونة " ومنطقة بادس جزء منها ، وهي مملوكة لسكان قبيلة بني يطفت ويتوفرون على أوراق ثبوتية قديمة لهذه الأراضي وبالأخص لثلاثة فرق هي فرقة ازروالا فرقة ايت عيسى وفرقة الواديين، وتعود جذور استغلال هذه الأراضي إلى قديم الزمان ،وما أتذكره شخصيا كانت تكترى للخواص قصد استغلالها في زراعة الحبوب ، ويقسم مدخول الكراء من طرف ممثلي الدواوير بشكل عرفي على رؤوس أرباب الأسر ، لتستفيد كل عائلة بما قدره 10 دراهم للموسم الفلاحي الواحد وهذا خلال فترات الستينيات وبداية السبعينيات من القرن الماضي، لكن مع منتصف سنة 1970م توقف كراء هذه الأراضي لأسباب نجهلها ، وكل ما نعرفه انه تم تشجيرها باشجارغابوية من طرف الإنعاش الوطني وبأمر من رئيس الجماعة آنذاك المرحوم /عبدالعزيز الوزاني .

ومباشرة بعد ذلك ستتشكل لجنة بإيعاز من رئيس الجماعة نفسه والسلطة المحلية تسمى لجنة نواب الأراضي السلالية بالمنطقة ولا أتذكر التاريخ بالضبط ، لكن من دون استشارة السكان ، وهذه اللجنة مكونة من ثلاثة أشخاص من أتباع الرئيس المذكور هم أميون لا يعرفون القراءة والكتابة ، ولم تتحرك الساكنة في حينه ولم تعرف شيئا عن ما يجري في الخفاء نظرا لمنطق القوة والقمع الممنهج في تلك المرحلة ، وكنا نسمع من أعضاء اللجنة أنهم حضروا اجتماعا هنا محليا وفي الرباط والحسيمة لكن هم أنفسهم لا يعرفون شيئا على ماذا يوقعون ولا مايجري تحت أقدامهم .

إلى حدود سنة 1990 م سمعنا انه تمت مسطرة تحديد هذه الأراضي والمقدرة بحوالي 2500 هكتار من طرف إدارة المحافظة العقارية والسلطات الوصية وفي سنة 2007 تم نشر إعلان عن انتهاء عملية التحديد .

وتجدر الإشارة أن طيلة هذه المدة من 1975 إلى يومنا هذا لم تستفيد الساكنة من عائدات هذه الاراصي ولو بدرهم واحد، بحيث أن مصلحة المياه والغابات كانت قد قامت بتشجيرها مرة ثانية ربما أواخر فترة الثمانينات أي بعد التشجير الاول من طرف الانعاش الوطني ، المهم أن الملف بقي في سر الكتمان بين السلطات المحلية ومديرية الشؤون القروية بالعمالة ووزارة الداخلية ، وحتى نواب الجماعة السلالية أنفسهم لم يعرفوا شيئا عن هذا الملف نهائيا مما

اضطرهم الأمر بعد ضغط السكان عليهم إلى تقديم استقالتهم من اللجنة سنة 2007 ،وحاليا لم يبق من أعضاء هذه اللجنة إلا فرد واحد على قيد الحياة وقد أصابه الخرف والهرم .

لكن الأهم في الموضوع أن الساكنة بقيت يقظة رغم الحصار المضروب على هذا الملف في تصديها لأية محاولة للاستيلاء على هذه الأراضي وأخرها سنة 2008 لما فوتت مصالح المياه والغابات صفقة لأحد المقاولين بغرس شجر الخروب على مساحة محدودة من هذه الأراضي على جنبات الطريق الساحلي ، فتصدت له الساكنة عبر تنظيم وقفة احتجاجية بعين المكان على الطريق الساحلية ببني حريزة ، وصادف ذلك اليوم مرور والي الجهة (امهيدية) ، وأمر المقاول بالتوقف ، وأعطى الوعد للمحتجين بالبحث في ملف هذه الأراضي ووعدهم بتنظيم لقاء معهم بمقر ولاية الحسيمة ، وفعلا تم اللقاء بعد يومين بعد ذلك بحضور لجنة من السكان ومسؤول المياه والغابات بالحسيمة، وصرح الوالي أمام اللجنة بان الأرض في ملك ساكنة بني يطفت ولهم حرية التصرف والتفكير في إبداع أشكال الاستغلال التي يرونها مناسبة . ومع جهل بالأمور القانونية المنظمة للأراضي السلالية وكيفية استغلالها ، وعدم تنظيم السكان في إطار قانوني معين . تم الاهتداء إلى خلق لجنة محلية مؤقتة كحل أولي بمقر جماعة اسنادة بحضور جمهور غفير من السكان مكونة من ستة أفراد أوكل لهم أمر البحث في موضوع هذه الأراضي والاتصال بمصالح الشؤون القروية بعمالة الحسيمة ووزارة الداخلية والسلطة المحلية والبحث في الأمور الغامضة بخصوص هذا ملف ، لكن لم تكن هذه اللجنة في مستوى تمثيل الساكنة وأخفقت في عملها ، ربما لنقص في المعرفة والتجربة أو لأسباب أخرى.

وحاليا فان النقاش أمام السكان للتفكير في الطرق الممكنة لاستغلال هذه الأراضي، رغم المحاولات المحتشمة من هنا وهناك كلها ذهبت أدراج الرياح وكان هدفها ضيقا جدا (اقصد بعض المحاولات من خارج القبيلة) . كما أن هناك احتلال لمساحات مهمة من هذه الأراضي من طرف الغير محاولين امتلاكها بطرق ملتوية ، في استباق مع الزمن وفي غفلة عن السلطات والسكان ومنها بالخصوص أراضي سقوية ، وشاطئ بادس الغني سياحيا.

والحلول المقترحة حسب فهمي الشخصي لاسترجاع هذه الاراضي المهمة هي :

- تجديد نواب الجماعة السلالية ، طالما أن السلطة المحلية لم تعمل على ذلك ، رغم أن العضوين من اللجنة السابقة قد ماتا ومنذ مدة طويلة . وكان من واجبها إخبار السكان لاختيار أعضاء جدد وأكفاء وفق المسطرة المنظمة في هذا الإطار.

- يتعين على السلطة المحلية و قسم الشؤون القروية بالعمالة ومديرية الشؤون القروية بوزارة الداخلية القيام بدورها الدستوري وإحاطة علما السكان حول ملف هذه الأراضي بكل شفافية ووضوح .

- على المجلس الجماعي القروي إن كان يسمح له القانون المنظم للجماعات الترابية بالوقوف إلى جانب الساكنة في الموضوع عبر عقد دورة للمجلس بحضور السلطات الوصية. لاستجلاء الأمر واستقصاء ملف الجماعة السلالية ببني يطفت والطرق التي أدت إلى تدخل مصلحة المياه والغابات ومؤسسات أخرى لاحقا ، ومع من تم التعاقد وبأي التزامات وشروط ?.

- إن قيمة هذه الأراضي في تنمية الاقتصاد الوطني والمحلي عبر إقامة مشاريع كبرى ذات طابع سياحي وفلاحي ودعم التجهيزات المؤسساتية، لا يمكن إنكارها وتجاهلها وترك الحابل على النابل ، بل هي مسؤولية الجميع من المجتمع المدني والهيئات السياسية والحقوقية لإسماع صوت الساكنة وإرجاع الحق لأصحابه.

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what does it means deep state

The term "deep state" typically refers to a theory or belief that there is a hidden or secretive network of powerful individuals or organizations within a government or other institution that operate outside of the democratic process and exert a disproportionate amount of influence over policy and decision-making.

The concept of a "deep state" is often associated with conspiracy theories and is not a well-defined or accepted concept in political science or other academic disciplines. Proponents of the idea often claim that the deep state is responsible for a range of secretive and nefarious activities, such as manipulating elections, controlling the media, and pursuing secret agendas that are at odds with the

interests of ordinary citizens.

However, critics of the notion of a deep state argue that it is a vague and unsubstantiated concept that is often used to promote political agendas or discredit legitimate institutions and processes. They maintain that the idea of a deep state ignores the complex realities of democratic governance and the checks and balances that are designed to prevent any one group or individual from exerting unchecked power.

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can you tell me about ancient deep states of for examle in the medivial period
The concept of a "deep state" is a relatively modern

one, and the term itself was not used in ancient or medieval times. However, there were certainly examples of powerful individuals or groups exerting influence and control over political and social systems in these periods.

In medieval Europe, for example, the Catholic Church wielded enormous power and influence over both religious and secular affairs. The Pope and the bishops were able to shape laws, influence wars, and control access to education and other resources. Similarly, in feudal societies, the nobility held significant power over their vassals and serfs, and were able to use this power to influence political decisions and control resources.

In other parts of the world, there were also examples of powerful dynasties or ruling classes that exerted

control over the state. For example, in ancient China, the imperial court and the eunuch class held significant power and influence over the government and society, often to the detriment of the common people.

It is important to note, however, that the structures of power and influence in these societies were often different from those of modern democracies. In many cases, there was little or no separation of powers, and democratic institutions such as representative government and the rule of law were not yet established. Therefore, while these examples may be seen as precursors to modern concepts of the deep state, the dynamics of power and influence were quite different from those of today.

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can we consider that secret societies played a role as deep states
It is possible that some secret societies have functioned as deep states, but it would depend on the specific organization and the context in which it operated. Secret societies are typically defined as groups that operate outside of the mainstream and often engage in secretive or clandestine activities. While some secret societies have been associated with political and social power, not all of them have been involved in efforts to influence or control the government.

Some examples of secret societies that have been accused of acting as deep states include the

Illuminati and the Freemasons, both of which have been the subject of various conspiracy theories over the years. However, there is little concrete evidence to support these claims, and most scholars view them as unfounded speculation.

It is worth noting that not all secret societies are necessarily nefarious or subversive. Some, like the Order of the Eastern Star or the Knights of Columbus, are primarily social or philanthropic organizations that are open about their membership and activities. Others, like the Skull and Bones society at Yale University, are more secretive but do not necessarily engage in political or social control.

Overall, while it is possible for a secret society to function as a deep state, it would depend on the specific organization and the context in which it

operates. The concept of the deep state is complex and multifaceted, and requires careful analysis of the power structures and dynamics that exist within a given society or institution.

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in islamic world secret societies are linking to secret political forces
Like any other part of the world, there have been secret societies in the Islamic world, but it is important to note that not all secret societies in the Islamic world are linked to secret political forces. Some secret societies are purely religious in nature and are focused on spiritual and religious teachings, while others are focused on social or charitable

work.

That being said, there have been instances in the Islamic world where secret societies have been linked to secret political forces or have engaged in political activities themselves. For example, in the early 20th century, there was a secret society in Egypt known as the Muslim Brotherhood, which was founded with the aim of promoting Islamic values and combating Western influence in the region. Over time, the Muslim Brotherhood became increasingly involved in politics and was accused of engaging in violent and subversive activities.

Similarly, in Iran, there is a secretive and powerful religious order known as the Hojjatieh Society, which has been linked to hardline political forces in the country. The Hojjatieh Society is known for its

extreme views and has been accused of trying to undermine the moderate elements in Iranian politics.

It is important to note, however, that not all secret societies in the Islamic world are linked to secret political forces, and many are focused on non-political activities such as spiritual and religious teachings or charitable work. As with any secret society, it is difficult to know the full extent of their activities and influence, and it is important to approach any claims about their activities with a healthy dose of skepticism.

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but the aim always is the political power over

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While it is true that some secret societies may have a goal of gaining political power over the population, it is important to note that not all secret societies have this aim. Some secret societies may focus on spiritual or religious teachings, while others may be focused on social or charitable work. Additionally, not all secret societies are necessarily nefarious or subversive, and some may have benign or even positive goals.

That being said, there have certainly been instances where secret societies have sought to gain political power or control over the population. This may involve clandestine activities such as propaganda, subversion, or even violence. However, it is important to note that such activities are generally considered to be outside of the boundaries of acceptable

political behavior in modern democracies.

It is also worth noting that not all attempts to gain political power or control over the population are necessarily carried out by secret societies. In some cases, this may be done through legal or semi-legal means such as lobbying, media manipulation, or campaign finance.

Overall, while it is true that some secret societies may aim to gain political power over the population, it is important to avoid making blanket assumptions about all secret societies, and to approach any claims about their activities with a healthy dose of skepticism.

can you define with examples what is Behavioral Medicine

Behavioral Medicine is an interdisciplinary field that combines knowledge and practices from psychology, medicine, and other health sciences to understand how behavior, emotions, and social context affect physical health and illness.

Here are some examples of Behavioral Medicine:

Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) is a common form of Behavioral Medicine used to treat various health conditions. It involves identifying negative thoughts and behaviors that contribute to health problems and replacing them with positive ones. For instance, CBT can be used to treat anxiety disorders, chronic pain,

and insomnia.

Health behavior change programs, such as smoking cessation or weight management programs, use principles of Behavioral Medicine to help individuals change their unhealthy behaviors and adopt healthy ones. For example, a program might use motivational interviewing techniques to help smokers quit by focusing on their personal motivations and reasons for quitting.

Mind-body interventions, such as mindfulness meditation or yoga, are also used in Behavioral Medicine to help manage physical symptoms and improve overall health. These interventions are based on the idea that the mind and body are interconnected, and that by managing thoughts and emotions, physical health can be improved. For

example, mindfulness meditation has been shown to reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety, as well as improve cardiovascular health.

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then Lord Loudoun undertook to sift suspects. They found nobody who seemed to have the position the anonymous writer asserted to be his. At length, on Jan. 1, 1757, Samuel Vanhorne, a New York merchant, residing on Wall Street, came to Sir Charles Hardy, Governor of New York, and explained that business often took him to Philadelphia where friends frequently asked him to inquire if there were letters for them in the New York Post Office and, if so, to forward the communications. During a visit from which he had just returned, said Vanhorne, a man dressed like an officer had accosted him and had asked if there was in the New York office a letter for Pierre Fidel. Doubtless having been informed of the decoy, Vanhorne answered that such a letter was awaiting its addressee. The man in military dress replied that he wished he had it, as "the man for whom it was intended was on the frontier." [42]

Sir Charles immediately notified Lord Loudoun, who went that same evening with Colonel Stanwix to the Governor's quarters to interview Vanhorne. The merchant repeated his story. With some difficulty and much persuasion, Loudoun won Vanhorne's promise to go back to Philadelphia with Colonel Stanwix. The Colonel was ordered to arrest the suspect, if Vanhorne pointed him out, and to secure all his papers.[44] Vanhorne's description was fairly specific and might be useful: the man who inquired about the letter was tall, dark, with a red coat and a sword and appeared to be a stranger.[45]

Search by the Colonel and the merchant was to no purpose; the man had disappeared. Loudoun had then to attempt to identify "Pierre Fidel" on the basis of Vanhorne's description, added to what the traitor had said casually in his letter of himself and of his military position: What tall, dark officer was there in America, thirty-eight years of age, unmarried, who had an aide-de-camp and was going to participate in the expedition against Fort DuQuesne?

The only officer who was known to Lord Loudoun's informants as in any way answering to this description was Colonel Washington. He was single; he had an aide; he was to share in the next march to the Ohio. As it chanced, Lord Loudoun had close at hand Capt. David Kennedy, who had seen Washington in New York in March, 1756,

[42] So Dr. Douglas Brymner transcribed Loudoun's dispatch of Jan. 4, 1757, in *Report A.H.A.*, 1896, v. 1, p. 700; the execrably written entry in Loudoun's *Memorandum* may with like probability be read as "the man it is from is now on the Front'r."

[44] Loudoun's *Memorandum*, Jan. 1, 1757.

[45] Pargellis, *Loudoun*, 770.

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when the Colonel was returning from the visit to General Shirley in Boston. Loudoun consequently asked Kennedy for a description of the Virginian. Washington, said the Captain, was "a man about six feet high of a black complexion, [with] black hair which he then wore in a bag—looks like a foreigner, a strong man." Kennedy remembered Washington's companions, Mercer and Stewart, and recalled that Washington's uniform was "blue, faced with red and laced." [46]

Loudoun was not sufficiently impressed by this to order Washington's arrest, but he was eager, no doubt, to see the man who perhaps in some vengeful, incredible madness, had turned traitor. When the Colonel at length stood before the General, Loudoun must have observed at once how far Washington failed to fit Kennedy's description, with brown, not black hair, in his twenties and not thirty-eight, having none of the "foreigner" in his countenance—and pockmarked besides, which certainly would have been observed if Washington had been the officer Vanhorne had seen in Philadelphia. Washington was eliminated; "Pierre Fidel" continued to be a mystery.[47]

George may not have known then or thereafter of a suspicion he would have regarded as the worst of disgraces; but he heard of some of the decisions made by the council of Governors, who sat with Lord Loudoun through March 23. Loudoun told the council virtually nothing concerning his plan of operations in the North—he was "very reserved and secret" Dinwiddie said, in half praise and half grumble [48]—but he and the Governors agreed confidentially that no offensive could be undertaken in Pennsylvania or to the southward during 1757. A defensive must be maintained there, by an enlarged force, and particularly in South Carolina where a French attack from Santo Domingo or from the Alabama fort in the Creek country was apprehended. Contingents from North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania must be sent to Charleston to strengthen the regulars and the South Carolina forces.[49] This plan had the endorsement of the Governors, and, in particular, of Dinwiddie, who regarded the defence of South Carolina as an idea almost his own [50]—in sharpest contrast to his feelings about that Colony when James Glen was Governor.

Washington knew nothing of the situation in South Carolina and

[46] Loudoun's *Memorandum*, Feb. 27, 1757.
[47] Loudoun made no mention in his *Memorandum* of exculpating Washington. References to him in connection with the treasonous correspondence merely cease.
[48] 2 *Din.*, 603.
[49] Council Minutes, 2 *Hamilton*, 51 ff.
[50] 2 *Din.*, 602-03.

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However, the Sumerians had no cemeteries except for the king and his most important nobles. In Sumer tradition, the body was frequently buried in the family tomb within the house. The body was usually laid to rest curled up and placed in a large jar, a casket, stone sarcophagus, or simply ordinary cloth wrapping. Whether the burial was lavish or rather poor depended mostly on the economic status of the deceased.

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What Was Sumerian View Of The Underworld?

This view was definitely gloomy. It was not a pleasant realm of existence, a dark, dusty land, where the bread did not taste good, their garments were only feathers to protect them from the cold, and water to drink was brackish.

In her book "Sumer and the Sumerians", Harriet Crawford writes that "based on evidence, there is the impression that their condition in the underworld reflected their social status on earth, not their virtue. Goods that people took to their graves were considered comforts that they could take with them into the afterlife. When a king died, people who worked for him and many of his possessions were buried with him, including wagons and animals."

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Most Sumerian people lived hard lives, and their ideas about the afterlife resembled their earthly existence so they "wasted no time" preparing for the afterlife. Man - as the work of the gods – had a soul, which after the death of the body, continued to this sad, underground realm of the goddess **Ereshkigal**, the sister of Inanna (Ishtar).

An interesting concept of sin and punishment existed among people of Mesopotamia, but it *only* related to earthly life and therefore it could be prevented by confession, sacrifices, and prayers. Interestingly, these people were extremely conscious of their sinful nature so they frequently asked for their deity for forgiveness:

"O goddess whom I know or do not know, (my) transgressions are many; great are (my) sins. "The transgressions which I have committed, indeed I do not know; "The sins which I have done, indeed I do not know..."

"O god whom I know or do not know, (my) transgressions are many; great are (my) sins..."

The existence of the soul in the afterlife, on the other hand, depended *only* on the splendor of the burial and sacrifices submitted by the family to the deity.

Babylonians Believed In Judgment In The Afterlife

The Babylonians (including also the Assyrians and the Sumerians) believed in judgment in the

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afterlife.

Accompanied by seven judges sitting in front of her, Ereshkigal, the goddess of the underworld presided over the dead, and the sentence of death was announced when the deceased the underworld.

According to the Sumerian poem "Gilgamesh, Enkidu, and the Nether World," mortals were also allowed to enter the realm of death but they had to follow certain rules, for example, they were not allowed to wear clean clothes, carry a weapon and make noise, among other things. Breaking any of these rules resulted that the person was forever submitted to the world of shadows and not allowed to return.

We can cite Gregory Shushan, in his “Conceptions of the Afterlife in Early Civilizations”, who gives an example of what Enkidu - EN.KI.DU ("Enki's creation"), a central figure in the "Epic of Gilgamesh" - saw in the realm of the dead:

“...Enkidu reveals how the man with one son weeps because of the loss of his home. The man with two sits on bricks and eats bread. The man with three drinks water from a skin on his saddle, while the man with four, rejoices ‘like a man who has four donkeys’. The man with five, is allowed entry into the palace, ‘like a fine scribe’... The man with seven, sits on a throne with the gods and hears proceedings/judgements. Those with no heir eat bread like bricks. ...”

“The man who died in battle has his head cradled by his parents, while his wife weeps. Those without funerary offerings eat crumbs and table scraps. The man who died an early death lies ‘on the bed of the gods’. The man who was burned to death rises to the sky: ‘his ghost was not there, his smoke went up to the heavens’...

Apparently, Sumerians, Babylonians, and Assyrians did not believe that something good was waiting for them on the other side. They did not believe it was worth wasting time to prepare for the afterlife. **Ancient Egyptians' beliefs in death and the afterlife** were different, and they prepared for their journey to the other side.

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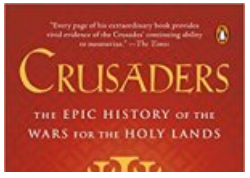

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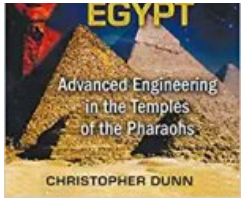

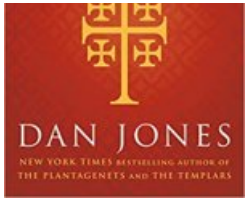

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Deciphering the Truth Behind the Moors in Spain

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Al-Andalus is the name given to the Iberian Peninsula when it was under **Muslim** rule. Islam arrived in that region with the arrival of the Moors during the 8 th century AD, and succeeded in conquering almost the entire peninsula in less than a decade. The rule of the Moors in Spain lasted until 1492, when the last surviving Muslim state in the Iberian Peninsula, the Emirate of Granada, was conquered by the **Christians**.

Between the beginning and the end of Moorish rule in the Iberian Peninsula, Al-Andalus underwent much political change, transforming from a province of the Umayyad Caliphate into an independent emirate, and then fragmenting into smaller independent principalities known as *taifas*. The period of Muslim rule in the Iberian Peninsula is often described as *La Convivencia* (meaning 'The Coexistence'), a time when Muslims, Christians and Jews were living peacefully side by side. The reality, however, may be a little more complicated than this.

The Moors' Very Own Conquista

Prior to the coming of Islam, Al-Andalus was known by its **Roman** name, Hispania. At the beginning of the 5 th century AD, much of the Iberian Peninsula had been conquered by the **Visigoths**. Only the westernmost and northernmost parts of the peninsula were not under their rule. By the beginning of the 8 th century AD, the Visigothic Kingdom had been weakened by disputed successions, rebellions, and problems with the nobility. As a consequence, the Visigoths were not in the best position to defend their kingdom when the Umayyads invaded the Iberian Peninsula in 711 AD.

With regards to the sources from the time of the Umayyad invasion, no Muslim accounts are available, whereas the only Christian source, the so-called *Chronicle of 754* , is rather vague about the events that occurred. A 9 th century AD Muslim account, written by the historian Ibn Abd al-Hakam, provides a rather interesting story regarding the cause of the Umayyad invasion.

According to Ibn Abd al-Hakam, a Visigothic nobleman by the name of Count Julian had approached Tariq ibn Ziyad, an Umayyad commander for his help. One of the count's daughters had been raped by Roderic, the Visigothic king. Since the

count could do nothing to punish the king for his crime, he decided to invite the Umayyads to invade the kingdom. Therefore, Julian provided ships to carry the Umayyad army across the Strait of Gibraltar.

*Engraving of King Roderic, the last Visigoth king of Hispania. (**Public domain**)*

Since Ibn Abd al-Hakam was writing more than a century after the Umayyad invasion of the Iberian Peninsula, it is quite likely that facts and legends were mixed up. It has been suggested that the story of Count Julian's grudge against Roderic belongs to the latter. There are other legends about the Umayyad invasion as well. One of these alleges that the invaders received help from **Jews** living in the Visigothic Kingdom. In return for less restrictions under the Muslims, the Jews of certain Christian cities agreed to open the gates for them. This story has been used by Christians later on to blame the Jews for collaborating with the Muslims.

Even today, it is not entirely clear as to the nature of the Umayyad invasion of the Iberian Peninsula in 711 AD, and historians have put forward a number of different hypotheses. The first view is that the Umayyads had sent troops into the Iberian Peninsula to aid one of the factions in a Visigothic civil war, with the hopes of plunder and a future alliance. The second is that the Umayyads had intended to use the invasion to test the military strength of the Visigoths. The third is that this was a an unusually large Umayyad raiding party, which did not have any strategic intention. The last is that it was the first wave of a full-scale invasion.

In any case, when Tariq ibn Ziyad crossed from North Africa into the Iberian Peninsula, he brought with him between 10,000 and 15,000 men, which was not a very large force. According to Ibn Abd al-Hakam, the Visigoths did not pay attention to the Umayyads, since they assumed that the vessels carrying them, which were crossing and re-crossing the strait, were merely trading vessels. In 711/2 AD, the Umayyads inflicted a crushing defeat on the Visigoths at the Battle of Guadalete.

Visigothic King Roderic haranguing his troops before the Battle of Guadalete, which was against the invading Moors in Spain.
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In addition to Roderic, most of the Visigothic nobles lost their lives on the battlefield. As a consequence, the Visigothic Kingdom was left largely leaderless and disorganized, which greatly aided the Umayyads in their conquest of the Iberian Peninsula. Although 711/2 is commonly regarded as the year the Iberian Peninsula fell to the Moors, it has been suggested alternatively that the conquest took several years to accomplish.

Consolidation and Expansion

In any case, by 718 AD, the entire Iberian Peninsula, with the exception of the northernmost region, was under Moor rule. At this point of time, Al-Andalus was a province of the Umayyad Caliphate, and was therefore under the rule of governors.

It has been pointed out that almost all of these governors, lasted no longer than two years. Although the governors were appointed either by the Governor of Ifriqiya, or by the caliph himself in **Damascus**, their authority was in fact undermined by local rulers, who were often the descendants of the initial conquerors. The local lords extended their control over different parts of the peninsula, which in turn enabled them to build up their wealth. As a result, they had the means to oppose the governor if necessary.

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Although the Umayyad governors had little success in imposing their authority on the local lords of Al-Andalus, they were somewhat more successful in extending Moor rule beyond the peninsula. As an example, in 719 AD, Al-Samh ibn Malik crossed the Pyrenees, and conquered Septimania (in modern-day southern France). The Moors would remain in that region until 759 AD.

Muslim incursions into Western Europe lasted until 732 AD. In that year, an invading Muslim army, led by Abd al-Rahman al-Ghafiqi, was defeated by the Franks under Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours. Nevertheless, it was the great rebellion

of the Berbers, which broke out in North Africa in 739 AD, and subsequently spread to Al-Andalus, that was largely responsible for preventing the Muslims from carrying on further campaigns into France.

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The Fall of the Umayyad Dynasty and the Al-Rahmans' Rise in Iberia

In 756 AD, Al-Andalus' status changed from a province into an independent emirate. This was due to the collapse of the Umayyad Caliphate in 750 AD. A year before that, Abu al-Abbas al-Saffah was proclaimed as caliph by his supporters, in opposition to the reigning Umayyad caliph, Marwan II. At the battle of the Great Zab River in 750 AD, Marwan was defeated, and the Abbasid Caliphate was established.

Folio from a Tarikhnama (Book of history) by Balami, showing the proclamation of Abu al-Abbas al-Saffah as caliph. (***Public domain*** *)*

The Abbasids ruthlessly hunted down and killed the surviving members of the Umayyad Dynasty. One of them, Abd al-Rahman, however, managed to escape to Al-Andalus. At the time of Abd al-Rahman's arrival, the former Umayyad province was divided between two rival factions, the Qays and the Yaman, which the fugitive Umayyad prince saw as an opportunity to exploit.

Abd al-Rahman skillfully navigated the politics of Al-Andalus, shifting his allegiance from one faction to another. In addition, he bolstered his position by hiring mercenaries to fight for him. By 755 AD, Abd al-Rahman felt that he had

attained a strong enough position, and attacked the Governor of Al-Andalus. Abd al-Rahman emerged victorious, made **Cordoba** his capital, and established the independent Emirate of Cordoba.

Portrait of Abd al-Rahman I, who was one of the most historically significant Muslims in Spain during the Middle Ages. (***Public domain*** *)*

Abd al-Rahman ruled for about three decades, during which he had to face external threats, such as armies sent against him by the Abbasids and the Franks, as well as internal ones, such as rebellions. Still, Abd al-Rahman was a capable ruler, and successfully defended his realm from his enemies.

The successors of Abd al-Rahman continued his legacy, and the Emirate of Cordoba reached its zenith during the 10 th century. In 929 AD, Abd al-Rahman III, widely considered to be the greatest Umayyad ruler of Al-Andalus, adopted the title 'caliph', thereby turning the Emirate of Cordoba into the Caliphate of Cordoba. Abd al-Rahman had succeeded his grandfather, Abd Allah, as emir in 912 AD, when he was only 21 years old.

Muslim In-Fighting, While the Christians Seize Their Chance

The Emirate of Cordoba had, at times, only nominal rule over Al-Andalus, and depended on the loyalty of local Muslim rulers. As a result, there were often pockets of resistance to Cordoban hegemony. Abd al-Rahman was a competent military leader, and campaigned successfully against a rebellious lord, Umar ibn Hafsun, his greatest adversary. The rebellion largely collapsed after the death of Umar ibn Hafsun in 917 AD. Nevertheless, his capital, Bobastro, only fell to Abd al-Rahman in 928 AD.

Prior to 929 AD, the Umayyads of Al-Andalus recognized the Abbasid caliph as the rightful head of the Muslim community. Thus, when Abd al-Rahman declared himself caliph, it was, in a way, a declaration of independence from the Abbasids. At the same time, this declaration served as a response to the Fatimids, whose rulers also claimed the title 'caliph'. Whilst the Abbasids would have perceived this as a challenge, they were not able to do anything about it.

The Fatimids, who were occupying the North African coast, on the other hand, were perceived by Abd al-Rahman as the greatest threat, as they challenged Umayyad influence in Northwest Africa. Abd al-Rahman was not able to crush the Fatimids, and the struggle between the two caliphates continued throughout the 10 th century.

Umayyad rule in Al-Andalus ended in 1031, when the caliphate fragmented into a number of independent principalities, or *taifas*. During this period, the various *taifas* fought against each other, weakening each other during the process. The Christian states to the north were aware of the state of affairs in Al-Andalus, and seized the opportunity to increase their

own power. Whilst some *taifas* lost land to the Spanish Christians, others were forced to pay an annual tribute in exchange for peace.

In 1085, the conquest of Toledo, the key to Al-Andalus, by the Castilians alarmed the *taifa* chiefs, who requested the help of the Almoravids of Northwest Africa. The Almoravids managed to halt the Christian advance, but soon turned against the *taifas*, overthrew their rulers, and united Al-Andalus under their rule.

Depiction of Alfonso VI conquest of Toledo on May 25, 1085, shown on the bank of the Plaza de España in Seville.
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The Almoravids, were deposed by a new power, the Almohads, in Northwest Africa, around 1145. Subsequently, the Almohads invaded Al-Andalus, and succeeded in conquering the territory of their predecessors. Although some *taifas* were formed as a result of the fall of the Almoravids, these too fell to the Almohads. The greatest threat to the Almohads were the Christian states, who were becoming increasingly powerful.

During the first half of the 13 th century, the Almohads were gradually pushed southwards. For instance, Beja fell to Portugal in 1234, Cordoba to Castile in 1236, and Seville, the Almohad capital, in 1248. Once again, some local Moor rulers saw the weakening of the Almohads as a chance to establish their own *taifas*. They were however, unable to defend them from the Christians.

*Mosque–Cathedral of Córdoba formerly the Great Mosque of Córdoba. The original mosque (742), since much enlarged, was built on the site of the Visigothic Christian 'Saint Vincent basilica' (600). (**Pierre Violet** / Adobe stock)*

Collapse of Moorish Muslims in Spain and Their Legacy

The last Muslim stronghold in Al-Andalus was the Emirate of **Granada**, which was ruled by the Nasrid Dynasty. This emirate was established by Muhammad ibn al-Ahmar in 1238. Since the Christians did not perceive the Nasrids as a serious threat, they were content to collect tribute from them, and to attack them from time to time. Although Muhammad ibn al-Ahmar was a vassal of Castile, during the 14 th century, the Nasrids formed an alliance with the Marinids of Northwest Africa against the Christians.

The Nasrids and their allies suffered a decisive defeat at the hands of the Castilians and Portuguese at the Battle of Rio Salado in 1340, however, the Christians did not press their advantage after the death of Alfonso XI of Castile in 1350. The

Nasrids remained in power until 1492, when Granada was conquered by Ferdinand II of Aragon and **Isabella I of Castile** . This marked the end of Al-Andalus.

*Portrait of Ferdinand II of Aragon (Michel Sittow / **Public domain**) and Isabella I of Castile (Luis de Madrazo / **Public domain**) who conquered Granada.*

Moorish rule of the Iberian Peninsula is best remembered today as *La Convivencia* , during which Muslims, Christians, and Jews lived together in harmony, contributing to Al-Andalus' status as one of the most enlightened areas in medieval Europe. Under Moorish rule, Christians and Jews were not forced to convert, but were allowed to follow their faiths. Apart from that, they were not slaves, were allowed to work in the civil service of the Muslim rulers, and were not required to live in ghettos, or other special areas.

At the same time, however, this tolerance had its limits. For instance, Jews and Christians were treated as second-class citizens, proselytizing to Muslims was not allowed, and restrictions were placed on the building of synagogues and churches. Neither was this tolerance constant throughout the entire period of Muslim rule. The Almohads were fundamentalists, so many non-Muslims went into exile after Cordoba was conquered by them in 1148. Still, compared to the treatment of Muslims and Jews by the Christians following the Reconquista, the rule of Muslims in **Spain** would seem to have been comparatively tolerant.

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L'histoire du Maroc

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Après la mort de Maulay [Moulaï]-Ahmed-el-Abbas, dernier prince saadien, Er-Rechid, un des fils de Maulay-Ali-Chérif, le chef de la zaouïa de Sidjilmassa, dans l'oasis du Tafilalet, se fait proclamer sultan à Oudjda; il combat et tue son frère Maulay-Mohammed et s'empare ensuite du Tafilalet en **1665**. C'est là le commencement de la dynastie des chérifs *filali*. En **1667**, Er-Rechid s'empare de Taza et ensuite de Fès qui obéissait à un certain Ed-Dreïdi, puis il s'occupe de combattre un agitateur du nom de Ghilan, maure d'origine andalouse, qui avait réussi à établir sa domination dans toute la province d'Alkasar, dans celle de Tanger et aux environs de Tétouan et qui venait de conclure une sorte de pacte d'alliance avec lord Bellasis, le gouverneur anglais de Tanger. Ghilan, battu, s'embarque à Asilah et se réfugie à Alger. Au retour de cette campagne, le sultan soumet les Beni-Zeroual et toute la majeure partie des Djebala, puis il s'empare dans le centre de L'empire de la fameuse zaouïa de Dela qu'il détruit en en dispersant les marabouts, et, l'année suivante, il franchit l'Atlas pour ranger sous son autorité les Aït-Aïach. Rentré à Fès, il embellit cette ville; on lui doit notamment le grand pont sur l'oued Sebou et la kasba dite d'El-Khemis actuellement en ruine, mais qui avait été construite pour assurer la sécurité de la route de Fès à Mequinez. En **1670**, Maulay-er-Rechid conquit le Sous et s'empara de Taroudant. Il mourut à Marrakech, en **1672**, d'un accident de cheval. L'oeuvre de ce souverain est considérable, et avec lui commence réellement la période moderne de l'histoire du Maroc; on voit déjà y figurer les tribus de nos jours.

Er-Rechid, en détruisant l'autorité des marabouts et des petits chefs qui rendaient toute action gouvernementale impossible, avait étendu sa puissance d'Oudjda à l'oued Sous, préparant ainsi le grand règne de son frère Maulay-Ismaïl. A peine monté sur le trône, ce dernier eut à combattre plusieurs compétiteurs : son frère Maulay-el-Harran, qui se fit proclamer sultan au Tafilalet en étendant son autorité sur les régions sahariennes, puis son neveu Ahmed-ben-Mahrez qui était reconnu à Marrakech et dans les environs, enfin le fameux Ghilan, revenu d'Algérie, avait reparu dans le Rif, aidé par un corps de Turcs. Grâce à la vaillante énergie qui est le trait saillant de son caractère, Maulay-Ismaïl ne tara pas à venir à bout de toutes

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ces difficultés. Ghilan est tué à Fès en **1673**; la ville est frappée d'une lourde imposition; les troupes de Ben-Mahrez sont défaites dans le Tadela et, après trois années de luttes acharnées, le nouveau sultan entre à Marrakech, tandis que Maulay-el-Harran était pris au Tafilalet et interné. Maulay-Ismaïl s'occupa alors avec une grande activité, devenue légendaire au Maroc, des affaires de son empire. Il embellit et transforma complètement Mequinez dont il fit sa résidence favorite. Il s'appliqua à resserrer ses relations avec la France; l'ambassade qu'il envoya à Versailles sous la conduite de Ben-Aïssa pour demander à Louis XIV la main de la princesse de Conti est restée célèbre; il reçut en **1682** la mission du baron de Saint-Amand. Tout en maintenant un étroit blocus autour de la place de Tanger, il entretint de bonnes relations avec les marchands de Londres. Il organisa son armée d'une manière solide et nouvelle; ayant fait venir de grandes quantités de Soudanais, il créa de véritables colonies agricoles qui constituaient en même temps le personnel de sa garde.

Ces cavaliers placés sous le patronage d'un saint commentateur du *Coran*, Sidi-el-Boukhari, conservèrent par la suite le titre d'Abid-Boukhari ou esclaves de Boukhari. A la fin de son règne, leur nombre atteignait 150 000; jamais le Maroc ne devait, retrouver semblable force militaire. Pour compléter l'organisation de sa domination, Maulay-Ismaïl fil élever sur tous les points stratégiques de son empire et le long de toutes les routes une série de kasba ou forts qui assuraient la tranquillité et dont on voit encore les ruines. Une expédition hasardeuse, qu'il conduisit lui-même jusqu'en Algérie, échoua sur les bords du Chélif de par la désertion des Arabes, mais un de ses neveux, Ahmed, réussit à mener ses troupes jusqu'au Soudan. Maulay-Ismaïl poursuivit avec la plus grande énergie la guerre contre les places que les chrétiens détenaient encore à cette époque, mais il ne put rien contre Ceuta après s'être emparé de la Mamoura. Enfin, en **1683**, le Parlement anglais ayant résolu l'évacuation de Tanger, les troupes chérifiennes occupèrent la ville en **1684** dont les Anglais avaient détruit les principales fortifications ainsi que le môle, ouvrages qui leur avaient coûté, quelques années auparavant, tant de peines et tant d'argent. La joie des musulmans fut très grande, d'autant que, peu après, Larache et Asilah retombèrent aussi au pouvoir de Maulay-Ismaïl, dont la gloire se trouva portée comme à son apogée. Il ne demeurait plus entre les mains des chrétiens que Ceuta, Melilla et Mazagan.

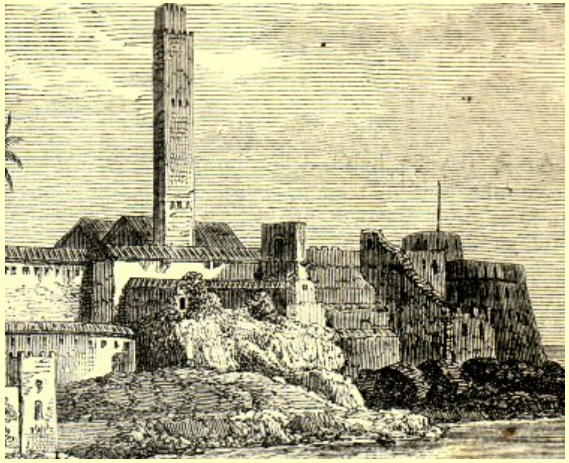
Dégagée du fatras des racontars qui, longtemps, firent autorité sur ce prince et que nous ont légués les récits nombreux des esclaves ou des religieux qui se rendaient au Maroc, au **XVIIIe siècle**, y racheter des captifs, la vie de Maulay-Ismaïl est la plus

grande page de l'histoire du Maroc. Dans la dynastie des Filali, il tient une place qui ne le cède en rien comme importance à l'oeuvre accomplie à celle d'El-Mansour, des chérifs saadiens. Il mourut à Mequinez le 22 mars **1727** à l'âge de quatre-vingts ans, après un règne de cinquante-sept ans. Si l'on en croit les récits populaires, Maulay-Ismaïl aurait eu 528 garçons et un nombre égal de filles; les prisons contenaient 25 000 captifs chrétiens et environ 30 000 criminels; le jour, tous ces prisonniers étaient employés aux immenses travaux que ce souverain ne cessa de faire entreprendre durant sa vie. A sa mort, il laissait le pays dans la plus grande prospérité et dans la tranquillité la plus parfaite; d'Oudjda jusqu'à l'oued Noun il en était ainsi. Maulay-Ismaïl, pour reprendre et développer l'oeuvre politique des Saadiens, n'avait cessé de combattre et de détruire les influences locales acquises par certains chefs et marabouts; pour augmenter son autorité religieuse, il favorisa la confrérie de Maulay-Taïeb et fut le premier à lui donner l'importance qu'elle conservera pendant les siècles suivants.

Son fils, Ahmed, surnommé El-Dehebi, à la suite de son expédition au Soudan, lui succéda, mais le mécontentement que provoqua la rapacité des nouveaux gouverneurs de province ne tarda pas à amener la rébellion dans l'empire. La garde noire elle-même se révolte; le pacha de Fès est massacré; Maulay-Abd-el-Malek en profite pour se faire proclamer à Marrakech, puis entrer à Mequinez, tandis qu'Ahmed est déchu. L'agitation est alors générale; Ahmed qui s'était réfugié au Tafilalet est rappelé; le pays se trouve partagé entre deux souverains. A sa mort, le Nord est disputé entre son fils Abou-Farés et Maulay-Abdallah, frère d'Ahmed, né d'une esclave anglaise. Abdallah l'emporte et, après six mois d'un siège assez rigoureux, s'empare de Fès. Sur ces entrefaites, une grande révolte des Berbères se déclare et ajoute encore à la confusion. Abdallah, se défiant de la fidélité de la garde noire, veut l'amoindrir, mais les chefs des Abid-Boukhari préviennent ses desseins en le déposant en septembre **1734** au profit de son frère Maulay-Ali. Ce dernier arrivait du Tafilalet, mais à soit tour il est chassé par la garde, qui reprend Maulay-Abdallah pour peu de temps, car des intrigues remettent bientôt en disgrâce ce dernier. Cette situation se prolonge; on voit successivement arriver Maulay-Mohammed qui, jusqu'alors, était assiégé dans Fès, puis à nouveau Maulay-Abdallah jusqu'au moment où Maulay-Mostadi, dont la mère passait pour avoir des relations avec le chef des Abid-Boukhari, se fait proclamer. L'empire se trouve à nouveau divisé; Mostadi, soutenu par les provinces des Beni-Hasan et par le Gharb, est battu par Maulay-Abdallah, qui regagne des partisans dans la garde et surtout dans la grande tribu des Oudaïa. Maulay-Abdallah, maître du pouvoir pour la sixième fois vers **1742**, peut régner dans une paix relative, grâce à l'affaiblissement des Boukhari décimés dans cette suite de révolutions. Il mourut en **1757** à Fès.

Son fils Sidi-Mohammed parut surtout s'attacher à développer et à définir les relations commerciales avec les pays d'Europe; le Danemark, la Suède, les États-Unis, la France passèrent des traités. Sous son règne put lieu l'affaire dite de Larache, au cours de laquelle une escadre française, commandée par Du Chaffaut et qui venait de bombarder Salé et Rabat, dont les corsaires avaient insulté le pavillon français, perdit 450 hommes dans la rivière du Kous. Le comte de Breugnon vint en **1767** racheter à la cour les captifs et signer. un traité de commerce qui servit de base, jusqu'au début du **XXe siècle**, aux relations de la France avec le Maroc. Breugnon laissa comme consul Chenier qui s'installa à Salé et qui, plus tard, devait être envoyé à Constantinople. Le sultan Sidi-Mohammed, le premier, autorisa l'exportation des grains, condamnée auparavant et maintes fois dans la suite par le fanatisme intransigeant de la cour chérifienne qui refusait, comme illicite et impure, la vente de céréales aux infidèles. C'est à ce souverain que l'on doit la fondation de Mogador, construite sur les plans de l'ingénieur français Cornut. Il entreprit le siège de Melilla, opération stérile à laquelle on raconte qu'il consacra une fortune; sous son règne, les Portugais évacuèrent la petite ville de Mazagan en **1769**, dernier

vestige de leurs anciennes possessions. En **1777**, fut signé un traité avec la Hollande, qui mettait fin à des difficultés survenues entre les deux pays et au cours desquelles la flotte hollandaise avait brillé des bâtiments marocains à l'embouchure du Kous et du Sebou.



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Le sultan Sidi-Mohammed licencia durant son règne la plus grande partie de la garde noire, et lorsqu'il mourut, le 11 avril **1790**, il laissa une grande réputation de sagesse et de modération. Le Triestin Petrobelli, le Toscan Petro Muti, le Gênois Chiappe furent parmi ses principaux ministres. 800 transfuges espagnols et portugais étaient distribués dans les places de l'empire, et Boisselin, fils d'un chapelier de Paris, commandait à Mogador une troupe de 250 transfuges français. D'une de ses femmes, fille d'un renégat irlandais, il eut Maulay-Yezid ; il employa aussi un juif de Marseille, et le caïd Driss, qui était son premier chambellan, était un transfuge mahonais. Au moment de sa fin, il se disposait à aller châtier son fils qui était entré en rébellion. Maulay-Yezid régna peu de temps. D'abord proclamé à Tétouan, puis à Rabat et à Salé, il se signala par son extrême cupidité; obéissant à ce sentiment, il fit piller les juiveries. Il était fanatique et signa en **1791**, néanmoins, avec les Anglais, un traité qui leur accordait de très grands avantages. L'article III leur reconnaissait le droit d'aller, venir, vendre, résider, voyager, louer ou bâtir des maisons et magasins dans ses États. A la mort de Maulay-Yezid, la lutte s'engage entre ses frères; ce fut Moulay-Seliman qui l'emporta. Proclamé à Rabat et à Tanger, il se hâte d'affermir son pouvoir en ouvrant des relations avec les puissances étrangères et par un gouvernement empreint de justice et de douceur.

En **1795**, la République française décida de transférer le consulat de Salé à Tanger afin de mieux surveiller la politique des Anglais et des Espagnols. Plus tard, la bataille de Trafalgar porta un coup sensible à la situation de la France au Maroc et fit passer la suprématie relative, qu'elle y exerçait depuis Louis XIV, aux mains de l'Angleterre. Maulay-Seliman envoya cependant une ambassade à Saint-Cloud, dont le chef, Hadj-Driss-Errâni, dans une audience solennelle, le 6 septembre **1807**, décerna à Napoléon le titre de sultan des sultans; mais une mission confiée peu après au capitaine Burel, pour faire sortir le chérif de sa neutralité bienveillante vis-à-vis des Anglais, échoua. Ce fut durant ce règne que se fonda, au Sud du Sous, le petit État indépendant de Sidi-Hécham. Le grand honneur de Maulay-Seliman fut de mettre fin à la piraterie qu'exerçaient ses populations maritimes; il prit même l'engagement, qu'il tint religieusement, de racheter les captifs qui seraient faits dans

l'extrême Sud à la suite des naufrages. Les dernières années de son règne furent attristées par une grande révolte des Berbères du centre de l'empire. Les Aït-Iousi, les Beni-Meguiled, les Zaïan surprirent le camp impérial, le pillèrent, et le sultan lui-même ne dut le salut qu'au dévouement d'un berger qui, en le couvrant de son burnous, l'aida à fuir. Assiégé ensuite dans Mequinez, il voit Fès tomber aux mains de son neveu, Maulay-Brahim, que les intrigues et l'influence des chérifs d'Ouazzan y avaient fait reconnaître pour quelque temps. L'insurrection passe ensuite aux mains de Maulay-Saïd, prince énergique que Maulay-Seliman parvient néanmoins à exiler au Tafilalet. Avant de mourir, le 28 novembre **1822**, le sultan avait désigné comme son héritier son neveu Maulay-Ahderraman.

Les commencements du nouveau règne furent, comme d'habitude, au Maroc, assez troublés. En **1825**, arriva à Fès une ambassade française, et, peu après, le sultan eut des difficultés avec l'Angleterre qui bloqua les côtes, puis avec les Autrichiens qui bombardèrent quelques ports, mais subirent un échec assez grave près de Larache. La prise d'Alger et l'occupation d'Oran devaient avoir un profond retentissement au Maroc et à la cour chérifienne en particulier. On sait que Maulay-Abderraman essaya alors de s'emparer de Tlemcen : il y était également poussé par l'orgueil fanatique de son entourage et par les intrigues étrangères. La mission du comte d'Auvray envoyée à cet effet à la cour de Fès pour faire renoncer le chérif à ses visées ne paraît pas avoir eu grand effet, car Abderraman n'en persista pas moins à charger son neveu Maulay-Ali de garder le royaume de Tlemcen, et il envoya lui-même des agents jusqu'à Médéa et à Miliana se faire reconnaître par les populations comme gouverneurs au nom du Makhzen marocain. Il fallut la mission spéciale de Mornay qui, en **1832**, se rendit à Mequinez lui porter un ultimatum très net pour le faire renoncer à ses prétentions. Dans la suite, la cour chérifienne n'en devait pas moins aider de toute son influence Abd-el-Kader qui reçut même, dit-on, à Taza, un burnous d'investiture d'Abderraman. Ce fut, du reste, par la voie du Maroc qu'Abd-el-Kader tira tous ses approvisionnements et munitions durant sa lutte contre les Français en Algérie. On en eut les preuves les plus décisives, et le colonel de Larue fut envoyé à Mequinez afin de rappeler le sultan à l'observation de sa neutralité. La révolte des Oudaïa qui arriva sur ces entrefaites devait l'y forcer tout naturellement : mais, peu après, les difficultés augmentèrent le long de la frontière oranaise que les Marocains voulaient reculer à la Tafna.

Le sultan avant concentré des troupes considérables à Oudjda, l'audace guerrière des populations ne cessa d'augmenter; la situation devint difficile jusqu'au moment où les agressions se multiplièrent. Le maréchal Bugeaud dut engager l'action, prendre Oudjda et enfin, le 14 août **1844**, l'armée marocaine commandée par Sidi-Mohammed, fils d'Abderraman, fut complètement défaite à la bataille de l'Isly. Pendant ce temps, le prince de Joinville bombardait Tanger et Mogador. La paix fut ensuite conclue; la France obtenait du gouvernement marocain la mise hors la loi d'Abd-el-Kader et comme frontière celle qui était reconnue à l'époque de la domination turque. Vers **1850**, des difficultés s'élevèrent à nouveau avec la cour de Fès, à la suite du refus du sultan d'admettre la correspondance directe entre lui et notre chargé d'affaires de France. Le bombardement de Salé en **1851** par une escadre française inspira au chérif une appréciation plus prudente des choses. Maulay-Abderraman mourut le 6 septembre **1859**. Son fils, Sidi-Mohammed, lui succéda au moment de graves difficultés survenues avec l'Espagne. Les délimitations défectueuses des présides et, en particulier, du territoire de Ceuta, avaient amené une série d'incidents graves. Le gouvernement de Madrid résolut alors l'expédition dite de **1859** ou de Tétouan qui dura six mois, nécessita une armée d'environ 40 000 hommes, se termina par la prise de Tétouan et par le traité de l'Oued-Ras. On connaît l'action diplomatique toute-puissante à cette occasion de l'Angleterre, les engagements exigés du cabinet de Madrid avant le commencement de la campagne et enfin l'arrêt brusque de l'armée d'O'Donnel et de Prim sur le

chemin de Tétouan à Tanger. Pendant cette expédition, la France avait prêté à l'Espagne un matériel de guerre assez considérable, et une escadre française avait bombardé les forts marocains de l'embouchure de la rivière de Tétouan. Par le traité qui mettait fin à cette guerre, l'Espagne obtenait de grandes satisfactions et entre autres le paiement d'une indemnité de 100 millions. Après cette rude défaite, le sultan Sidi-Mohammed régna en paix jusqu'en **1873** et, éclairé par l'expérience, résista aux intrigues des rivaux de la France qui le poussèrent en **1870** à profiter de la guerre franco-allemande pour semer la révolte dans la province d'Oran.

A sa mort, qui survint à Marrakech, un de ses fils, Maulay-el-Hasan, fut nommé en **1873** à l'exclusion de son frère aîné, Maulay-Othman. Très aimé par l'armée, il ne rencontra pas d'opposition violente dans sa famille ; il n'en fut pas de même dans le pays, et il lui fallut d'abord se transporter à l'extrémité orientale de son empire, à Oudjda, où un de ses caïds, l-Hadj-Mohammed-ould-el-Bachir, lui causait de graves embarras avec les autorités algériennes. Durant la route, le sultan essuya une véritable défaite aux environs de Taza, de la part de la tribu des Ghyiâtsa. Rentré à Marrakech, Maulay-el-Hasan résolut d'asseoir son gouvernement dans la province du Sous; cette opération considérable et des plus difficiles nécessita deux expéditions. En somme, les premières années de ce règne furent consacrées de **1873** à **1888** à faire reconnaître, puis à consolider son autorité dans les régions accessibles de l'empire qu'il parcourait sans cesse et presque chaque année, de Maroc à Fès, de Fès à Oudjda, pour ensuite revenir au coeur de ses États. Par deux fois, il se rendit au Sous, tandis que, par une habile politique de rapprochement, puis d'alliance avec les marabouts du Tadela, il s'assurait le concours précieux et indépendant d'un chef tout-puissant, le caïd Mohammed-ou-Hammou, de la grande tribu des Zaïan. Vers la fin de **1887**, Maulay-el-Hasan consacra les ressources que lui avaient données sa diplomatie intérieure et la domination des territoires qui lui étaient soumis pour entreprendre la lutte contre l'influence de la secte religieuse des Derkaoui, et il ne cessa aussi de combattre l'hégémonie berbère.

L'expédition chez les Beni-Meguiled, au Sud de Mequinez, n'avait d'autre but; enfin et après la mort du chérif El-Arbi-el-Derkaoui dont la zaouïa était dans le Medaghara, sur la limite des oasis de Tafilalet, le sultan se rendit lui-même, à la tête d'une armée nombreuse, dans ces régions méridionales. Il tenta de développer son influence dans toutes les contrées sahariennes environnantes, mais des difficultés très graves survenues aux environs de Melilla avec le gouvernement espagnol le forcèrent à rentrer à Marrakech où il reçut l'ambassade du maréchal Martinez Campos. Il signa un traité qui mettait fin à ces difficultés et qui accordait à l'Espagne une indemnité de 20 millions de pesetas. Au printemps de **1894**, Maulay-el-Hasan se mit en route pour gagner le Nord de son empire, mais il mourut en route entre Marrakech et Rabat, au campement de Dar-ould-Ziddou le 6 juin. Durant tout son règne, ce souverain, d'une activité infatigable, et qui, presque chaque année, prenait la tête de ses troupes pour quelque expédition, s'attacha d'autre part, grâce à sa diplomatie que secondèrent les jalousies des puissances occidentales, à maintenir la barrière qui ferme jusqu'au début du **XXe siècle** le Maghreb el-Acsa à l'activité européenne. Les traités de commerce qu'il signa témoignent de cette volonté par le peu de concession qu'il fit. En **1881**, avait eu lieu à Madrid une conférence internationale pour les affaires du Maroc; aidé, conseillé, soutenu par la diplomatie anglaise, le gouvernement marocain rendit comme nul cet essai de modification à l'état de choses assez qui caractérise le Maroc.

Le jeune Abd-el-Aziz, fils d'une Circassienne, a succédé en **1894** à son père à l'âge de quatorze ans, son règne verra la mise sous tutelle de son pays à partir de **1907**, avec un protectorat de la France officiel à partir de **1912**, puis (pour la région

de Tanger), de l'Espagne. Devenu colonie, de fait, le Maroc se soulève en **1926** dans le Rif, une rébellion qu'écrasera dans le sang le maréchal Pétain. Le sultan et futur roi Mohammed V contribuera ensuite, pendant la Seconde guerre mondiale à ranger le Maroc dans le camp de la France libre, contre le régime de Vichy. Des émeutes en **1952**, durement réprimées viendront cependant rappeler les volontés d'indépendance du Maroc. Le sultan est déposé l'année suivante et exilé en Corse ; on le remplace par Mohammed ben Arafa. Le Maroc obtient finalement son indépendance en **1956**, autant de la France que de l'Espagne quelques mois plus tard. Mohammed V retrouve son trône mais meurt en 1961. Après une période de troubles, le roi Hassan II, son successeur verrouille le pays d'une main de fer. A sa mort, en **1999**, son fils, Mohammed VI, lui succède. C'est l'actuel roi du Maroc. (H.-P. de la Martinière).

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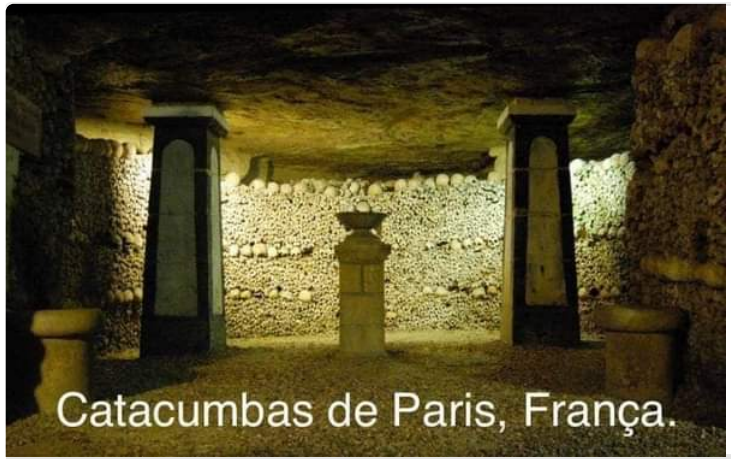
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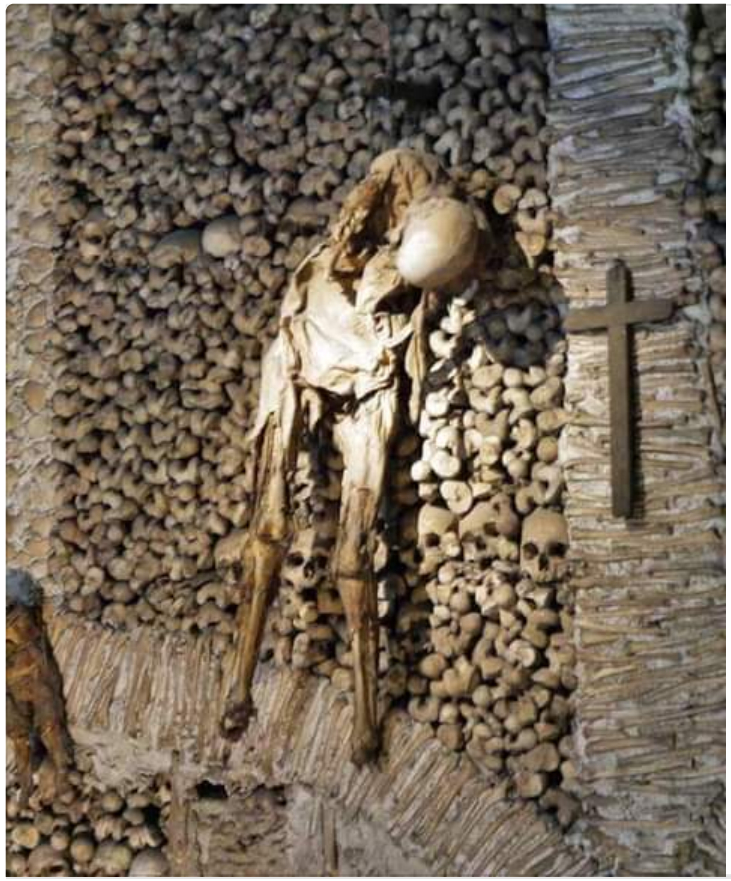

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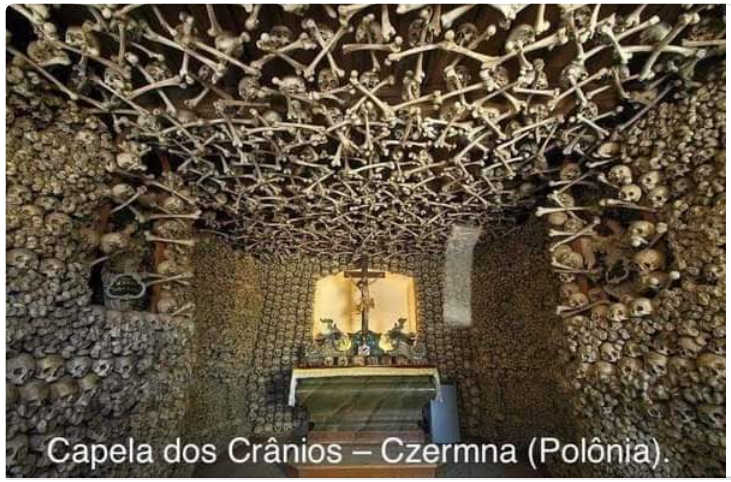

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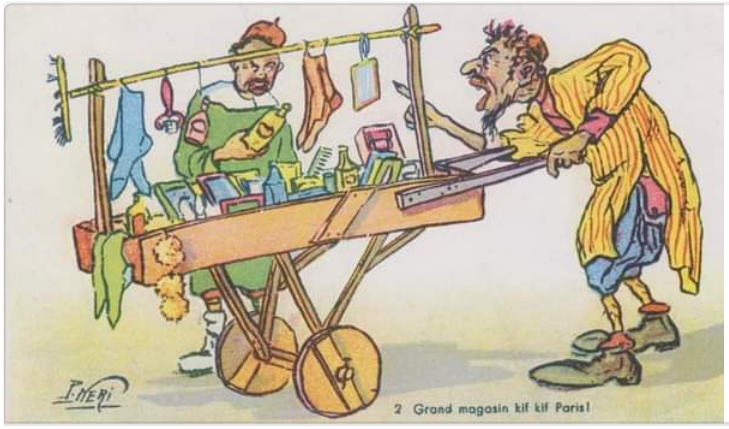

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Des restes squelettiques exceptionnels aux proportions énormes ont émergé du sol, et une fraction d'une dalle de pierre avec des restes de peinture rupestre qui a révélé une forme symbolique inconnue à laquelle von Koenigswald a donné le nom de Chaosmos. Et ce même élément peint, immédiatement associé à la taille des os de la main, a conduit le savant à considérer la créature nouvellement trouvée comme le plus grand artiste du monde.

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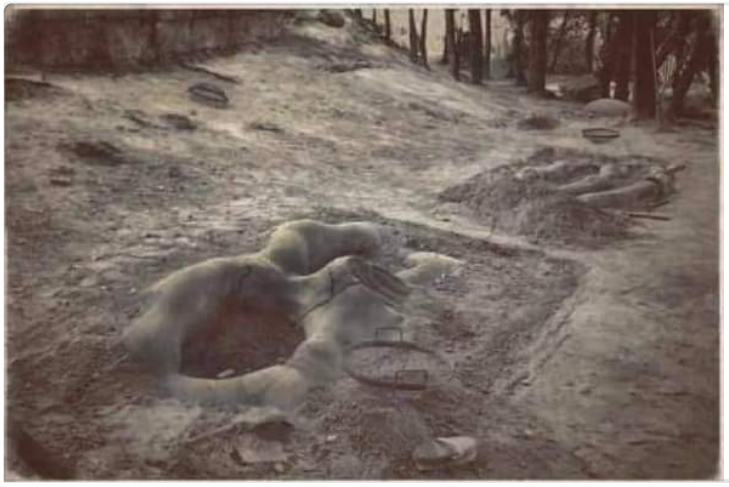

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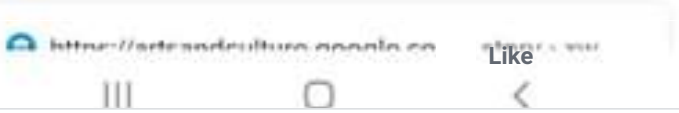

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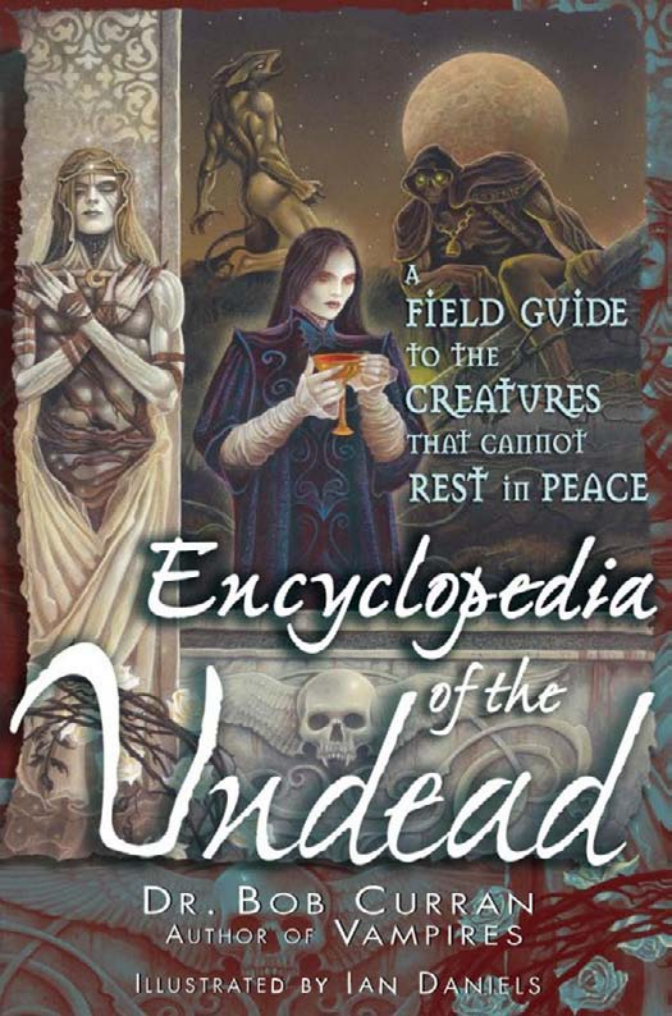
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Preface

The purpose of this book is to explore both the history and perceptions of the Undead, and whether legends concerning them have in their roots some form of reality. It also looks at how these perceptions have developed and deeply ingrained themselves within the human psyche. Through the years, both aspects have often become so inextricably intertwined that it is sometimes difficult to delineate the various strands that make up the beliefs and treat them separately. The concept of the Undead must be viewed as a cohesive whole. An understanding of such interconnected historical detail and perceptual development does not, therefore, readily lend itself to the piecemeal and fragmented entry system, which means that the reader has to "refer back" to other entries in order to understand the topic. So that full justice can be done to the areas considered, it has been decided not to follow what might be considered as the standard procedures for encyclopaedias or directories. Rather, the book follows a more "flowing" approach, so that the topic in question can be fully explored, but under a series of general subject headings that will guide the reader to the specific area which is being considered. In this way, we can get a much better picture of how perceptions of the Undead and supernatural creatures have grown and changed over the years. In this way, we feel that we can do the subjects covered a proper justice.

I am, nevertheless, well aware that some readers may require some form of listing in order to pick up on specialisms and topics of particular interest. To this end, I have placed a full A–Z listing at the back of the book. This approach, I hope, will give an ordered, comprehensive, and readable text whilst also providing specific points to which the reader can refer. I realize, of course, that this may not be the "normal approach" to such works but then, the subjects with which we are dealing are not "normal" either.

The concept of the Undead, and of the beings that haunt the deepest recesses of our minds, continue to both alternately terrify and fascinate us. They are complex, shifting entities, deriving their character and substance from a number of sources, both ancient and modern. I hope that, in both content and structure, this book has done them a frightening justice.

Introduction
A Carnival of Terrors

We see Agencies above the reach of our comprehension and things performed by Bodies seemingly Aerial, which surpass the strength, power, and capacity of the most robust Mortal.

—Richard Bovet, *Pandaemonium*

Stories concerning the Undead have always been with us. From out of the primal darkness of Mankind's earliest years, come whispers of eerie creatures, not quite alive (or alive in a way which we can understand), yet not quite dead either. These may have been ancient and primitive deities who dwelt deep in the surrounding forests and in remote places, or simply those deceased who refused to remain in their tombs and who wandered about the countryside, physically tormenting and frightening those who were still alive. Mostly they were ill-defined—strange sounds in the night beyond the comforting glow of the fire, or a shape, half-glimpsed in the twilight along the edge of an encampment. They were vague and indistinct, but they were always there with the power to terrify and disturb. They had the power to touch the minds of our early ancestors and to fill them with dread. Such fear formed the basis of the earliest tales although the source and exact nature of such terrors still remained very vague.

And as Mankind became more sophisticated, leaving the gloom of their caves and forming themselves into recognizable communities—towns, cities, whole cultures—so the Undead travelled with them, inhabiting their folklore just as they had in former times. Now they began to take on more definite shapes. They became walking cadavers; the physical embodiment of former deities and things which had existed alongside Man since the Creation. Some still remained vague and ill-defined but, as Mankind strove to explain the horror which it felt towards them, such creatures emerged more readily into the light.

In order to confirm their abnormal status, many of the Undead were often accorded attributes, which defied the natural order of things—the power to transform themselves into other shapes, the ability to sustain themselves by drinking human blood, and the ability to influence human minds across a distance. Such powers—described as supernatural—only leant an added dimension to the terror that humans felt regarding them.

And it was only natural, too, that the Undead should become connected with the practice of magic. From very early times, Shamans and witchdoctors had claimed at least some power and control over the spirits of departed ancestors, and this has continued down into more "civilized" times. Formerly, the invisible spirits and forces that thronged around men's earliest encampments, had spoken "through" the tribal Shamans but now, as entities in their own right, they were subject to magical control and could be physically summoned by a competent sorcerer. However, the relationship between the magician and an Undead creature was often a very tenuous and uncertain one. Some sorcerers might have even *become* Undead entities once they died, but they might also have been susceptible to the powers of other magicians when they did.

From the Middle ages and into the Age of Enlightenment, theories of the Undead continued to grow and develop. Their names became more familiar—werewolf, vampire, ghoul—each one certain to strike fear into the hearts of ordinary humans. They were no less fearsome than the vague, shapeless entities that had circled the fires of ancient people—only now they had a form and a definition. Now, they were set within a context of fear. And they

reflected some of the cultural attributes of those who believed in them—the Semite, the European, the African, and later the West Indian. Thus, golems, afreets, zombies, djinni, and draugr wandered by night (and sometimes by day) causing fear wherever they passed. As in earlier times, they may have been seen as the physical manifestations of old gods and powers or the walking dead—those who lay in the churchyards. They also included demons—beings that had never been truly born but yet included elements of both the living and the dead. Is it any wonder, therefore, that such a caravan of horrors traversed the world on a daily and nightly basis? Such undead beings appeared everywhere and in all cultures.

The purpose of this book is to detail at least some of the entities previously mentioned and to examine their possible origins. It is not meant to dismiss them as fearsome beings, nor to explain them away, nor to deny the horror that they generate. Rather it attempts to present a picture of terrible entities that have frightened Mankind across the years, that have shaped common nightmares, and have inspired the darker elements of the literary imagination. It seeks to celebrate that which lurks in the shadows or which gazes from the darkness at the solitary passerby with a frenzied and hungry eye.

Look behind you down the darkened street! Is that a movement beyond the furthest streetlight? Peer out of your window into the gloom! Was that something, half-glimpsed, that moved away as you did so? Listen! Was that a cry or a voice speaking from amongst the shadows of the hallway? The ancient horrors of the Undead are perhaps far nearer than we would care to imagine. Turn the pages of this book, if you dare, and discover just what might be lurking out there in the gathering darkness.

Vampires

Robert the younger died and was buried in the churchyard, but used to go forth from the grave at night and disturb and frighten the villagers, and the village dogs would follow him, barking mightily.

—M. R. James,
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Arguably no monster has imbedded itself so deeply in the human psyche than the vampire. The very word has the power to conjure up visions of ruined castles, perched on a crag somewhere amongst the Carpathian Mountains of Eastern Europe; of tall and saturnine Romanian noblemen, swathed in dark cloaks; and of terrified peasantry huddled in forest-bound huts and villages holding crucifixes or adorning themselves with garlic. The term is also suggestive of ruined churches, opened coffins, and wooden stakes. All this is, of course, the stock Hollywood image of the vampire that has been fed to us through the years by various celluloid representations. But how much of it is true? Just how accurate is our idea of this most familiar of monsters?

The idea of the vampire most probably has part of its origins in the ancient perceptions of the restless dead. These have been blended with stories of other

night terrors to form the vampire motif with which we are all so familiar. Coupled with this are notions of how the dead conducted themselves and conduct how they interact with and react to the living.

Greece

During the Classical Greek Homeric period, (8th–7th centuries B.C.), the spirits of those who died in bed or who were slain in battle went flittering away like bats to some unspecified and hazy afterlife, usually known as Hades, to remain there forever. They spent their time murmuring quietly to each other in the eternal darkness, perhaps arguing over family pedigrees, giving endless descriptions of famous battles, complaining about unresolved wrongs in their former life, or simply making comments on the place in which they found themselves. They took little or no interest in the everyday world in which the living existed. Indeed, some perceptions from this period concerning the dead claimed that they actually *forgot* their existence in the world of the living and spent eternity drifting listlessly about along the shores of underground rivers—namely the Styx and the Lethe, murmuring and complaining to themselves.

River Lethe

It is said that as soon as the dead inhaled the fumes of the River Lethe, they forgot their former lives and became torpid and sluggish—giving us the words *lethargy* and *lethargic* today. This fits with the concepts of the Afterlife in some other ancient cultures. For instance, the early Semites believed that Sheol (the Hebrew Afterworld) was a dank and misty place through which the spirits of the dead wandered aimlessly, only dimly able to recall any aspect of their former lives. They were largely harmless, ineffectual entities about whom the living were not terribly bothered and who, in general did not interact at all with the material world. They might be called back through magical rites in order to pronounce on some aspect of their former world, such as when the spirit of Samuel was summoned to prophesy for King Saul by the Witch of Endor, a medium who dwelt in the country between Mount Tabor and the Hill of Moreh—but generally they were left to their own dark existence.

However, by the time Socrates was forced by the Athenian authorities to drink the hemlock that killed him in 399 B.C., the perception of the dead had changed dramatically, at least in Classical Greece. No longer were they the compliant, ineffective spirits; they were now robust and active, wandering about burial grounds late at night and making their presence known. They shouted abuse, they tormented and terrorized passersby, and they sometimes attacked the living and even killed them. They could threaten their descendants and maim former neighbours. Rather than ignoring the spirits as they had done in former years, the living now feared them. These returning spectres were not the insubstantial, wafting shades of Victorian melodrama with which we are familiar; rather these were the corporeal, substantial figures that they had been in real life. They crossed between the world of the dead and the world of the living for various reasons: to harangue their descendants for some misdemeanour (real or imagined); to claim conjugal rights; to complete unfinished business left over from their time in the living world; to offer often unwanted advice, to take revenge on those whom they disliked, despised, or who had done them wrong; or simply to cause trouble amongst those who survived them. Such a trouble did these returning phantoms present that the officials in some of the Greek city states viewed with intense suspicion the Cults of the Dead and the Cults of ancient Heroes who worshipped the honoured dead within their precincts.

Not only did these phantoms appear during the hours of darkness (although this was their favoured time in order to terrify people) but they also revealed themselves during the day, particularly at mid-day, which was an especially auspicious time as morning passed into afternoon. And as the years passed, such appearances often became more dangerous and malevolent as perceptions of the dead amongst the Classical cultures gradually began to change.

Coupled with the returning dead, there were other terrors that made the blood of the Greeks run cold. Many of them also ventured out during the hours of darkness and many of them maliciously attacked the living or sought to do them some harm. One of these horrors was Hecate.

Hecate

Hecate enjoys something of an ambivalent and confusing position because it is not extremely clear as to whether she was considered a night-demon or a dark goddess. Although some Greeks referred to her as Hecate, others knew her as Aragriope, meaning "savage face" hinting at a far older entity. She was the daughter of the Titans (giants) Perses and Asteria, although others record her parents as Zeus and Scylla (a nymph who was turned into a sea-monster by the enchantress Circe, devouring all mariners who passed by her rock). She was also considered to be the dark side of the goddesses Artemis, Selene (the moon goddess), and Diana and was regarded as the Queen of the Ghostworld and matriarch of all witches; the mistress of chthonic rites and black magic. As soon as it was dark, she emerged from the Underworld to do harm to those against whom she had taken spite against. In this she was accompanied by many other foul and dangerous creatures, denizens of the Phantom world over which she ruled. These were simply known to the Greeks as "The Companions" but they comprised a legion of hideous goblins and "watchers of the night"—ill-defined terrors, some of which may have had an appetite for human blood. As she passed their houses, Hecate induced nightmares and night fevers, which sapped the strength of many sleepers, leaving them tired and listless in the morning.

Mormo

Amongst her "Companions" were Mormo, terrible shadowy entity who was frequently used by Greek mothers to frighten unruly children, and the Empusas, hideous and terrifying beings that exhibited many of the characteristics that we now associate with vampires. Whilst Hecate passed by, these horrific entities would often enter the houses of the living in order to attack the sleepers, particularly small children and the old and frail. This phantom could take a thousand different shapes, each one, the Greeks believed, more horrid and loathlsome than the last. The writer Aristophanes declared that such a creature was "clothed all about with blood and boils and blisters" and described it as "a foul vampire."

Lamia

Besides Hecate and her hellish entourage, there were other creatures that stalked the Grecian night, terrifying sleepers and harming them as they rested. Such a being was the Lamia, who usually killed small children and attacked sleeping men. Similar to Hecate, the Lamia had her origins in Classical folklore and legend. She was, according to tradition, the daughter of Belus and Libya and was a beautiful queen of the Libyan country. She was in fact so beautiful that the god Zeus fell in love with her and visited her nightly. She bore him a number of children, angering Zeus's wife, the goddess Hera. In anger Hera slew all her children, driving Lamia mad and sending her to live in the caves of the desert. Soon her fabled beauty had drained away and she became an old and monstrous woman who preyed on small children, in retaliation for the loss of her own. Under cover of darkness she travelled between the Greek houses, killing whatever infants she could find and devouring their flesh. She had become almost similar to a wild animal and the mere mention of her name struck terror into the heart of every mother. The Lamia attacked the old who were unlikely to defend themselves and, in the guise of a beautiful woman (which she was magically able to generate), she copulated with men as they slept. The Lamia, it was said, was actually fuelled by unholy lusts. She drew the semen and bodily fluids, upon which she subsisted, from male sleepers, leaving them tired and exhausted in the morning.

Cercopes

The Greeks also believed that the darkness brought out beings known as Cercopes. These were malicious and malignant goblins that followed in the wake of both Hecate and the Lamia with the intent of doing harm. Plunder and thievery were their speciality, but they were also known to drink the blood of young children, which they drank from the arms and legs of sleeping infants. They were small, squat, and swift, and were incredibly dangerous if cornered. They went in and out of the Greek houses at will. With all of these monsters and the continual threat of the returning, antagonistic dead, it is a wonder that the Greek people got any sleep at all!

Rome

Many of these terrors transferred themselves to the later Roman culture. There were, however, certain additions to the carnival of monsters that emerged after the sun had gone down. For example, there were the Roman Striges.

Striges

The name Striges came from a Latin word meaning "screech-owl," and would later come to mean a "witch or evil sorceress." It was also a term of abuse for an ugly old woman. However, in their original form, the Striges were horrors that sometimes visited humans after dark. They had the faces of ancient women but the bodies of vultures, with large and ungainly breasts that were full of poisonous milk. Their claws dripped filth and were poisonous to the touch. Most interestingly, some traditions said that these creatures subsisted upon blood, whether it was the blood of animals or humans, and this was the reason for visiting humans as they rested. The idea of the blood-drinking night visitor or vampire was already starting to take shape. Not only did the Striges attack sleepers, they also spread plague and disease through the filth on their claws—the spreading of sickness would also become a characteristic of early vampirism and would remain a belief in some Western cultures to this day.

Incubi/Succubi

Other horrific night visitors that might also prey on Roman sleepers were the incubi and succubi In some cases, these two were said to be differing aspects of the same demon. But it was generally held that the incubi was male whilst the other, much more prolific and dangerous succubus, was female. The name *succubus* probably comes from the Latin *succubare,* meaning "to lie under" and it is possible that the demon was a variant of the Greek Mormo, who was sometimes considered to be both female and sexually voracious. Indeed, it was a sexually voracious appetite that characterised both the incubus and the succubus. Both demons (or various aspects of the one demon) had sexual intercourse with men and women as they slept. The succubus in particular drew the seed from sleeping men, sexually exhausting them, and might have even

done so to do them harm. Although initially a terror in ancient Rome, the succubus was to assume greater attention in the early Christian period right through to the Middle Ages, when the demon was thought to plague monks in order to distract them from their holy vows. Monks often experienced erotic dreams and nocturnal emissions, which were credited to the attentions of the succubus during the night. In his *Compendium Maleficarum,* written some time in the 16th century, the Milanese monk and demonologist Francesco Maria Guazzo details succubi in his list of demons that torment the righteous. He states that these dreams are in fact real and the experiences of the monks, in the throes of their eroticism, were due to a completely physical manifestation of the demon whose desire was not only to break their vows of chastity but to do them actual harm. Guazzo was following the categories of demons, which had been established by the Byzantine thinker, Michael Psellus the Younger. It is thought that Psellus was born around 1018 in the city of Nicodema (now Izmit on the Gulf of Astacus) and that, as a child, he had been exposed to both Greek and Roman culture. Although more associated with the Platonist school of thought, Psellus did outline certain categories of demons, one of which was "terrors of the night" which included beings that both extracted semen and drank blood. This would undoubtedly prove the inspiration for Guazzo many centuries later.

Sumeria

The notion of the predatory spirit, especially a female spirit, found echoes in other cultures, especially the early Sumerian. Here there was a widespread belief in the demoness Lilith, who had allegedly been the first wife of Adam.

Lilith

During the 3rd century B.C. in Sumer, Lilith was known as Lil, the winged storm spirit, or spirit of vengeance. As such, she was greatly feared. This terror seems to have percolated down from ancient Sumeria into the early Hebrew tradition. The Semitic *Zohar,* or Book of Splendour (part of the *Kabbalah* and written around the 13th century allegedly using extremely ancient sources), states that she was born out of the k'lifah, "the membrane for the marrow"

which in turn had been born out of the Primordial Light. It was the first century Talmudic scholar Jerimia ben Eleazar who linked Lilith with Adam, claiming that when he had been expelled from the Garden of Eden, he got on with the demoness in the wilderness and had "begot many ghosts and demons" who were called liln or lilm. These creatures accompanied Lilith on her nightly travels, just as "The Companions" had accompanied Hecate in ancient Greece, entering houses and attacking those within. Also in the second century, Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa stated: "One may not sleep alone in a house, for whoever sleeps alone in a house is seized by Lilith." The entity then, was strongly associated with attacks on the lonely and the vulnerable. There was a strong sexual element here as well, as the demon also sought intercourse with whoever it attacked—very much in the style of the succubus. In the morning, victims were found, exhausted and drained—some were even dead—setting the tone for later vampiric entities that absorbed energy, semen, or blood.

Ancient Slavic

Further notions of predatory nocturnal creatures were to be found in ancient Slavic beliefs. At night, sleeping men were visited by the rusalka, a water spirit that sometimes mated with humans. Although largely benign, this being was driven by powerful erotic impulses and was an insatiable lover. She physically drained those whom she encountered, sapping their youth and vitality and leaving them as old and withered husks.

Draugr

As the centuries passed, these ancient terrors began to merge with perceptions of the angry and volatile dead from other cultures. Viking belief, for instance, maintained the notion of a draugr, a corporeal revenant who wandered about the countryside, performing acts of great violence against former associates or against those whom it encountered. Many of these dead lay within tomb-like barrows which were scattered across the Scandinavian landscape. These resembled houses in which the dead might "live" and from which they would venture forth, during the hours of darkness, to engage in wicked acts.

Although many of the tales concerning draugr are thought to have originated in Iceland, they soon became known across the Nordic world and even further afield. There are accounts of them from Britain and France, recounted in both Latin and Anglo-Saxon script. From these coffin mounds, the spectres hurled abuse at passers-by and often pelted them with stones. And they attached themselves to any house that had been erected nearby, terrorising the inhabitants by appearing in front of them as soon as it was dark. The Icelandic *Laxdoela Saga,* written around the 13th century (although the contents reflect much earlier fragmentary writings), includes the story of one Hrapp, who wandered from his howe (tomb) each night, to create mayhem in the district and even to kill several of his former servants. The *Eyrbyggia Saga,* written at the monastery of Helgalfel, around the middle of the 14th century, recounts the story of the vicious ghost of Thorolf Halt-foot who, together with a group of Undead companions, terrorized and devastated the country round about his burial chamber. Many of the stories concerning them reflected the earlier tales of the unquiet dead of Greece and Rome. However, a certain Christian element, asserting the superiority of the Church, was now beginning to creep into Western stories of the restless dead.

For example, around 500 A.D., there is a record of a famous encounter in a haunted house by Bishop Germanus—a place frequented by a spectre who was especially violent. The account of this is given by Constantineus, a near contemporary of Germanus that hints back to the malicious ghosts of ancient Greece and Rome. The Bishop of Auxerre in France, whilst on an important journey with his retinue, was overtaken by darkness and sought shelter in a rather disreputable hovel, which locals said was haunted. As the party settled down for the night, they were suddenly disturbed by a horrific and malevolent apparition that rose up out of the ground in front of them and proceeded to pelt them with stones. The Bishop begged the ghost to desist but it hurled abuse at them and began to pummel them with handfuls of earth. Germanus called on the ghost to stop in the Name of God and, at the mention of the holy name, it ceased its violence and became very humble. It revealed its true form: the spirit of an evil man who had been buried there without the proper rites of the Church. The Bishop asked it to show where its bones were buried and

instructed a grave to be dug. The bones were interred; the Bishop said special prayers and the hovel was no longer haunted. In this tale, the Church showed its power over the unquiet dead.

In fact, subsequent Christian folklore concerning the dead now increasingly emphasised the triumph of the forces of virtue over wandering cadavers. Those who died within the bosom of the Church were especially blessed, even though they were deceased and did not experience the anger or violence which beset those who had passed away unshriven. Much was made of a popular tale recounted by the early Christian writer Evagrius Ponticus (345–399 A.D.). The story concerns a certain holy Anchorite named Thomas who died in a suburb of the city of Antioch. Being destitute and having no possessions, the hermit was buried in a portion of the city's burying-grounds reserved for beggars and paupers. The following morning, however, it was found that the corpse had clawed its way through the earth and made its way to a mausoleum in the richest part of the cemetery. There it had laid itself down to rest. It was immediately removed and re-interred but the same thing happened on the following morning and it was noted that there were disturbances in several other graves around the area. The people summoned the patriarch Ephriam, who recommended that the body be carried in triumph to the city and placed in a shrine, with a special service to be held in honour of the Anchorite in the local church. Whether this was designed to exalt the hermit and to prevent him from walking about or to keep other cadavers in their graves is unclear. Similar stories exist concerning the lives of other hermits, monks, bishops, and saints. St. Macarius of Egypt, for instance, is said to have raised a man from his grave to testify to the innocence of a monk accused of killing him. The *History of the Franks,* speculated to be written by a group of monks, states how St. Injurieux, a notable senator of Clermont in Auvergne, rose from his tomb and went to lie with his wife Scholastica in an adjoining grave.

Celtic

Ancient stories of the restless dead and of the night terrors that wandered about as soon as darkness settled over the land gradually fused together to create legends of hostile cadavers who left their tombs in order to attack the

living. In many of these legends, blood played a significant part. Blood, after all, had been recognized since the time of the Roman physician Galen as one of the central "humours" of the body—the life force without which none could live. It was also a source of heat which warmed the body—fevers, Galen taught, were brought about by a surplus of blood, which is why ancient and some early modern physicians bled their patients or applied leeches to suck the blood from them. After a time in the cold earth of the grave, it was suggested that corpses were in need of the warmth of blood to restore them to a semblance of vitality. Moreover, because their veins and arteries were seemingly withered and shrivelled after death, they needed blood coursing through their dead bodies to restore even a semblance of life. Initially it was perceived that such cadavers might take the blood of animals that they encountered, but later it was thought that they might look towards nearby humans for some form of vile sustenance.

The Yorkshire churchman and writer, William of Newburgh (1136–98 A.D.), tells of a revenant in Buckinghamshire, England, that created much restlessness amongst a cowherd, despite the attentions of several watchmen. It returned night after night, unsettling the animals in the byre in which they were kept and around a nearby house. Although not stated, the implication was that the revenant was trying to drink the blood of these cattle. It further entered the house where it had once lived and attempted to lie in bed with its former wife whom William describes as "an honourable woman." The matter was eventually placed in front of the Bishop, whose advisors suggested exhuming the body and cremating it. The Bishop himself, however, was opposed to this—it sounded too much like sacrilege—and instead advised opening the grave and placing a scroll of absolution on the chest of the corpse. This appeared to have the desired effect and the dead man walked no more.

William goes on to recount similar stories—such as that of the ghost in Berwrick on the Scottish borders, which (with the help of Satan himself, says William) wandered nightly from its tomb, attacking those who slept in the town beyond. At daybreak, the cadaver would return to its tomb to rest before rising to recommence its nocturnal attacks. In addition to the attacks, the wandering corpse spread disease and sickness throughout the entire countryside. In the end, ten sturdy men dug up the body, which was then dismembered and burned.

Later, however, a greater part of the population of Berwick was carried off by a great pestilence, which it was assumed, was Satan wreaking revenge on the town for its destruction of his agent.

William's tale may have given rise to a later legend that purportedly comes from Annandale, also in southern Scotland, and dates from the early 14th century. In this, the Scottish king, Robert the Bruce (Robert I) visited a local lord and whilst he was there, a wretched man was brought before the lord for poaching. The lord sentenced him to death, but the king, being in a good mood, commuted the sentence and pardoned the poacher. Robert then left the area and the local lord, in violation of the king's wishes, had the man rearrested and executed. From then on, the region was troubled by the man's walking corpse. This cadaver not only drank the blood of those whom it savaged but spread a virulent plague in its wake. Churchmen were brought in to lay the body to rest but to no avail. In the end, the matter reached the ears of King Robert, who returned to the area and punished the local lord for his disobedience of his Majesty's commands. On King Robert's instructions, the cadaver of the executed man was exhumed from its grave, cut to pieces, and burned. The village was not troubled again. The site where these events occurred was said to have been very close to Berwick and it is possible that one tale may have influenced the other.

Some variants of the story, however, state that it was the Bruces' themselves who were the perpetrators of the heinous act and place responsibility fore the hanging of the unfortunate man on Robert I's father—also named Robert but known as "The Competitor." This occurrence is said to have taken place in the village of Annan in Dumfries and Galloway, and was carried out in 1138 A.D. against the wishes of a visiting saint—St. Malachy O'More, Bishop of Armagh, in the north of Ireland. When he found out what had happened, the saint cursed the Bruces in anger and the dead man rose from his grave and wandered the countryside, drinking the blood of cattle and spreading plague and disease wherever he went. In the end, he was pinned down by two knights who, intriguingly, drove a javelin through his heart before they burned him. The curse of St. Malachy—"the finger of God"—lingered with the Bruces in the shape of a disease. Robert I's father suffered from leprosy and spent the last years of his life as a virtual recluse.

Leanan Shee

The story may also have had some connection with an ancient Celtic fairy belief. Stories of blood-drinking or energy-sapping fairies (usually female) had existed in both Scotland and Ireland since the earliest times. In Ireland one such being was known as the Leanan Shee (the fairy mistress), a creature with a special affinity for humans. She was drawn to warriors and poets and often magically provided prowess for the former and inspiration for the latter. But her attentions came at a price. As she made love to the warrior or poet whose mistress she inevitably became, she drew both the strength and life from them in the manner of the ancient Roman succubus. In the end, they were little more than an empty husk, which the fairy then discarded in favour of another lover. Although the Leanan Shee did not actually drink blood, there were other Irish fairies that were said to do so. Some were said to dwell in the Magillycuddy Reeks in County Kerry in the very south of Ireland. In a lecture given at Trinity College in Dublin in 1963, the former Archivist of the Irish Folklore Commission (a Government-sponsored body set up to preserve Irish tradition), Sean O'Sullivan, (himself a Kerryman) stated that he'd heard of a castle guarding a mountain pass, high in the Reeks, that was inhabited by blood-drinking fairy creatures. The name of this place was Dun Dreach-fhoula, significantly pronounced *Drac-ola*, and meaning "the fort of evil blood," sometimes translated as "the fort of the blood visage." Unfortunately, O'Sullivan did not make any further reference to the location of the place either in his lectures or books. For instance, it does not appear in his most famous book, *Irish Wake Amusements*—and he died without ever revealing where it might be. Several academics have tried to locate it but even the most minute examination of the sites of the Barony of Kilkerron in which the Reeks lie reveals nothing. And yet tales of blood drinking and flesh eating persisted in the region well into the 20th century. In the 1930s, a collector for the Irish Folklore Commission, Tim Murphy, detailed a story from the remote mountain parish of Sneem in County Kerry that contained vampiric references. A farmer in the area had married a woman who was said to have fairy connections, who refused to eat any food that was cooked in the house but at night, would rise from her bed and go to the local cemetery where she dug up the bodies, drank the blood, and consumed the flesh. The husband followed her to the churchyard

where he confronted her as a vampire. "You would not eat the good meat or drink the good beer at your own table but you would come here at night to eat this foul dinner," he told her. At this point, Murphy's story became confusing and mixed with another tale and the fate of this vampire was unclear. However, it was apparently representative of a number of stories from that isolated upland parish and from the region in general.

Abhartach

An even older tale, supposedly dating from the 5th or 6th centuries, also comes from Ireland. This is the legend of Abhartach, which comes from what is now County Derry in the north of the country. Abhartach was allegedly an ancient ruler of a small kingdom that bordered upon what is now the town of Garvagh. He was small (possibly deformed) but said to be a mighty magician and a tyrannical monarch. He was hated by his subjects who wished to be rid of him, but were too frightened to kill him themselves because of his alleged magic powers. They brought another chieftain named Cathain from a neighbouring kingdom to do the job for them. Cathain killed the tyrant and buried him standing up as befitted a Celtic chieftain. But the next day, Abhartach was back, demanding a bowl of blood from the wrists of his subjects in order, says the tale, to "sustain his vile corpse." Cathain came again, killed him, and reburied him, but the next day the dreadful cadaver was back, demanding the same gory tribute. Cathain then consulted with either the druids (Pagan holy men) or an early Christian saint (depending on what version of the story is told) as to why this should be. He was told that Abhartach wasn't completely dead, nor could he be killed, because of his magic powers. He was one of the marbh bheo (walking dead) who would torment his people unless he was suspended. Cathain could do this by killing him with a sword made of yew wood, burying him upside down, placing thorns around his grace, and a great stone directly on top of him. Cathain did all this, even going so far as to build a leacht or sepulchre over the gravesite. This monument gave the townland outside Garvagh its name—Slaghtaverty (Abhartach's leacht). Today, the sepulchre is gone, although it is said that one massive capstone remains over the actual burial site. A tree has grown there, too—supposedly from the original

thorns, although this growth is much younger. The land around is considered "bad ground" and has changed ownership several times and few locals will approach the place after dark, even today. In the region they still talk about "the man who was buried three times."

The previous story was at one time extremely well known throughout Ireland. Although most probably a folk legend, it was written down as actual history in Dr. Geoffrey Keating's *Foras Feasa ar Eireann (A General History of Ireland)* between 1620 and 1631, perhaps making it the oldest written vampire story in Western Europe. It was later reprinted in 1880 in *A History of Ireland* by Patrick Weston Joyce and, it has been suggested, the Celtic chieftain Abhartach may have been the prototype for Bram Stoker's classic vampire figure, Dracula. It should be borne in mind that the two most famous vampire stories—Dracula and Carmilla, were both written by Irishmen, Bram Stoker and Sheridan Le Fanu respectively.

Glestigs

Tales of blood-drinking fairies and cadaverous Celtic chieftains have made their way into Scottish folklore as well. Stories from the Western Isles of the Hebrides spoke of fairies that drank both the milk and the blood of cattle. These ancient sprites were often attached to ancient tumuli—the graves of prehistoric peoples with whom they were often associated. Creatures known as glestigs often inhabited such places or the ruins of former castles and abbeys, luring in passers-by by calling out to them and then attacking them. In some cases they were also known to drink the blood of passing wayfarers.

Banshee

Also in the Highlands, beings known as the Baobhan Sith annoyed, tormented, and sometimes killed shepherds and herders as they tended their flocks in their shielings (shelters) on the high moors. The name simply means "spirit woman" and refers to a type of fairy whose roots go back into the mists of antiquity. She (and the fairy always appeared to be female) was the last representative of a goat-footed race that had lived in the Highlands before the time of true men and she had a passion for human blood. The Baobhan

Sith was also a shapeshifter and could approach her victims, usually lonely herders, in the guise of their wives or sweethearts whom they had left behind. When alone, the creature revealed its true nature and drank their blood. In her book, *The Supernatural Highlands,* Francis Thompson recounts a tale of three hunters who were beset by these vampires in the hills around Kintail. Having had a disappointing day during which they had caught nothing, they passed the night in a lonely hut, high up in a glen. Whilst one of them played on a trump (Jews harp) to pass the time, another languidly wished aloud that their wives and sweethearts could be with them in these desolate hills. Almost at once, the door of the hut opened and three women came in who, in the dim light, resembled those women, and who sat down with two of them beside the fire. The musician, very uncertain, kept to his own side of the blaze. The other two sat with the women, talking softly with their sweethearts whispering into their ears. In the uncertain light, the musician saw to his horror a stream of blood snaking across the floor. And as he squinted more closely in the murky light, he saw that the feet of the women on the other side of the fire resembled those of a goat or deer. With a cry, he leapt to his feet and dashed from the hut. Running across the hills, he heard the women pursue him. One said: "Dhith sibha'ur curhaich fain ach dh'thag mo curhaich fein mise" ("You ate your own victims, but mine escaped from me"). At last he made it to the door of a mountain cottage and was taken in. The following morning, he returned with some other men to the hut where he found the bodies of his two companions, strangled, broken, and drained of blood. It was well-known, he was told, that the gloomy glens of Kintail were home to vampires and blood-drinking fairies.

Fairies, it was believed in many parts of the Celtic world, could also sometimes reanimate dead bodies and use them for their own purposes—often to torment the living. For this reason, the bier upon which a body was borne to the graveyard was sometimes ritually smashed before the mourners left the churchyard. In this way, it was thought malefic spirits were prevented from taking over the corpse of the recently interred. There are stories of this being done, right up until the early 20th century, in places such as Islay in the Western Isles of Scotland and in Counties Roscommon and Carlow in Ireland.

Italy

It was not only in the Celtic world that tales of animated corpses were told. In Italy, there were, in some areas, legends of people who quite simply, "refused to die," although their bodily functions were deemed to have stopped. A popular Roman tale tells that in 1583, the fourteen-year-old son of a prince of the city, Fabrizio Massimo, died of an unexplained fever. However, after he'd been buried, the boy was seen again but his appearance seemed to be accompanied by a bout of sickness or plague that swept through certain sectors of the city. Although the apparition did not drink blood, death accompanied each of its visitations. The Roman people became seriously alarmed and the boy's family summoned a holy man, St. Philip Neri, to investigate the appearance. The holy man went straight to the boy's tomb and opened it, finding the child's corpse in a perfect state of preservation although he had been dead for some time. St. Philip, laid a hand on the cadaver's forehead, and immediately the boy sat up and opened his eyes. "Are you unwilling to die?" asked the saint. "No," replied the youth. "Are you resigned to yield up your soul?" continued the holy man. "I am," came the answer. "Then go!" commanded St. Philip and he blessed the body whereupon the youth fell back with a serene look upon his face and expired for a second time. The city was troubled no more, either by the apparition or by the plague.

A similar, earlier story is told regarding the 6th century Byzantine saint, Theodosius the Cenobite, as recounted by Theodore of Petra. One of the Brethren at Theodosius's monastery, a monk named Basil, died and was laid in his tomb. But from time to time, several of the other Brothers saw him at prayer in the chapel. Some even heard the sound of his voice as he prayed, whilst others saw him in his accustomed place among the choir stalls. Coupled with these visions, periodic sicknesses swept through the holy house. The monks consulted with St. Theodosius, who suggested prayer and fasting. He himself prayed earnestly and continually that the apparition might be relieved and, according to the legend, on one evening during a service, all the monks saw the vision of Basil. The phantom advised them that, because of their prayers (especially those of the saint himself), that it would now depart from them to

the Afterlife and that forthwith, the illnesses that had raged amongst them would cease. He offered them the blessing "God be with, my father and my Brethren" and he vanished from their sight. Shortly afterwards the sicknesses passed and the monastery was not troubled again.

Eastern Europe

It is, perhaps, amongst the Slavic and East European peoples that the notion of the vampire seems to have gained hold. Indeed, the word itself may come from an ancient Turkish word, *oubir,* that meant "a witch or malignant sorcerer." Others have argued that it comes from an obscure Greek word meaning "to drink."

It is thought that belief in the walking dead—cadavers who did not necessarily drink blood but may have done so—was fairly widespread. There was also a belief that for every vampire that was created, there was also someone born who could slay it. Thus in the late 13th century, vampire hunters flourished in various parts of central and Eastern Europe adding to the myth. In fact, the situation grew so bad that during the reign of Wenceslaus III, King of Hungary (1301–1305) and King of Bohemia (1305–1306), an edict was issued forbidding the digging up of graveyards in order to "slay" malefic corpses. Bohemia was a country that occupied most of what is now the Central and Western Czech Republic.

The Shoemaker of Silesia

One of the earliest tales from the region concerns "The Shoemaker of Silesia" and is dated from around the year 1591. Silesia is now to be found within the borders of present-day Poland and was inhabited by Slavic peoples. The shoemaker dwelt in one of its major towns and sometime in September 1591, he committed suicide in a neighbour's garden by cutting his throat with his shoemaker's knife. Because the sin was so grievous, his wife and family put it about the locality that he had died from some unknown disease. All the same, a number of busybodies put it about that there was more to the shoemaker's death than first appeared and the authorities decided to investigate.

Spectrum

Whilst these deliberations were going on, the shoemaker himself appeared, or at least some shape, (called a "Spectrum" in the account) resembling him did. And it did not only appear at night but in the middle of the day as well. It wandered about the town, visiting houses when it pleased. Those who were sleeping were tormented by terrible dreams in which the figure of the shoemaker was featured prominently and those who were waking did so to find what seemed to be a heavy weight upon them, which was taken to be the shoemaker, albeit in an invisible state. There were perpetual complaints resonating all through the town. Of course, these appearances and experiences highlighted the memory of the shoemaker and raised further questions about his death, which his widow, family, and friends sought to suppress. So great did the horror become that the town officials considered digging up the shoemaker's corpse in order to inspect it. Terrified that it would now be disclosed as to how he met his end, his widow and sons begged the Council not to proceed, adding that they intended to apply to the Emperor's court for a ruling on the matter. However, the apparition became bolder—appearing by people's bedsides as soon as they lay down, or else lying down beside them and seeking to suffocate them with its attentions. It also struck them and pinched at their skin, drawing blood on some occasions. In the morning, the bruises and cuts and sometimes the marks of fingers about their throats were plain to see. The authorities could no longer ignore this situation and the Magistrate gave instructions that the body should be exhumed.

By this time, he had been in the ground for about eight months—from 22nd September 1591 to 18th April 1592. Yet when he was exhumed, his body was found to be "uncorrupted and not at all putrid" even though his burial clothes had already rotted. Not only this, but his hair, fingernails, and toenails had continued to grow whilst in the grave. Examining the body, a local Magistrate found what appeared to be a magical mark on the big toe of his right foot in the shape of a rose. The wound on his throat still gaped but had not become infected and his limbs and joints were as supple as the day he was buried.

His body was not reburied but was kept lying in the open from the 18th to the 24th of April and was inspected daily by the townspeople. His nightly

wanderings did not cease, however, and many were still troubled by his nightly visitations. Nor did the corpse appear to decay in any way. In consternation, the people of the town buried him once more, this time under the local gallows in the hope that this would in some way restrain him, but it didn't. Neighbours were even more disturbed by the visitations of the Spectrum, which pinched them and tried to crush them, leaving them with blue and black marks all over their bodies. In the end, the shoemaker's wife went to a local magistrate and told him to do whatever was necessary to lay her husband's unquiet spirit to rest. The body was once again dug up from beneath the gallows and its head and legs were struck off with the blade of a spade (it was noted that it had grown even fleshier and seemed to have put on a little weight), its back was ripped open, and its heart was pulled out. To the horror of those around, the heart seemed very fresh and full of blood and appeared to pulse slightly, similar to the heart of a living man. All this, together with the rest of the body was placed on a pile of wood and was burned to ashes, which were then placed in a sack and dumped in a nearby river. This, the local people hoped, would be the end of the matter. But there were still more horrors to come.

A girl from the same town had died shortly after the shoemaker, after allegedly being visited by the Spectrum. Eight days afterward, she appeared to a fellow servant as she lay in bed and lay across her in an attempt to crush her. She then attacked an infant lying in its cot, and would have made off with it had a nurse not arrived at an opportune moment and saved it by calling out in the Name of Jesus, whereupon the spectre vanished. However, she continued to appear in various guises, including that of a hen. When one of the other maids decided to follow her back to the grave and see if it was indeed their former colleague, the hen grew to a monstrous size and grabbed her by the throat. The dead girl continued to terrorize the town for a whole month in various shapes: a dog, a goat, a cat, and an old woman. It was assumed by the local magistrates that the scourge of the Undead had been passed on from her encounter with the shoemaker's Spectrum. Her body was also dug up and burned and the spectral occurrences ceased.

The shoemaker of Silesia was only one of the alleged vampiric cases that began to manifest themselves into the culture of Central and Eastern Europe.

As the 17th century wore on, there were a number of further instances scattered across the towns and villages of Hungary and what is now the Czech Republic. Wandering ghosts, sometimes in the shapes of animals, and those who had died without the Sacraments, or who had died having committed some sin, roamed abroad, tormenting their neighbours and attacking their livestock. And in the dawn of the Enlightened 18th century, men of learning began to turn their attention in the direction of vampires, considering whether or not they in fact existed, just as they did with the notion of witches.

Magia Posthuma

One of the first considered reports on these apparitions was the treatise *Magia posthuma,* written in 1706 by Charles Ferdinand de Shertz. It was published in the town of Olmutz in Moravia and was dedicated to Prince Charles Joseph of Lorraine, Bishop of Olmutz and Osnabruk. Shertz, who was an eminent lawyer of his day, argued his case from a legalistic point of view. Concentrating on a number of cases, he came to the conclusion that so many trustworthy people had suffered from vampiric attentions that it was reasonable to assume that such creatures actually existed. In one of these cases—that of a herdsman—he noted that the ghost of the dead herder seemed able to exhaust his neighbours simply by loudly calling their name, suggesting that even the *voice* of the vampire had energy-sapping qualities. He also considered whether the body should be burned, and how the injuries which they inflicted upon the living should be dealt with.

Dissertatio de Uamparis Seruiensibus

Perhaps in response to Shertz's book (which was widely circulated), the number of instances of vampirism seemed to increase in Hungary and in surrounding districts. Indeed, during the early to mid-1700s, there was almost an epidemic, reminiscent of the days of Wenceslaus III. Such an epidemic appeared to reach its height in both Greater Serbia and in Hungary during the 1730s, prompting the thinker John Heinrich Zopfius to publish a further work on vampirism. The was in the form of a dissertation—*Dissertatio de Uamparis Seruiensibus* (published in 1733)—in which he painted lurid pictures of the dead rising from their graves to attack the living. Zopfus's work was only one

of a plethora of such works issued from Germany, Italy, and England, as men of education turned their thoughts to a supposed vampire menace in Central and Eastern Europe. Such learned works included John Christian Stock's *Dissetatio de cadaueribus sanguisgus* (1732); Philip Rohr's *De masticatione mortuorum* (published in Leipzig in 1679) and John Christian Harenberg's *Von Vampyren* (1739). There were also many more. This corpus of vampire literature further included Cardinal Guieseppe Davenzatti, the Archbishop of Trani, whose work *Dissertazione sopra I vampiri* (1744) is regarded as the first major work by a churchman on the subject. The affairs and occurrences in Hungary and Moravia were now drawing the attention of the Vatican authorities, particularly that of Pope Benedict XIV. In 1746, the pontiff commissioned an enquiry into what was going on in Eastern Europe. The man he chose to conduct this investigation was a Frenchman by the name of Benedictine Dom Antoine Augustin Calmet (1672-1757). Calmet had a reputation both as a theologian and as a writer and his exegetical works had earned him a reputation far beyond the confines of the Catholic Church, although they have subsequently failed to stand the test of time. At the time of his appointment, he was a lecturer in theology at the abbey of Moyen-Moutier.

Calmet's brief was to investigate a number of occurrences in Hungary, Serbia, Bohemia, and Moravia; test their validity; and write a report, which would be forwarded to the Vatican. This report, presented in the form a treatise—*Dissertation sur les Apparitions, anges des demons et les Espirits, et sur les revenants et Vampires de Hungarie, de Boheme, de Moravia et de Silese* was received and subsequently printed in 1746.

Arnold Paole

There were a number of cases for Calmet to consider—particularly two rather famous stories that had been widely circulated. The first was the affair of one Arnold Paole, an ex-soldier from the district of Medvegia, in Serbia which was at that time part of the Austrian Empire. Paole had been a likeable, good-natured character who had gone off to serve in the Emperor's army in Turkish Serbia, returning home in 1727. He settled down as a farmer and became engaged to a local girl. However, his neighbours noticed that, since his

return from the Army, his character had subtly changed. Although still extremely pleasant, he had become almost brooding and fearful, ready to jump at any shadow. He privately told his fiancée a strange story as an explanation. When stationed in Turkish Serbia, his regiment had been subject to the nightly attentions of a vampire. A group of men including Paole himself had been sent out to find the creature and destroy it. It was Paole who had located the creature's grave and who had dug it up, killing it after a brief struggle. However, in its death throes, the thing covered the young soldier in blood and grave earth. He had washed it away but ever after he still felt contaminated. He felt as though some unclean shadow was hanging over him and that something was watching him as he went about his work. His fiancée told him not to be foolish, but Paole's gloomy attitude continued. A week after the confession, he was killed in a fall from a cart and was quickly buried in the local cemetery.

Three weeks later, a number of people complained of seeing Arnold Paole about the town and several said that he had come into their bedrooms at night for some unspecified purpose. Shortly after, four of these complainants died from an unknown disease. The ghost of Arnold Paole was blamed for these deaths and the word "vampire" began to circulate in the district—people now heard of the curious story that he had told his fiancée. Even so, nothing was done immediately. Arnold Paole's grave was opened forty days after his death. To the alarm of everyone present, his body was found to be undecayed—and it got worse. Fresh blood had oozed from his eyes, nose, and ears and the front of his shirt, all across his chest, was found to be soaked in it. His fingernails had fallen off but had been replaced by new growths and his hair appeared to have grown considerably. For the locals, this was a sure sign that Arnold Paole had become a vampire, so a wooden whitethorn stake was driven into the corpse's heart in accordance with local custom. In response, the dead man gave a loud groan, which was heard by everyone present. The body was left in the open and surgeons were brought from Belgrade in order to examine it. They announced that Paole had been a vampire, and the four people who had died after reputedly seeing his ghost, were also exhumed and staked. However, the danger had not passed.

Four years afterwards, in 1731, seventeen people reputedly died, due to some sort of vampiric activity, evoking memories of Arnold Paole. A twenty year-old woman by the name of Stana had suddenly and inexplicably died after an illness which had lasted three days and which came directly after her confinement. On her deathbed, she confessed that she had secretly anointed herself with the blood of an alleged vampire in order to protect herself from its attentions whilst pregnant. (This, apparently, was a common belief in that part of Serbia.) Nevertheless, both she and her baby died. Both were rather carelessly buried and the body of the infant was subsequently dug up and devoured by a wolf pack. The body of the woman, however, was left untouched by the wolves and seemed to be in an undecayed state. When her grave was opened, it was found that her chest cavity was full of fresh blood and that she looked as fresh as when she had been alive. Both her finger and toenails were loose and came away when touched, revealing new ones growing underneath. The body was adjudged to be in "the vampire condition" and was burned. Another body, that of a sixteen year-old boy that had been buried for ninety days, was also exhumed and found to be as perfectly fresh as it had been when he was alive. The body of his companion was also unearthed and found to be in a similar condition. Another young girl was dug up some time after being interred, and her body was also found to be fresh and supple and when a stake was thrust into her, she disgorged a large amount of blood. These, and a number of others, provoked yet another vampire scare. Soon the name of Arnold Paole was circulating far and wide, adding to the debate on vampires.

Peter Plogojowitz

Another case that had excited some interest in the local area was that of a farmer from the village of Kisilova in the Rhum Province of Serbia named Peter Plogojowitz. The case had been investigated by an Army enquiry sitting at Belgrade. There was nothing unusual about Plogojowitz, he was a simple, sixty-two year old farmer who owned some land around Kisilova. He seemed extremely hale and hearty. Despite his apparent good health, Peter Plogojowitz suddenly sickened and died. Three nights after his interment, there were sounds from the kitchen of his house, and upon entering,

his son, found the likeness of Plogojowitz standing there. The apparition asked him for food. When a meal was set down before him, he ate it, then rose and left the room, presumably going back to the grave. The next day, the son (who was very alarmed at his experience), told neighbours what had happened. He waited up the following night but the apparition of his father didn't appear. Yet the next night, he was back and asking for more food. This time, the son refused and Plogojowitz gave him a malevolent and threatening look before leaving. The next day Plogojowitz's son suddenly died. His death was only the first of six in the village, all of whom seemed to die within hours of each other. The cause of their deaths seemed to be due to exhaustion and excessive blood loss. Before dying, each of them had complained that they had seen the shape of Peter Plogojowitz either in their bedrooms or in a dream. In these dreams, he seemed to glide toward them and catch them by the throat, then lowered his head to bite and draw their blood from the wound. He was believed to have killed nine persons in this way within the space of a week. Despite the best efforts of the local apothecary, all those who had seen or dreamed of Plogojowitz died extremely quickly.

The local magistrates were determined to put an end to what was happening before a full-scale vampire hysteria broke out. They contacted a local Army commander who happened to be staying nearby, asking him to investigate. The commander arrived in Kislova, bringing with him two other officers, and proceeded to order the immediate exhumation of the body of Peter Plogojowitz. They actually opened all the graves of those who had died subsequent to the farmer's death, but paid close attention to the corpse that had been Plogojowitz. They found it almost undecayed and lying as if in a trance. In fact, it even appeared to be breathing almost imperceptibly. To the absolute terror of the examiners, the eyes were wide open, and several of those who observed them swore that they moved a little, following the movements of those around the body. His hair and nails had grown, a number of old wounds were now encased in freshly grown skin, and the joints remained supple and moved easily. The farmer's mouth was smeared with fresh blood, and his complexion was extremely florid, as though gorged with the substance. The commander and his assistants concluded that this was indeed the vampire who

had been terrorizing the district and they should put an end to it. In accordance with local custom, a sharp wooden stake was driven into the cadaver's heart, resulting in great quantities of fresh blood pouring forth from every part of the body. Wood was subsequently gathered and formed into a pyre upon which the corpse was then burned. No evidence of vampirism was found upon any of the other bodies that were exhumed along with Plogojowitz. Their copses were replaced in caskets and reburied. After this the dreams and apparitions ceased, as did the deaths in the village.

Returning to Belgrade, the commander and his officers formally convened again and made a report, concluding that Peter Plogojowitz had indeed been a vampire. Because of the military involvement, this was one of the best attested cases of its time, and placed Central and Eastern Europe firmly at the centre of vampire lore.

Grando

Whilst the cases of Arnold Paole and Peter Plogojowitz were undoubtedly extremely famous and widely discussed, there were nevertheless other reasonably famous vampire cases as well. Erasmus Franciscus in his commentary on the Baron Valvasor's work *Die Ehre des Herzogthums Krain* (1698), mentions an interesting and famous instance from the district of Kranj in Carniola in Slovenia. A relatively wealthy landowner named Grando had always been a hard worker and was well-liked around the various villages and in the neighbouring city. However, around his 60th year, he was suddenly taken with a strange disease and subsequently died. About two weeks or so after his death, people were wakened from a sound sleep by a heavy weight landing on their chest and by pricking and pinching pains around their throats. There was no doubt in their minds that these had been caused by Grando, as several of them had dreamed about the landowner at the same time. The ecclesiastical authorities were approached and decreed that his grave should be opened, even though he'd been buried for several months. When this was done, it was found that the body was extremely fresh and flaccid and with a ruddy complexion. In fact, he looked as though he was simply sleeping. And as they gazed at the body, it appeared that the dead man's lips quivered and he smiled or bared his teeth.

He even parted his lips as if to breathe. And to add to their horror, the eyes of the corpse suddenly opened, whereupon all those present fell to their knees and began to recite sacred litanies against evil. A priest then raised a crucifix above his face and intoned "Raise thine eyes and look upon Jesus Christ who hath redeemed us from the pains of hell by His most Holy Passion and His precious Death upon the Rood." At first, the dead man looked confused, then an expression of intense sadness crossed his face and tears began to flow down his cheeks. After a solemn commendation of his soul and at a sign from the priest, the head of the vampire was struck from the body with a spade. The headless body jerked and convulsed as if it had been alive. After that, his former neighbours were no longer troubled in their sleep.

The Bad Lord Soulis and Robin Redcap

Although the majority of recorded cases which excited the scholarly minds of the 16th and 17th centuries occured in Central and Eastern Europe, other countries seemed to have certain instances of vampirism as well. Along the Scottish Borders, Hermitage Castle in Roxboroughshire enjoys a particularly sinister reputation as the home of an evil man who was believed to exhibit vampiric tendencies. This was "the bad Lord Soulis," a member of the de Soulis family who occupied the land from the mid-13th to the mid-14th century. Which Lord Soulis is being referred to is unclear, but it is certain that he was a tyrant and that he trafficked with dark powers. Together with a blood-drinking familiar or imp, whom he called "Robin Redcap," the Lord Souls kidnapped many people, including children who were tortured and murdered in lonely Hermitage Castle. Tradition also states that both he and the imp used their blood in diabolical rites and may have drunk it as well. Realizing what was happening, local people stormed the castle and overpowered the Lord, boiling him in lead—in some versions they wrapped the body in a sheet of lead to prevent his master, the Devil, from getting him, and to stop the corpse from rising and terrorizing the countryside once more.

Alexander Stewart, the Wolf of Badenoch

In the Scottish Highlands, the infamous Alexander Stewart, the 14th century Wolf of Badenoch, brother to King Robert III of Scotland, was supposed to drink

blood amongst his Highland ceterans (outlaw soldiers) in his fortress at Lochindorb above Kingussie in the Spey Valley. Alexander was supposed to have sold his soul to the devil and to have a copy in his possession of the notorious *Book of Black Earth,* a terrible volume of reputedly prehistoric magic that he had partly copied down from the lips of Highland chailleachs (witches). This would form the basis of the equally infamous *Red Book of Appin* (called the Wicked Bible by the Covenanters), which was supposedly used by Stewart sorcerers right up until 1745 when it disappeared. Some of the spells contained therein were said to involve the shedding and drinking of human blood. The Wolf, of course, held his court in a massive stone circle (now gone) near present-day Kingussie, so that he could commune with evil spirits. In this stone circle and under the influence of Druidic forces, he was said to drink the blood of stillborn babies in the midst of unholy rituals. Of course, many of these tales (especially those about drinking the blood of infants) may well have been put about by his implacable enemy, Alexander Burr, Bishop of Moray, but they served to create the impression of a vampiric Highland warlord which still lingers to this day.

Tadhg O'Carroll

In Ireland, members of the ruling clans were sometimes portrayed as having a lust for blood. In the bloody years of unrest around the mid-16th and early 17th centuries, a number of tales circulated throughout the country concerning the vampiric tendencies of certain ferocious and cruel warlords. Many of these may well have been put about by their enemies, but they left an indelible impression on the general mind, that echoed down across the centuries. Tadhg (or Teige) O'Carroll, for example, one of the so-called "Dark Princes of Ely" was credited with drinking the blood of his prisoners. The ancient kingdom of Ely lay in the Irish Midlands and comprised most of Counties Offaly and North Tipperary. It served as a "buffer zone" between two great power blocs in the area—one headed by the Fitzgeralds, (the Earls of Desmond and Kildare), the other headed by the Butlers (the Dukes of Ormond and North Tipperary). The O'Carrolls were a particularly fierce and war-like clan who had probably been driven south from North Monaghan by an expansion of the more

powerful O'Neills in neighbouring Tyrone. Politically skillful and devious, they were able to play the main regional power blocs off against each other whilst ruling their own lands with an iron fist. The most bloodthirsty of them all, however, was Tadhg Caoch (One-eyed Tadhg) who came to prominence in between 1540s and early 1550s. His stronghold of Leap Castle (between Birr and Kinnity in Offaly) had an extremely sinister reputation that it enjoys even today (it is believed to be the most haunted castle in Western Europe). An old legend says the mortar used to build the fortress had been mixed with the blood of the defeated O'Bannions, from whom the O'Carrolls had seized the land, leading to the ancient curse that is said to still hang over the place—"Raised in blood; blood be its portion." Tadhg encouraged this reputation and added to his own notoriety by cutting the throat of his elder brother Thaddeus, who was a priest, whilst he was at prayer in the chapel at Leap. This was an act of blasphemy, which condemned the chieftain to remain as a vampiric ghost within the gloomy corridors of Leap. Tadhg was killed by his own kinsmen during internecine disputes in 1553, but not before he had killed large numbers of the neighbouring O'Mahons and allegedly drank their blood, and before he had bricked up many prisoners in the extensive rock-hewn dungeons that extend for miles beneath the castle. Many of these remain sealed to this day, concealing the atrocities of Tadhg and many of the other O'Carroll chieftains. In 1617, following the chaos of the Rebellion of Hugh O'Neill and the Plantation of Ulster, the era of the O'Carroll chieftains eventually came to an end as Sir Charles O'Carroll accepted lands in the New World and his descendants went on to found the state of Maryland. One of them was a signatory to the Declaration of Independence. The sinister fortress of Leap Castle however, still stands, guarding a trail that runs through the Slieve Bloom Mountains, between the plain of Leix and the coast. It is said to be haunted by Tadhg's vampiric spirit and at midnight, an eerie light has been seen shining across the valley in which it is situated, from the window of the chapel where the evil warlord slew his brother. Few locals will venture there after dark.

Cormac Tadhg McCarthy

Another vampire warlord was reputedly Cormac Tadhg McCarthy of Carrickphouka Castle, west of Macroom in County Cork. In 1601, he was made High Sheriff of Cork by the English with the instructions to hunt down all Irish rebels. In this he was diligent, anxious to please his English masters. His main opponent was the chieftain James Fitzgerald, who was regarded as a traitor by the authorities in Dublin, and in order to capture him, Cormac invited him to a feast in Carrickphouka on the pretence of making peace. During the course of the banquet, he had Fitzgerald killed, but in order to assure the English of his loyalty and to impress them, he went slightly further. It is said that he lapped up the spilled blood and ate the raw flesh of the fallen chieftain, much to the horror and disgust of the English who were present. In defence of these horrific actions, the McCarthy clan claimed that Cormac had in fact been possessed by a spirit that had risen out of the rock upon which his castle was built. (Carrickphouka means "the rock of the phouka"—phouka or pooka being a malevolent and dark spirit or demon). Even so, this was not enough to prevent Cormac from going down in history as a "vampire Sheriff." Even today, tales still exist of alleged sightings of him in and around the castle, long after his death. Today Carrickphouka Castle is simply a ruin—it was destroyed during the Williamite Wars of 1690-91, but local people still stay away from it after dark and elderly people will cross the road when passing by it and will genuflect in protection, even in broad daylight.

Relish Cakes and Blood Pudding

The horrors of the Great Famine (1845–52) added another element to the vampire legends of Ireland. As the Irish potato crop, upon which much of the populace depended, began to fail, hunger and destitution began to set in all across the country. In desperation, people turned to other means of sustenance, one of which was blood. One of the most famous alternative dishes of the Famine period was "relish cakes" that in many ways resembled the English black pudding. These were made from dried blood, (usually that of pigs or cows), mixed with whatever greens were available—cabbage tops and so on—and heated in the fires of the cottages. In other localities, cattle were driven to certain areas, where a small incision was made in their necks and a small amount

of blood drawn off. This was then used to make the relish cakes or, more than likely, drunk raw, similar to milk. Blood was believed to be a good source of iron and nutrients and was supposed to guard against the fevers and sicknesses that followed the Famine.

Epidemics of various diseases swept through a number of Irish counties independent of the Famine. Several years before the Great Hunger took hold there were outbreaks of typhoid and tuberculosis in places such as Counties Sligo and Clare. People began to sicken and waste away, coughing up flecks of blood that remained about their mouths. They sensed a weight on their chests and their skin became pallid to the point of looking similar to marble. These were all the classic symptoms of a vampire attack. It is interesting to note that Bram Stoker's mother came from County Sligo and that she had lived through a particularly vicious epidemic of tuberculosis there in the early 1800s.

England 18th Century

Although England did not suffer from such horrors, there were tales of vampiric corpses rising from the dead in English folklore as well. Instances of catalepsy and trances seem to have been common around the 1700s and into the early 1800s. Medicine as we understand it was, of course, simply finding its feet, and some of those who were pronounced dead were in fact not dead at all. Some of the horror that these unfortunates must have experienced is reflected in Edgar Allen Poe's macabre masterpiece *The Premature Burial*. Such burials were in all probability, much more common than might be imagined. There are tales from England, Wales, and Ireland of corpses suddenly "coming to" just as they were about to be coffined, or of corpses opening their eyes and sitting up when they were already in an open coffin.

Constance Whitney

In the chancel of the London church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, there is still a monument to the memory of Constance Whitney who died in the early 1800s. Her tomb is marked by a marble scroll, with a carving on it that depicts the lady rising from her coffin. Behind this representation is a rather frightening legend.

The unfortunate lady was buried whilst in a cataleptic trance and was only returned to consciousness when a greedy sexton opened her coffin with the intention of stealing a valuable ring from her finger. The lady rose up, putting the robber to flight, and lived for a number of years after her terrifying ordeal.

Ernest Wicks

In September 1895, a boy named Ernest Wicks was found lying on the grass in Regent's Park, London, seemingly quite dead. The body was removed to and laid out in Marylebone mortuary where it was examined by the mortuary keeper, Mr. Ellis, prior to the arrival of a doctor. During the course of this examination, Mr. Ellis noted that the chest was slightly rising and falling and he assumed that the subject might well be alive. He rubbed the boy's arms in an attempt to restore the circulation and it seems to have worked—the child sluggishly sat up as if he had been no more than sleeping. He then slumped back but continued to breathe regularly. When the doctor arrived, the child was taken to the Middlesex Hospital where the surgeon pronounced him to be "recovering from a fit." At an inquiry in 1902, it was revealed that the boy had "died" no less than four times and that his mother had obtained three certificates of death, all signed by reputable doctors. And Ernest Wicks was not the only person to be so afflicted.

Alice Holden

In 1905, a Mrs. Alice Holden, living near Accrington, suddenly "died," despite being only twenty-eight and in full health. Even though the circumstances looked more than a little suspicious, the doctor did not hesitate to issue a certificate of death and arrangements for her funeral were made. Luckily, an undertaker's assistant saw a flutter of her eyelids as he prepared to put the body in the coffin, and eventually the woman was revived and continued to live perfectly well for many years afterwards. Though this occurred at the beginning of the 20th century, a similar event took place in England in the 1990s. Here, once again, a woman was pronounced dead and, if not for an embalmer's eagle-eyed observation, she would have been buried. She is still living today, fit and well.

Resurrection Men

The horror of premature burial was coupled in the popular imagination with yet another terror—that of the Resurrection Men. As medical science made its faltering steps forward during the 18th century, a growing number of anatomists and surgeons began to look around for dead human bodies upon which they could experiment and with which they could teach their pupils. Initially executed felons provided a ready source for these—the English king, Henry VIII granted the Worshipful Company of Barber-Surgeons four cadavers each year to practice upon—but soon the demand was so great that the gallows struggled to keep up. In order to meet this demand, a new breed of criminal came to the fore—the Resurrectionist or "Sack-em-Ups." These were, in effect, bodysnatchers—those who would dig up freshly interred corpses and sell them on to the surgeons. It was a ghoulish practice and totally illegal. And indeed, some of the Resurrectionists augmented their supplies of cadavers with those whom they had themselves murdered. In many cases, those purchasing the corpses did not query the method of death too much. Gentlemen such as Dr. Robert Knox in Edinburgh (now notorious for his connection with the infamous bodysnatchers Burke and Hare) and Dr. Samuel Clossey in Dublin, were willing to "turn a blind eye" to irregularities that they found on the bodies, which today would suggest foul play. As early as the 1760s, the Edinburgh female Resurrectionists, Helen Torrence and Jean Waldie were dealing with dug-up bodies alongside a "Dr. Russell" and his associates who ran an "apothecary shop" in the old part of the city. In London, competing gangs led by Ben Crouch and Israel Chapman dealt with the United Borough Hospital and St. Bartholomew's between 1809 and 1813. Even as late as 1830, the Bethnal Green gang, led by John Bishop, was selling freshly dug-up bodies to St. Bartholomew's for eight guineas.

The idea of the body being buried before its time, and that of the cadaver raised from the grave by the attentions of the Resurrectionists, made an indelible impression on the popular mind. This fused with tales coming from Central and Eastern Europe to form the basis of the English vampire belief. It was but a small step from the "resurrected" corpse to the notion of the threatening vampire rising from its tomb to menace those around it.

An example of the English vampire theme is to be found in Augustus Hare's *Story of My Life* (1896) in which he recounted a tale told to him by a certain Captain Fisher whose family had lived at Coglin Grange in a remote area of Cumberland in the north of the country.

Coglin Grange

The Grange at Coglin was a long, low house, no more than one-story high. It was very old, and according to Fisher, the land sloped away at one side towards an equally ancient church, in a hollow below. Coglin Grange had been a home to the Fisher family for a number of years, but after a time, they began to find it too small and cramped, and they moved south to Thorncombe near Guildford. They rented out Coglin Grange and were extremely fortunate in their tenants—two brothers and a sister.

The new tenants of the Grange settled in extremely well and were well-liked by their neighbours. And because there was only three of them, Coglin suited their needs admirably. Their winter was spent settling in and establishing themselves, meeting new friends, and making themselves popular in the district. Spring changed to an extremely hot summer when the nights seemed long and clammy and it was difficult to get any sleep.

One evening during the hot spell, the family at Coglin dined on the veranda of the old house before separating for the night to their bedrooms, which were all on the ground floor. However, shortly after she got into bed, the sister found that she could not sleep and propped herself up on her pillows. Although she'd fastened the window of her room, she had not closed the shutters and so she was able to look out across the countryside, bathed in the silver light of what seemed to be an abnormally large moon. Her room looked out in the direction of the old church and a particularly thick and dark stand of trees. As she watched, she suddenly became aware of two lights, flickering along the edge of the tree line, along the edge of the churchyard. As she watched, she suddenly became aware of a shape that seemed to have coalesced out of the shadows and was drawing slowly nearer to the Grange. For a moment, she wasn't sure because the large, pale moon was scattering shadows everywhere across the intervening ground and from time to time, it seemed lost amongst these.

But as it drew closer, the woman felt an unimaginable terror rise in the back of her throat. Suddenly and without warning, the coalescing figure changed direction and seemed to be going around the house, moving towards a corner to her left. She leapt from her bed and ran to her door, ready to unlock it and see who this peculiar visitor to her home might be. As she did so, she heard a scratching sound at the window behind her and, turning, she saw a hideous brown face, the colour of withered leaves, looking in at her. The eyes of the Thing glowed like living coals with a terrible malevolence that scared her even more. She stood there, transfixed, but safe in the knowledge that the window was securely fastened. The face drew back and there was silence for a moment. Then she heard a sound from the window similar to a bird pecking and, to her horror, she realized that the creature outside was trying to unpick the lead around the window-frame. Unable to move through sheer terror, she stood where she was and at last one of the panes of glass fell into the room. The long, bony hand of the creature came through the aperture and seized the handle of the window opening it to admit the rest of its body. In an instant, it was across the room and had seized the terrified woman by the hair. Dragging her forward it bit her sharply on the neck. The bite seemed to free her voice and she screamed loudly, bringing her brothers running from their own bedrooms to find her door locked from the inside. A poker brought from the fireplace in the living room, soon smashed the lock. At their approach, the Thing had dropped its victim and darted back towards the window. When the brothers broke in, they found their sister kneeling by the side of her bed bleeding from a wound in her throat. One brother pursued the creature out into the night and over the ground towards the church, which the Thing covered in impossibly huge strides. On reaching the churchyard wall, it seemed to disappear into a group of shadows and did not reappear, so the pursuer returned to join his brother and sister in the bedroom at Coglin Grange. The girl was dreadfully hurt, but she was of a strong disposition and was not all that given to superstition. The three of them assumed that a lunatic had escaped from custody and had made his way to Coglin and attacked her. And that was the way it was left. The wound healed but the actual shock of her attack had unsettled the girl and had left her very shaken. Her brothers decided to take her to Switzerland in order to fully recover from her ordeal.

After some time travelling through the Alps, they returned to Coglin Grange at the girl's insistence. She was anxious to get back and resume their old way of life as quickly as possible. When they returned home, they began to secure the old place, barring all the doors and closing all the shutters at night, although one little place was left uncovered (as was the fashion in many old houses) in order to let some light in. The brothers themselves kept a brace of pistols in each of their rooms and close to their beds in case they should have any further unwelcome night visitors.

The winter passed peacefully and quietly. The following spring was warm and, although it was not quite summer, some of the nights were particularly muggy. One night, the sister was woken up by a sound that she remembered only too well—the scratching sound of long claws upon the windowpane. Looking up at the uncovered topmost pane, she saw the same horrid brown face staring down at her, the eyes burning red with a hellish fire. This time, her voice didn't desert her and she screamed as loudly as she could, bringing her brothers into the room. Grabbing their pistols, they rushed outside to confront the Thing but, by this time, it was already rushing down the slope across the open ground towards the church, darting in and out of the shadows as it went. One of the brothers got a shot off and seemingly hit it in the leg, but it kept on running, taking extremely large strides. Reaching the churchyard wall, it scrambled over and disappeared among the tombstones and into the vault of a long-extinct family.

The next day, the brothers summoned some of their neighbours from around Coglin Grange and in their presence, the vault was opened. It was full of coffins, many of which had been broken open with their contents scattered upon the ground. Only one coffin was intact and its lid was loose. Upon opening it, the searchers found themselves looking at the same hideous, withered face that had been peering through the window of the Grange. Trembling, they managed to cursorily examine the body and found the traces of a pistol shot in one of the legs. It was generally concluded that the creature in the coffin was a vampire, and the body was taken out into the daylight and burnt. From then on, there was no more trouble at Coglin Grange. Subsequent commentators on the above story have pointed out that there is no such place as Coglin

Grange, but have identified the house concerned as Coglin Low Hall in Cumbria. The vault, in which the vampire was found, also seems to have disappeared—there is nothing in Coglin Churchyard that might correspond to it, and no record of the family to whom it may have belonged to.

Whether strictly accurate or not, Hare's story was widely circulated and it fit in with the Gothic mood that had developed in England during the 19th century. The first vampire story is usually attributed to Dr. John Polidori who was born in London in 1795 as the son of an Italian émigré. In 1815, he completed his studies in medicine and entered the service of Lord Byron as the latter's personal physician, accompanying his master on a journey through Europe. Also accompanying them were the poet Percy Shelley and his wife Mary. On a stormy night in 1816, in the Villa Diodati above Lake Geneva in Switzerland, the group read through a Gothic ghost story book entitled *Tales of the Dead* and decided to write their own ghost or horror story. The most famous work to come out of that experiment was Mary Shelley's classic novel *Frankenstein*, but Polidori also penned a minor classic—*The Vampyre*. This moved away from the brutal lowborn vampiric creature of Slavic folklore and created Lord Ruthven, an aristocratic vampire who may well have been the template for Dracula himself. The novella was published in April 1819 in the *New Monthly Magazine* but was embarrassingly credited as a new piece by Lord Byron. Despite attempts to correct this mistake, it remained as Byron's work for many years afterward. Polodori died in 1821 under mysterious circumstances. He had been suffering from depression for some time and was thought to have committed suicide by drinking poison. Regardless, he had left behind the model for the vampire that we all recognize today.

Polodori's work was only one of a number of Gothic tales that began to appear during the early-to-mid 19th century. Many of these bore titles that suggested ancient and terrifying mysteries and the returning dead—*The Black Monk* or *The Secret of the Grey Turret; The Blighted Heart* or *The Old Priory Ruins; Blanche* or *The Mystery of the Doomed House; The Skeleton Clutch* or *The Goblet of Gore*. There were also other popular novels in circulation that had overtones of cannibalism and mass murder that had their roots in actual

historical occurrences—works such as *Sawney Bean, the Man-Eater of Midlothian* and *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, all of which raised a horror of, and a fascination with, the darker side of 19th century life. Every one of these ghastly titles probably sprang from the pen of one man who was making a veritable fortune in the genre. Foremost amongst these terrors was *Varney the Vampire* or *The Feast of Blood*.

Varney the Vampyre

The events as detailed in the story were alleged to have been based on fact and were supposed to have taken place in England, during the reign of Queen Anne (1702–1714), although no such record can be traced. These events may relate to some of the reports that were emerging from Central and Eastern Europe. *Varney* appeared as a lengthy volume in 1847 and is credited as being one of the early works of the writer Thomas Preskett Prest, the fabled author of Gothic stories that appeared in lurid horror magazines known as "dreadfuls." The volume boasted two hundred and twenty chapters, making it one of the longest books ever written in the genre. It was such a success, however, that it was reprinted in a number of serialized chapters by Messrs. E. Lloyd, who had printing premises in London's Salisbury Square and were purveyors of "shockers" and "dreadfuls" of the most gruesome kind, and with whom Prest had a close association. *Varney,* like all of Prest's stories, followed a formula, were filled with heaving bosoms, lustful roues, and gore.

Prest's work spawned a score of imitators, most of which are best forgotten but through their pages they built up a corpus of vampire lore that began to establish the vampire as one of the principal terrors of Victorian England. However, it was not only Britain that was falling under the thrall of the Undead. Across the ocean in America, a similar body of lore and tradition was beginning to establish itself.

The American Colonies

There had been whispers of vampiric activity in the New World since the early days of the European Colonists. As early as 1692, the Reverend Deodat Lawson, minister at Salem Village, Massachusetts, (scene of the infamous

Salem Witch Trials), complained of being attacked in the darkness on the doorstep of one of the afflicted girls, by an unseen creature who had attempted to bite him. This might be put down to something of the hysteria of the time, but for the Puritan colonists, America must have been a frightening and supernatural place. It was covered in deep and gloomy forests and the trackless bogs in which a man might be lost. And out in this wilderness were Native Americans who, as far as the colonists were concerned, practiced diabolical rites and might well be agents of the Devil himself. The forests and swamps were the homes of ungodly creatures.

Disease was also rampant in this new land. Following the War of Independence in 1775, epidemics of tuberculosis, cholera, and typhoid swept through the fledgling settlements scattered across the developing areas of early America. For many, the sicknesses were the work of Satan who was lurking in the wilderness. Normally healthy individuals suddenly began to inexplicably waste away, and eventually die. There was no warning—they simply turned pale and feeble, withering away before their demise. It could only be the result of some form of supernatural evil. Both English and German immigrants brought with them tales of ancient terrors from their own homelands and gradually these melded into the folklore of the New World. One element in this folklore was that of the vampire that had been brought to America mainly by immigrants from Central Europe. Even in an increasingly enlightened age, an explanation for such diseases was not sought in the fly-ridden bogs or in the scummy wells, which might have lain near to the early settlements; rather communities looked towards something uncanny which hovered around, just out of sight. The very primordialness of the landscape itself suggested that such things were possible. In such a place, the idea of the vampire that many Europeans had carried with them to America seemed all too real.

The vampire capital of the New World was not, as might be supposed, New York (Niew Amsterdam under the Dutch) or San Francisco (as it often appears in the movies). Instead it was the small state of Rhode Island. Amongst the isolated farms and communities, old ways lingered on and old tales were often repeated along the lanes that wound their ways amongst the apple orchards of the state. Rhode Island had experienced heavy fighting during the

War of Independence and remote, often overgrown cemeteries were filled with corpses from that time. There were also stories that some corpses lay unburied, hidden away in the woods where wounded British, German, and American soldiers had crawled away to die. There were legends of ghosts haunting lonely gravesites and of ancient beings from the time before the settlers that still dwelt in the deep woodlands. Memories of ancestral European terrors added a fresh edge to these fears and whispers.

Disease swept through Rhode Island towards the end of the 18th century. The arrival of tuberculosis was coupled with a fear that the British might try to reinvade the Colonies (this happened in 1812) and illness struck sporadically in communities that teetered on the edge of public panic and hysteria. The tiny state was to produce a tradition that was to become known throughout America (and further afield) as "the vampire ladies."

Sarah Tillinghast

The horror began in 1796 with Sarah Tillinghast, daughter of Stukely Tillinghast, an apple farmer from the South County area of the state. Nineteen-year-old Sarah was a quiet and demure girl, but exceptionally dreamy and given to wandering in old cemeteries where the buried Revolutionary War casualties lay. In the autumn of 1796, she suddenly fell ill, with what the local doctor diagnosed as consumption (tuberculosis) and died. Shortly afterward, other members of the Tillinghast family also became ill and died, wasting away in an inexplicable manner. Oddly enough, they had dreamed of Sarah a number of nights before their actual death. Fear spread through the community—not of tubercular contagion—but of vampire activity. Old stories were stirred up again and many became convinced that Sarah and some of her siblings had become vampiric creatures. These stories were perhaps fanned by the local minister, Benjamin Northup, who saw the Devil's hand in the deaths. As the hysteria mounted, Stukely Tillinghast became more and more unsure of what to do. He was losing members of his family on a regular basis to an unknown but relentless evil against which he and the church seemed powerless. In desperation, he travelled out to the lonely churchyard where his daughter lay and together with one of his farmhands unearthed her coffin. Opening it, he found

Sarah lying, just as fresh and beautiful as when she had been interred. Taking a large hunting knife, he cut out her heart and set fire to it. He'd heard about an old legend that said it was the only way to destroy a vampire. After that, the deaths in the Tillinghast household stopped, as did the dreams, but Stukely had lost half of his large family.

Nancy Young

Things were quiet in Rhode Island until 1827 when the "vampire epidemic" surfaced again. This time it was near the small town of Foster and it afflicted the household of Captain Levi Young and his wife, both natives of Sterling, Connecticut who had bought land in the area. Levi Young had been a captain of militia but had settled down to become a farmer in the Foster area. He had done rather well and was reasonably prosperous. He and his wife Anna Perkins had eight children and the Foster farmhouse rang with the sound of a happy and contented family.

In the spring of 1827, things changed. Levi and Anna's eldest daughter Nancy, began to sicken with what seemed, at first, to be a passing cold. It grew steadily worse—Levi thought she had taken a severe influenza—and she took to her bed, eventually becoming completely bedridden. She died shortly after.

As with Sarah Tillinghast, a few months after Nancy Young's death, other members of her family also began to sicken. Some of them complained that they too had dreamed of Nancy visiting them at night and had experienced an extraordinary weight upon them as they lay in bed. Stories of Sarah Tillinghast began to resurface in Rhode Island society and the chilling word "vampire" was on many lips. Again hysteria was bubbling just beneath the surface of the Foster community. Something had to be done. An elderly Foster resident known locally as "Doc" Lennox suggested that Nancy's body should be exhumed and burned. This was done by Levi Young himself, on a chilly autumn morning in the town's new churchyard and in full view of his neighbours. Doc Lennox had suggested that other members of the Young family should stand in the smoke from the pyre in order to protect themselves from former vampiric attentions. After Nancy was burned, the deaths stopped. Things would remain quiet in Rhode Island for almost fifty years.

Juliet Rose

The next of Rhode Island's "vampire ladies" is generally taken to be Juliet Rose, the daughter of William G. Rose, a businessman and civic leader in South County. Her story follows the now-established pattern of both Nancy Young and Sarah Tillinghast. A lively youngster, and the child of William's first wife Mary Taylor (who had died some years before), Juliet suddenly and inexplicably succumbed to what was described as a "harsh fever" and died in the early autumn of 1874. Shortly after her death, William's other daughter, Mary Griswold, began to show signs of an illness, wasting away. Almost immediately old stories of the earlier vampire ladies rose to the forefront of William Rose's mind. He was convinced that the vampire scourge had returned. Armed with his suspicions, he confronted his local minister, the Reverend Amos Cabot, but was told that he was still grieving for Juliet and was imagining things. Still convinced of the awful plague, William Rose went to the family cemetery deep in the Rhode Island woods. There, according to his own testimony, he beheld the form of his daughter standing over what was her grave. Although it extended its arms to him, begging for his warmth, the apparition vanished before his whispered prayers and William Rose commenced to dig up Juliet's coffin. Pulling back the lid, he saw to his horror that the winding sheet, in which the body lay, was badly stained with fresh blood. With a cry of despair, he drew his hunting knife and plunged in into the cadaver's heart. A scream rang through the graveyard. When he returned home, he found his young daughter recovering slowly from whatever it was that ailed her. This was taken to be indisputable evidence of vampire activity that was now laid to rest.

Mercy Brown

The area stayed quiet until 1892, when the last and most famous of Rhode Island's vampires made her appearance. This was Mercy Brown, daughter of George Brown, who owned a small farm between the settlements of Exeter and Wickford in the south of the state. The story had started, however, much earlier, with the death of George's wife Mary in 1883. Shortly after her death, his daughter Mary Olive began to complain of strange and terrifying dreams

and of a crushing weight on her chest. She began to exhibit some of the signs of the strange sickness that had taken away her mother until June 1884 when she succumbed to the same death. Things remained quiet for about five years until George's only son Edwin also began to display the same ghastly symptoms that had carried away his mother and sister. He too experienced terrible dreams of suffocation and crushing, turning from a hearty young man into a pale and shambling wreck. His doctor suggested that perhaps the airs of Colorado might be good for him and so Edwin travelled there to recover his failing health. His health returned almost immediately, and he decided to stay there for a while. Whilst he was there, however, he received word that his younger sister, Mercy Lena, had been seized with a similar disease and was sinking fast. Edwin rushed home but was too late—Mercy was already dead. Notions of the vampires began to re-emerge from the shadows and a number of local people complained of feeling weak, adding that they had also dreamed of Mercy Brown on a number of consecutive nights. The people feared another outbreak of the "vampire plague" and decided that something had to be done.

On the morning of 18th March 1892, a group of town elders, headed by the local doctor, Harold Metcalfe, made their way to the tiny cemetery where Mercy Brown had been taken to rest. Because she had died in the winter when the ground was still hard with frost, Mercy had not actually been buried, but lay in a squat stone crypt on the edge of the burying ground. The coffin that contained Mercy Brown's body lay just inside the door, balanced on a cart. With due solemnity, the men opened the casket and threw back the lid. Mercy lay inside just as fresh and pretty as she'd ever been, with no sign of decay upon her. There were also traces of fresh blood on the inside of the coffin. Stepping forward, the doctor made a small incision in the cadaver and removed her heart and liver. These were ritually burned and water and vinegar were poured into the cavity from which they'd been removed. The men then left the cemetery and returned to their homes, praying that the scourge of vampirism which had afflicted Rhode Island was at last over. And indeed it appeared to be.

Edwin Brown himself died shortly after these macabre events. However, one of the local newspapers, *The Providence Journal*, seized upon the incident and carried a rather lurid account of the gathering in the churchyard in its issue

of 19th March 1892. It followed the story in its 21st March issue, claiming that vampires were not a native Rhode Island superstition but "settled here," brought in by immigrants to the state. The article was lifted by some of the New York papers who used it to poke fun at the "superstitious" Rhode Islanders and the story became widespread all across America. The Mercy Brown case may have been yet another influence on Bram Stoker as he wrote his vampire novel. He had been touring part of the United States as secretary to the actor Sir Henry Irving and, it is thought, could not have failed to come into contact with some account of the incident. Indeed, after his death, his wife found cuttings from some of the American newspapers relating to the case amongst his possessions.

Nelly Vaughn

Mercy Brown more or less marked the end of the "vampire ladies," although there is one more that has not been mentioned. In a secluded graveyard, near Coventry, Rhode Island, stood a funeral marker bearing a curious inscription. The grave was that of Nelly Vaughn, who died in 1889, aged nineteen years and the inscription reads: *"I am waiting and watching for you."* The message may have been quite innocent—to a loving family or a secret lover but in the remote Rhode Island cemetery and with the alleged history of vampirism in the state, they took on a rather chilling aspect. In 1967, a teacher at Coventry High School informed his class that there was a vampire buried somewhere in the locality. After a degree of research, interest fastened on Nelly Vaughn's tombstone with its peculiar message. There was a myth in the area that no vegetation would grow on Nelly's grave though this may arguably have had more to do with the number of visitors at the site than with any supernatural agency. Besides the peculiar inscription, little is known about Nelly Vaughn's brief life and virtually nothing is known about how she died. However, the gravesite generated a massive amount of interest in vampires and ghosts in that remote corner of Rhode Island. In the 1980s, *Yankee* magazine ran an article entitled *The Words on Nelly's Tombstone,* which generated a fresh and more widespread interest in Rhode Island vampires. There were more visitors and Nelly's funeral marker became so desecrated and broken that it had to be removed in 1990. Perhaps poor Nelly can finally rest in peace.

Horace Ray

Rhode Island was not, of course, the only American state to experience an alleged vampire phenomenon. In neighbouring Connecticut, there were also suggested instances involving the Undead. In Jowett City, between the years 1847 and 1852, it was suspected that some sort of vampiric agency was at work in the locality. The vampire was supposed to be the unquiet revenant of Horace (sometimes given as Henry) Ray who had died early in 1847 and who was said to be preying on two of his sons who had survived him. When they too died, a number of people around the Jowett City area dreamed of them and awoke, experiencing exhaustion. Certain religious factions believed that vampires were at work and the bodies of Horace Ray and his sons were exhumed and burnt, whereupon the dreams and exhaustion stopped.

In the town of Griswold, historians investigated a local building site after some children had found a human skull there. The place was found to be a very old burying ground that included a stone vault. Here, the historians found a coffin containing some human remains that had obviously been treated for vampirism—dismembered in a very deliberate fashion. The skull had been placed amongst the bones of the chest and both arms and legs had been systematically broken. A closer examination of these bones revealed a tubercular-like condition. The coffin was marked "JB 55"—the "JB" being taken to refer to the occupant of the coffin and the "55" to his or her age. The skeleton was placed back in its coffin and no further examination was carried out, although anthropologists have suggested that this method of burial was not native to Connecticut but rather was common in Eastern Europe.

The Corwin Brothers

In Woodstock, Vermont, two brothers named Corwin were struck by an inexplicable illness towards the end of 1834. Before the year was ended, the eldest of the brothers had died and the other was starting to sicken. Stories concerning vampires who had been living in the forests which cloaked the Vermont mountains were suddenly remembered, and it was considered that the elder Corwen might be the victim of one of these, and that he had even become a vampire himself. His body was subsequently dug up and burned, the

ashes placed in an iron pot and buried directly beneath the town square. A later account tells of how some youths attempted to dig them up late at night but were assailed by unearthly cries and screams, so they abandoned the idea.

Rachel Burton

An earlier and even more curious tale comes from Manchester, Vermont, concerning jealously and vengeance that reached out from beyond the grave. In the late 18th century, Isaac Burton, a naval officer, watched his young wife Rachel slip away with the ravages of a strange disease that resembled consumption. Distraught by her illness, he vowed that she was the love of his life and that if she died, he would never marry again. He laid her to rest in the Manchester cemetery. For a while, he mourned her loss, but then became attracted to pretty Hulda Powell who lived in the town. Soon the pair of them were married. Hulda made Isaac a good wife. A year or so after the wedding however, Hulda began to sicken with the same illness that had carried off Rachel. Significantly, she claimed to have dreamt of Isaac's first wife and a meeting of the town fathers including the local clergyman concluded that Rachel Burton was somehow drawing off Hulda's strength from the other side of the grave. Her body was exhumed and though she had been dead for over a year, her body was found to be remarkably fresh. The cadaver was ritually burned, but in 1793, Hulda Burton died, seemingly a victim of Isaac's former wife. The tale only added to the building corpus of Undead lore. Down through the years, the shadow of the vampire lingered on both sides of the Atlantic and all across Europe.

Dracula and other Vampire Fiction

In 1897, the Irish writer Bram Stoker published what was to become one of the seminal books of vampire fiction—the novel *Dracula.* Although he would produce other works, none would catch the public imagination as much as his tale of the vampire count, drawing as it did upon a number of social issues but also on a corpus of folklore. Indeed, the novel has supposedly never been out of print since the day that it was first published. Allegedly, the only book that can rival that record is the Bible. It established the idea of the Undead firmly

in Eastern Europe, a part of the world to which Stoker had never been (although it's possible that he may have been aware of Dom Calmet's work in that region) and inextricably linked the vampire motif with a medieval Wallachian warlord. It also created the image of the Undead as the cloak-swathed aristocrat with which we are all familiar today.

The book and the ideas that it produced were so successful that it inevitably spawned a number of imitations, not least of all in the developing cinematic industry of the early 20th century.

Nosferatu

The most famous of all the early vampire films was produced by a small German film company, Prana Film. This had been set up around the end of 1919 to produce and promote films (then silent, black and white films) that had a supernatural theme. In the end, the studio produced only one film, but it was destined to become a classic. This was F.W. Marnau's *Nosfertu, ein symphonie des gruens (a symphony of horror)*. Although the title was "nosferatu" (a German word for vampire) the action of the film was set in the Carpathian Mountains of Eastern Europe. Marnau used a largely German cast, including the Berlin-born actor Maximillian Schreck, who had initially made his name on the German stage but was now increasingly seen in films. Schreck's own name is interesting—it is the German word for "terror" or "fight" and it led to the legend that it was not his name at all. In fact, he was at one time said to be an English actor named Alfred Abel, but this rumour was put to rest when the two men appeared together. Because he was a rather private man and not a great deal was known about his background, weird and unsubstantiated tales grew around him.

Schreck's portrayal of the vampire perhaps owed more to the tale of Coglin Grange than it did to the sleek and stately aristocrat of Stoker's novel. Count Graf Orlock is an emaciated and withered figure, slightly stooped and bald and with protruding fangs and long, claw-like fingernails. Even so, the film borrowed liberally from the *Dracula* novel and therein lay its downfall. The producers and writer (generally credited as Albin Grau) had not obtained the permission of the Stoker estate, and Florence Stoker, (Bram Stoker's widow),

immediately instigated legal proceedings. A case of copyright infringement was found against Prana Film and Florence was awarded substantial damages. After making one film, the studio declared itself bankrupt. However, it had left behind what many consider to be an early masterpiece of cinematic horror.

Dracula: The Films

Universal

Universal Pictures in America was more circumspect when it released its own version of Dracula in 1931. Director Todd Browning had obtained all necessary permissions and had gone out of his way to choose an actor that he considered perfect for the job. That actor was Bela Lugosi. Lugosi had been born in Lugos, a town in Austria-Hungary (now Lugoj in Romania) and had a thick Hungarian accent, which Browning deemed ideal for the vampire count. During the 1930s, Lugosi became the quintessential vampire, full of East European menace and aristocratic evil. His version of the Count was probably closer to Stoker's ideal that Schreck's had been. He was less emaciated and more human, but there was still a sinister chill around his portrayal of Dracula. As Browning had imagined, his thick accent gave an air of eerie authenticity to the character. Who can forget his utterance as he listened to the howling of wolves outside his castle "*The children of the night—what music they make!*" or "*I never drink—wine.*" Despite all the authenticity of imagery, Browning took massive liberties with the script to suit American audiences. For example, it is Renfield, not Jonathan Harker, who visits Dracula in his castle. Whereas in the book, it is the other way around. However, largely due to the brooding presence of Lugosi, the film was an outstanding success. In fact, it spawned a string of what were called "Monster Movies" and Lugosi found himself heading a stable of other famous monster actors such as Boris Karloff *(Frankenstein* and *The Mummy)* and Lon Chaney Jr. (*The Wolfman)* who dominated much of the 1930s and early 1940s with their creepy films.

Hammer Films

Another actor, the London-born Christopher Lee, would also be forever associated with the vampire Count. By the late 1950s/early 1960s, Lugosi's

leering elegance was starting to appear slightly jaded. A new and dynamic post-War era needed a more credible challenge. Christopher Lee, who was to firmly establish the ideal of the modern vampire, emerged out of a new English-based studio. Exclusive Films had been formed in London in 1935 by a Spaniard named Enrique Carreras and a former actor William Hinds (stage name William Hammer). In the late 1950s, they also formed a subsidiary with Hinds as Chairman, that was named Hammer Films. The new company was to distribute horror and supernaturally based films, mainly for the British market, but for wider distribution as well. Lee, who is a direct descendant of the Emperor Charlemagne on his mother's side, had already appeared in a number of horror movies and had worked for Hammer playing another demonic figure—the oriental fiend Dr. Fu Manchu in 1965. In 1966, he appeared in the film *Dracula, Prince of Darkness,* playing the vampire Count. His austere, aristocratic version was a triumph and set the tone for all subsequent films—many of which starred Lee himself as Count Dracula. A powerful and commanding presence on screen, Lee was perfect as the demonic nobleman and brought a sinister air of sophisticated menace to the role. In most films, just as in Stoker's novel, the Count faced Professor Abraham Van Helsing, played by another Englishman—Surrey-born Peter Cushing. Throughout the 1960s and early 1970s, the two of them pitted wits against each other in a series of films, becoming almost icons of good and evil in the public mind. Both continued, long after Hammer and its subsidiary Tyburn (named after a place of public execution in London) had folded. Cushing appeared as General Moff Tarkin in the *Star Wars* series (in which Lee also appeared) and Lee most recently as the wizard Saruman the White in *Lord of the Rings.* Their cinematic legacy, however, has lived on in countless vampire movies.

Vampires have continued to exercise a hold on the human imagination. Apart from the films, countless books, magazines, and television programs on the subject have been produced through the years, right up until the present day. In fact, one of the most popular television series of recent times has been *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer* that was based on a film. It portrayed the vampire myth in a teenage soap opera-style and was extremely popular with many young people. Things have moved a long way since Dom Augustine Calmet!

Two figures have dominated the vampire myth and in their own ways have shaped our perspective of it—Dracula and the Countess Elizabeth Bathory. It is interesting to look at both of these and to see how the legend of the vampire has grown up around them

Vlad Tepes: Dracula the Legend

In the 15th century, Eastern Europe was in turmoil. Christianity found itself under threat from a rapidly expanding sphere of influence controlled by the Muslim Ottoman Turks. Indeed, after the fall of Constantinople in 1453, Christendom found itself under almost constant threat from the forces of Mohammed the Conqueror, who sought to extend the Muslim faith throughout all of Eastern Europe. Desperately, Christianity sought some form of response to the steadily growing Ottoman expansion.

The Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund (elected in 1410) created a semi-secret organization known as the Order of the Dragon to defend the eastern lands from the advancing Turkish threat. Its emblem was a dragon, clinging to a cross, its wings outstretched. From around 1431, a certain warlord or Voivode (local ruler), Vlad II of Wallachia, was brought into the Order and had the dragon emblazoned on his coinage. The Wallachian name for dragon was "Drac" and he became known locally as Vlad Dracul. Interestingly enough, the word "drac" can also mean "devil" or "evil spirit."

Wallachia was a tiny territory, but it was important. It had been founded in 1292 by Radu Negru (Radu the Black) but for many years it was dominated by Hungary who laid claim to part of neighbouring Transylvania and Moldavia. It broke free of Hungarian influence in 1330, becoming virtually an independent kingdom. It still, however, maintained strong links with Transylvania, and in fact Vlad II's wife was a Transylvanian noblewoman. In fact, Sigismund was to make Vlad II military governor of Transylvania in 1431. Wallachia was also strategically important, forming a kind of "buffer" between the Christian states and the expanding Muslim powers. This was why Christendom considered Vlad II's support so important.

Vlad II, however, was a skilled politician and sought a kind of "middle way" between the two factions. He was in a dangerous position and had no

wish to see his country either invaded by the Turks or used as a frontier for a Christian battleground. From time to time, he struck up alliances with both, however as Turkish influence increased, he began to side with them. When the Turks invaded Transylvania in 1442, he remained neutral, greatly angering the Hungarians under their leader John Hunyadi, the White Knight of Hungary. Hunyadi attacked the Turks and drove them out of Transylvania before turning his attention on Vlad II and forcing him to flee his throne. However, Vlad regained it in 1443 with Turkish support, but was forced to hand over two of his sons—Vlad and Radu—as hostages to the Turkish administration. An uneasy peace existed between Wallachia and Hungary with Hunyadi demanding that Vlad II fulfill his obligations as a member of the Order of the Dragon, but Vlad II resisting for fear of inflaming the Turks.

Eventually, Vlad II died in 1448. On hearing of his death, the Turks immediately released his second son Vlad and supported him as Voivode of Wallachia. Hunyadi, fearing Turkish domination of the region immediately placed his own candidate Vladislav II or Vladislav Dan, backed by the Hungarian Army, on the Wallachian throne. However, he angered his Hungarian overlords by adopting slightly pro-Turkish policies and the situation became even more tense.

In 1456, the Hungarians invaded Turkish Serbia. It was a disastrous campaign during which Hunyadi was killed and, in the resulting political confusion, Vlad was prompted to make his bid for the Wallachian monarchy. He ousted Vladislav and had him murdered before taking the throne as Vlad III or Vlad Dracula(Drac-ula—son of the dragon). His reign was a despotic one, during the course of which he stood up to the Turks and systematically began to destroy the old local landowner system that had existed in Wallachia. This may have been because the Hungarian-backed land owners of Tirgoviste had burned his elder brother Mircea to death—Vlad III was to exact a terrible revenge upon them, arresting, torturing, and eventually executing them. His cruelty became legendary.

In 1462, the Turks forced Vlad III to flee the throne by aiding a popular uprising against him, placing his younger brother Radu the Handsome (who had remained in Turkish custody after Vlad had been released) on the Wallachian

throne. It is said that Vlad's wife leapt to her death into a foaming river near his castle at Arges to avoid being captured by Turkish soldiers. Vlad himself managed to escape and fled to the Hungarian court for safety. Here the Hungarian king, Matthias Corvenus (John Hundyadi's son), had him imprisoned as a traitor. It is not known how long he was held, but he was released perhaps around 1474 by marrying into one of the Hungarian noble families. He then formed an alliance with Count Stephen Barthory to reinvade Wallachia and get his throne back, which their combined forces did in 1476. By this time, Radu was dead and had been replaced by another Turkish puppet, Basarab the Old. Basarab's forces were easily defeated and Vlad took the throne once more. However, several months later, Count Bathory's armies departed for Transylvania leaving Vlad in a rather weak position. Taking advantage of this, a massive Turkish army entered the country and Vlad was forced to take up arms to defend his country with only a skeleton army. He was killed in battle near present-day Bucharest. His decapitated body was recovered from the Turks and was taken inland to be buried at the monastery at Snagov.

There is little doubt that Vlad III was a cruel man, but he may have been not so different from many other rulers around him. Some of his methods of torture and execution may seem extremely barbaric to us today, but we must remember that Vlad was forced to maintain a strict and authoritarian rule to protect his country from the forces that surged around it—namely Hungarian and Turk. Nevertheless, some of his methods appear to be quite unique as well as being incredibly draconian and brutal. For example, one of his favourite methods of torture and death was to place Turkish prisoners on the top of high stakes and let the forces of gravity pull them down as the point of the stake disembowelled them. This earned him the nickname "Vlad Tepes" (pronounced Tep-esh) or "Vlad the Impaler." A number of grizzly anecdotes are told about him as well. The most common tale is how he received three Turkish ambassadors at his court, each one of them wearing a fez. In accordance with their own custom, they did not remove their headgear when they entered his presence. Vlad took this as a sign of disrespect and instructed that the fezs be nailed to their foreheads. In a similar anecdote, a Saxon merchant was caught either cheating or stealing from a poor man. Vlad had

him placed against a wooden door and had a bag of gold nailed to his hand. The merchant's eyes were then gauged out so that he could not see his wealth.

Aware of the vast armies of beggars and diseased persons that traversed his territory demanding alms, Vlad devised a novel way of alleviating the problem. He invited many of the beggars and invalids to a great banquet held in a barn and when they were inside, he had all the doors locked and the building set alight, burning those inside to death. In this way he solved the country's destitute problem "at a stroke." However, it should be noted that although he appears as an often cruel and barbaric man, there is no record of Vlad III actually drinking human blood. Nevertheless, from our own 21st century point of view, he seems to have been a horrific despot.

Vlad Tepes is celebrated and remembered in his native Wallachia as a good prince, a defender of his country (now part of Romania) against foreign invaders—the Turks and the Saxons. He is fondly remembered as a friend of the poor and a champion of the common man—a ruler who protected his subjects, (through the laws that he enacted), from scheming foreign merchants and vicious Turkish interlopers. In this respect, he is regarded as a national hero.

The legends surrounding this admittedly bloodthirsty Wallachian warlord must have attracted Bram Stoker when he came to write his novel. Although not familiar with the area itself, he had heard some of its legends through friends who had connections with that part of the world. In 19th century England, Romania was a remote and exotic land—perhaps something like Tibet appeared during the 1950s and 1960s. Transylvania—the land beyond the forest—had a mysterious ring to it, and where better to set a story of horror and mystery than in the mist-shrouded forests that swathed the lower slopes of the Carpathian Mountains? Stoker may also have been aware of the tales and legends concerning vampires that had emerged from Hungary during the 1700s and this may have influenced his decision to set his novel—its content perhaps influenced by Irish and American elements—in the Transylvania/Moldavia areas. And although we have no evidence that he knew anything about her, another person from the same region may have coloured his perspective. This was the nightmarish Countess Elizabeth Bathory.

Countess Elizabeth Bathory

Elizabeth (Erzsebet) Bathory has often been described as "Countess Dracula." The Bathory family was an old and illustrious one—one of the oldest in Transylvania in fact. The family traced its descendency from Vid Bathory, a legendary and mighty warrior who had allegedly slain a dragon with a mace in what is now eastern Romania. This may have created the motif for the Romanian Christian knight Iorgi—also said to have killed a dragon—who later became St. George, patron saint of England. They were also related by what looks to have been incestuous marriages amongst various other members of similar clans. Her mother, Anna Bathory, was the sister of King Stephen of Poland, and her father Iorgi (George—her mother's third husband) was the ruler of several countries. However, instances of inbreeding had led to rumours of madness and monstrous births in former years.

Elizabeth Bathory was born into this troubled lineage in 1560. Her mother was a devout Calvinist and an exceptionally strong character, and her father, George, was a hard-working man who had held several administrative posts under the Hapsburgs. She had at least one elder brother, one of the many Stephens (a popular name among the male Bathorys) and two younger sisters, Klara and Sofia, who disappeared from history without trace.

In 1571 at age 11, Elizabeth was promised in marriage to the fifteen year-old Count Ferenc (Francis) Nadasdy, fabulously wealthy and reckoned to be one of the most eligible bachelors in Hungary at that time. Such young betrothals were not uncommon and were usually for political reasons rather than any sort of romantic notions. In order to acquire the notable family name, Francis changed his own to that of Bathory, giving him the tradition of that family, as well as its notoriety.

Francis and Elizabeth waited four years to marry, finally doing so on 8th May 1575. Elizabeth was sent from the Bathory castle and into the care of her mother-in-law, the formidable Lady Ursula Kasnizsai. Whilst she was at the court of Lady Nadasdy, plagues and epidemics raged through Eastern Europe, carrying away the poor and wretched in the villages of Hungary. The tides of illnesses and disease, however, simply lapped around the walls of the castle at

Savarin, keeping everyone there confined. Elizabeth found herself increasingly under the control of her severe and dominant mother-in-law. It was around this time that she was, according to legend, visited by a "black stranger," perhaps a forest demon to whom she is said to have given herself. What actually might have transpired is that she had an affair with one (or more) of the servants, leading to the supposition that she may very well have been sexually promiscuous.

When her mother-in-law died, Elizabeth joined her husband at the remote Csejthe Castle. By this time, the Muslim Turks were making advances and (as they had done in Vlad III's time) the Christian forces were trying to limit their expansion. Count Francis was now a solider in the Hungarian army and had distinguished himself in battle becoming known as "The Black Hero of Hungary." He was consequently away fighting against Turkish incursions for much of his time, leaving his wife alone in the gloomy fortress.

It was now that Elizabeth fell under various influences. The servants at Csejthe, for the most part, were local people, steeped in local lore and legend. The area seemed to have been superstitious and filled with old tales and practices, many of which stretched back across the centuries. Certain servants appear to have initiated Elizabeth into rather unsavoury practices. Elizabeth may well have been attracted to lesbianism (she had an aunt who was renowned throughout Hungary in this respect) and this may have played a prominent role in some of the occurrences at Csejthe. An old servant woman named Darvula—locally regarded as a witch—together with a maid named Dorottya Szentes, seem to have played a major part in the terrible acts that were to make Elizabeth Bathory's name a by-word for evil and depravation. To these may be added the name Janos (or Johannes) Ujvary, who is described as Elizabeth's majordomo. There seems little doubt that many of these "practices," whilst reeking of dark witchcraft, also contained sexual elements.

In 1600, Count Francis was killed in battle against the Turks and it was now that the real period of Elizabeth's atrocities began. She was now mistress of Csejthe and a formidable power in the locality. Since the death of her husband, she was also under the protection of her kinsman, King Matthias of

Hungary, which gave her added status. However, the depravity of her life was beginning to tell on her physically—she appeared to be growing old and haggard much more swiftly than she would have liked. It is here that legend takes over.

According to one popular tale, a young maidservant was brushing the Countess's hair when she accidentally pulled it. Angered, Elizabeth struck her across the face, so sharply that she drew blood. Later, looking at the area on which the girl's blood had fallen, the Countess imagined that the skin seemed younger and fresher than the skin around it. She consulted with the witch Darvula and learned that it was imagined in the countryside that the blood of a virgin, accompanied by certain abominable rites, had youth-giving properties. This set Elizabeth off on a bloody and murderous trail. Together with her accomplices, she began to recruit young local girls from the villages round about, ostensibly to work as servants at Csethje, but in reality to be murdered within the castle walls. Each day, the Countess would bathe in their blood in the belief that it returned at least some of her youthful looks. There were accounts of her actually drinking the blood as a restorative medicine.

Most of the girls whom Elizabeth and her cohorts murdered came from the Slovak population of Hungary—girls who were often considered of the "lower order" in society. For a while, the authorities did not overly worry about the disappearance of the girls. The official story was that they had contracted illness and died. For a number of years—roughly between 1601 and 1611—the Countess murdered innumerable servant girls with impunity and without any official enquiry. Many people, particularly in the locality, either knew or suspected what was going on within the castle but none dared voice it. Once a Lutheran pastor spoke out against her, claiming that there was a great and horrific evil going on in Csethje, including cannibal feasts and blood-drinking orgies, and although initially his words fell on largely deaf ears, some people started to pay attention. A legend says that one of the girls who the Countess was about to kill managed to escape and raised the alarm in the surrounding countryside, although this is not extremely likely. What is more likely is that the rumours surrounding the Countess continued to grow until they reached the ears of the Hungarian king, Matthias Corvenus, who had no other option

but to investigate. Together with the provincial governor, Count Gryorgi Thurzo, the King invaded Csejthe early in 1611, and within the walls the two men discovered evidence of horrors almost beyond imagining.

In 1611, a series of trials conducted by the King himself were set up and the servants, Darvula and Dorottya Szentes, along with Janos Ujvary, were all found guilty of witchcraft and murder, and were executed. Elizabeth herself was not found guilty of any crime—indeed her noble rank saved her from criminal proceedings—but she was commanded to remain in Csejthe at the pleasure of the Hungarian king. To this end, stonemasons were brought in and Elizabeth was walled up in the apartments where she had committed the majority of her atrocities. Only a small aperture was left through which food could be passed into her. All the windows of that section of the castle were also bricked up, leaving her alone in the darkness. There she was to remain until she died.

On 31st July 1614, Elizabeth (then reputedly age fifty-four) dictated her last will and testament to two priests from the Estergom bishopric. What remained of her family holdings were to be divided between her children, with her son Paul and his descendants receiving the main portion. Shortly afterwards, two of her guards decided that they would try to look at her through the aperture through which she was fed—she was supposedly still the most beautiful woman in all of Hungary. When they looked through, however, they saw only the body of the Countess, lying face down on the floor. The bloody Countess was dead in her lonely, lightless world.

The records concerning Elizabeth Bathory were sealed for one hundred years and her name was forbidden to be mentioned throughout Hungary. The name "Csejthe" became a swear word in the Hungarian tongue and the Slovaks within the borders of the country referred to the Countess obliquely as "the Hungarian whore." The shadow of Elizabeth Bathory fell darkly across her lands for many centuries after her death.

Although there is no real evidence that Bram Stoker used the idea of the "Countess Dracula" in his vampire novel, there is no reason why he should not have known about her. In fact, she may well have served as the template for another Irish writer's vampiric tale. This was *Carmilla* written by Joseph

Sheridan Le Fanu, originally published in 1871 in the magazine *The Dark Blue*. In this tale, a vampiric older girl subtly and evilly influences the impressionable mind of her younger companion. There are, of course, undertones of lesbianism and bloodlust in the story that provide a tangible link with the "Blood Countess." In her own way, Elizabeth Bathory was as influential to the vampire myth as Vlad Tepes.

The dark and sinister figure of the vampire has proved to be one of the most enduring motifs of horror across the centuries. And this most enduring of monsters looks set to continue its haunting of the minds of men and women for many years to come. Look out into the dark! Is there a shape, shrouded in a black cloak lurking there? The vampire might be closer than you think!

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Werewolves

'Tis like the howling of Irish wolves against the moon.

—William Shakespeare,
As You Like It

The wolf is perhaps Man's oldest enemy, with a history that goes back into the dim and distant past. Our earliest ancestors both feared and admired the creature with which they often competed for food. Man feared the wolf's ferocity but admired its cunning; they feared its predatory instinct but admired its stealth and swiftness; they feared its strength and tirelessness but admired its hunting prowess. In many respects, the wolf was the ultimate enemy they wished they could emulate. It is hardly surprising that perhaps some of these early hunters wished that they could take on some of its characteristics in order to aid them in their own hunting or to defend themselves from other predators. Almost as an extension of this wish, man and animal began to merge in the early mind as part of an overall longing to be similar to the creatures that so successfully shared their environment. But how could these desired characteristics be acquired? The answer seemed to be by supernatural means.

Ancient Stories of Transformation

Animus

By using powers from another world, humans could perhaps induce in themselves the strength, cunning, and aggressiveness that they themselves seemed to lack, but that creatures (such as the wolf) had in abundance. This type of transformation—from a squeamish human into a predatory animal—may well have been the preserve of Shamanism and ritual amongst our prehistoric ancestors. Perhaps the Shaman, in the course of such a ritual, may have adopted the *animus* of a wild animal, may have worn its skin, and may even have *appeared* animal-like.

Sorcerer of Trois Freres

These Shamanistic traits seem to be illustrated in the famous figure known as the "Sorcerer of Trois Freres," a cave drawing from the Palaeolithic period, discovered in a deep cave system beneath the Pyrenees. The wall painting depicts the "Sorcerer" as a curious creature—a hybrid of both human and animal. He appears to be in some sort of dancing posture, moving sideways and upright on human feet but slouched forward as if ready to drop into a four-legged stance, balancing himself on bear-like forepaws. Large antlers adorn his head, above a bearded, human-like face from which intelligent eyes stare owlishly out. But at his hindquarters, a bushy wolf's tail is clearly visible, swinging back to reveal a lion-like phallus. The cavern in which this peculiar painting has been created can only be approached by crawling almost horizontally through a connecting tunnel of about thirty or forty yards. Cultural historians such as Joseph Campbell have suggested that this awkward positioning of the painting is suggestive of a mystical and religious aspect. It is also suggestive of Palaeolithic suppositions of humans taking on the attributes of either animal hunters or of quarry. It is not hard to imagine the Shaman, pelted in animal skins, dancing in some remote cavern in order to call down the animalistic spirits that would ensure good hunting and plentiful communal larders.

Romulus and Remus

Arguably, it was the wolf that attracted much of early man's attention. Like humans, wolves were communal animals—they lived and hunted in packs, they obeyed strict laws of leadership, and they cared for their young. It was not surprising that, as societies developed, some ancient legends concentrated on linkages between men and wolves rather than on their aggression and adversity. Therefore, stories of children being raised by kindly wolves—children such as Romulus and Remus, the founding fathers of Rome—also became widespread in the ancient world. There seems little doubt that there *were* occurrences of children being raised by female wolves—who are, in many respects, maternal creatures—and indeed similar instances continue in remote parts of the world today. Tales of feral children, raised by wolves, living in the wild and exhibiting wolf-like behaviour must have strengthened the links between men and wolves, deep in the human mind.

Gilgamesh

So the wolf became both a predator and companion within Mankind's psyche. Elements of this confusion underpins old mythological tales emerging from the early civilizations. Interestingly, all of them involve men turning into (or being turned into) animals. From Greek legend comes the story of Actaeon, the youth who secretly glimpsed the huntress-god Artemis when she was bathing. In anger, she changed him into a stag and he was immediately torn to pieces by his own hounds. Perhaps even older is the Akkadian legend taken from the *Epic of Gilgamesh,* dated around the second millennium B.C., of a young shepherd who makes continual sacrifices to the goddess Ishtar. Even so, the capricious goddess transforms him into a wolf, and similar to Actaeon, he his torn to shreds by his own dogs. This tale is probably the oldest known tale of such a transformation, from man to wolf.

Artemis

The Greek goddess, Artemis, is also an interesting figure. To both the Greeks and the Romans (to whom she was known as Diana), she is a predatory hunting goddess, sometimes described as a "mistress of the animals."

But she also had another personification—that was as Phoebe or Selene (Luna in Latin), the goddess of the moon. She was considered to be a secretive and vicious entity, ruling the earth during the day and the sky at night. This creates a link between the predatory hunters (many of whom were nocturnal) and the moon, which provided them with light. Another of Artemis's incarnations was as the goddess Hecate, Mistress of the Underworld, and in this incarnation she is sometimes presented with three feral heads—usually those of wolves. This may have given rise to the legend of Cerebus, the monstrous triple-headed dog (or wolf) that guarded the Gates of Hell. This motif, however, gave the goddess sovereignty over the three main elements of the physical world—the air, the earth, and the Underworld. It is possible that in her original incarnation, Artemis may have been either a bear-goddess or a wolf-goddess, giving her a connection to the Palaeolithic period and the skin-swathed Shamans and animalistic rituals of that time.

Laignech Falead

As the civilizations of the world began to grow and develop, so their legends grew and developed with them—particularly the legend of the werewolf. Many of these legends, however, sought to connect with the warrior/hunter past. For example, there was a persistent belief in Ireland almost up until the 14th century that a tribe of wolf-men known as the Laignech Faelad dwelt somewhere in County Tipperary. Details of them appear in a very ancient manuscript, the *Coir Animann*, but are sceptically dismissed by the English historian William Camden in the 16th century. They were reputedly employed as mercenaries by the Celtic kings of Ireland when they made war on each other, and their ferocity and guile was seemingly unsurpassed. They were said to demand payment for their services in the form of flesh from young infants, which they divided and devoured amongst themselves.

Berserkers

The Vikings, too, had tales of *Berserkers,* ferocious warriors who devoured the flesh of their slain victims and smeared themselves in the blood of the slain. It is from these people that the word "berserk," meaning "uncontrollable," originates.

Certain of these berserkers wore animal skins, to add to their ferocious appearance and to terrify their enemies. An early description of these warriors comes from the Icelandic historian and mythologist Snorri Sturluson (1170–1241). In his *Ynglinga Saga*—a history of Sweden from extremely early time—she described the followers of the god Odin as those "who went without their mail coats and were mad as hounds or wolves, bit their shields, and were as strong as bears or bulls. They slew men but neither fire nor iron had effect upon them. This is called *berserkganger* (going berserk)." The word *berserk* itself comes from two root sources. The first part "*ber*" from the animal itself—the bear—and *serker*—shirt—implying that these men probably wore bearskin shirts to imbue themselves with frenzy. Similar groupings of warriors are to be found in Germanic traditions as well, where they were considered to be extremely fearless and vicious in battle. The idea of fierce warrior cults draped in bear or wolf skins probably strengthened the links between man and beast and added considerably to the idea that a man might transform himself into an animal.

Lykaon

One other aspect of ancient lore needs to be mentioned—the mysterious ritual on the top of Mount Lykaon, a remote spot in the highlands of Acadia in the Peloponnesus peninsula in ancient Greece. Mention of this place and the clandestine rituals that were held there comes from the Greek writer Pausanius. At the time of his writing, the lower slopes of this high country were enclosed by thick forests that were the natural abode of predatory wolves. The mountains, however, were bare and rocky and it was here that sacrifices were made to the sky god—the Lykaian Zeus. Pausanius refuses to divulge the ritual surrounding the sacrifice, but there is a suggestion that it may well have been human. In fact, the "Lykaian Zeus" may very possibly have been a much older, more feral god than the familiar deities of Classical Greece. Furthermore, it was believed that one of the participants in the ritual would be turned into a wolf for a specified period of nine years, provided he or she avoided eating human flesh during that period. If not, the unfortunate would remain in the wolf shape forever. This transformation was associated with a myth that a

legendary king of Arcadia, King Lykaon, had sacrificed a baby to Zeus and was turned into the shape of a wolf for this crime. Another connected story tells of an Arcadian boxer named Damarchus who was a champion of the Olympic Games around 400 B.C., after having been changed into a wolf and then back to human form nine years later. Whilst not doubting Lykaon's original vile sacrifice, Pausanius doubts the notion of animal transformation. Whilst the Arcadian Olympic team may have had an unnaturally hirsute boxer in its ranks, the writer does not truly believe that he was once a wolf. However, many other Greeks were not so sceptical—Arcadia was an enclosed and mysterious world. The mountains that surrounded it had protected it from battles. Arcadia had retained its own dialect and superstitions—its inhabitants were believed to have a long pedigree and were immersed, or so the surrounding Greeks thought, in primal magic and witchcraft. To such people, the idea of a man becoming a wolf would not have seemed an impossibility.

Lunatics

As we have seen, from early times there has been a link between such transformations—particularly those into wolves—with the moon. The goddess Artemis, as the "Mistress of Animals" and sometimes portrayed as having a wolf's head, was also the goddess of the moon. In a sense, such a connection is understandable. Most of the more vicious predators were nocturnal, hunting by moonlight. Furthermore, animals such as wolves seemed particularly drawn to the moon, frequently howling at it in chorus. And even as late as the early 19th century, the forces of the moon were often associated with frenzied or irrational behaviour in humans. In fact, the description "lunatic" comes from the French *lune,* meaning the moon. Moonlight, it was held, had a certain influence on the human mind, robbing it of reason and allowing primordial passions and rages to come to the surface. What better connection, then, to ferocious behaviour than a full moon that could transform a seemingly cultured man into a ravening beast? The myth of the beast-man, influenced by the moon, was beginning to take shape.

Christianity and Lycanthropy

Christianity added a further complication. Important to this faith was the consumption of blood and flesh through the Mystery of the Sacrament. The Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation, which was widely accepted by the Church around the ninth century and fully adopted by the Council of Lateran in 1215, spelled out at length that the bread and wine consumed at the Mass actually became the literal blood and body of Christ at the moment of ingestion by the communicant. To emphasise this point, the priest muttered *"hoc est Corpus Christi"* as he placed the Holy Wafer on the tongue of those crouched by the altar rail. The idea of eating flesh and drinking blood was therefore not incompatible with strict church doctrine. What *was* incompatible was the thought of men supernaturally turning into the beasts of the field.

The Church's response to many of the old Pagan beliefs was rather piecemeal. To the dismay of many religious leaders, a number of major Pagan festivals and processions continued long into the Christian period.

Fertility Rituals

Writing in the 6th century, Cesarius of Arles noted with alarm, the fertility processions during the January calends (celebrating the beginning of the year—from which we get the word calendar), in which some of the participants dressed in the skins of stags, sheep, goats, and sometimes hounds and wolves. The purpose of these disguises was to ensure prosperity and plenty throughout the coming year, but Cesarius was appalled and disgusted at the apparent loss of humanity amongst the participants in Arles. Their behaviour was similar to the beasts that they represented; they howled, they roared, and they copulated in the open in a state of euphoria that approached ecstasy. The churchman lost no time criticizing them and urging them to turn to the more spiritual and serene ways. Even so, the sight of normally cultured people indulging in animalistic behaviour must have shaken both him and others.

The Wild Hunt

In some parts of Europe, the Church contended with other animalistic traditions—this was the notion of the Wild Hunt. Reference to this occurs in accounts from all over Europe—France, England, Spain, Germany and Scandinavia.

The Hunt was a nightly cavalcade—sometimes of the dead, sometimes of supernatural creatures—led by some mysterious and mythological figure. In some areas that figure was Odin, in others Berthold, Herne, or Frau Perchta. Female entities that led the Hunt evoked memories of Artemis or Diana and provided a distinct connection between Greek myth and the legends of the Celts and Germanic peoples. These nightly chases were usually carried out when the moon was full and were usually confined either to the deep forests or remote mountains, reinforcing Man's fear of the dark and the deep woods. Such traditions stretched back into the mists of antiquity and there was little that the church could do against them, except to condemn them as the works of the Devil. Those who were swept up in their passing became the property of the Enemy of All Mankind. They lost all vestiges of their holy humanity—Man had been created in the image of God—and became as animals, feral and ferocious.

The Black Death

Such diabolism was expanding with the spread of the forest. In the late 1340s and early 1350s, a terrible disease took the countries of Western Europe in its fetid grasp. This was the Black Death—a deadly mixture of bubonic, pneumonic, and septicaemic plagues—and it is estimated that it killed somewhere between 25 and 45 percent of Europe's population. Whole villages were decimated at a single stroke; towns became tombs for the victims of the disease. Many of the 25 million who died were of the labouring poor and those who worked on the land, so as a result, one of the Death's first victims was the rural economy. Crops rotted in the fields, livestock died for want of care and, more importantly, the forests that had been cut back, began to expand again. And with the growth of cover, the wolf population began to increase. As they competed for food, wolf packs became more and more aggressive, particularly during the cold winter months when game was scarce. From time to time, starving wolf packs would attack human settlements, adding to the general notion that they were vicious killers with a taste for human flesh. In some cases, the Church taught that such attacks were a direct chastisement from God on a sinful world. If men behaved like animals, then they would be judged like animals.

British/Celtic Wolflore

Wehrwulf/Wodfreca

The first usage of the word "werewolf" occurs in English and in a Biblical context. It is referenced in the Ecclesiastical Ordinances of Cnut, a Danish king who ruled a great part of England between 1017 and 1035. The term "wehrwulf" is used in a passage that has little connection with a human transforming into a wolf. The text involved is Matthew 7:15. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." The author of the Ordnance—intriguingly named Wulfstan—urges both priests and bishops to be vigilant in protecting their flocks (congregation) "in order that the ravening werewolf should not too widely devastate their spiritual flocks. In his exposition, the holy man uses the rare Saxon term "wodfreca" (*wod* meaning "bold" and *freca* meaning "grasping" or "greedy" alongside the term "wehrwulf." This has been translated by some scholars as the Saxon equivalent of berserker—a wild, vicious man who lived in the woods. By using the adjective *wodfreca,* Wulfstan drew a clear connection between the unchristian person and the wild ravening animal. Later in Saxon England, the term was used to describe any form of outlaw or outcast. These people were associated with viciousness and bloody slaughter; a butcher who gave no mercy. The notion of the wild, wolfish man was becoming deeply entrenched in Christian as well as Pagan mythology.

Irish Wolfhounds

It was in Ireland that a written werewolf legend made its appearance. With its deep woodlands and open boggy stretches, Ireland was especially plagued by wolves. So bad was the problem that in 1652, Oliver Cromwell issued an edict at Kilkenny forbidding the export of Irish Wolfhounds, that had been specially bred to deal with the predator. Wolf hunts were common throughout the country—an old ballad "MacDermott" described one of them in Munster. This may have been a reference to the "Black and Tan" hunt that rode through Ireland in medieval times, killing wolves as it met them. Around the 1650s, there were stories of travellers around Lough Neagh in the North being attacked by packs of wild wolves as they walked towards Belfast. An old

travel book entitled, *The Travels of Cosmo* written in 1669, describes Ireland as Wolfland because of the number of the animals that were to be found there. It is not surprising that early tales of werewolves come from Ireland.

Giraldus de Barri

The writer of the story is Giraldus de Barri (called Giraldus Cambrenisis or Gerald of Wales), a churchman and a member of the ruling Norman aristocracy in England. His book, *A History and Topography of Ireland* (sometimes referred to as *Irish Wonders and Miracles*), was written around 1187. For many 12th century Englishmen, travelling to Ireland was similar to travelling to another planet—it was a mysterious and apparently hostile place. Yet Giraldus had journeyed there in the retinue of Prince John (then Lord of Ireland and to whom he acted as Confessor) and during the course of his stay he visited his distant relatives, the Fitzgeralds of Wicklow.

If Giraldus had a failing it was that he was far too credulous and believed everything that he was told. For instance, he believed that washing one's hair in a certain well in Meath would restore greying hair to its natural colour; or that somewhere in the country was a lake in which the fish had teeth of gold. Two other tales, however, interested him greatly—one concerning a man-ox that had been brought to his relative's castle and the other an old werewolf tale that was widely told. The incident, he specifically asserts, occurred three years before Prince John's expedition to Ireland, around 1182 or 1183.

Clan Altan

A certain priest, travelling from Ulster to Meath on church business, had set up camp for the night in a forest on the borders of Meath. He and his only companion, a small boy, were resting beside the fire when they were greatly shocked and alarmed at the appearance of a large wolf in the forest. More shockingly, the animal spoke to them, telling them that they really should have no fear of it. Despite this reassurance, the priest still had a fear of the creature. However, he questioned the animal and heard a strange tale.

The wolf was in fact a man. He and his wife were members of Clan Altan, a group of people who inhabited a village in the Diocese of Ossory and who

had run from a certain irascible saint—the Abbot Natalis who had cursed them all. The terms of the curse were this: every seven years two of the Clan (a man and a woman) were exiled from their community and forced to take the shape of wolves for seven years. They might be hunted down or attacked by other wolves, but if they survived that period, they would be allowed to return to their village and resume their human form. Two others, however, would then take their place.

The wolf told the priest that his companion was ill and likely to die and the creature wished the holy man to come and minister to her in her final hours. Although still terrified, the priest followed the werewolf to a hollow tree deep in the forest, where his mate lay. She too behaved in an almost human way although the cleric was still wary. Was he correct in administering the Offices of the Church to such an inhuman creature? He completed most of the Rites of the Church without offering the final communion. Then, using the male werewolf's paw like a hand, he cut through the skin, peeling it back and revealing the face of an elderly woman underneath. The cleric, now convinced of the creatures' humanity, offered her the Blessed Sacrament, which she received with due penance and devotion. The werewolf then escorted him back to his camp and after uttering several prophesies concerning the English who were living in Ireland, disappeared back into the forest promising to meet the priest upon his return from Meath. The holy man, however, was delayed, and never saw him again.

Although Giraldus insisted that the story was uniquely Irish, there are several familiar elements from other cultures. For example, the period of the seven years of Natalis's curse reflects the nine years of werewolfery in the Lykaian myth from ancient Greece. Two similar stories turn up in other sources—one from an Irish/ Scandinavian tradition where the 13th century *Kongs Skuggsjo* (*Speculum Regale)* states that St. Patrick turned members of a certain Clan who opposed his teachings, into wolves, their condition lasting for seven years. The second is a fragmentary tale from the Harz Mountain region in present-day Germany, in which a number of "Godless people" are turned into wolves for seven years by an irate St. Willibrod because they worshipped Pagan deities in the form of standing stones.

One current theme runs through Giraldus's account and the other stories as well as the Lykaian legend—that the transformation of a person into a wolf is the result of a curse, placed upon the unfortunates either by primal gods or by Christian holy men. It is doubtful that many early clerics used the notion of the "beast lurking within" to symbolize the more ferocious aspects of human nature as opposed to Christian charity and culture.

Marie de France

Another contemporary besides Giraldus was Marie de France, a Norman writer who produced a series of *lais* (epic poems) concerning various aspects of early medieval French life. Much of her work contains a stern moral theme and, although little is known about her, it is quite possible that Marie herself may have been a nun who mixed with the troubadours at the Gascon court.

The Lai of Bisclavret

One of these poems, *The Lai of Bisclavret*, is centred around a garwaf, that Marie describes as a werewolf-like creature known to the Normans. The name "Bisclaveret" itself is something of a linguistic puzzle. Marie insists that it is Breton and indeed it seems to derive from two Breton words *bisc* meaning "short" and *laveret* "wearing breeches." This may refer to other stories of fierce little men, dwelling in the woods, who wore breeches of animal skins and attacked travellers as they passed through the French forests. Such a motif is an adaptation of the Wild Men of the Woods that appears in the myths of many lands, including England. Other linguists have intriguingly linked the name to the ancient Breton *bleiz lavaret* (speaking wolf) or *bleiz laveret* (thinking wolf).

Garwaf

The protagonist of *The Lai of Bisclavret* is a Breton knight, considered to be extremely brave, and also married to a beautiful lady. He is, however, surrounded by a mystery. For three whole days each week, he disappears without explanation from his castle, apparently departing into the deep woodlands. These continued disappearances both alarmed and upset his wife who begged

him to tell her where he went. Seeing her obvious distress, he finally relented and explained to her that he was a garwaf and must go into the forest for three days each week in order to take the shape of a wolf. As soon as he laid aside his clothes, the transformation occurred. His disclosure only further alarmed his wife who was determined to be rid of him. In order to do this, she planned to steal his clothes (without which he could not return to human form but must remain a wolf forever) and got the nobleman to divulge where he left them—in a hollow stone, concealed by a bush near an ancient chapel deep in the forest. The lady then contacted a former paramour who became her lover and persuaded him to steal the clothes, thus condemning the knight to the permanent wolf-form.

A year passed and Bisclavret had not returned from the forest. The woodlands were searched but nothing was found. It was assumed that he was dead. His former wife married her lover and gradually his name began to fade from memory. The king, however, was hunting through the forest when his huntsmen found a wolf and his hounds seized upon it. The king, however, showed mercy and spareed the creature, taking it back to the palace as a pet. There it became a favourite of the court, earning many friends by its good nature and gentleness. One day, the monarch gave a great feast, and amongst those invited was the new husband of Bisclavret's former wife. As soon as it saw the nobleman, the wolf's mood suddenly changed. Far from being kind and gentle, it turned ferociously on the visitor, leaping upon him and sinking its fangs into him to the astonishment of everyone present. The king himself managed to drive the animal back with a stick, allowing the treacherous knight to escape further injury. Because the creature was so amiable and the attack so unexpected, many began to suspect that there was more to the matter and the king decreed that the incident was to be fully investigated.

First, however, there was to be a hunt, and once more they passed through the woods near Bisclavret's former castle. As they camped there, many of the local nobility came to pay their respects to the monarch, including Bisclavret's former wife. As she entered the king's presence, the placid wolf at his side changed once more and sprang forward to attack her, biting off her nose in its ferocity (a common torture in the medieval world). The courtiers managed to

beat the creature off. Then one of the king's counsellors, noted for his wisdom, pointed out that the wolf had never attacked anyone save that woman, and her second husband. He also reminded the monarch that this was the wife of a brave knight who had disappeared in mysterious circumstances. The king enforced his decree and investigated further.

Under torture, the hapless pair revealed what happened. The lady admitted that she had been responsible for the theft of her first husband's clothes from the hollow stone near the abandoned abbey. The king ordered the return of the garments and when they were brought, he placed them in front of the wolf, which at first shied away from them. The wise counsellor told the king that, because it was a shameful thing, the transformation from wolf back to man must be done in secret with no-one watching. So the king took the wolf back to the royal bedroom and left it alone with the clothes. Shortly afterwards the brave and handsome knight emerged from the room and the king rushed forward and celebrated his return to humanity with great joy. Bisclavert was confirmed in his lands and his treacherous former wife and her husband were banished from the kingdom. They went to live in a distant land where they raised many noseless children.

Although Marie de France treated Bisclavret sympathetically, she was at pains to point out that the garwaf was a terrifying creature. She described it as a "beste salvage." Bisclavret revealed that he hunted in the woods by night, similar to a beast of prey, killing and devouring, doing great harm, and that he had a desire to attack and kill humans. She also told of the king's terror when, during the hunt that captured Bisclavret, he was confronted by the cornered wolf. She described the ferocity of the creature as it attacked its former wife, ripping away her nose.

Gorlagon

This lai dates from the 12th century, but it is probably based on an older Breton folktale. Indeed, several ancient Celtic stories contain roughly the same themes concerning the werewolf, one of which is the Welsh Arthurian legend of Gorlagon. This story has many variations, but in a generally-accepted Latin version, Arthus is challenged by his queen to discover the ways of womankind.

In order to do this, he sets out for the castle of neighbouring King Gargol. Although this king cannot help him, he directs him to the fortress of another local monarch, King Torleil. This king cannot help him any more than the first but directs him even further, to the castle of King Gorlagon. This king agrees to tell him a story that will aid him in his quest, although he will only be slightly wiser at the end of it.

His tale concerns a king with a garden or courtyard in which grew a magic sapling. If this sapling were to be cut and the person who cut it tapped himself upon the head with it whilst reciting a certain spell, he would be transformed into the shape of a wolf. His treacherous wife, who had availed herself of a handsome young lover, managed to discover the secret of this sapling, had it cut, and used it to transform her husband. The werewolf-king fled into the forest where he met with a she-wolf and raised a family of wolf cubs whilst his wife married her paramour. When his cubs were almost fully grown, the werewolf-king entered the town and attacked two princes who were the sons of his former wife and her lover. However, the creatures were pursued back into the forest by the lady's cousins, and the cubs were killed, although the werewolf-king himself escaped.

Maddened by the slaughter of his offspring, the werewolf-king began to attack the settlements of local shepherds, decimating their flocks. He was hunted and chased out to another land where he was no more welcome. Travelling to a third country, he found a refuge for himself in a deep wood where he thought he might be safe. However, one night he overheard two locals saying that the king was coming that way to hunt the werewolf-king. It is here that the legend begins to closely follow the tale of Bisclavret, in that the wolf managed to stop the king en route to the hunt and convince the monarch not to kill him. He further persuaded the king and his retinue that he was a friendly wolf, and he became much loved by them—almost a pet. Nevertheless, the king's wife does not approve of the animal, and whilst her husband was away, she mistreated it. At the same time, she was conducting an affair with one of the servants, thus cuckolding the king himself. One night whilst they were engaged in their lovemaking, the wolf attacked them, inflicting deep wounds upon the servant. In order to retaliate, the queen locked her own son in the deepest dungeon and swore that the wolf had eaten him and had even

attacked the servant who had tried to defend him. The wolf, however, managed to get the king to follow him to the deep dungeon where the prince was discovered unharmed and the queen's treachery was exposed. When the boy revealed what had happened, the servant, who was also involved in the plot, was hanged whilst the queen was pulled apart after being tied between wild horses, and her remains burnt.

It was now becoming apparent that the wolf was more than simply a dumb animal, and that it possessed an almost human intelligence. The king came to the conclusion that it might be a man in a bewitched state and he asked the creature to lead him to its own country. The wolf led him to his native land where it was discovered that the evil queen and her new husband had become fearful despots. The king invaded with a mighty army and forced the queen and her husband to surrender. Threatened with torture, the queen confessed what she had done to her former husband and was made to fetch the magic sapling and turn the wolf back into her husband.

Impressed by the tale, Arthur was determined to know if it was true. "Who is the mad-looking woman who sits opposite you?" he asked Garlagon, "Who weeps over a bloody head set on a platter before her and which she kisses whenever you kiss your wife?" "That," explained the king, "is the treacherous queen. For I was the werewolf in the tale that I've just recounted. The two foreign countries in the story are those ruled over by my two brothers Gargol and Torleil. My former wife was not killed but is condemned to carry the severed head of the lover with whom she betrayed me everywhere she goes. I remarried and decreed that every time I kissed my new wife, she should kiss the dead lips of the man who seized my throne. In this way, the country would be reminded both of her great wickedness and of my absolute rule."

This tale contains a number of interesting elements. The names of the three kings are significant. Each one of them is a name for a werewolf. Gorlagon is a variant of the Old Welsh word *Garlion,* signifying a creature that is half man, half wolf, similar to the Norman *garwaf.* It is probable that in the original tale (for the story is much older than the Arthurian legend) the three kings were one man. And the original tale, some scholars have suggested, may be the one (or a similar one) to that which Marie de France used for her Bisclavret lai.

Eastern Creatures

During the medieval period, travel to places on the very edge of, or beyond Europe, began to increase with those who brought back fantastic tales of places and creatures that they had found. They also encountered Crusaders, returning from what is today the Middle East, and recounted stories of fabulous and exotic realms inhabited by strange breeds of people who often defied conventional physiology. Those who journeyed further East returned with descriptions of races that almost defied imagination. There were tales of giants and pygmies; of Troglodytes—squat little men who dwelt in caverns far beneath the deserts of Ethiopia; of the Anthropophagi and Laestrygonians—wild and ferocious men who dwelt on remote islands in the Aegean and who ate human flesh (descriptions of these had existed since Greek times); of Amazons—a fierce tribe of women who lived around the headwaters of a mighty river away to the West; of Sciopods—one-legged creatures who lay around protecting themselves from the sun's rays by shading their bodies with a gigantic single foot; of the Astomi, who did not eat as they had no mouths, but lived on the smell of rotting apples; of the Cylcops—one eyed giants who killed and devoured all those who came near; and of the Panotii, men with exceptionally long ears in which they could wrap themselves as they slept. The whole bizarre panoply sounded similar to science fiction. Amongst these monstrous races, perhaps the best known, were the Cynocephali—the Dog Heads—creatures with the bodies of men but with the heads of dogs. Accounts of them had existed since the days of the writer Pliny, who located them somewhere in India. They had no understandable speech but barked like hounds in order to communicate with each other. They were extremely primitive, little more than prehistoric hunters, dressed in animal skins and dwelling in caves. Their crude weapons consisted of bows, spears, and javelins, but they were regarded as ferocious fighters. Many legends of their viciousness had been circulating for a long time, probably since the days of Alexander the Great and certainly well before the Middle Ages. As time went on, however, many of their attributes became exaggerated—their feral nature, their guile and cunning, their enormous and rending teeth. Their cries, echoing through the mountains and canyons where they lived may have sounded similar to "bar-bar," and this may

have been one of the sources from which the Greeks devised the word "barbarian" describing what they considered to be the uncouth and uncultured peoples whom they encountered. The notion of a Dog-Headed race of men may have evolved from baboons with their hairy bodies and long dog-like muzzles, glimpsed by those travelling East—creatures that displayed at least some characteristics but also showed immense ferocity. The idea of bestial races or of men somehow transforming themselves into wild animals—particularly the wolf—was drawing more closely together.

The Church's Position on Evil

How did the church react to such alleged discoveries? It has often been said that if life were to be found on other planets, then the modern church would have to re-evaluate its perspectives, and so it was with its medieval counterpart. The Dog-Heads in particular (a widespread and popular tale), caused ancient clerics some concern. Although the 11th century "Theodore" Psalter (now held in the British Library) contains an illustration of Christ preaching to a group of dog-headed figures, this was uncommon in the medieval world.

Dogs

For Christian thinkers, the dog or wolf represented the feral, uncontrollable element in Man as opposed to the cultured, compassionate Christian that their teachings sought to encourage. Of special significance to them was a verse of Scripture, taken from the Psalms and said to depict the Passion of Christ. Psalm 22 v. 16 states, "For dogs have encompassed me; the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me." Now this passage lends itself to a number of interpretations, but for some of the early Fathers, these words were to be taken literally, and as an oblique reference to the Dog-Heads of foreign shores. They were evil and were opposed to God and his servants, almost beyond the Word of God. Even though there were suggestions that some of the Dog-Heads might have been Christianised through the interventions of the Apostles (there was even a suggestion that St. Christopher had originally been a Pagan Dog-Head named Reprobus before becoming converted), this was not

generally accepted. The Dog-Heads were too far off base to understand the sacred precepts of the Christian message. But although they were considered to be well "beyond the Pale" of the Christianised world, the popularity of the Dog-Head legends showed no signs of diminishing. Indeed, in 1430, a map of the world was drawn up by medieval cartographers that showed a people known as the Beni Chelib, living in Ethiopia under a Saracen king called Ebinichebel, all of whom were dog-headed. This seems to be a deliberate attempt to equate the vicious and war-like Dog-Heads with the developing religion of Islam, considered to be Christianity's main competitor in the Eastern lands. The notion of the sinful, hostile werewolf, associated with dark, foreign, customs and practices was now gaining ground.

At the end of the 15th century, Europe stumbled uncertainly towards the first glimmerings of the Enlightenment. In such a period, the Church tried desperately to exercise its former power over the hearts and minds of its people whilst they in turn and, in the face of mounting social change, tried to cling to the certainties that had sustained them through the last thousand years. This was the period of the great European witch hunts, as old superstitions made one final assault on the popular mind. It was believed that the end of the world was approaching and the Devil was loose, working through his agents to ensure the downfall of the Godly. The first stirrings of Protestantism vied with Catholicism for the hearts and minds of men and women before it fractured and splintered into various sects, only adding to the spiritual confusion of the time. In an attempt to promote Catholic unity, the Church turned on the enemy in its midst—witches and evil-workers. Pope Innocent VIII (1484–1492), seeking to divert attention from the apathy and worldliness of the Papacy, turned his attention to the Mainz and Treves regions of Germany where ancient practices were still said to flourish. It was Pope Innocent who commissioned the churchmen Heinrich Kramer and Jacobus Sprenger to draw up what was to become the infamous witchcraft manual of the Holy Inquisition—the *Malleus Maleificarum* (the Hammer of the Witch). Kramer, who had been Chief Inquisitor in the Tyrol, was well versed in ideas about witchcraft and used them to embellish the sinister volume. The book was used as a means of detecting, judging and despatching witches and was widely used by

witch-finders everywhere. Even today, long after the witch persecutions have ceased, it is still a best-seller. In conjunction with *Malleus,* Innocent issued a Papal Bull against witchcraft and in doing so started a hysteria which would rumble on for almost two hundred years.

Witches/Shapeshifters

Throughout the latter half of the 16th century and most of the 17th, witches were everywhere. They had magical powers—one of which was to transform themselves into other forms, usually those of animals. Back in the 12th century, Giraldus deBarri had confidently asserted that it was within the power of all Irish woman to change themselves into hares and stoats in order to drink milk from the udders of cows (a belief that was still held in many Irish rural areas at the beginning of the 20th century), and soon animal transformations had become part and parcel of the witch belief. Witches, it was widely believed, went about the countryside in animal disguises, seeking to do harm against their neighbours. Potions and unguents were used in order to transform them into the guise of stoats, weasels, cats, ravens, and other creatures. Witches galloped around the countryside in the guise of horses, trampling crops and breaking down fences or gnawing through grain sacks in the guise of mice. The forms that they could take were endless, and it was not very long before the wolf was added to this list.

Peter Stubb

Perhaps one of the most celebrated werewolf cases of the late 16th century was that of Peter Stubb (alternately spelt Stubbe, Stumpf, or Stube), the werewolf of Cologne, Germany, whose trial took place in 1589. The widespread knowledge of the case can be attributed to the pamphlets, detailing many of his horrendous crimes, that circulated throughout Europe, and were translated into a number of languages. A number of learned writers of the time, such as Martin Del Rio, subsequently made comments on the case, adding to its notoriety.

Witchcraft was involved in the transformation—the dark powers centering around a magic belt with which, by buckling it around his waist, Stubb could

transform himself into a ravening wolf. He was described in *A True Discourse Declaring the Damnable Life and Death of One Stubbe Peter,"* an anonymous pamphlet published in 1590, as "strong and mighty, with eyes great and large, that in the night sparkled like brands of fire; a mouth great and wide, with the most sharp and cruel teeth; a huge body and mighty paws. And no sooner would he put off the same girdle, but presently he should appear in his former shape, according to the proportion of a man as if he had never been changed." Whilst in his wolf shape, Stubb was incredibly ferocious, viciously attacking a number of people who crossed his path and then escaping into the surrounding countryside, easily outdistancing the hounds that were sent after him. It was alleged that his first choice of prey, whilst in the wolf shape, was human but if he could not find any, he would attack the sheep and cattle of his neighbours. He had, it was stated, murdered no less than thirteen young children and savaged at least two pregnant women, ripping the unborn babies from their wombs in order to devour them. The horror of his attacks could not be overemphasized. In addition to these bestial crimes, he was accused of incest with both his sister and daughter, and of actually murdering his own son whilst in human form and of eating the boy's brains in order to staunch "his greedy appetite."

Whilst in his wolf-form, Stubb was cornered in some fields near the town of Bedbur by a pack of hounds that had been sent against him. In order to elude them, he removed the magic belt and appeared simply as an ordinary traveller, walking towards the town and leaning on his staff. But those who were following the hounds claimed that they had never taken their eyes from the wolf and had seen the miraculous transformation. Stubb was arrested and, under strict torture, gave a full account of his abominable life. The magic belt, however, was not found and (under torture) Stubb admitted to having abandoned it "in a certain valley," just before he had been captured. The valley was searched but nothing was discovered and it was assumed that the Devil (whose servant Stubb was supposed to be) had reclaimed it.

Stubb's case had now become so celebrated that he could not escape the full rigor of the law. Every horrid detail of the affair had shocked the populace of Germany and beyond. He was sentenced to be strapped to a wheel

and large sections of his flesh were ripped from the bone using red-hot pliers. His arms and legs were then smashed with a wooden axe, after which he was finally decapitated and his corpse was burnt on the same pyre as those of his daughter and mistress, who had also been executed for their crimes. After the execution, a memorial was set up in Bedbur consisting of a long pole pushed through the broken execution wheel and with the likeness of a wolf, framed in wood near its summit. On the very top, however, Stubb's head was impaled as a warning to all who might be tempted to follow him and take on the guise of a wolf. Around this grisly reminder were hung sixteen pieces of wood, representing the sixteen victims whom Stubb was alleged to have murdered as a werewolf.

Although this German werewolf was perhaps the best known, it was in France that many of the trials for lycanthropy occurred. Indeed, contemporary with and even before Stubb was brought to trial in Bedbur, there were several notable French trials, including that of the famous Gilles Garnier.

Gilles Garner

Gilles Garnier, the "hermit of St. Bonnot," ranks as one of the earliest and most famous French werewolves. During the early 1570s, he was dwelling in great poverty, along with his wife in the rough and wooded countryside of Armanges, near the town of Dole. He was not a native of the area, having initially come from Lyon, and he was considered odd and rather belligerent in his ways. About the time he came to live at Armanges, a large wolf began to prey on the flocks of local shepherds, spreading fear and alarm. Additionally, several children were carried off to be devoured in the forest—witnesses claimed that a werewolf was responsible. As time passed, such attacks became more and more frequent, to the alarm of many of the parents in the area. Naturally, suspicion fell upon the surly anti-social hermit dwelling in the woods, but there was not enough concrete evidence to confront him. However, the local parlement (governing body) did take some action. It issued a proclamation that the populace should assemble with pikes, arquebuses, sticks, and halberds to hunt, seize, and kill the werewolf. The vigilante assembly soon hunted down its prey in November 1573. It was reported that a little girl was rescued from the jaws of

a wolf in La Poupee meadow, between Authune and Chastenoy. She had been badly mauled by the creature and her shocked rescuers thought that they recognized human features on the wolf as they drove it off. For many, the animal bore an uncanny resemblance to the misanthropic hermit of St. Bonnot. The parlement at Dole ordered that he be arrested and questioned. Garnier's confession (perhaps elicited under torture) gave a graphic and horrifying account of his activities as a werewolf. Much of the gruesome details concerned the murder and devouring of two children in particular—two boys, ages ten and twelve years of age, one of whom he had killed in the locality of Dole and the other (in August 1570) in a pear-orchard near the village of Perrouze. In this latter case, he had been driven off (still in his wolf form) by the approach of some labourers. In that same October, he had also killed a ten-year-old girl in a wood known as La Serre about a mile or so from Dole. He claimed that he found her flesh "especially sweet" and took some of it home for his wife to eat.

Unlike Stubb, however, Garnier was slightly vague about how he actually transformed himself into an animal. There was no magic belt given to him by the Devil. Rather he seems to have become a wolf through "sorcery" and in most of his evidence, he speaks of "strangling" his victims whilst in his werewolf-guise. Could it be possible that the weak-minded and confused Garnier simply imagined that he became a wolf in order to commit several murders? It is also possible that cannibalism may have been common in some of the more remote parts of Europe than is perhaps commonly supposed, and that the wretched Garnier and his wife might have given in to such abnormal urges in order to survive. Such mental niceties, however, were not taken into account by the officials in Dole, who eventually found the hermit guilty of the most ghastly of werewolf crimes. Ironically, he was not offered the mercy of strangulation before his body was completely burned—an unusually harsh punishment that was said to reflect the awfulness of his offences. It probably also reflected a wide-spread fear of a beast lurking within the midst of a civilized community.

Michael Verdung

Gilles Garnier was not the first werewolf to terrify the French people. Around 1520, three of the creatures had been discovered in the village of

Poligny in the Jura region close to the Swiss Alps. This was a remote and mountainous area and well-suited to tales of the loup-garou, a wolf-like creature that was, in actuality, an evil spirit going about in the form of a massive hound. The first of these wolf-men to be discovered was Michel Verdung (also known as Michael Udon) who had allegedly been wounded whilst in his wolf form by a traveller whom he had attacked. Following the trail of blood, some local men found their way to Verdung's hut, where they found a woman with whom he lived, bathing his fresh wounds. The matter was put in front of the Inquisitor-General at Besancon who commenced a rigorous investigation. Under torture, Verdung implicated another man whom he knew—one Pierre Bourgot, known locally as Big Peter. This man was known for his surly attitude, irascible temper, and strange ways, and it came as no surprise that he should be involved in something so dark and sinister as werewolfery. Under torture himself, Peter confessed to how he had first become a werewolf. Whilst hunting for some sheep that had been scattered by a storm, he was approached by three dark horsemen to whom he told his troubles. One of them promised Bourgot help and contentment if he would agree to serve these three masters and do whatever they asked. Bourgot promptly accepted and found his lost sheep soon afterward. A few days later, the three horsemen arrived at his house to seal the bargain they had made and the one who had spoken revealed himself to be an instrument of the Devil. He made Big Peter deny his Christian birthright and to take an oath to serve Satan by kissing his left hand. Later, Bourgot began to doubt the wisdom of his agreement and as he was considering going to the priest to confess what he had done, Michel Verdung appeared at his door. Verdung informed him that he had been sent by the Devil and promised him gold and great wealth if he would renew his oath of allegiance to the Evil One. He then made Peter disrobe and applied an ointment to him that changed him into the form of a wolf. In this guise, Verdung told him, he could attend the Devil's Sabbat. Verdung was able to restore him to human form by means of another ointment that he (Verdung) kept. When in the wolf form, Peter experienced awful lusts and desires, including the desire to eat human flesh. He had, for example, eaten the flesh of a four-year-old child and had found it sweet and delicious. He had also broken the neck of

a nine-year-old girl and had devoured her as well. Not only this, but Verdung had assumed a wolf-shape as well. Not only had he assisted him in his foul crimes, but together they had also copulated with wild female wolves. Faced with such a catalogue of horrors, there could be no other option save execution and burning. The imprint of the werewolf had, however, been set in the popular mind.

Jacques Roulet

Stories of Gilles Garnier and the lycanthropes of Poligny began to circulate around Europe, adding fuel to the fire of the werewolf panic. However, he was not the only French werewolf to arouse both fear and hatred. In the summer of 1598, a soldier walking through the fields near Angers, in the French northwest, together with some local peasants, came across a wild beggar, cowering half-naked in the bushes. Upon pulling him out, they found blood smeared across his hands and face, and pieces of what looked similar to human flesh embedded under his long and filthy finger nails. On searching further, they also found, the body of a murdered fifteen-year-old boy.

The beggar's name was Jacques Roulet and he was both mentally retarded and an epileptic. This did not prevent him from being taken back to Angers to be interrogated. Although there is no record as to whether the interrogation was actually carried out, it probably involved torture and resulted in a full confession of werewolfery to the court of Judge Pierre Herault. Roulet admitted that he had a magic ointment that, when rubbed into his skin, changed him into the form of a wolf. The judge asked him if that meant he was *dressed* as a wolf, but Roulet denied this. He said that he was an actual animal and that his hands had become rending paws. He could not, however describe his head but thought that whilst his body was that of a wolf, his head remained human. He also confessed to have taken part in the Devil's Sabbat at which others of his kind had participated.

There is no real record of what actually befell Jacques Roulet, following his confession, but it is likely that he was burned—not as a werewolf—but as a witch and a heretic. The court records, containing the details of his abominable crimes, were ordered to be burnt and so only fragments of them survive.

However, the year 1598 seems to have been a particularly troublesome year in France with regard to werewolves, for the weak-minded, flesh-eating beggar was not the only such case in the country. Indeed, this year was to produce a veritable epidemic of werewolf accusations. One of the most notable occurred in Chalons, where a tailor, living within the town boundary, was found to have committed a number of cannibalistic crimes. He attacked children who ventured into or near his place of work. In nearby woods and fields just outside the town, he ate their flesh, which he found particularly succulent. He stored their bones among some chests and barrels at the back of his shop. When these were accidentally discovered, the tailor's game was up. Like Jacques Roulet, the lycanthrope tailor of Chalons was probably sentenced to death and once more the directives of the court were destroyed.

Devil's Sabbat

The notion of the Sabbat tied werewolfery inextricably to witchcraft and to the enemies of the Church. Sabbats were believed to be great gatherings, attended by the vilest of witches and presided over by the Devil himself. Their primary purpose was to do evil, but there was also an element of revelry to them in which the participants often adopted the characteristics of animals—baying, howling, and copulating at random. The whole idea of such gatherings was to strip away all that was good and ordered by God, and to give in to one's primal desires in order to affect great harm on Christian communities. The ravening beast was now seen as an agent of the Evil One and an enemy of all Mankind, to be hunted down and destroyed.

Pierre Gandillion

In the area of Franche-Comte, near the Swiss Alps, not far from Poligny where Michel Verdung and his companion had terrified the populace, a whole family of werewolves had been discovered as well. The region was very remote and was thickly forested with the mountains rising majestically behind it. Two children were picking fruit near the village of St. Claude in Burgundy

in the spring of 1598 when one of them, sixteen-year-old Benoit Bidel, momentarily left his younger sister at the foot of a great tree whilst he climbed into its branches. Whilst he was still climbing disaster struck. A "tailless wolf" suddenly sprang from the surrounding forest and attacked the defenseless girl. Benoit, who was armed with a knife that he'd been using for cutting down fruit, jumped to the ground and prepared to defend his sister. The wolf, however, which seemed to have a human face and fur-covered hands, struck the knife away and delivered the boy a fatal blow on the neck. The girl screamed and her cries alerted some peasants who were working in the fields nearby. They found Benoit close to death, but he was able to pass on crucial information concerning the "wolf" before he did so. The workmen now began to search the area and in some woodlands close by, they found a girl, Perrenette Gandillion, wandering among the trees. There were traces of blood on her dress and, both outraged and frightened, the mob tore her to pieces.

The Gandillions lived close by, and now the people of St. Claude turned their attentions upon the family. They had been under suspicion for some time as being witches and Devil-worshipers, and this incident gave the local authorities the excuse they needed to investigate further. Other members were now arrested and brought to trial. Perrenette's sister, Antoinette, was accused of being a werewolf and of being able to create hailstorms that had flattened the crops of her neighbours. She was also accused of having attended a witch's Sabbat where she copulated with the Devil, who had come to her in the guise of a goat. Her brother, Pierre Gandillion, was similarly accused. Subject to swoons and epilepsy, he was said to lie at home in a cataleptic state whilst his spirit roamed through the woods in the guise of a werewolf, doing harm. He was also accused of attending a Sabbat, convened by the Devil and comprised entirely of werewolves. Under torture, he revealed how Satan had given both him and others clothes of wolf's skin that covered their human shape, and had made them run throughout the country on all fours, attacking both humans and animals to satisfy their unholy lusts. Pierre's son, Georges, also confessed to having a salve or ointment that could turn him into a wolf and, together with Perrenette and Antoinette, killing two goats belonging to a neighbour.

Henri Boguet

In the St. Claude cases, a new and slightly sinister figure emerged—Henri Boguet. A Grand Justice for the Franche-Comte region, Boguet was a University-educated lawyer who had made a special study of witchcraft cases. His book *Discours des sorciers* was an exhaustive (if biased) work that would become the staple text for French witch hunters and magistrates for years after his death in 1619. His record of finding witches in the Franche-Comte and Jura Mountain regions was exemplary. At one stage he boasted that he was responsible for over 600 executions for witchcraft between the years 1598 and 1616. He was especially adept at fining instances of witchcraft amongst the Jews of his area. At the time of the St. Claude cases, his witchcraft book was already in print, and he was widely regarded as France's leading demonologist, but as he investigated the evidence, Boguet decided to release a second edition of the work that would include a lengthy chapter on lycanthropy. He used the Gandillion family as an example of how the Devil could corrupt God's people and turn them into beasts. He said that he had observed members of the family walking on all fours around their cells, just as they had done in the fields, and he observed that Pierre Gandillion was so disfigured that he actually resembled a beast. All of them had shown an appetite for human flesh.

Sawney Bean

Although it is questionable as to whether the Gandillions were indeed werewolves, it may be possible that they were actually cannibals. Indeed, some scholars have argued parallels between those who have been convicted of werewolfery and cases such as that of Sawney Bean and his family in 14th century Scotland. During the reign of the Scottish king James I (1406–1437), Alexander Bean (also known as Sandy or Sawney Bean), a surly and uneducated man, the son of a hedger and ditcher, absconded from his East Lothian home with a woman as brutish and unlettered as himself. Bean is described as insolent and overbearing, and his new partner displayed similar characteristics. They went to live in a deep cave at Bennane Head near Ballintrae, which was then part of Galloway (today it is part of Ayrshire). They would live there for

more than 25 years, making little contact with the local villages, so that few knew of their existence. During that time, they sustained themselves and their family by capturing and killing travellers on a nearby moor, taking their bodies back to the cave, and cooking and eating them. It is said that when discovered, the cave resembled "a butcher's kitchen." Sawney and his partner raised a brood of children around them—some of whom were very badly deformed—all of whom had a taste for human flesh. As travellers in the area began to disappear with increasing frequency, the authorities in Ballantrae became alarmed. Word reached the ears of King James and he decided that the matter should be investigated. By now bits and pieces of human remains had washed up along the coast as the Bean's discarded some of their food. To the horror of some of those who found them, they appeared to have been gnawed by human teeth. The King himself now took personal charge of the investigation and ordered a hunt with hounds all along the coastline near Ballintrae. He had heard vague stories of a hermit and his wife who lived somewhere around the area. The hounds and men soon found the concealed entrance to Sawney Bean's cave and recoiled from the horrors that it held. It is said that the King himself was violently sick at the stores of human remains, some of them half-eaten, that were laid out deep in the cavern. Here, too, were piles of clothes, wallets, money, and valuables that the cannibals had stored away without actually realizing the value of what they held. Bean and his family were so used to their cannibalistic lifestyle that they could not understand that they had committed any crime. But in the eyes of the law, they had committed the most abominable of crimes and they were all arrested and taken back to the Tollbooth in Edinburgh. From there, they were taken to Leith where they were formally tried and sentenced to death. So gruesome was the effect of their crimes on the Scottish people that the method of their execution in many ways reflected the horror of their lives. The men were sentenced to have all their limbs amputated and to be allowed to bleed to death whilst the women were to be killed as slowly as possible. Some of Sawney Bean's children died wondering what they had done wrong. The name of Sawney Bean, however, passed into folklore as "the Maneater of Midlothian" and actually spawned a number of stories and plays as well as a Shockfest underground film in the style of "Cannibal Holocaust."

Although he was not classed as a werewolf—rather as a cannibal and a mass murderer—Sawney Bean's case may reflect some of the aspects of the French lycanthropy trials. Lonely men and women such as Gilles Garnier, Sawney Bean, and the Gandillion family, dwelling in the utmost poverty in remote rural areas, may have preyed upon their vulnerable neighbours in order to sustain themselves without having to work. They may have looked on those around them as a ready source of food during desperate times, and therefore cannibalism may well have been much more widespread than we commonly suppose. However, it was men like Henri Boguet who made the connections between the rapacious beast and the agents of evil, and it was they who stoked up the notion of werewolves.

Nicholas Remy

Having burnt the Gandillions, Boguet turned his attention to seeking out other werewolves in the Jura region. It is unclear whether he found any, but his efforts against witches seems to have increased. Numbers of those people brought before the courts for practicing witchcraft grew dramatically. However, although Boguet insisted that werewolves were lurking everywhere in society (he continually cited the instances of Poligny and of the tailor of Chalons), the number of actual citations of werewolfery are extremely scant. Indeed, although instances of witchcraft trials went up, their total number was remarkably less than the likes of Boguet were to later claim. Boguet's counterpart in Lorraine, the judge Nicholas Remy, himself a writer of a major book on witchcraft entitled *Demonoltary*, was to grandly claim that he had tried and executed no less than 900 persons for sorcery, including werewolfery. The actual records however, suggest that the number was far, far lower. And yet, the notion of witches and werewolves were potent figures that lurked deep in the French mind. The werewolf was still seen as the agent of the Devil.

France, Religion, and Terror

Part of the reason for much of the terror during early times may lie in the changing of the times that plagued France throughout the mid-to-late 16th century. The difficulties, (social, religious, and economic), were, of course,

reflected all over Europe. But in France they seemed to take on a special resonance. The nub of these problems seemed to be the steady emergence of a Protestant tradition, that promised freedom and independence from a perceived Catholic tyranny. This was not only a purely doctrinal standpoint but, as with most religious teachings, it had political ramifications.

Huguenots

The austere Protestant Huguenots looked upon the French monarchy with something akin to disdain and sought to administer their own affairs in a "Godly way"—that is, separate from the laws laid down by the king. Many of the Huguenot towns operated almost as independent republics, and Huguenot leaders and ministers encouraged the nonpayment of ecclesiastical tithes—usually 10 percent of overall income—to the Church authorities. In doing so, they placed themselves on a collision course with the state. Violent protests against tithes flared in areas such as Languedoc and Aquitaine, placing strains on the levying of secular taxation and disturbing the government immensely. Such a situation could not be allowed to continue. As the civil disobedience and riots continued all through the 1560s, the authorities realized they had to take action.

St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre

On 24th August 1572, large numbers of French Protestants streamed into Paris to witness the marriage of Henry of Navarre to Margaret of Valois. The occasion, St. Bartholomew's Day, was supposed to be a holy and joyous one. It was also the day that the Catholic machinery of state chose to act. The army was unleashed and hundreds of Huguenots were massacred, souring the air between Catholics and Protestants for years to come. The event ushered in a period known as the Wars of Religion, a series of civil wars in which Protestants and Catholics vied for control of their respective regions. In 1598, the formerly Protestant French king, Henry IV, tried to ameliorate the situation by enacting the Edict of Nantes that promised religious tolerance to all French citizens. Less than a hundred years later in 1685, however, Henry's grandson, Louis XIV, revoked this Edict, outlawing Protestantism, making France a Catholic country, and expelling the Huguenots. Mixed in amongst this religious and

civil unrest were other factors such as plague and personal and economic hardship that often touched daily lives. Religious hatred, disease, poverty, and civil war all had a corrosive effect on the social structure, particularly in relatively isolated areas. In times of uncertainty and pestilence, people looked around for scapegoats, and communally religious certainties sought to reassert themselves. God was in His Heaven but the Devil was in the world, and he was determined to attack and destroy the righteous. Nor could the populace look to the central authorities for any sort of stability, because they too were in a dangerous state of flux. The uniformity of state that had characterized the reign of Henry II now gave way to a period of vacillating and weak administration under those of his sons. Francis II had ruled for little more than a year, guided as the Scottish Protestant Reformer John Knox (Francis was married to the young Mary, Queen of Scots), by "the vile whispers of Popish priests." He was only fifteen when he ascended the throne in 1559 and realizing that the new monarch was young and impressionable, the various great French houses—such as the formidable Catholic house of Guise—strove to advance their own fortunes. By 1560, after a year of ineffectual and indifferent rule, however, Francis was dead from a cancer of the ear (vindication, said Knox, that the whisperings of the Catholics were poisonous) and was succeeded by his younger brother Charles IX. Charles was only a weak-minded child and so the country was in effect ruled by his powerful mother, Catherine de Medici. A skilled politician, Catherine was able to play off one side against the other, but was set on France remaining a Catholic nation. All the same, she did not want a powerful Catholic family such as the Guises to have involvement in affairs of state and take powers from her easily influenced son, and she even courted some of the leading Protestants to counterbalance their influence. She was also acutely aware of the rise of the powerful Huguenot factions within the country and it was she who authorized the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, although her weak-willed son, the king, ordered it.

The massacre proved to be a turning point for the country, deepening divisions and turning French Protestants firmly against the monarchy. The years that followed were troubled with the Catholic Church trying to gain a

hold on the minds of the people and the Protestants striving just as hard towards the same goal. In such a heated atmosphere, it is not surprising that demonologies began to emerge, gripping the public imagination, even at village level.

By the time Charles IX died in 1574, his reign had divided France as never before and his younger brother Henry III inherited a poisonous mess. The Guises had formed the violent Catholic League that was being aided by the great Catholic king, Philip II of Spain, whilst the Huguenots were already arming themselves for conflict. In a desperate bid to prevent a full-scale civil war (there had been many minor clashes and local "wars" between the two factions), Henry proposed a middle way that seemed to be acceptable to the politiques (moderates on both sides). He also struck up an alliance with his cousin, the Huguenot Henry of Navarre, in order to attack the Catholic stronghold of Paris, where the Guises had been stirring trouble. Before such an invasion could take place, however, Henry III was assassinated by a Dominican friar and, as he had no children, he was succeeded by his cousin from Navarre who became Henry IV, the first of the Bourbon kings. Having to retake large areas of his kingdom by force from the grip of the Catholic League, and in order to placate the Parisian mob and many of the important Catholic nobles, Henry changed his religion from Protestantism to Catholicism, declaring that "Paris was well worth a Mass." This helped him, as a tolerant Catholic king, to enact the Edict of Nantes that went some of the way to resolve the yawning differences between the religions. The Huguenots continued to remain a problem from the monarchy for almost a century to come. Henry himself would be assassinated in 1610, leaving the throne of France to a nine-year-old boy—his son Louis XIII.

The instability of the monarchy, the turbulence of the times, and the uncertainty of human life stalked the country as local wars raged. They all contributed to an overall feeling of doom. For many, the end of the world must surely be at hand and the forces of evil were abroad. Furthermore, localized fighting and wide-spread plague had left many bodies unburied, especially in the countryside attracting wolves from the surrounding woodlands in search of easy prey. Stories of wolf attacks may have become mixed

with local stories of demonic forces, as exemplified in the writings of Henri Boguet and Nicholas Remy, stirring up popular fears and causing terrors to be seen everywhere.

Inarticulate and bizarre-looking strangers such as Jacques Roulet or sullen hermits such as Gilles Garnier were the reasons for the general social unease of the time. The wolf attacks were often linked in the common consciousness with demons lurking in the woodlands, and the evils that beset a local community might be exorcised by executing them. And of course, the shadow of the wolf, watching from the woodland tree line was enough to frighten everyone. The idea of the diabolic man-wolf, the enemy of Mankind, was inching ever closer.

Jean Grenier

This case, which is generally perceived to be the end of the 16th century werewolf terror in France, occurred in 1603. This ended in the trial of Jean Grenier, known as the last French loup-garou. Most of what we know about the case comes from the account of a French witch hunter named Pierre de Lancre. De Lancre was a famous magistrate who sought out and tried witches not only within French territory, but also those who had crossed the border into Spain and, similar to Burguot, was considered something of an authority on the diabolical arts. The Grenier case had come to his attention when he was acting as a lawyer for the parlement in Bordeaux and had been referred from a lower court at St. Sever.

Jean Grenier was a strange, fourteen-year-old boy, possibly suffering from mental abnormalities, who liked to frighten small children and young girls with the claim that he was a werewolf. As time went on, his assertions grew wilder and wilder. He had been approached by a mysterious stranger (possibly the Devil or one of his agents) who had given him a wolfskin cape that, together with a magic salve, could transform him into a wolf for the space of one hour on certain nights of the week. He also claimed to be the illegitimate son of a priest—his accepted father was not his real father—and, he claimed that the sons of priests grew up to become werewolves and serve the Devil. In his werewolf shape, he had attacked several dogs but had found their blood disgusting.

Far sweeter was the blood and flesh of young girls and small children. Whilst these were clearly the fantasies of a rather disturbed mind, they were taken extremely seriously by those in the surrounding neighbourhood. One girl to whom he had told these stories, a thirteen-year-old named Marguerite Porier, with whom he'd been attending some sheep, accused him of attacking her whilst in his werewolf guise. Whilst Jean had gone off somewhere, she was approached by some kind of wolf-like animal. She managed to beat it off with her staff, but it had only retreated a little way, and then slumped back on its haunches to glower at her savagely, upon which she had turned and fled. The beast, she said, was much smaller than an actual forest wolf and its tail was a mere stump. It was, she thought, some way between a wolf and a human. It could only, she averred, be Jean Grenier.

Given the severity of the accusation, the boy might have been expected to deny it. But surprisingly, he seemed eager to admit it and indeed confessed to a number of other similar crimes. Over the past months, a number of children had gone missing, and this added an immediate importance to his somewhat rambling confession. Indeed, the courts took a great deal of time in checking some of the detail, but found nothing of consequence. In the meantime, Jean's stories grew wilder and wilder, symptomatic of a disordered mind. He now implicated others whom he said had hunted with him. One of these was his father and a neighbour, both of whom were arrested and imprisoned. There were more searches of the Grenier house, particularly to find the magic salve of which Jean had spoken, but nothing was discovered. Jean's father was ordered to be tortured and he confessed that he had indeed been a werewolf and had sought out little girls but he had not eaten them, just "played with them". It might be inferred that the older man was a pedophile who interfered with small children and that his son shared some of his predatory sexual abnormalities. However, this was well beyond the 17th century French court. Emboldened by the ongoing trial, several young children who had seen their friends carried off by wolves now came forward and added to the accusations against the Greniers. Under further torture, Jean's father laid the blame squarely on his son and recanted of his own actions. He was spared for the time being. Based on the admittedly circumstantial evidence and on his own crazed

confession, Jean Grenier was brought before the judge at Coutras in June of 1603 and the court swiftly convicted him. He was sentenced to be hanged and burnt. However, the courts were not yet finished with him.

Le Maitre de la Foret

Jean Grenier's case was reviewed by the parlement of Bordeaux in September of that year. Again, he told his story of becoming a wolf, adding embellishments as he did so, seeking to implicate others whom he felt had turned against him. He told the court that, at the age of eleven or twelve, he had been taken deep into the woods by his neighbour to meet with a "black man" whom he called Le Maitre de la Foret (the Master of the Forest). This man, assumed to be the Devil, had scratched him with his nail, leaving a mark, and had given him the magic salve and wolf-pelt cloak that he needed in order to change shape. He also confessed that whilst in a wolf shape, he had entered an empty house in a village whose name he could not remember and had dragged a baby from its cradle and had eaten it. When he encountered a true wolf, he gave him what was left of the child. Later, in the parish of St. Antoinne-de-Pizon, he had attacked a small girl in a black dress who was looking after some sheep. He had partially devoured her as well. In fact, St. Antoinee-de-Pizon had become a favourite hunting ground of his, and two months earlier he had attacked and eaten a small boy playing in a yard, whilst six weeks before that he had devoured another child walking on a stone bridge. He had also fought with several dogs, killing most of them except one in Eparon, where the owner had appeared and had driven him off with a rapier. Once again, he repeated the allegation that his father was not his true parent and that he was in fact, the illegitimate son of a priest. He claimed that this fact gave him "special powers." This was found to be a fabrication—the fantasy of a confused mind—and that his father was indeed the labourer who had been arrested and tortured. There was some animosity between father and son—Jean's mother had died and his father had remarried. Jean and his stepmother didn't get along well—she found him strange in his ways—and so his father had put him out of the house, reduced him to beggary, and forced him to wander the countryside seeking food. He did try to get work but was notoriously unreliable. He was reduced to terrorizing small girls with tales of werewolfery and Devil-worship.

Relations had soured between Jean and his father and it was no surprise that he tried to implicate him in both his real or imagined crimes. When he had to face his father in court, however, his testimony began to fail; he crossed himself in his evidence and withdrew some of the allegations. He told the court that his stepmother had thrown him out because she had seen him behaving like a dog and further had witnessed him vomit up the fingers of a small child. He had made her afraid and she had driven him from the house. The father was dismissed without charge.

Despite all his crazy allegations, Jean Grenier was taken seriously by the courts. And yet, the sentence that was passed down to him shows the changing attitude of the time. He should have been burnt, indeed he was already sentenced to be so. However, the court took a more lenient view than the lower judiciary. It took into account the boy's "stupidity," the fact that he was a beggar and was malnourished, that he was bereft of a real mother and had been raised by a cruel stepmother, and that he'd been left to fend for himself without anyone to take an interest in him. Such a miserable specimen, in the court's view, was easy prey for the Devil and his agents but he was not beyond salvation. So, instead of condemning him to death, the court sentenced Grenier to live out his days as a prisoner in a Christian monastery. Here, it was hoped, he would renounce his formerly evil ways and turn to the path of Christ.

Bete de Gevaudan

It is generally accepted that Jean Grenier was the last instance of werewolfery in France and, with his trial, the whole French episode drew to a close. However, the beast, lurking at the back of the French mind, refused to go away. It resurfaced in 1764 with the infamous Bete de Gevaudan high in the Massif Central region. In the village of Langogne, in the Gevaudan, a ferocious wolf-like beast began killing people who strayed too near the edge of the forest. The death toll rose rapidly to eleven, including two labouring men. Although the deaths were probably the work of packs of wolves rather than any single animal, it did not take long for the ancient lycanthropic fears of earlier centuries to resurface. Although the probability of attacks by genuine wolf packs was acknowledged, folklore and folk-wisdom also hinted at the

possibility of a werewolf. Old folktales and rumours began to circulate, accompanied by a wealth of broadsheets and printed material. Many of these included diabolical-looking woodcuts, showing monstrous and threatening figures, half-man, half-wolf. There were accounts, too, fuelled by the ongoing hysteria, of strange partially-human creatures seen slinking through the woods at Mazel-de-Grezes. (One account even said that although one of these figures was in the shape of a wolf, it wore brass buttons on its front as if the wolfskin were on an overcoat which some human had put on.) A women going to Mass had been accompanied for part of the way, by an especially hairy man who had vanished as soon as she had screamed the name of Christ. This was a sure sign that her companion had been a werewolf and in the service of the Devil. The Bete was never caught and soon the killings stopped. The terror, however, lingered on.

Many of the alleged sightings of the beast were no more than rural folktales and imaginings, but they serve to illustrate that, although there was a formal acknowledgement that, werewolves did not exist, there was still an element of uncertainty about this, particularly in the rural mind. Folktales concerning people who could transform themselves into animals or of wolves who could speak with a human voice (in order to tempt God's people) still circulated widely, especially in France.

Le Grande Mal Garou

The French collector of such supernatural tales or contes, Charles Perrault, recognized the importance of such stories. In 1697 he published a collection of folktales that contained one werewolf-themed story in particular—the notion of a speaking wolf that would create mayhem. It dealt with a petite fille, a pretty child, who has to journey through a dark wood in order to take some groceries to her grandmother who is ill. She is dressed in her favourite cape, made from a red material. On her way through the wood, she meets with a wolf, who engages her in conversation. The animal questions her and obtains the exact directions to her grandmother's house, also learning that the old lady is both ill and housebound. It does not attack her, however, due to the presence of some woodcutters nearby. The wolf then expresses concern about the old woman

and says that it will visit her as well, but suggests that they take different paths to see who will get to the grandmother's hut first. The girl takes the longer path, but is distracted on her way by picking wild flowers and chasing butterflies. The wolf, meanwhile, has already reached the door of the hut and, by mimicking the little girl's voice, encourages the grandmother to allow it in, whereupon it leaps on the old woman in the bed and devours her. It then puts on the corpse's nightgown and climbs into the bed to wait for the little girl to arrive. This she does and the wolf pretends to be the bedridden old lady. There is some conversation between the two concerning the largeness of eyes, mouth, and teeth. At the very end, the wolf reveals itself, pounces upon the little girl and eats her. There is no happy ending to this tale. The story is, of course, the original narrative of the well-known children's fable *Little Red Riding Hood*; the version which Perrault collected at the end of the 17th century seems to have its source in the stories of Gilles Garnier and of Jean Grenier and of the Werewolves of Poligny, over a century earlier. Here, the wolves attacked feeble and defenceless victims—small children such as Red Riding Hood and the bedridden grandmother—harking back to some of the allegations during the French werewolf trials. Indeed, it is perfectly possible that Little Red Riding Hood started out as a gruesome werewolf tale. It is strange that Perrault's heroine is not afraid of speaking to a wolf or that she does not sense that something is wrong when the creature speaks to her. It has been suggested that initially, Little Red Riding Hood meets the werewolf in its human guise (Perrault is careful to display the werewolf as a wolf and not as a hybrid half-human creature), which doesn't frighten her, but later encounters it in its animal shape when it eats her.

The original French tale ends with the death of Red Riding Hood in the jaws of the wolf, but a German variant collected by the Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, has a much happier and satisfactory ending. This story was published in 1812 in their famous *Kinder-und Hausmarchen* tales. This German story is known as *Rotkappchen* or Red Cap, which gives us the familiar title *Red Riding Hood*. In this version, which to a point closely parallels Perrault's narrative, the little girl's cries draw the attention of a passing huntsman. Suspecting what has happened, he attacks the wolf, slicing its belly open

with his hunting knife, allowing Red Cap and her grandmother to escape. Throughout this entire procedure, the wolf appears to be asleep, gorged after its meal, and so Red Cap fetches a large stone that they sew into the creature's belly. The wolf wakes up and tries to run off but the weight of the stones weight it down and it dies.

The story of Red Riding Hood undoubtedly reflected a number of ancient legends and tales, stretching back long before Perrault. The colour of the heroine's hood or cap is the colour of blood; the girl is either extremely naïve or else deliberately misled by talking to the wolf (thus putting the creature in the role of Tempter); the notion that a demonic force (the wolf) masquerades as a human: all have traditions that stretch back almost as far as prehistoric times. And there are all sorts of political connotations—it has been suggested that the original Red Riding Hood legend is an old Huguenot tale. Allegedly it was circulated following the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, designed to symbolize the savagery of the French Monarchy—red being the colour of freedom (red caps were sometimes worn by the Huguenots as a symbol of their independence). Whatever the tradition, there is little doubt that the legend of Red Riding Hood and other tales like it kept the figures of the wolf and of the werewolf at the forefront of the popular rural mind.

Dr. Johann Wier

This is not to say, however, that such beliefs—the notion of men and women who could transform into animals and who were guided by demons—were completely and uncritically accepted. Even from the mid-16th century, when witch and werewolf trials were getting underway, some voices questioned the entire underlying principle of such notions. One of these early sceptics was a German physician. Doctor Johann Weyer (or Wier, 1515–1588) sought some sort of medical explanation to the eerie and supernatural powers to which some of these unfortunates confessed. In fact, Weyer is thought to have been the first man to use the term "mentally ill" to describe the conditions that some of these people had claimed for themselves. A logical and humane man, he argued that some of the unfortunates had deluded themselves into thinking that they had consorted with devils, had become animals, or had supernatural

powers and that, rather than condemning them, the authorities should treat them with compassion In his book *De praestigiis daemonum* (The Illusion of Demons), first published in 1563, Weyer attacked the *Malleus Malificarum,* the witch hunter's guide-book, together with the Church's persecution of confused and mentally vulnerable people. Weyer was a follower of the Cologne sage. Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim (1486–1535), who acknowledging the dark arts, had also argued that everything, including occultism, philosophy, and medicine, formed part of a cohesive whole. Weyer's work is counted as one of the earliest books displaying a much more enlightened view of the alleged imminence of the supernatural and indeed extends many of the underlying facets of modern psychiatry towards the whole credulous theory of witchcraft and shapeshifting.

Amongst the manifestations of alleged witchcraft that he considered, Weyer made specific references to werewolves. Those who had been accused of such crimes, he argued, had been suffering from a "disorder of their melancholic humour." He detailed a list of medical symptoms that might encourage them to rise from their beds at night to prowl the country thinking that they were wolves or other beasts. And, he argued, they might be "cured" by a number of means: by the letting of blood to restore the balance of the humours, or by eating juicy fruits and a strict variation in diet. (Weyer was first and foremost a physician, after all.) He further considered the case of the Werewolves of Poligny, who had confessed to eating small children and attending the diabolic Sabbat. His conclusion was that these men were not mentally ill, but were simply deluded. Acknowledging that they might well have met with the Devil or his agent (although what "the Devil" might be taken to be in his terminology is open to question), Weyer continues that the Master of Lies had so muddled their minds that they believed many things about themselves that were not true. According to Weyer, this may have been compounded by the salves and unguents with which the men smeared themselves before the transformation—the elements of such ointments may have held hallucinogenic properties, which confused their minds even further. The explanation that Weyer gave was a logical and medical one combining many strands of early psychoanalysis and references to psychotropic drugs. In these inferences, the German doctor seems to have been far ahead of his time.

Reginald Scot

Weyer's work was soon followed by one or two other individuals who questioned the reliability of witchcraft (and by implication, werewolf) cases. One of these was an Englishman, the Kentish Squire Reginald Scot (1538–1599). Scot was a Justice of the Peace for Kent and, as such, had seen many confused individuals come before him, accused of fantastic crimes. It also has to be remembered that Scot was a Protestant and took every opportunity to criticize what he perceived as the superstition and credulity of the Catholic Church. His most famous work, *Discoverie of Witchcraft,* first published in 1584, (nineteen years after Weyer) mocked the gullibility of those who believed in the tenets of witchcraft and accused poor and often mentally deficient people of it. He quoted Weyer, and much of his work seemed to mirror the German physician's argument, suggesting mental problems in those who were accused.

Sigmund Freud

Despite the enlightened works of people such as Weyer and Scot, the hysteria concerning werewolves remained in the deepest recesses of the communal mind, resurfacing from time to time with passing hysterias. Indeed the word "hysteria" was to come to the fore in the work of a much later medical figure—the father of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud. In 1897, Freud developed the theory that a "hysteria" such as was now suggested in a number of werewolf cases might be a delayed emotional reaction to an earlier sexual abuse or to repressed infantile sexual fantasies. Certain aspects of this theory may agree with the Grenier case in 1603 and perhaps also in the earlier Gandillion trial. Freud may well have been influenced by some of Weyer's theories—there is no doubt that he had reader Weyer, in a French translation, as he cited the work as one of his ten most influential books during an interview in 1906. According to his own account in 1914, Freud found himself face to face with a patient who expressed a connection to the werewolf motif. In fact, Freud named him the Wolf Man both in his notes and in his account. The patient is described as a twenty-seven-year-old man from a rather well-to-do Russian family, who, during the course of his analysis, described a dream that he'd had in infancy concerning wolves. He dreamt that he'd been lying in bed

in his own bedroom when suddenly the bedroom window had slowly opened and, looking out, he'd seen about six or seven white wolves sitting around the foot of a big walnut tree outside. They were all watching him intently. None of the wolves made a move or seemed threatening in any way—nevertheless, the boy screamed, woke himself up, and had to be comforted by his nurse. There is also a curious folk element to the case, of which Freud and the patient were both well aware. The patient's birthday was 25th December (in many legends anyone daring to be born on the birthday of Christ was destined to become a monster and an agent of the Devil) and also he'd been born with a caul (a translucent membrane across the face which usually comes off at birth) that was considered an ill omen in parts of Russia. Freud also records that the nurse who had attended him as a child was deeply religious and extremely superstitious and took the caul as the sign that her charge would grow up to be a werewolf. With this in mind, the dream of wolves took on an added significance. Freud completed analysis on the Wolf Man by revealing that the child was most probably a wish to return to the womb and completely dismissed the old folk-wisdom that the nurse had passed on concerning the caul. It is interesting to note, of course, that Freud himself was born with a caul.

Werewolves in Film

Although both psychiatry and science were seeking to find alternative explanations for the supposed lycanthrope condition of a man who could turn himself into a wolf, whether willingly or unwillingly, still held a dark fascination for many people. And, as an idea, it was ripe for commercial exploitation. By the early 1930s, the werewolf's counterpart, the vampire, was making big money at the cinema box office. Cinema was now a popular form of entertainment; popular films were big earners and horror was an up-and-coming genre. A film adaptation of *Dracula* starring the sinister Bela Lugosi, together with a similar offering of *Frankenstein* starring Englishman William Henry Pratt (who had changed his name to the more East European-sounding Boris Karloff) had proved great successes. The film industry searched around for a comparable horror to unleash on the cinema-going public. They found it in the werewolf.

Lon Chaney, Jr.

Throughout the 1930s and into the 1940s, Universal Studios was the leaders in the field of Gothic horror. It was Universal who had released both *Dracula* and *Frankenstein* to popular and critical acclaim in 1931, and the company was now looking for another box-office smash. In 1935, they had released the *Werewolf of London* to moderate success but, by 1941, they were determined to release what today might be described as a werewolf blockbuster. It was to be called *Wolf Man* and was to bring the werewolf motif into cinematic legend. The man whom they had chosen for the central role was not a huge and menacing figure—he had nowhere near the sinister screen presence of either Lugosi or Karloff—but he was an actor of moderate talent. His name was Creighton Chaney and he was the son of the legendary silent movie actor Lon Chaney. Although his father had advised him not to take up film work, Creighton was determined to make it in the movies and, never one to discard a family connection, took the name Lon Chaney Jr. after his father's death in 1931. His mixture of rather brutish looks and child-like innocence, however, made him an ideal candidate for the cursed man.

From the beginning the movie had a disadvantage. Universal's other two big money-makers—*Dracula* and *Frankenstein*—had been based on recognized works of literature by Bram Stoker and Mary Shelley. Cinema-goers would have been familiar with the story or could go home and read the book. There was no comparatively famous literary work associated with the werewolf, and so, the film had to stand on both the plot and on Chaney's performance.

The Wolf Man

As with the vampire and, to some extent, Frankenstein, Universal introduced some folklore-like elements of its own into the story. The screenplay, written by Curt Siodmak, passed off certain inventions of his own as gypsy tradition. For example, although many of the werewolf trails and panics occurred in France, the werewolf becomes a creature mainly confined to Germany and Eastern Europe. This was to fit in with Universal's other two major horror creations that had an Eastern European location. The protagonist did not use a magic salve or a wolf-skin cloak or a belt, but was actually transformed

unwillingly into the beast by the rays of the moon. This led to the famous quatrain that was widely attributed to ancient Romany gypsies but in fact had been created specially for the film by Siodmak and his team of writers:

> "Even a man, who's pure in heart,
> And says his prayers at night,
> Can become a wolf when the wolfsbane blooms,
> And the autumn moon is bright."

Coupled with this was the notion that a man could become a werewolf if he was bitten by another such creature. The change would then occur at the first full moon after the bite. This again had no basis in myth and legend, but it added to the suspense and horror of the situation. As well as this, Siodmak introduced another invention—an apotropaic that could repel and destroy a werewolf. This was once more to blend the werewolf legend in with that of the vampire (that could be repelled and destroyed by the crucifix). This was the use of silver, which Siodmak was to claim was Romanian gypsy lore. It was nothing of the sort. Although the werewolf featured in gypsy tradition, it was not a significant terror. Indeed, the people of rural France were much more terrified of the creature than the gypsies. As well as this, Universal introduced the notion of a pentagram, an ancient Romany talisman for warding away werewolves. Once again, this has no basis in tradition, it simply brought it into line with a number of "devil films" that were starting to appear, mainly from Universal.

Most importantly, the film created the impression that the change from man to beast did not involve a man transforming himself into a real-looking wolf but into some form of hybrid figure—not wholly human, not wholly wolf. This, according to the film, was a man-like being with added feral traits. In fact, in some of the earlier films, the werewolf looked more similar to a shaggy ape than a member of the canine species.

Wolf Man was a reasonable commercial success for Universal—enough to ensure several follow-ups and a team-up with Frankenstein. It would serve to keep the figure of the werewolf in the popular mind through the succeeding years.

Although never as big or as menacing a creature as the vampire or even *The Mummy* (which again featured Boris Karloff) the werewolf exuded a certain primal horror.

Later filmmakers were to take a tongue-in-cheek approach to the werewolf theme with such movies as *I Was A Teenage Werewolf* (1957, starring Michael Landon, who would go on to make his name as Little Joe Cartwright in *Bonanza*) and the classic *American Werewolf in London* (1979). Some films such as the UK production *Company of Wolves* (1984, and based on a book by Angela Cartwright) and *The Howling* (1981) did try to add some depth to the figure, but they still contained the pseudo-folkloric additions of previous movies. For instance, it was now claimed (using an allegedly Romany tradition) that only a silver bullet could kill or injure a werewolf. No such tradition ever existed—the only means of disposing of the beast, said conventional wisdom, was to burn it, the same as with each of Satan's minions. The picture that was starting to emerge in the latter half of the 20th century was an extremely confused one. Nevertheless, interest in the werewolf never died.

And even in today's relatively sophisticated society, a fear of the beast still lingers. It is not a great distance in many instances, from the thronging streets of a busy city to the cool of the remote and shadowy forest. And who knows what lurks in the dappled shade under the low boughs—a crouching beast, waiting to strike and to tear us limb from limb. Werewolves may be far closer to us than we would prefer.

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Voodoo and Zombies

Cockroach, he don't wear no crockin' shoes when he creep into the fowl house.

—Creole proverb

The image of the zombie—the walking dead of Afro-Caribbean lore—with its shambling gait, dead eyes, and slack jaw, is perhaps one of the most frightening in all of terror iconography. The idea of a corpse, raised from the dead and somehow animated by magic is enough to send shivers down the spine of even the hardiest of individuals. Maybe this is why the zombie has maintained a constant appearance in many horror films through the years. There are other elements that have been added to the basic motif—that the zombie has inhuman strength; that it has supernatural powers (for instance, it can enter a room through a keyhole in the form of smoke); that the zombie did not die naturally but was magically murdered and turned into the monster through hideous sorcery; and that zombies eat human flesh similar to cannibals. Through the years, the notion of the zombie has assumed a menace that cannot easily be rivalled by more "sophisticated" monsters.

Zombies are, of course, inextricably linked in the popular mind with Voodoo, a religion found in West Africa, the Caribbean, and some parts of America.

Therefore, no examination of zombies can be carried out without first examining the belief system. However, because of its complexity, Voodoo is incredibly difficult to study. In its purest state, the religion that we refer to as Voodoo is only one of a myriad of beliefs that reflect either the ideologies of their practitioners or the area from which they have come. Some are even fragments of what may have once been broader and more wide-ranging beliefs; others have been adapted to suit the area in which they flourished.

Thus, Santeria, Umbanda, Quimbanda, Mami Wata, Shango, Moyambe, and Candomble are all considered as variants and aspects of the Voodoo religion. Even the name creates problems because "Voodoo" is something of an Anglicised construction, and other variations are given as voudon, voodun, vudoun, and voodoux. An even further Anglicised word, Hoodoo, is also sometimes used. The original terminology comes from the language of the Ewe/Yaroba peoples of the Arada area of Dahomey (now Benin) in West Africa and literally means, "to draw water." Eventually, it became modified to mean "to draw down spirits." This was done by means of a weave or coloured pattern that was spread upon the ground.

Loa

Although they were extremely powerful, the forces and powers (loa) in which the various tribes believed were also very child-like—they were curious and easily offended, but they could also be easily placated. They sulked, threw tantrums, and misbehaved similar to human children. They were also attracted by many things—bright colours, unusual patterns, and loud noise. Any of these might be used to placate and control them. Any person who could both read and control their moods was, through them, assured of great powers. They were the witch doctors, sorceresses, and Shamans who were treated with awe and reverence by their fellow tribesmen and followers.

Houngans and Mambos

The mediation of the relations between humans and spirits became the centre of the voudon faith of the Yaroba people, and those who controlled or interposed in that relationship were known in Voodoo terms as houngans

(male) or mambo (female). The places to which the spirits were called—the Voodoo temple—was known as the hounfor, all of which gave Voodoo the recognizable trappings of a loosely organized faith.

It has been argued that Voodoo is a slave religion that adapted to the servile conditions amongst the peoples that were carried from the West Africa coast by European slavers. They brought indigenous religions, often centered on natural forces that became moulded into their servile situation in the plantations into which they were subsequently sold—estates in the Caribbean: the West Indies, South America, and parts of Northern America. Mixed in with the native faiths were some elements of Christianity. Dahomey had been largely colonized by the French, and French Franciscans had sought to establish their creed and culture there since the 1660s. Consequently, there was a certain "Frenchness" to the religions that the Africans practiced and this conveyed itself to the slavers to other parts of the world. This "Frenchness" often appeared in the language that was used; in some of the rituals and in the outlook of the slaves themselves. French Catholicism also influenced some of the belief systems that the slaves held—indeed some elements of Voodoo were simply a mixture of African Pagan observances and a form of Christian theology. Thus, ancient native gods became fused with Christian Saints; certain aspects of Christian ceremonies were moulded into the fabric of what was essentially "Pagan" belief, and Saint's days became the focus of Voodoo ritual and were celebrated as "special times."

Voodoo, and variants of it, flourished on the plantations, in the Caribbean, in South America, and on the North American continent. It also flourished around American slave ports, primarily in Louisiana (New Orleans) and in the realm of the Rice Kings in South Carolina (Charleston)—anywhere where slaves concentrated in large numbers. And the Voodoo sects spread quickly wherever they took root. As early as 1782, Governor Galvez of Louisiana specifically forbade the importation of slaves from Martinique, because he believed them to be "steeped in Voodoo" and that they would make the lives of the citizens of New Orleans and of the state in general "very unsafe." A decade later, several slaves from Santo Domingo were publicly burned in New Orleans for practicing "the heathen rites of the Voodoo."

Christian-seeming Worship

In the early 1700s, many Christian plantation owners forbade their slaves to practice Christian or "Christian-seeming" worship and many of the Voodoo rituals (which were loosely based on Christianity) slid away into the jungles, swamps, and forests, becoming secretive and mysterious. Legends grew up around it, as Christians speculated about what went on at these clandestine gatherings. Clearly there was some sort of spirit possession as the loa, drawn by the veve, took over the bodies of their followers in order to prophesy and heal, and this alarmed the Western Christian minds. Such a concept, for Western Christians, held echoes of medieval demon possession in Christian lands and they quickly equated possession by the loa with possession by the Devil himself. The copying of portions of Christian ritual was suggestive of the Black Mass, that was said to have been practiced by European witches and heretics. There were tales, too of cannibalism amongst the slaves.

Le Cochon Gris

In parts of the island of Martinique, where the Voodoo religion was supposed to be extremely widespread, certain cults were said to devour "le cochon gris" (the grey pig) which was a coded reference to human flesh. Whilst there may have been instances of the eating of human flesh, there is little evidence that it was in any way widespread. However, some of the white planters and settlers may have had good reason to be alarmed.

Bokor

Similar to many other religions, Voodoo had its darker side. If the loa were like children, then they could be unpredictable and capricious. They knew neither good nor evil, they could just as easily commit a sinister act as a righteous one. They could be duped into committing diabolical and anti-social acts by unscrupulous magicians known as "bokor." Once the bokor had the spirit under his or her control, it could be turned against humankind and had the potential to unleash great evil. As well as that, the bokor might summon up dark and vicious sprits that had no love for Mankind. Although in most cases, the spirits and forces were drawn down for benign reasons—to heal, to give aid

for specific tasks, and to bring good luck. An alteration in the pattern of the veve could encourage less welcome forces, the substance of African nightmares.

Bori, Tikoloshi, and Dodo

These were beings similar to the Bori—a shapeshifting, often invisible, entity that engaged in acts of extreme violence. Then there was the Tikoloshi, a Xosha water demon that could either appear as a bird with an abnormal head, as a baboon, or the Dodo of Ghanian folklore, often assumed to be the blank-eyed ghost of a dead man who prowled the forests, ready to tear travellers asunder with claw-like hands.

Gegbo

Many of these terrors reflected the regions from which the slaves themselves came or from where their people had originated—mainly from West Africa or the Congo basin. The art of calling them down was known as *gegbo*, the evil side of Voodoo. Practitioners often chose to live well away from the main settlements or plantations and were often considered to be witches or sorcerers.

Gods of Voodoo

If the Voodoo religion was a complex affair, then so was its pantheon of gods and forces. Many of these reflected the native gods and powers, that characterized regional beliefs. But as Voodoo spread into other countries, there were some variations relating to the country in which the slaves found themselves.

Olorun and Obatala

In the Yoruba/Ewe pantheon, the supreme deity was Olorun, who was remote and unknowable. This did not, however, prevent him from interfering in the world, and he might have spoken to his followers through an intermediary or demi-god known as Obatala. Similar to children, the two deities often fought and were in conflict, which might be mediated for the benefit of Mankind, by an experienced houngan.

Minor Gods

Beneath these two entities was a pantheon of minor gods who in many ways resembled Catholic Saints. They might be approached in order to intercede with Olorun or they might have supernatural powers that they could use themselves. Amongst such entities were Ogou Balanaji, a god with healing powers, and Zaka, who presided over agriculture. There were, too, rather dangerous deities who had to be approached extremely carefully. Amongst these were Shango (or Shago) who controlled storms—especially lightning,—and maybe the most dangerous of all, Dambala-wedo, the great serpent. This pantheon was an ancient one which had arrived with the slaves from Arada in Dahomey and is refereed to as the Rada (or Arada) pantheon.

Le Danse de Don Pedro

However, just to confuse matters, a later Spanish variant of the original voudun threw up a wider pantheon that incorporated deities not found in the former. The story is that this strand of Voodoo belief started amongst slaves in the Spanish colonies in the Caribbean and the Americas and was much more flamboyant than the traditional African one. The traditional story concerning the origin of this particular form of the religion is that a Spanish-African slave named Don Pedro combined a mixture of rum and gunpowder and drank it. As he did so, he became inspired by a much more lively form of loa that made him behave in outlandish and bizarre ways. The central ritual of his followers was known as Le Danse de Don Pedro which gave rise to a form of Voodoo called Petro. In this form, the drumming was wilder than it had been before, the movements of the dancers were greatly exaggerated, and the colours used were more striking. Blood played an even greater part in the rituals than it had done in Rada. Animal sacrifice (usually a cockerel or a goat) had played a significant part in the ceremonies of both forms, but in the Petro ritual, the dancers, often inflamed with rum, smeared themselves with the animal's blood liberally as a symbol of devotion.

Papa Legba

Petros Voodoo also introduced an entirely new set of loa or minor deities to the pantheon, including Papa Legba, who acted as a kind of "gateway"

between the spirit and human worlds. He was the first of the loa that the houngan called up in the ritual and through him, other spirits might be contacted and brought forth. Within this Voodoo form, the forces of the Otherworld took on some human semblance—Papa Legba, for instance, often appeared as an old man, leaning on a crutch, a wholly recognizable figure amongst the slave communities. His mistress or wife was Erzule Frieda, the deity that controlled both love and lust—a huge, grinning, buxom figure, sometimes carrying a fruit basket. Again this was a recognizable figure on many of the plantation and served to "humanize" the loa.

Baron Samadi

The most famous of all the Petro Voodoo pantheon was Baron Cemetiere (graveyard), also known as Baron Samadi (Saturday) or Baron La Croix (the Cross), the Lord of the Graveyard. Often depicted as a skeleton dressed in grand style (sometimes in a gentleman's tuxedo and top hat), he was the Master of the Unquiet Dead and certainly not to be trifled with. He was placated with both rum and tobacco and could take awful vengeance if these items were not regularly offered. The Baron was an entity of the slave plantations of the New World and had no African equivalent.

Ghede

There was another added element to the Petro version of Voodoo as well—that was the Ghede, or ancestral ghosts. Whilst ghosts and ancestral spirits had been acknowledged in Rada Voodoo, they had been slightly less important than the primeval deities and loa. Now, these spirits assumed a vengeful role, turning against humans and had to be supernaturally restrained. They were under the command of Baron Cemetiere who often used them against the living unless he was given gifts and offerings.

The Elements of Voodoo

Both Rada and Petro Voodoo often placed a reliance on either wambi or gris-gris (charms). These concentrated the forces of the loa through tangible elements—for example,

rooster's feet, black crows, and other such items. Much has been made of the concept of "Voodoo dolls," tiny effigies of a living person in which pins and sharp objects were stuck in order to cause that person pain or death. In fact, although many of these are actually sold as Voodoo items, they have very little to do with the religion itself. Indeed, they are not specifically African in origin. In early English tales concerning witchcraft, mention is made of the mommet, a clay image into which sharp objects and pins were placed by English witches in order to cause injury or illness. The same was also true of alleged European witchcraft. Besides the gris-gris, Petro sorcery also placed great emphasis on poudre—herbal preparations and powders. Many of these were natural remedies used to cure illness and resist infections, but others were said to be used for more sinister purposes, such as poisons and hallucinogenics.

Haiti

Zombies played a role in many Voodoo-related ideas. For example, it was considered illegal under Haitian law to use zombies (men without wills rather than actual dead men) in the cane fields or to exploit them as cheap labour. Those who did might have found themselves liable for a fine under the employment legislation.

Papa Doc

Also in Haiti, there was an added political dimension. During the brutal regime of Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier who came to power in 1957, Voodoo was used to keep the dictator in power. Born in Haiti in 1907, Duvalier had started out as a simple country doctor who had been involved in the treatment of yaws (a common bacterial skin infection that had crippled large parts of Haiti). His treatments of the disease were highly effective, leading him to make the claim that he was healing through the power of Voodoo.

Code Noir

The Voodoo cult had flourished in Haiti since roughly the mid-18th century, with whispers of the infamous "Code Noir"—a blasphemous tome written in French, that outlined a number of ghastly ceremonies for calling down loa. It is possible that Duvalier was a member of a local cult and that he used this suspicion to gain control over those around him. Gradually he began to rise in power and influence through the ranks of Haitian society, moving into the fluctuating power vacuum left after the withdrawal of American troops at the end of World War II. He began to model himself after Baron Cemetiere who was then a feared figure in Haitian folklore.

Ton Ton Macoute

In 1957, Duvalier seized power, emasculating the already weak Haitian army and appointing a number of thugs to protect him, led by his friend and ally, Clement Barbot. These were the Ton Ton Macoute, who took their name from a bogeyman in Haitian folktales. This vicious group acted as a form of secret police and were known to use Voodoo ceremonies to create fear and unease in the populace. In their stronghold at Fort Dimanche, they tortured Duvalier's unfortunate opponents and allegedly committed acts of cannibalism and sorcery. "Papa Doc" himself began to use the trappings of Voodoo to intimidate those who spoke out against him—placing skulls and dark candles on his official desk and claiming that he was a powerful bokor. He was rumoured to drink human blood and devour human flesh in the privacy of his own quarters—rumours that he personally encouraged to intimidate his enemies. It was widely reported that he could not be killed and he also spread the suggestion that he had a veritable army of zombies, ready to do his bidding. During his oppressive regime, Haiti became, in the public mind, the Voodoo capital of the world.

Baby Doc

Despite all his alleged Voodoo powers, Duvalier died in 1971 and was succeeded by his equally brutal but less politically adept son, Jean Claude, known as "Baby Doc." Unable to maintain his hold over the minds of the people, or to continue the "Voodoo mystique" in the way that his father had

done, Jean Claude's grip on power failed, bringing an end to the Duvalier regime. Even so, it had proved a powerful political tool for almost twenty years and had turned Haiti into the "land of zombies." Since then, Haiti, its economy almost decimated by the reign of the Duvaliers, has traded on its sinister reputation in the hope of attracting tourists and the curious.

American Voodoo: New Orleans

Perhaps it is the practitioners—the houngans, mambo, and bokors—who have added to the Voodoo and zombie mythology, especially amongst the slaves of America. Two American slave ports with their surrounding areas are recognized as centres for the religion. These are Charleston, South Carolina, and New Orleans, Louisiana. The latter of these two seems especially soaked in Voodoo culture with its largely French ethos, shadowy alleyways, and its hinterland of dark and mysterious swamplands and bayous where runaway slaves tended to gather.

There were always whispers of blood sacrifice (usually animals or cockerels) in some areas of the city, and, there were sometimes tales of strange practices imported from ancient Africa. In October 1863, a riot threatened when a dismembered human torso was discovered in the home of a suspected Voodoo practitioner. There was talk of the "goat without horns" (human sacrifice) which made its way into the city newspapers.

Elizabeth Sunderland

New Orleans was already on edge. Tales of "darkie worship" had been circulating for some time. Over eight years previously in 1855, the home of a known Voodoo practitioner named Elizabeth Sutherland had been mobbed by her neighbours who believed that she'd put a spell on them. The police rescued her and held her in protective custody in the Third District Station. A crowd then gathered outside the station, demanding that the witch be released. Fearing widespread civil unrest and of being seen as accessories to Voodoo, the police allowed Elizabeth to escape out the back door of the station and then told the crowd that she'd turned herself into a black cat in order to elude them. In this guise, she had squeezed through the bars of her cell.

Bessie Tolendano

Voodoo queens who could allegedly command fantastic powers, such as controlling the walking dead, were now rife in New Orleans. One of these, Bessie (or Betsy) Tolendano, "a stout and intelligent free woman of colour" according to one newspaper report, was brought to trial on a variety of charges, including trying to raise a corpse and of kidnapping children for use in blasphemous Voodoo rituals. She expressed surprise at some of the allegations, but claimed her position as a Voodoo queen through rights of inheritance. She displayed some of her gris-gris to the court and boasted of her great powers. She seemed quite sincere and declared it her right to convene Voodoo gatherings in any part of the city that she chose. She was, she claimed, the descendant of ancient Congo Queens and for her, Voodoo was a religion.

Hoodoo Mag

Another of the great New Orleans Voodoo queens, Hoodoo Mag, was also brought to court following the death of a prostitute named Julia Henderson in which she was said to have been implicated. She was accused of murdering Henderson by supernatural means—probably involving zombies or some form of fatal gris-gris. Hoodoo Mag was not a free woman but a slave in the service, (according to the *Daily Crescent)*, of one, Mr. Marpolis, a leading slave-holder in the city. The paper referred to her as "a black hellcat named Margaret…known throughout New Orleans as Hoodoo Mag." She was charged with stirring up the coloured people in the city against both their white and coloured masters. What became of her is unknown, but the trial left the municipal authorities extremely jittery.

Since 1817, a Municipal Ordinance in the city had forbidden slaves to gather in large numbers for any purpose, whether it be talking, drinking, or dancing. Fears of a slave uprising were everywhere and such gatherings were considered as the birthplaces of sedition and unrest. Nevertheless, by the mid-19th century, the enactment was largely ignored. Groups of slaves and "free people of colour" would often gather in the city's Congo Square, especially on St. John's Eve (23rd June—a sacred day in the Voodoo calendar) to drink and dance. Often, several Voodoo queens or mambos, and a number of hougans

were also in attendance. What was beginning to worry the authorities was a number of curious white people who were also making their way to such gatherings and taking part in them.

Helen Thomas

Around 1853, a Voodoo queen named Helen Thomas conducted a massive gathering in the square where two white women were present and took part in the dancing and the rituals that went on. The *Dictionnaire Universale du XIX Siecle* described a raid by New Orleans police on a Voodoo gathering in which fifty nude women were found taking part—several of them white and prominent socialites. Inflamed with pambai (a form of rum punch) infused with a concoction which contained High John Conqueror Root (St. John's wort) the revellers danced all night in many parts of the city. However, many held that it wasn't the real thing—the real Voodoo dances were held in private, not in public.

Joe Goodness

It was not only the Voodoo queens who commanded such gatherings—many of the secret dances were conducted by male houngans or the babalawo (fathers of secrets).

One of the earliest "father of secrets" in the Algiers area of New Orleans was Joe Goodness, a houngan who had inherited powers and charms from his grandfather, also named Joe Goodness. This babalawo conducted a number of secretive rites throughout the city in the 1850s in which chickens were allegedly torn to pieces, dolls made from human skin and bone were reputedly studded with pins, and large amounts of liquor was consumed. There was even some talk that zombies were raised from the dead, but perhaps part of this is only legend. There are also stories of white people dancing and consuming gumbo in the city, which had been made there. An altar, decorated with goat's horns, was said to have been the centrepiece of the ritual.

Dr. John

One of the most important of all the early Voodoo practitioners in New Orleans was Dr. John; also known as Dr. John Croix, Voodoo John,

and Bayou John, who dwelt in the city during the mid-to-late 1800s. A towering and imposing free man of colour and the owner of several slaves himself, Dr. John's ancestry was said to lie in Senegal. In fact, he was said to be a Senegalese prince. His face was covered in scars that he claimed were the ritual markings of his royal house and which gave him a particularly ferocious aspect. Captured by Spanish slavers, he had been sold to a gentleman of some rank who had been travelling to Cuba. In return for good service and for his excellent cooking, his master had eventually granted him freedom. He returned to Senegal to find that his father had died and that life there was not to his liking. He became a sailor, visiting many ports all over the world and finally quitting the sea when his ship reached New Orleans. There he took on work as a common miller in the docks area, working alongside other coloured employees over whom he seemed to exert a considerable power. Noticing that the other slaves seemed to fear him, his former master made John an overseer.

As his reputation increased, John began to realize that people were willing to pay for his services. Soon he had set himself up as a babalawo and zombie master and had increased both his notoriety and his wealth. He bought a plot of land out on Bayou Road and built a grand house there. Indeed, he began purchasing slaves himself, many of them female. Some of these he married, assembling a personal harem, and performing the marriage ceremonies in the Voodoo style. He would later boast of having fifteen wives and fifty children, all scattered across Louisiana. His wealth and influence increased throughout New Orleans and he soon travelled in an open carriage through the streets, dressed in the style of a refined gentleman.

Whilst he was a babalawo, Dr. John took little part in the dances and ceremonies of the Voodoo followers; these he left to the Voodoo queens and, if he did attend any, it was merely as an onlooker. He conducted most of his own business from a dark room in his house on Bayou Road. The place was full of animal and human skulls, the latter stolen from local graveyards, along with snakeskin, stuffed lizards, and embalmed scorpions. There were unmentionable poudres and potions in stoppered bottles and in bowls. From the middle of this supernatural clutter, Dr. John sold his charms, curses, and spells for a fee.

It is said that the last of his wives was white and that in his later years, she administered his affairs for him. Dr. John also conducted séances, issued prognostications, and prepared astrological charts, sometimes using pebbles to assist him "in the old African way." It is said that he also prepared gris-gris and love potions that were often bought by heavily veiled white ladies. He also sold protections to parents in order to keep their children safe. But there was a dark side to him, too. It was said that he commanded a legion of zombies (which he created through his magic) to do the work around his house and run nefarious errands for him (such as digging up corpses for parts) as soon as it was dark.

In spite of all his alleged supernatural powers, however, Dr. John was finally caught with a simple trick. Although he was a babalawo and a master of dark magic, the doctor could not read nor write and depended on some of his wives to manage his affairs for him. As he grew older, he desired to take his business into his own hands and decided to become educated. He hired a young black man to help him to read and write. The young man made him practice his signature on blank pieces of paper and therein lay the Doctor's undoing. Within several months, he had "signed away" most of his fortune and the house on Bayou Road. Within a year, he was practically a pauper.

He could never rightly understand what had happened to him and made several attempts to regain his lost fortune through the lottery, but his supernatural powers of prediction seemed to have deserted him. Once again, he tried to re-establish his position as foremost babalawo in New Orleans, but youngsters had taken over his clientele. Many of his wives deserted him and he was forced to take shelter with one of his children that his wife had borne him. It seemed that the great Doctor himself was the victim of a wambi or curse. Death came soon after.

The writer Lafcadio Hearn noted the passing of "John Montenant," also known as Dr. John, John Bayou, or Voodoo John. Hearn lavishly claimed that he was over one hundred years old (later accounts were to claim that he was almost two hundred). In reality, he was probably around eighty-two. Voodoo men were always fond of exaggerating their ages to give themselves supernatural credence. However, he had left a legacy behind him. Dr. John was one

of the first houngans to mix Roman Catholicism with the snake worship of ancient Voodoo. On his desk in his darkened consulting room, amongst the fantastic and grotesque impedimenta of African witchcraft, stood a statue of the Virgin Mary. This he considered just as important for his powers as the dried toads and snakeskin that he often used. He was also the first of the houngans to devote much of his powers to foretelling the future and to healing, and he certainly was the first to establish his agencies throughout the city of New Orleans. He had truly established Voodoo as a reality all across the city. After his death, there was not another babalawo similar to him.

Even in death, Dr. John would not lie still. His restless loa was said to possess some of his devotees. It is thought that one of the most famous New Orleans R&B singers and piano players, Malcolm Rebennack, who played in the early 1970s with Professor Longhair and His Shuffling Hungarians, was possessed by his loa, causing him to adopt the name by which he is known today: Dr. John. This connection was established by the title of his first solo album, *Gris-Gris*.

Doctor Yah-Yah

Although Dr. John was one of the most important of the New Orleans Voodoo men, he was not the only one. Doctor Yah-Yah, a Voodoo practitioner and zombie-master, operated in the Lake Pontchartrain area around the same time as Dr. John. He broke all the traditions that claimed all babalawo were free men of colour. Doctor Yah-Yah was a slave whose real name was George Washington. He imitated Dr. John and seems to have practiced divination and astrology. However, he did not include healing in his supernatural repertoire. He was also known to issue gris-gris and curses for a price and, similar to Dr. John, was believed to have a number of zombies at his disposal. His career finally came to an end when he was arrested for selling poison to an Italian fruit-trader as a cure for rheumatism. Wary of the Voodoo man, the Italian wisely had the potion analysed and when it was found to contain poisonous substances, he lodged a formal complaint against Doctor Yah-Yah. The Doctor was briefly held by the authorities, but his master paid his fine and shipped him off to end his days as a field hand on a plantation, an undignified fate for a babalawo.

Doctor Beauregard

Another significant Voodoo man, Doctor Beauregard, flourished in New Orleans around 1870. He was one of the more exotic "foreign" practitioners, having come to the city from Kentucky. He was a man of awe-inspiring appearance, mainly due to the fact that he had never cut his hair and tied it up in a number of strange knots. In these, he carried some of his gris-gris in little packets and small bottles. He carried a monkey-skull rattle wherever he went, shaking it in order to let loose a wambi at an unfortunate enemy. Some of his techniques may have been later copied by the American R&B singer and songwriter, Screamin' Jay Hawkins, during the late 1950s and 60s. (Hawkins was one of the performers to explicitly use Voodoo imagery in his stage act. His most famous composition, *I Put a Spell on You*, recorded in 1956, hinted at the cult religion and was banned by several U.S. radio stations whilst his later *Feast of the Mau-Mau* was suggestive of cannibalistic ritual.) One of his most famous and financially successful "Voodoo recipes" was salted beef heart that was considered to ensure virility in men. From time to time, this fantastic figure would go around, brandishing a hoot-owl's head at his enemies and cursing them. Besides being a figure of curiosity, he was also a figure of fear and after badly scaring some ladies, he was arrested. He tried to terrify the police by throwing the hoot-owl's head at them and issuing curses, all of which proved ineffective. He was briefly held in custody and on his release, he apparently vanished and was assumed to have returned to Kentucky.

Don Pedro

The successor to Dr. John was as a Spanish slave named Don Pedro. Not much is known about him except that he was frequently in trouble with the police. He was said to have conducted a number of sexual orgies in his home and at Raquette Green in which white as well as coloured women took part. Raquette Green has long since disappeared, but it was once the site for a number of Voodoo gatherings. Don Pedro, however, seems to have disappeared without a trace.

Joseph Mellon

The other main Voodoo practitioner in New Orleans around this time was Joseph Mellon, who was said to issue some of the most ferocious curses in the city. However, he took a fancy to an engaged woman and tried unsuccessfully to entice her away from her fiancé by supernatural means. Before they could be married, the woman's fiancé suddenly and inexplicably died. Although it was suspected that Mellon had poisoned him, nothing could be proved. However, the death did him no good, for the object of his desire treated him with disdain and died an old, unmarried woman. Mellon himself seems to have died not long after. Other Voodoo men were to follow him: Delton Boussard, Papa Gris-Gris, and Doctor Cheveneux, but none could match the menacing legacy of Dr. John.

Mama Calliba and Dr. Maurice

And of course, there were the Voodoo queens. One of the earliest of these women was Mama Calliba, a mambo who held a number of Voodoo revels near an old brickworks on Dumaine Street. Most of these seemed to have been little more than orgies with naked men and women dancing wildly and, in many respects, Mama Calliba seems to have been little more than a brothel keeper, but her name as a "voodooiene" (female Voodoo priest) seems to have been widely circulated in the city. Together with her partner, known as Doctor Maurice, she presided over some of the wildest excesses of 19th century New Orleans. There are also suggestions that the mambo may also have been an abortionist—helping white women get rid of unwanted pregnancies by various means, sometimes by poudres and potions, at other times by more physical devices. Although she was considered to be a woman of some power, she disappeared without a trace. Doctor Maurice seems to have continued for a time, allegedly raising zombies and casting curses, but he, too, eventually seems to have faded into obscurity.

Mother Dede

A number of Voodoo queens followed, such as the notorious Madame Roux in Charleston, who flourished briefly but left little mark on the societies

in which they lived. Most of their names exist merely in legend or folklore. The first queen of any importance seems to have been a black woman from Santo Domingo who had the name of Samitie (or Semetee) Dede, also known as Mother Dede in New Orleans. Brought to the city as a slave, she is said to have used her sorcerous influences on her master in order to procure her freedom. Although she boasted great Voodoo powers, she worked as a stall-holder, selling either sweets or trinkets. She is said to have taken over from Mama Calliba as the premier Voodoo queen in the city and to have continued the revels by the old brickworks on Dumaine Street. Under continuous surveillance by the police, she moved these revels to the banks of Lake Pontchartrain. By 1825, her power in the city was at its height and her revels were attracting participants from both white and black communities. What eventually became of her is unknown but it is possible that she may have fled the city following a number of police raids on her gatherings. By the early 1830s, she seems to have disappeared from Creole society.

ZozoLaBrique

Mother Dede was briefly succeeded by a former slave woman known as Zozo LaBrique (though she may also have had several other names) who appears to have been half-demented and who sold buckets of brick-dust from her stall. This came from an old tradition that some of the Creole housewives had claiming that steps of houses had to be scrubbed with brick-dust to keep away evil spirits or to wash away a curse placed on the house by an enemy. Just how this crazy creature became a principal Voodoo queen is unknown, but at one time she was the most consulted voodooiene in New Orleans. However, her reign as premier Voodoo queen was very brief as she had to make way for the most powerful of all the New Orleans voodooienes, Marie Laveau.

The Three Marie Laveaus

The legacy of Marie Laveau has lived on until the present time. In 1971, the Los Angeles-based rock band Redbone, led by Native American brothers

Pat and Lolly Vegas, scored a massive hit with *Witch Queen of New Orleans*, reputedly penned in her honour. However, any study of her long career as Voodoo queen is fraught with difficulty and contradictions because she may not have been one person at all, but *three* (there were at least two), all of whom took the name Marie Laveau. In 1830, her name echoed around the city whilst in 1895, she is recorded as presiding over a Voodoo gathering at Bayou St. John. Some people believe that Marie Laveau was still living in 1918 at the end of World War I and for a period after. A report in a newspaper stated that she had died in 1881 and that she had been a Voodoo queen for well over eighty years. The pirate Jean Lafeyette was said to have kissed her when he entered New Orleans with the American troops following the Battle there in 1815. A century later it was said that she was the mistress of Lafcadio Hearn. There is no official gravesite for her and she is said to lie buried in a number of places, including St. Louis No. 1 Cemetery, although others strongly declare that she is not buried there at all.

Marie Laveau: Marie 1

The first Marie Laveau appears in the marriage records of the old Cabildo district of New Orleans in 1819. Her wedding was performed by Pere Antoinne, a much-loved priest in the area, who for over fifty years was one of the best known religious figures in the city. At the time, New Orleans was a melting pot of cultures with a more European (French and Spanish) presence than American. It had also a large Creole population; Creole was in fact one of the major languages used in many districts. Grand dances for people of colour, known as Quadroon Balls, were the height of popularity amongst city society. Large sections were Roman Catholic and the French influence was especially strong, while white Anglo-Saxon Americans were looked upon as barbarians and dullards.

Jacques Paris

Marie's husband's name is given as Jacques Paris, a quadroon, and a free man of colour, reputedly from Santo Domingo. Marie was also dark skinned, with a reddish cast. She was also said to be exceptionally beautiful. She seems to have been a mixture of black, Native American, and white and, it is said, boasted a regal ancestry in each.

About a year after her marriage, something strange seems to have happened—Jacques seems to have vanished completely and Marie started calling herself "The Widow Paris" indicating that he was dead. However, there is no record of his death until *six* years after the marriage, which means that five years of his life are unaccounted for. Was he still married to Marie? Or was he indeed dead and his death had not been registered? The latter seems unlikely because Marie herself was a staunch Catholic and attended the St. Louis Cathedral on a daily basis. She had also gone with Pere Antoinne to attend victims of an epidemic of yellow fever that was sweeping the city. She was living in a house on what is now North Rampart Street and which had formerly belonged to her father, who was believed to have been called Charles Laveau. However, after the first year of her marriage, she seems to have been living there alone.

About a year and a half after her marriage, Marie began to advertise herself as a "hairdresser," entering the homes of prosperous white people in the well-to-do areas of New Orleans. These were pre-beauty parlour times when wealthy women called in their own "professional beauticians" to arrange and coiffeur their hair prior to important social engagements. Many of these "beauticians" were free women of colour. It was not clear as to whether Marie was a "hairdresser" or not—some said that, besides styling hair, she sold gris-gris. Others still say that she was a prostitute, visiting the husbands of those whose hair she styled. It has to be remembered that New Orleans was not an American city; it was a mixture of French, Spanish, and Creole, and standards, moral and otherwise, were quite different. When the Americans did settle in the city, they were shocked by the lax and flagrant ways of those around them. All accounts agree however, that this period was the start of Marie Laveau's career as a principal Voodoo queen in New Orleans.

During the mid-to-late 1850s, Voodoo fever was at its height in New Orleans with Marie presiding over what were rapidly coming to be known as "shows" in various parts of the city. These drew large crowds, a good number of them from the white districts, and were always fuelled by strong liquor and sexuality. No matter how many times the law tried to close them down and arrest Marie, she always seemed to elude punishment and the gatherings continued unabated. The horror and thrill of witchcraft coupled with unbridled

sexuality provided a heady mix for all kinds of people inhabiting the city. Marie was becoming incredibly rich. So rich in fact, that she was able to build another house, near Milneburg.

Christophe Dunimy de Glapion

Marie seems to have been enjoying herself and familiarizing herself with the developing culture of the city. A few years after the "death" of Jacques Paris, she took up with another quadroon man named Christophe Dunimy de Glapion. Like Jacques Paris, he was originally from Santo Domingo and a free man of colour. He was also something of a war hero and had fought in the Battle of New Orleans. Soon he had moved in with Marie and lived with her until he died in 1835. Little is known about their relationship except that Marie bore him fifteen children in rapid succession and that they remained together until his death.

Shortly after she took up with Glapion, Marie began to advance herself as a Voodoo practitioner and soon she was a Voodoo queen. The New Orleans Voodoo cult was at that time in disarray and she was competing with a number of other queens, such as Samitie Dede and Marie Saloppe. Taking some of the methods that had been espoused by Dr. John (or John Bayou as she called him), she began to turn the Voodoo gatherings into spectacles, to which she often invited white people on a paying basis. Marie built her ceremonies on the trappings of Le Grand Zombi—the snake, the black cat, and the roosters. She also added a sexual content as most of her gatherings usually ended in a kind of mass fornication. She also added some of her stock Roman Catholic items: the statues, the incense, the holy water together with prayers, and invocations. She took issue with those who said that the followers of Voodoo had originally been Devil-worshippers and branded it as one of the world's most ancient religions, far older than Christianity. From Voodoo, Marie argued, the Christian faith had taken many of its ideas, and she was only an instrument, letting those old powers free again. Many considered what she had done to be incredibly blasphemous and she was denounced by some as "a servant of Satan."

The rival queens were quickly deposed and driven away and soon Marie Laveau reigned supreme in all areas of New Orleans. Some of her rivals

actually died, and it was thought that Marie had used some extremely powerful gris-gris against them. Others swore loyalty to her and became a kind of sub-queen in certain areas of the city. The Widow Paris now thrived. She took charge of the revels in Congo Square and presided over gatherings on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain; all in defiance of bans that had been enacted. She remained untouched by the law, and though a number of charges were laid against her, none of them ever reached the courts. This was put down to her great "magic" although it had probably more to do with her contacts in high places. And seemingly, she became incredibly wealthy. Using the contacts that she had made while carrying out her "hairdressing," she began to draw affluent whites into the Voodoo culture. She attracted great publicity, which added to the uniqueness of her gatherings. Rumours spread that she was blackmailing several prominent city politicians, but nothing could be proved.

She was able to buy several new houses all across the city from which she conducted much of her Voodoo work. Her main base of operations was a small cottage on St. Anne Street, between North Rampart and Burgundy Streets, close to Congo Square, which she had allegedly obtained through her gris-gris. Around 1830, a young man of quality, from an extremely wealthy and prosperous family had been arrested in connection with a crime where the evidence against him was supposedly very strong. He protested his innocence, but it looked as though he was going to be found guilty and sentenced. In desperation, his father consulted Marie and offered to reward her handsomely for her aid. On the very day of the trial, Marie entered the St. Louis Cathedral very early in the morning and knelt for several hours at the altar rail. She had three Guinea peppers in her mouth. Then she secretly crept into the courtroom and places these peppers under a cushion of the judge's chair. The trial went ahead but, surprisingly, the judge dismissed the case and the young man was freed. Overjoyed, the father presented Marie with the small cottage that he owned on St. Anne Street where she was to live until her reported death. There was no doubt that her magic had somehow influenced the judge's decision and the gris-gris that she used were typical of her magic—a combination of older, African elements (the Guinea peppers) with her prayers in a

Catholic Cathedral. The mixture was both a potent and effective one, appealing to the innate desire for Christian miracles as well as the native African belief in magic.

In 1835, Christophe Glapion died at the house on St. Anne Street and his death seems to have occurred in June. His age was given as sixty-six. His funeral attracted large numbers, at which Marie sold her gris-gris, told fortunes, and removed curses. She was never one to ignore a business opportunity. After his death, the "Widow Paris" (Marie had never renounced that title, even when she was living with Glapion, perhaps in deference to the Catholic Church) became even more powerful across the city. Similar to Doctor John, she had agents stationed in every part of New Orleans (she ran almost what amounted to a secret service that kept her supplied with information) and she knew many of the secrets of local society, probably culled from her "hairdressing" days. She was also not averse to employing certain techniques that she had observed in some other cultures into Voodoo ritual—one of which was the famous Voodoo doll.

Mommet

Clay images, stuck with pins in order to do harm, were common in some West African cultures, but not all. The purpose of such magic was to fashion an image of a proposed victim and magically link it with its human counterpart. Thus, whatever befell the image would also befall the victim. This harmful aspect was a feature in many English and Continental witch trials. In England it was referred to as a "mommet," appearing in a number of both Scottish and West Country allegations. In Africa, witchcraft dolls were sometimes used to excite passion in the heart of a desired partner or to make individuals do things that they would not ordinarily have done. Occasionally, the image was harmed with the intent of harming the individual, but this was not widespread amongst the West African slaves. Marie introduced some of the European belief into Voodoo with the notion of the dolls that gave her power over her enemies.

Papa Limba

Marie also had a number of enemies in the Voodoo world. From time to time other Voodoo practitioners would try to usurp her position in New Orleans but she was able to see them all off. The most famous of these was a man who called himself Papa Limba (Papa Limba was a Creole name for St. Peter that held great and magical connotations amongst the slaves) and who operated out of a house on Frenchman Street around the late 1840s. Little is known about him except that he seems to have been a rather refined elderly gentleman, a free man of colour, who affected the stylish European dress of a black frock coat when he went out in public. Papa Limba was said to control shadows that he sent out to do "dark business" and harm people. This idea may have been the origin of some of the zombie stories around New Orleans at the time. The Papa used to boast that his magic was stronger than that of Marie Laveau and that his gris-gris could "do away with her" if he so chose. He also claimed to be the direct and true descendant of Doctor John and that Marie was only an impostor. For a while he flourished and may actually have been something of a threat to the empire that Marie was building, but his sudden and inexplicable death put an end to any challenge that he might have offered and only increased Marie's standing. It was widely believed that her own superior powers killed him.

Mama Eunice

Another competitor was Mama (or Maman) Eunice who sold gris-gris and poudres around Bayou St. John. She does not seem to have been much of a threat to Marie, but she did conduct a number of gatherings at which a mixture of rum and gunpowder was consumed and frenzied, sexual dancing took place—a mirror of Marie's own gatherings. Outraged at this, Marie warned her to stop. For a while, Mama Eunice took no notice and continued to hawk her charms around the city and engage in sexual antics at her gatherings. In the end, Marie openly threatened her with death and this seems to have focused the Mama's mind. Marie instructed her to leave New Orleans and not to return and Mama seems to have readily complied.

Maison Blanche

Marie eventually bought another house near Milneburg called "Maison Blanche" and, though she used it herself for various activities, it became the centre of operations for her daughter, who was to become the second Marie Laveau. The house was described as having six rooms, one of which was a large common room where special ceremonies and dancing took place. All non-members of Marie's' "cult" were excluded. Many of the Voodoo rituals that were carried out there are thought to have been Petro Voodoo, performed largely by slaves from Santo Domingo, who always seemed to be around the house.

Marie now moved around the city in the style of a film star today. Everywhere the Widow Paris went, she was accompanied by bodyguards and attendants who kept the public (and the law) at bay. They were led by one of her sons—a burly man who bore the name Christophe Paris and who acted as a kind of "head of security" during her appearances.

The gatherings became wilder and less inhibited. Marie usually wore a full-length blue dress and mostly she was the only one wearing any clothes at all. The display of public nudity, coupled with the sexual dancing, outraged the moral guardians of New Orleans society.

In the mid-1850s, Marie Laveau began to take an interest in the welfare of prisoners. Previously, during a yellow fever epidemic, she had nursed the sick, which had given her the reputation of being a thoroughly kind woman in reality. She began visiting Parish Prison and became a well-known figure there, particularly amongst the men awaiting execution. It is said that she sometimes prayed with them or else prayed for them in the prison chapel. She brought food and even sat and talked earnestly with some of the more violent inmates. Gradually her visits came to be noticed by the Press.

John Adam and Anthony Deslisle

The first report of her visits was in 1852 (although they had been going on long before that), when she visited the cells of two murderers—John Adam and Anthony Deslisle—who had both been convicted of the brutal murder of a young girl. They had bludgeoned the child to death as they attempted to rob

the house of her mistress, Madam Chevillon, but had been subsequently caught, brought to trial, found guilty, and sentenced to death. Their trial excited great interest all across New Orleans, possibly because of the viciousness of the crime. Marie visited frequently and talked seriously with them, especially with Deslisle.

On the day of the execution, a gallows had been erected on Orleans Street and a large crowd assembled. It was a beautiful day, warm and cloudless, with the sun shining brightly. Many of the people had brought their children to see the execution. Upon his appearance on the scaffold, Deslisle began a long, rambling, and almost hysterical oration, proclaiming his innocence and castigating the "barbarous Americans." As a Frenchman, he declared and desired a grand funeral that only Frenchmen should attend. In the middle of his harangue, he suddenly gave a terrified scream and pointed upwards. Overhead, a black cloud had suddenly appeared, whirling and swirling like a living thing. What had been a beautiful morning suddenly became a dull, gray twilight. A moment later, the sky turned almost black and people murmured that it was "like the Crucifixion." Rain began to fall in a flood. Despite the increasingly jittery mob of onlookers, the execution went ahead as scheduled. As both bodies dropped, lightning suddenly split the sky followed by a clap of thunder, signalling the impending doom. The crowd screamed and panicked but held firm. The bodies hung on the end of their ropes, which were now cut, allowing the corpses to fall to the ground. Suddenly, Deslisle moved and appeared to be trying to crawl, even though his right arm was bloody and broken. Adam, too seemed to be still breathing. The crowd surged forward and the police had to use their clubs in order to hold them back. Carrying the victims into the prison, they attempted to revive them with only partial success. Ten minutes later, the prisoners were carried out and hanged once more, this time quite successfully. All at once the storm clouds passed and the sun shone through again. On the edge of the crowd, a tall woman, her face covered by a veil but her hands showing her to be a woman of colour, turned away and disappeared into the maze of side streets and the whisper went about that it was Marie Laveau. The Adam-Deslisle case was a major talking point for many years after, but it was not the only such case in which Marie was involved.

Antoine Cambre

Antoine Cambre, a Creole from an old and well-established family, had shot and killed an old city lamplighter during a drunken argument. Cambre had led a wild and dissolute life—a fact that would count against him when on trial; it was likely that he would be hanged for the murder. This was indeed the result of the trial. Marie visited him in his cell and said, "Before you die, what would you like to eat?" The young man had other things on his mind besides a meal; however, Marie promised him that she would cook him a gumbo like no other that he had ever tasted. She brought it to him on the day of his execution and when the guards came to take him to the scaffold, they found him writhing in agony on the floor of the cell. He died soon after and although poison was suspected, no trace of it could be found. There was no doubt, however, that Cambre had eaten some of Marie Laveau's gumbo.

James Mullin

This was not the only high profile gift that she was to bring a condemned man. In 1859, she achieved notoriety all over New Orleans by bringing the murderer James Mullin his coffin. This coffin was both interesting and unique as it was decorated both inside and out with religious pictures. Marie and some others had worked on it for a long time beforehand. There was also the rather gruesome feature of a pillow made from the dress of Mullin's three-year-old daughter. Marie visited him and prayed with him every day until he was hanged.

Marie's Other Good Deeds

She further visited a number of other notorious murderers, all of whom added to her reputation as a "witchy" woman and a Voodoo queen. Among those she worked with were Heinrich Haas, Peter Smith, and Joseph Linsay, all of whom were sentenced to hang. Haas in particular received a great deal of her attention and she is said to have helped him decorate his condemned cell with many religious pictures. Her attentions toward Joseph Bazar in 1868 proved to have a positive result. Bazar had been convicted of killing his wife's lover, by battering him to death with a large stone whilst in a fit of drunken rage. As he stood on the gallows with a rope around his neck, a messenger suddenly galloped up, carrying a Commutation of Sentence, signed by the

State Governor Warmouth. This was put down to the supernatural intervention of Marie Laveau who had been exceptionally sympathetic towards Bazar.

Despite her seemingly good works, both the Church and many upright New Orleans citizens still remained hostile towards the Widow Paris, declaring that her visits to the prisons were no more than publicity-seeking exercises. This hostility was exacerbated by newspaper reports that Marie had imported a "heathen idol" from Africa and had used it in her rites, sacrificing goats and cockerels to it whilst naked followers danced all around it. "Voodoo Virgin" trumpeted the headlines together with the claim that Marie was replacing the holy statues with pagan idols. The rift between Marie and the Church widened and though she still attended Mass from time to time, her reception was distinctly cool. Many believed that she had taken Voodoo down a diabolical path and into the realms of darkest sorcery.

Marie Laveau was now an old woman and folktales speak of a withered crone with yellow skin and tufts of white hair peeking from under a dark skullcap. She was now arthritic and a little infirm, but her eyes, say the accounts, were still bright and full of hellfire. However, not even a witch can live forever and it is thought that the first Marie, the Widow Paris, died somewhere around 1880/81, though nobody is actually sure. By that time, she was succeeded by another Marie Laveau, who was in all probability her own daughter.

Marie Glapion: Marie II

Marie Glapion, who was to become Marie II, was born on 2nd February 1827, the daughter of Marie Laveau and Christophe Glapion. She was only one of Marie's many children, but she was intensely beautiful and bore a remarkable resemblance to her mother. Indeed, the legend said that somehow the first Marie had magically "rejuvenated" herself, a notion that her successor did not dismiss. Similar to her mother, she had begun work as a "hairdresser" and using some of her mother's money had opened an establishment on Royal Street. Later, she would open another premise on Bourbon Street, between St. Peter Street and Toulouse Street. In both establishments, she established a "Voodoo altar" that were said to hold statues of both St. Peter and the

Virgin, both covered with a sheet. From time to time there would be gatherings at the back of these shops at which, according to local folklore, rum would be consumed and queer rituals observed.

Whilst the first Marie Laveau had exhibited many endearing and humanitarian traits, such as her helping of those in distress and her nursing of the victims of yellow fever, few of these were evident in her daughter. The second Marie inspired and ruled by fear. Gradually, she took on a greater role as a Voodoo queen, driving her aged mother more and more into the background. At the house in St. Anne's Street, Marie II added a narrow back room and it was here that the first Marie Laveau was kept, practically under house arrest, whilst her daughter reigned supreme in New Orleans.

Mama Antoine

Every Monday night, Marie II would go to the house of a Voodoo practitioner called Mama Antoine on Dumaine Street, where gatherings were often held. These gatherings were known as parterres and were designed to encourage the spirits to come amongst them. A grand feast was reputedly laid out for the loa on a white table that included congris, apples, red peppers, chillies, and oranges. These feasts were overseen by a woman named Georgina Laveau, who was thought to have been a sister of Marie II and another who styled herself "Josephine Bayou."

There was dancing, too. A popular mystical dance called Fe Chauffe was described as being "really wild" and that was performed with the dancers often balancing lighted candles on their heads. A number of white ladies were also said to be in attendance, each paying Marie a substantial amount of money for being there—many of whom copulated with quadroons and other black men who were there. Many of these Monday night gatherings had the reputation of being little more than orgies disguised in quasi-religious trappings.

This brought in another side of Marie II's activities—her acting as a procuress. The Maison Blanche was already recognized, even in her mother's time, as a "place of ill repute" where white men could often meet young coloured girls, but at least the elder Marie had the sense to keep such activities relatively secret. Her daughter had no such inhibitions and let it be known far and wide that she offered such services for those who wanted them.

Doctor Jim

The major male figure in Marie II's life was a certain man of colour—part Native American, part black—named James Alexander, the self-styled Doctor Jim. He proved her first real challenge. Doctor Jim had come from Mississippi, with his wife, who was by no means a Voodoo practitioner herself. There were a number who said that James Alexander wasn't his real name at all—that it was Laurensky Avery—and that he was part Native American. Many people simply referred to him as "Indian Jim." Unlike Marie II, he was more sympathetic to his clients in the way that the original Marie Laveau had been—it is said that his gris-gris were more about healing than doing harm. Gradually, a kind of feud began to grow between the two Voodoo practitioners, and Marie II clearly saw him as a palpable threat to her carefully constructed empire. The feud was reported in the *Daily Picayune* as a "Voodoo war" in New Orleans and stated that supporters of both factions had threatened to clash, leading to the call-out for police support who dispersed the crowds and arrested several individuals for disorderly conduct.

Doctor Jim seems to have done quite well and soon was able to buy a house near Johnston Street, which he used as a base of operations. His influence now extended across the Mississippi River to Algiers, where he is said to have driven out several evil spirits, including demons, which had been sent by Marie II to torment her enemies. He was quite willing to work with some of the babalawo there, including a well-respected leader named Papa Sol. In many of his treatments and "exorcisms" in the Algiers district, Doctor Jim frequently used beer, which he would sprinkle over furniture in "diseased houses" or over people who were possessed by unfriendly loa. He began to preside over a number of Voodoo gatherings and was reckoned to be one of the "best Hoodoo dancers in New Orleans." He mixed traditional Voodoo dances with more recognized formats such as the Calinda and also added an element of Indian war dance that made the whole performance seem frenzied and bizarre. Unlike Marie II, he was also extremely careful to keep his followers out of "police trouble" and although his dances attracted the interest of the authorities, nobody was ever arrested. He ran several large gatherings out at Lake Pontchartrain, some of which were conducted on boats, adding to

their novelty. There is no doubt that Doctor Jim was a great showman, often appearing clad only in a long blue sash and white frieze drawers.

Marie II's response to this was to surround herself with more and more gruesome and "mystical" trappings and to adopt a more haughty and mysterious image. Her rooms now contained elements of the dead, such as skulls and human rib cages; she is said to have kept complete skeletons in her armoire. Poisonous snakes were said to crawl across the carpets and deadly spiders hung in cobwebs from the ceiling. Simply to visit her must have taken a great deal of courage. She concentrated even more or curses and love potions. Her speciality was said to be a special file (seasoning) which, if added to food (such as gumbo) would induce both love and lust in those who consumed it. But despite the now-fantastic stories about her, she seemed powerless to limit the growing influence of Doctor Jim, especially in the Algiers districts. Then she had a stroke of luck.

One Yoy Lisvaudais

Doctor Jim met a sudden and violent death, which many people attributed to the supernatural influence of Marie Laveau. Whilst treating a simple-minded boy named One Yoy Lisvaudais, his patient suddenly and inexplicably became irritated and struck him on the temple with a rock. Doctor Jim was dazed, but recovered temporarily. However, the wound became infected and developed into an abscess that eventually killed him after several days. Many in New Orleans said that this was the work of his great rival in her house at the Maison Blanche.

Clementine Alexander

His estate now descended into chaos as his widow, Clementine, tried to claim her inheritance. All that he seemed to have left her was his house on Johnston Street, but there was also a great deal of money hidden somewhere. There were legal complications about claiming the house because it was revealed that his name had been neither James Alexander or Laurinsky Avery as had been commonly supposed, but rather Charles LeFontaine. It also emerged that he had owned other properties—mainly between Gentilly and Spanish Fort—under a variety of names, but that all the paperwork had been done in

the names of James Alexander, or Charles LeFontaine. It was years before the case was finally finished, although it was thought that there was a vast amount of money—perhaps lodged under yet another name—that has never been recovered, even today. Doctor Jim's death, however, left Marie II pretty much as the undisputed leading Voodoo practitioner in New Orleans. A few figures, such as Papa Sol and Madame Roux raised their heads, trying to claim Doctor Jim's legacy in Algiers, but she was able to see them off and her reign was absolute across the city.

On 16th June 1881, many newspapers in New Orleans carried the story that Marie Laveau, the famous Voodoo queen, had died. This was, of course, the Widow Paris, the first Marie Laveau, who had been languishing in the back room of the Maison Blanche whilst her daughter conducted her Voodoo gatherings. She was now said to be an old and withered woman whom very few people saw and who, when she was released from her room, shuffled vacantly about the house in a vaguely bewildered state. Of course, as soon as her death was announced, legends began to form around this event. One said that there had been a thunderstorm over the house at the very moment of her death; another said that there had been shrieks and howls and clanking of chains from the room itself and that a strong smell of sulphur had pervaded the general area around the Maison Blanche and St. Anne Street. However, the most astonishing thing about the death was that before Marie died, she had been attended to by a priest only hours before. She had renounced the Zombi and all her "old African wickedness" and had accepted the Sacraments. In other words, she had died a good Catholic. Indeed, some members of her family seethed with indignation at the mere suggestion that she had ever practiced Voodoo. As part of her will, she urged those who loved her to administer to the fever-ridden hospitals of the city. She was now treated as a virtual saint, both by those who had followed her and by the Church—something of an achievement! At the time of her death, her daughter, Marie Glapion (Marie II) was fifty-four years old and immediately formally assumed the name "Marie Laveau," although she'd been using it for years.

Following the death of the Widow Paris, cracks and schisms began to appear in the Glapion family. Marie II was unmarried, although she had several

lovers and reputedly a good number of children, some of whom had changed their names in order to marry. Given their newfound "decent" status, they began to look disapprovingly on their mother as what was effectively the mistress of a brothel. Some of them also disapproved of her "Voodoo ways" and wanted little to do with her.

Madame LeGrande

Marie II also banished her sister, "Madame Legrande," from the Maison Blanche over some trifling matter and sent her to live in the St. Ann Street house. Madam Legrande threatened to have her new home torn down. Marie was also in dispute with the children from her mother's first marriage to Jacques Paris who now styled themselves as "Laveaus." She had seized as much money as she could from her mother's fortune, denying her first children any portion. She evicted John Laveau from a house that she owned and turned both him and his family out onto the streets. She was now pretty much an outcast from the majority of her family—both for the treatment of her mother and her indifference towards the family. This was exacerbated by her relationship with a "Doctor Theophile," an old and much loved babalawo who operated in the Algiers district and who claimed to be a direct descendant of Doctor John. He had gathered many of Doctor Jim's followers who were incredibly hostile towards Marie II, whom they blamed for the death of James Alexander. Either she or her agents seem to have been responsible for the death of Doctor Theophile as well, for he appears to have died after eating some poisoned file that was sprinkled on his food. Many people blamed Marie II for his death, just as they had blamed her for that of Doctor Jim, and gradually a groundswell of hostility was building up. Marie, however, seemed unperturbed.

Lafcadio Hearn

Marie II took plenty of lovers, one of whom was reputedly the writer Lafcadio Hearn, whom she had met in 1880. If there was a relationship between the two of them, it was not long-lived. Hearn himself described her as "a vampire" and distanced himself from her. Nevertheless, she remained a good-looking woman, even well into her fifties, and entertained a stream of paramours, many of them white. Both her sexual and political prowess in the

world of Voodoo were now at their height and she was able to buy a small house on the banks of Lake Pontchartrain where she began to live and conduct her revels out on the Lake. She took a page from Doctor Jim's book and began to conduct some of her gatherings on boats and barges in the water.

There is some mystery surrounding Marie II's death in the latter half of the 1890s. There are many who insist that she was drowned. By this time, she had become "very wild" and her gris-gris had become extremely expensive. Her gatherings bordered on the darker side of Voodoo with Le Grand Zombi raised as an evil god for her followers to worship. There were rumours of blood sacrifice and it is known that the police were keeping a watchful eye on all her ceremonies. During one of these gatherings at Pontchartrain, according to old folk legend, a massive storm blew up out on the Lake and swept inland. It moved with such speed that the dancers along the shore were caught unawares and swept into the water. One of these was Marie herself. In another version of the same story, the storm blew up at night and swept inland, sweeping away the house on the shore in which Marie was sleeping. Her body was never recovered.

Other versions of her demise, however, claim that she was poisoned. It is known that Marie II had many enemies, and it has been suggested that she ate poisoned food, which they had tampered with. However, this version is problematic; it is known that Marie was extremely particular about everything she ate and drank, particularly because of the fear of poisoning. Skilled at the art of poisoning, she would have been well aware of the ease with which food could be doctored and would therefore be wary. Suspicion fell on Madame Legrand who at this time. was trying to make the Laveau family respectable and distance it from Voodoo practices and from the Voodoo queens. The woman, however, flatly denied any murder attempt and nothing really could be proved. Whatever the circumstances of her death may have been, it seems to have occurred around June 1897, as an inscription on the Laveau-Glapion tomb in St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 testifies:

> "Marie Philome Glapion, decedee le 11 Juin 1897. Agee de Soizante-deux ans."

A great many Voodoo followers still take this as the last resting place of the "real Marie Laveau," forgetting that there was one before her—the Widow Paris. There were some, however, who insisted that she was not dead at all, and that her "death" was a trick designed to throw the authorities off her scent. It was said that the police had been planning to arrest her and that she was "lying low" for a time before making a reappearance. She was allegedly "seen" in various parts of New Orleans—in shops, walking on the street, standing in the doorway of a house—but, even after some time, she failed to reappear. Besides, ever since the death of the Widow Paris in 1881, Marie II had a rival waiting in the wings for her Voodoo crown. This was Malvina Latour.

Malvina Latour: Marie III

Very little is known about Malvina Latour. At the time of the Widow Paris's death, she is described as a big, heavy-set, raw-boned woman, roughly in her mid-forties. Sometimes she claimed to be a daughter of Marie II by a black man, at other times she did not, and there is no evidence that she was. She was, however, extremely handsome, and carried some of the smouldering good-looks of Marie II and the Widow Paris. She had a sophisticated bearing and was unquestionably of high intelligence. It was whispered that she had been privately educated, unusual for a woman of colour. Indeed, it was claimed that she had a brother in the State Legislature but this remains unproven. After the death of the Widow Paris, she began calling herself "Marie Laveau" (making her, in effect, Marie III) though probably she had no intention of setting herself up as a major Voodoo queen.

Despite the fact that Marie II was still living, Malvina began to conduct a number of ceremonies in the city, the most famous being the one on St. John's Eve. These practices began to return towards the traditional practices of Rada Voodoo—the old religion that had been brought from Dahomey. She attempted to remove all of the Catholic trappings that had been introduced by the first Marie and to return the revels to their purest African state. She was a Catholic herself and looked at Voodoo as a profession, not as a religion. Therefore, her addition of Catholic imagery and ritual was considered sacrilegious in the

Voodoo world. However, her grip on the Voodoo world was not as tight as that of Marie II and the latter did not consider her all that great a threat. Because there was a slight chance that Malvina Latour was her daughter, she may have tolerated the revels on St. John's Eve and the limited gris-gris that Malvina sold.

In the meantime, Madame Legrand struggled to distance the Laveaus from the taint of Voodoo and to make the family name (and her own) thoroughly respectable in New Orleans society. She drew her family closer to the Catholic Church (she was a devout Catholic herself) and many of them renounced the Voodoo ways and denied that they had ever been associated with the African religion. Some of them may truly not have had any association with Voodoo at all. In 1903, the house on St. Anne Street was pulled down and with it: the last traces of the original Marie Laveau.

Acting supposedly as Marie III, Malvina Latour failed to bring any sort of cohesion to the New Orleans Voodoo cults, nor was she able to hold the existing worshippers together in any recognizable cult. After Marie II's death, voodoo in New Orleans began to fragment into minor cults and gatherings.

Leon Juniper

A group centered around Leon Juniper, a black man who had worked with the Laveaus and had, at one time, been a lover of Marie II. Juniper was not really a major Voodoo practitioner but his close associations with Marie II had given him some credibility in the Voodoo world. Each day, he would walk to St. Louis Cemetery No. 1, where Marie was buried, and perform a ritual known as the "four corners," which is still practiced today.

The person performing the rite enters the cemetery and goes to each corner in turn, making a wish as soon as he or she reaches the corner in question. Then the practitioner walks quickly along two blocks to the Church of Our Lady of Guadeloupe on North Rampart Street and says a prayer, kneeling before the stature of St. Expedite. During the performance of this ritual, Leon Juniper claimed that he heard the voice of Marie II speaking to him and in this way he was able to convey her instructions to her followers.

Miss Jackson

There was also a "Miss Jackson," a well-known black Voodoo queen who had learned her trade with Marie II and Leon Juniper. She made a great thing of dancing with a deadly python at some of the Voodoo ceremonies in a house on Roman Street. She also distilled liquor and sold it to the participants because nobody could bring in strong drink from outside. There was animal sacrifice (usually a goat or a rooster) at all her ceremonies.

Madame Augustine

Another figure of the time was Madame Augustine, a stately looking woman of colour. After Marie II died, she took over some of the surviving cult and held it together for a short while. She was considered to be very beautiful. After 1899, however, she disappeared for a long time but turned up again about the beginning of the 20th century. However, all her former beauty was now gone and she presented quite a terrifying appearance. This was not enhanced by the fact that her left eye was missing. She used this disfigurement to her advantage, claiming that the socket had supernatural powers. But even so, she was not to enjoy anything similar to her former prestige as a Voodoo queen.

Angele Lavasseur

Several of the queens referred to themselves as "Marie Laveau," which makes tracing the true inheritance of the name exceptionally difficult. One of these, Angele Lavasseur, certainly owned a cabin on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, where she held weekly revels, mainly for white people. During one of her revels, a major storm swept the Lake and smashed her cabin, drowning all there, including Angele herself. This may be the origin of the drowning story concerning Marie II.

Marie Comtesse

The most celebrated of the New Orleans Voodoo queens of the early 20th century was known as "Marie Comtesse" although she also styled herself "Marie Laveau" or sometimes "Marie IV" (Malvina Latour, or Marie III, disappeared into relative obscurity) but who was, in fact, no relation to the Laveau clan. She was famous for her "revels" that were nothing more than

orgies over which she presided. Her speciality was to provide shapely young girls who danced naked for customers attending her dances out near Bayou St. John. It was said that in the swamps, she buried an absolute fortune, none of which has ever been found. She was always very grandly dressed with a white shoulder bag in which she carried her gris-gris that she distributed to paying customers at various times during the night.

Her end was strange and sudden. During one of the revels, she leaned against a wooden post on the edge of a swamp. The post, which was partly rotted, suddenly gave way and she fell awkwardly, breaking her neck. "La Comtesse," as she was known, was buried in the Wishing Vault in St. Louis Cemetery No. 2. She was practically the last of the great Voodoo queens of New Orleans and no other would manage to hold the various cults that existed in the city together in the way that the old Voodoo queens had done. The era of the Laveaus and others would be counted as a kind of Golden Age of Voodoo in the city. After that it would fragment and splinter into a number of cults.

American Voodoo: Charleston

Conjure men and babalawo were to be found everywhere in Charleston, selling gris-gris, and allegedly commanding the dead whom they called from their tombs.

John Domingo

Although Marie Laveau was the most famous of all the Voodoo queens, and New Orleans was certainly widely considered to be steeped in African magic, there were other sinister practitioners in other parts of the country. Charleston, South Carolina was also viewed as something of a Voodoo city, and John Domingo, the Black Constable, was clearly a rival to Dr. John back in New Orleans. In the late 1800s, Domingo, who had formerly lived in the Carolina Low Country, was considered to be the greatest and deadliest sorcerer in the whole state since the days of Gullah Jack Pritchard, a notable conjure-man who had been involved in an uprising amongst the slaves around the time of the alleged Denmark Vesey slave revolt almost a century earlier.

He was considered to be more powerful than many of his contemporaries, such as Dicky Breaux, the black Voodoo king of Dorchester Road, or Cut-Bread Jack, who lived for a time on Charlotte Street. Domingo himself lived in a queer, shabby old house with a peaked roof on Magazine Corner where it led into Mazyck Street (although it doesn't bear that name now). The house has long since been demolished to be replaced by a stretch of waste ground and grass. The house had been formerly owned by a Dutchman who had been forced to flee from Holland for some blasphemous and unmentionable crime and who ran the place as a shop. The house had an ill name even before Domingo arrived, and it had an even worse one when he lived there.

John Domingo was an extremely dangerous man—a necromancer and a sorcerer of frightening power. He was a huge man, powerfully built, his body wrapped in a huge Union-blue greatcoat in the winter and with darkly glittering eyes and a massive nose, hooked like the beak of a predatory bird. His long, shoulder-length hair was tied in thick tufts with a shoestring along with several long and greasy strands hanging down the side of his face. He always wore a silver ring, shaped like a snake, on the fourth finger of one hand. He said that it had been made somewhere along the Congo River and that it held great power—the power of Le Grand Zombi.

The street in which Domingo lived had once been extremely respectable and had been the abode of many of the old Charleston families of quality—the Northrops, the Gasdens, and the Malones. Now it had a "run down" feel about it and had such an evil name that few decent people would even mention it. An old legend stated that it had lost its good name after John Domingo himself had cursed it, though why he did so is uncertain. People scoffed that nobody could curse an entire street, but one look at Mazyck Street could convince otherwise. It was dirty and filled with piles of rubbish where dogs rooted all day and was to remain so until around the end of the First World War, when part of it at least was pulled down. Those who had to travel through always hurried and did not delay, and the last of the quality folks, who still lived there because they had no money to move and nobody would buy their properties, seldom opened either their doors or windows.

The Black Constable as he was called, did not seem to be bound by white men's laws or the laws of Charleston. He made his own laws and his neighbours respected that. An old man who lived next door to him saw what Domingo kept in his back yard and it terrified him, but he was forced to shrug his shoulders and say nothing because he feared the Black Constable. Though the people of Charleston feared him, they still consulted him and bought his gris-gris—bags filled with goofer dust (dust gathered from a grave under a full moon or sometimes made with the powdered bones of corpses), lucky jacks, and Voodoo sticks. He could sell charms that would make any man a favourite with the ladies, no matter how ugly he was. There is a story that Domingo sold a hideous old man named Isaac Motte a charm that had the young girls tormenting him, even though he was elderly and ugly. He was supposed to curse individuals by simply shaking a poudre on the ground where they'd passed. He reputedly obtained some of his gris-gris from the old cemeteries on Ghost Island, a place that was rumoured to be very badly haunted. Indeed the popular story was that the Constable could raise the dead with a snap of his fingers and make them do his bidding. Some called him a "Zombi man."

His neighbours knew better than to cross him. Once he had a dispute with a man who lived across the road from him and who owned a well that gave sweet and pure water. The Constable sent a rainbow to suck the well dry and it never gave water of any kind again. Women were also fearful of combing their hair out of their windows or of sweeping in front of their doors, in case the Constable would collect stray hairs or some other personal item and use it against them. There was great rivalry amongst some of the women around Mazyck Street, and they consulted with John Domingo to do their rivals harm or to ruin their looks. At his height, he maintained a great number of wealthy clients, and was reputedly one of the richest men in Charleston, although he chose to live as though he were a pauper.

He had a curious thing, similar to a whirligig, on the top of his curious old house, by which it was said, he could control the wind and summon up storms. He also sold favourable winds to sailors and fishermen. There were many

stories about this. In one, a fisherman named John Akiss sent his old mother to buy a favourable wind from the Constable, but she, being an elderly woman, forgot. John Akiss then bought a wind from another sorcerer—the best he could do before he put to sea. John Domingo heard about this and took it personally. He sent a storm after Akiss's boat so that it was driven aground and wrecked on the Drunken Dick shoal and Akiss and his crew of nine men were drowned. And all through a simple act of forgetfulness. This reminded people not to trifle when they dealt with John Domingo.

But it was for his dealings with the dead that Domingo was best known. He was a necromancer of the first order and his neighbours stated that the shadows that clustered around his doorway after nightfall were the spirits of the dead whom he had summoned to him. Others said that they were lurking corpses that he had brought from the tomb for his own ends and purposes. Many said that Domingo executed his own brand of law in the area—hence his nickname, the Black Constable—and that he used the shambling dead to enforce it. Those who crossed him or misbehaved badly within his area often found strange and unpleasant things happening to them. They claimed to have seen ghosts and walking dead men and they suffered from ill fortune, or simply sometimes disappeared. All this was attributed to the terrible necromantic powers of John Domingo.

The Black Constable's end came about in a sudden and strange way. He was at the height of his pride and power in Charleston and was pretty much acting as the law in certain quarters of the city. One evening, he pursued two robbers who had violated some residents in his district. The robbers tried to escape but Domingo cornered them in Mount Pleasant and brought them back with him by river to Market Street. Stepping ashore he held one on each side, each by the scruff of the neck.

"See!" he cried to the assembled onlookers. "I am just like Jesus, with a thief on either hand." He paused as if considering something. "Only I'm more powerful than Jesus!" Again he paused almost in mid-sentence. No one knew why, nobody saw anything, except the Black Constable. For a moment, he stood upright, as straight as a post, a look of baffled bewilderment crossing

his face. Then foam started to run down from the corners of his mouth. He rose up onto his toes as if something were pulling him up with a kind of hideous strength and several by-standers swore that they saw the marks of long and inhuman fingers on his windpipe, even though there was nothing there. Letting go of the two thieves, who ran for their lives, Domingo began to claw at the area around his throat making sounds similar to a choked chicken as if somebody or something were squeezing the breath from his body. For a moment, he seemed to dangle in the air and then was thrown backwards to the ground. Before anybody could reach him, he had aged a good number of years, becoming an old man, and his face had turned the colour of a withered cucumber.

The onlookers bore the body back to the Market House and laid it out on a counter. A doctor came and pronounced John Domingo dead. Even as they looked at it, the body seemed to shrivel up until it was merely a withered representation of its former self. At this, many people fled out of the Market House, and so nobody really knows what became of the body. It is said that by the end of the day, it was completely gone. It certainly wasn't buried in any of the local churchyards or consecrated ground, and John Domingo was too wealthy to be buried out in the Paupers Field with the destitute of Charleston. Several times afterwards, he was reputedly seen walking down Mazyck Street but this was merely a legend put about by credulous people. However, his name lingered on in the area, always with a sinister taint.

The counter on which his body had been laid out belonged to a local butcher. Afterwards nobody in the area would buy meat from him—they were afraid it had been "touched" by John Domingo and with his business ruined, the butcher died in an almshouse as a pauper. John's oldest son hanged himself in the back of a cowshed at Gadsden's Green and his youngest son was poisoned in a house on Archdale Street. The Black Constable's house was pulled down and the man who bought the site had to rebuild, hoping to exorcise the ghost of John Domingo, but nobody would rent it and so he had to live in it himself until he died. He never had any luck from the day that he moved in—his wife left him and he was always in debt, the final curse of the Black Constable.

Doctor Antoine

Also in Charleston, another babalawo named Doctor Antoine was conducting similar gatherings at a place known locally as Payne's Old Field, at the upper end of Meeting Street. Here candles were said to flicker and drums to beat on the darkest nights—and the dead were said to walk.

Delphine Paysandu and Mother Go-Go

Doctor Antoine was aided by a Voodoo queen named Delphine Paysandu who was said to have come back from the dead several days after she had been buried. Whether this was true or not is a matter for debate, but the story caused fear and uncertainty all across Charleston. In fact, there was talk that Delphine Pasandu was, in fact, a zombie. A similar story circulated concerning the intriguingly named Mother Go-Go, who also operated in the Charleston area. It was alleged that she too had died, but had risen from the grave to become a minor Voodoo queen in the Trapman Street area of the city. In a kind of zombie state, she presided over gatherings that took place in an old narrow house and which were said to involve the drinking of human blood.

Gullah Jack Pritchard

Even as late as the 1920s and early 1930s, a Voodoo man and master of zombies who called himself Gullah Jack Pritchard (supposedly possessed by the loa of the original Gullah Jack) was operating in the area around Charleston. He was arrested and sent to jail for extortion after a lengthy trial that drew a fair amount of interest and publicity due to his alleged "possession." As well as these local magicians, Charleston even had its own equivalent of Marie Laveau—this was Marguarite Lagoux.

Marguarite Lagoux

Marguarite Lagoux was a milliner and mantuamaker (one who made cloaks for ladies) with a shop on the western side of King Street. No trace of it now exists because much of the street was destroyed by fire. She lived in a small house in a narrow alley called Lilac Lane, the location of which is now all but forgotten. She was very beautiful—a quadroon by colour—and was wooed by many of the wealthy young men of Charleston, all of whom she appears to

have turned down. Many of her patrons were rich white women and it was whispered in society circles that Marguarite was a voodoo practitioner who ran small gatherings in a yard, just off Lilac Lane. And it was rumoured that she also sold gris-gris along with her hats and cloaks. In some quarters, she became known only as "Madame Margot, the Voodoo Queen."

Gradually, she seemed to lose her good looks; her face became thin and mean looking and the lovely looking girl slowly began to disappear. She seemed to age incredibly fast. It was rumoured that she was quite wealthy but she gave no evidence of this—she dressed respectively but showed no signs of grandeur that had, say, characterized some of the Laveaus back in New Orleans. Some people declared that she had a vast fortune hidden away somewhere in the city but nobody knew where. And there were suggestions that she trafficked with the dead—shambling shadows were often seen around her door in Lilac Lane—and that this had somehow had an affect on her beauty. By the time she was in her mid-thirties, she was a crone, slightly stooped as if with age and with a pinched and drawn face. She closed her shop in King Street and retreated into Charleston's back alleyways. The gris-gris that she sold became much darker and more dangerous—charms for casting curses or for causing lust and unbridled passion in the most reserved of hearts.

She had one daughter, Gabrielle, who married a wealthy gentleman in New Orleans, and became a great society beauty. On the day of the wedding, Madame Margot stood in front of a great mirror and looked at herself. It is said that a shadow, perhaps the shadow of the dead, passed between herself and the glass but only she saw it. She burst into wild and demonic peals of laughter that brought her neighbours running in to see what was wrong with her. Ever afterwards, she refused to have a mirror near her and consequently she became more and more dishevelled in her appearance. Her wits were never the same after that and from time to time she would cackle and laugh to herself for no reason. There are some who assert that the celebrated Charleston witch, rather eccentrically named Old Mother Go-Go, was none other than Madame Margot. Although she had conducted wild revels in Lilac Lane, these soon fell away and she became something of a fabled recluse, only sought out by those with evil intent or the desperate.

She seemed to fall in upon herself, withering slowly away. One night, the tailor who lived across the road from her in the little alley, reported that her house was filled with light, and the sounds of revelry as it had been in earlier days when she'd held the voodoo revels there. He assumed that there was a Voodoo party in progress and kept to his own house. At one stage, however, he did notice a tall black man going up to the door and rapping loudly. The visitor was grandly dressed, but, said the tailor, an unpleasant odour followed him down the street—similar to a charnel stench. At last, his loud knocking was answered and he was admitted to the house. Minutes after he had entered the house, the lights went out and the sounds of revelry ceased. A sudden and violent storm blew in, with lightning cracking around the chimney pots of the old houses of Lilac Lane and the wind threatening to rip the tiles from the roof. Then, just as suddenly as it had arisen, the storm was gone and the night was as calm as ever. Sensing that something momentous had happened, the tailor crept from his house to the building across the lane. The door lay wide open, as were all the windows and he peered inside. The rain had beaten in and laid in puddles as the tailor looked around the door. There lay Madame Margot with her head in the fireplace and her body as black as soot, completely dead. Some say that the elegant dark man who had called was none other than "Le Baron"—Baron Cimitiere, who had come to carry off her evil soul. Others say that it was "Le Grand Zombi" himself.

Largely because of her evil reputation, the bishop declined to have a Mass said for the repose of her soul and the local priest would not allow her body to be buried in St. Sebastian's church. She was therefore buried in the Potter's Field, where the poor were interred under a large magnolia tree. Some say, however, that she was buried in her own garden.

Even though her house in Lilac Lane was later pulled down, her malignant spirit seemed to linger on. After a woman had hanged herself at the end of the Lane, it was closed as a public thoroughfare, but even then people would not cross in front of it. There was an old story that any schoolboy who dared to cross before it would be soundly beaten at school that day.

The country around about Charleston also contained its fair share of Voodoo men and witches. This was the Carolina Low Country, the equivalent to

the Bayou Country around New Orleans, that had once been the domain of the Rice Kings and contained many of their plantations. The slaves here were known as Gullah and came from Angola. Their magic was just as potent as that which came from Dahomey, and many sorcerers flourished amongst them.

Doctor Buzzard

The most famous of all the Low Country Voodoo men was Stephaney Robinson, also known as Doctor Buzzard. Part of his fame derives from his arch-nemesis, the High Sheriff of the Low Country, J.E. McTeer, who was not a mean sorcerer himself. Doctor Buzzard died early in 1947 as a very old man and was known throughout the Low Country as a "root worker"—a man who did not work in charms or curses but in poudres and potions, many of which were derived from roots. In 1943, Dr. Buzzard was described as an elderly and dignified gentleman "always soberly dressed in quality black," who might have been mistaken for a bishop in the A.M.E. (African Methodist Episcopal). According to legend, Doctor Buzzard's father may have arrived in America as a slave who had great "conjure power" which he passed on to his son.

Ed McTeer

Ed McTeer, who became High Sheriff of Beaufort County, by contrast, came (on his mother's side), from an established slave-owning Carolina family, the Heywards, whose forebears had signed the Declaration of Independence. McTeer also believed in the power of E.S.P. and he believed in the power of Voodoo. His maternal grandfather was a major rice planter and had witnessed first hand the activities of the conjure-men. His grandmother was said to have possessed the "second sight" and his mother was rumoured to have attended séances amongst the slave-folks. In 1926, McTeer's father who had served as county sheriff died both suddenly and his son, Ed Junior, succeeded him almost immediately. However, the new law officer soon began running into some troublesome cases. A number of people in Beaufort County and beyond began to sicken with some sort of unexplained illness, and strange individuals appeared in local courts and began to fix witnesses with a steely gaze, apparently causing them to "seize up" or change their testimony. There were stories that some of these strange visitors were actually dead. Mysterious

white powders began to appear in various parts of the courtroom including upon the judge's desk. McTeer suspected the work of conjure-men or babalawo and resolved to make an example of one or two of them in order to bring the local Gullah community to heel under the law. The man he picked on was the most celebrated conjure-man in the Carolina Low Country—Doctor Buzzard.

By this time, the doctor was famous even beyond the boundaries of Carolina. He was now extremely wealthy and rode around in a large black Lincoln, dressed in the finest of clothes. Moreover, he was rumoured to own property all across Charleston, although nobody could rightly say where. Officially, he lived in some style on the prestigious St. Helena Island, but he was reputedly living in other areas as well. Several attempts had been made to bring him to trial, however Doctor Buzzard was a courtroom specialist and had eluded imprisonment many times, often on technicalities. It was known that he was well versed in the law. McTeer, nevertheless, targeted him for surveillance. Recruiting local cab drivers that usually handled the Doctor's out-of-town customers, he mounted a watch on Doctor Buzzard's St. Helena Island home. But as soon as he began to gather his information, it suddenly died away and stopped. Nobody, it seemed, was willing to talk about Doctor Buzzard. McTeer was personally convinced that the Doctor's "second sight" had warned him of the police surveillance and he began to formulate new plans.

Before these could be enacted, however, World War II broke out. When German submarines moved in offshore, torpedoing everything that came in and out of the harbours of Charleston and Savannah, there were rumours that German spies had come ashore and were in Charleston itself. The local Coast Guard set up patrols to look out for rubber dinghies landing along the coastline. As their Commander, McTeer had more pressing matters to contend with. However, Doctor Buzzard would soon come to his attention once more. The local Draft Board was sending scores of young Gullah men to Fort Jackson, just outside Columbia for induction into the armed forces. The Fort was sending just as many back with unexplained heart flutters and diarrhoea. McTeer suspected the conjure men and root doctors and began to investigate. He further sent a letter to the War Department alleging Voodoo practices amongst some of the Gullah. His response from the Department was both frosty and

sceptical. They thanked him for his note, filed it away, and promptly forgot about it. But their minds were to be changed by an event on 26th October 1943. A group of draftees set out for Fort Jackson from Hampton, South Carolina. One of them, a youth named Crispus Green, had told his family to expect him home very soon. He wasn't going to the war because Doctor Buzzard had "fixed him up." Almost half the draftees on the bus had received poudres and tonics from various Voodoo men to cause flutters in their hearts—"hippity hoppity hearts"—or extreme nausea. Before the bus reached Fort Jackson, however, Crispus Green and another young man were dead, and half the others had to be rushed to hospital. The War Department suddenly became extremely interested and the FBI also became involved. McTeer was ordered to take leave of his coastal patrol and assist in the investigation. He was going to have a difficult time because none of the surviving afflicted would testify against a root doctor. However, McTeer was able to procure a sample of a "medicine" that had allegedly been given to some of the victims. It was nothing more than crudely made moonshine mixed with a small amount of lead arsenate. Through the poison, McTeer traced a conjure man—not Doctor Buzzard as he had hoped—but Peter Murray of the Laurel Bay Plantation, also known as Doctor Bug. Murray was arrested and brought to a rural hearing. Set beside the might of the judiciary and the law, he cut a pathetic figure—a shambling, dull-eyed old man who barely seemed to recognize what was going on. Doctor Bug made no real effort to defend himself. He admitted that he'd given the potion and pleaded guilty. The magistrates set his bail bond at a thousand dollars. Doctor Bug simply produced a battered trunk and counted out the money from a pile of wrinkled dollar bills. However, as he left the court, he was approached by officials of the Internal Revenue Service and fined another two thousand dollars for unpaid taxes. This last fine was too much for Doctor Bug—he could pay his fines for practicing Voodoo without a murmur, but it was a different matter when it came to paying his taxes—and, according to tradition, he died shortly afterwards.

Doctor Buzzard, however, remained free throughout the war and in 1946, in an attempt to use his own powers against him, McTeer donned blue sunglasses (blue being a predominant Voodoo colour) and began to shoot all

buzzards nesting on the city's water towers. His shots were on target in many cases, however one of the birds seems to have fallen unnoticed into an open tower and, after lying undetected for several days, contaminated the entire city's water supply. It seemed that the Doctor was simply mocking the High Sheriff. However, a spiritual war had begun between the two men.

Once, when McTeer brought in a witness, whom he thought might testify against Doctor Buzzard, the Doctor was arrested at the same time. Although placed in a different interrogation room, Doctor Buzzard seemed to be aware of the questions that the informant was being asked and of the answers he was giving and when the Doctor donned his blue glasses, the witness in another room seemed to become confused and hesitant in his testimony. McTeer had to admit he was beaten. On another occasion, Doctor Buzzard showed up at a trial that McTeer was conducting and fixed certain witnesses with a steely gaze from behind blue glasses, making them falter in their evidence. McTeer spoke out.

"Doctor Buzzard!" he shouted. "I believe that you are trying to 'root' this court and if you persist, I will have you over for contempt." The Doctor never flinched.

"I hear you," he replied. But he was annoyed and left the courtroom shortly afterward. McTeer seemed now to have a slight advantage and his luck was soon to change for the better but under tragic circumstances.

Doctor Buzzard's son, who was famous for his hedonistic lifestyle, drove his car across one of the causeways that crosses Beaufort County's tidal marshes during a blinding rainstorm, drove off the road, and was drowned in a saltwater creek. He was allegedly drunk at the time. All the same, Doctor Buzzard believed that his death was the result of McTeer's hex and approached the High Sheriff to "cut a deal." He would stop prescribing potions if McTeer would stop casting spells. The deal was struck. However, it didn't last—Doctor Buzzard was soon prescribing potions and allegedly practicing Voodoo again and McTeer had him arrested once more for the crime of "practicing medicine without a licence." The doctor now hired a lawyer—a respected State senator who practiced privately—but it did him no good. He was found guilty and fined heavily. It appeared to knock the wind out of his sails and he took to his

bed, refusing to get up even to see clients. Shortly afterwards, he was diagnosed with cancer of the stomach. Soon he was dead, but not before leaving a message, which reverberated around the Gullah community—no Voodoo man was more powerful than the white authorities.

However, despite his death, the legend of Doctor Buzzard lived on in the Carolina Low Country and in the Charleston area and both his stature and powers seemed to increase with every retelling of the tales about him. Some said that on one occasion, Doctor Buzzard had managed to escape from McTeer's custody by turning himself into a cat; another said that that he had sent dead men to intimidate prospective witnesses against him.

Ed McTeer remained as High Sheriff of Beaufort County for almost another twenty years. In 1960, however, he was challenged for the job by a South Carolina Highway Patrol sergeant. The campaign was a long and bitter one with allegations flying back and forth between the contending parties. McTeer was said to have used chain-gang prisoners for personal work on his Coffin Point plantation, his deputies took bribes from Gullah bootleggers, the sergeant was involved in smuggling and moonshining, and he had a number of alleged sexual offences against him—the whole debate became very messy and acrimonious. In the end, a Charleston television station agreed to host a debate between the two men—although separately, as things were now so bad between them that they would not appear together. McTeer made his broadcast but, when it came the sergeant's turn, the electrical power went down all across the Low Country and reception was patchy. Many said that it was McTeer's Voodoo powers that had caused the blackout. All the same, the Highway Patrol officer narrowly won the vote and Ed McTeer retired to write his memoirs. The new High Sheriff enjoyed a stormy career that culminated in his assaulting a grand jury member. He barricaded himself in his own home and threatened suicide but was eventually coaxed out, arrested, and placed in mental health care. Local wisdom said that McTeer had driven him insane through sorcery.

McTeer's memoirs, *Fifty Years as a Low Country Witch Doctor*, became a best seller even beyond South Carolina and made him a minor national figure. He was courted by a number of television and radio stations but refused to

talk about Voodoo or about his feud with Doctor Buzzard. In the Carolina Low County, the old ways of the Gullah people slipped further underground and today forms a kind of colourful background to the day-to-day life of the area.

Santeria

Voodoo, however, is still alive and well in a number of forms in many parts of the world. It is the state religion in Benin, West Africa, and is practiced widely in other African, South American, and Caribbean countries. Aspects of it, such as divination and healing are sometimes known by other names—Santeria (divination by shells) and Mama Wati, but many follow the same patterns of belief and the term "Voodoo" is simply retained as a "catch all" description. The old gods still remain and are worshipped today. In New Orleans and Charleston today, it is still possible to buy gris-gris and poudres and many shops and Internet sites based there still sell Voodoo materials. There are a sizeable number practitioners scattered all across the world and, in many respects, Haiti is now its spiritual home—perhaps because of its connections with the Duvalier regime.

Le Grand Zombi

The most potent and recognized symbol of Voodoo is, of course, the zombie—the shambling dead man that rose from the grave controlled by the bokor, or sorcerer. Strangely, zombies do not generally exist is Voodoo tradition, although there is sometimes a tradition of creating mindless servants in some versions of gegbo—the darker side of the voodoo religion. Most of the zombies that appear on the screen or in popular literature are the creations of Hollywood and the Western mind. In Rada Voodoo, "Le Grand Zombi" is one of the incarnations of Damballa-wedo and takes the form of a gigantic python or serpent. This is generally regarded to be the most dangerous and unpredictable form of the loa, and is therefore not often summoned. Only a skilled and powerful magician can control it and it will take revenge upon the

summoner if called inappropriately. In Petro Voodoo, however, the meaning changes slightly and refers to those who have been taken over by the loa, whether they are alive or dead. This may have given rise to the concept of the zombie, as we understand the term. The loa is then controlled by the bokor, who in turn controls the physical manifestation. Out of this basic idea has grown a number of zombie nightmares—most sensationally the lumbering, animated corpse who can attack the living at the behest of some evil bokor. The notion of the gris-gris (charm) is inextricably linked with that of the zombie, with the former serving as a beacon for the shambling dead creature, placed by the bokor to guide it to the victim. This is, of course, a dramatic invention of Hollywood and bears little resemblance to actual Voodoo belief.

The zombie was, however, a combination of a number of African and Caribbean folk terrors that wandered around in the tropical night. These were half-remembered bogeymen from the slave days, such as the Ghanaian Dodo, a shambling form that often hid in trees ready to drop upon the unwary traveller and devour him, or the Modulo, a humanoid creature from Zulu lore, who entered houses at night to drink the blood of sleepers through its incredibly long fingernails. Some of theses beings were simply known amongst the slaves as "cockroaches" (a kind of living dead thing) that would attack the "fowl-houses" (slave encampments or enclosures), silently creeping in as soon as the moon was up, with the intention of doing harm. Many of these elements coalesced into a common figure: the shambling nightwalker.

Zombification

Across the years, many explanations for "zombification" (the turning of individuals into zombies) have been advanced. Most of these concern living people who have "died" and seemingly come back to life, bereft of their will and purpose.

Poudre

The most common explanation is that a "poudre" (a toxic or mind-numbing substance) had been surreptitiously given to the victim, placing him or her under the control of a bokor. According to some toxicologists, the sorcerous

medicine might contain elements of a stonefish or puffer-fish which slowed down the vital life-signs so much that the victim lapsed into a death-like coma from which only the bokor could revive him or her with an antidote, but at the expense of the individual's will. This theory has formed the basis of several academic papers on toxicology, as well as a number of books and stories such as William Seabrook's *Dead Men Working in the Cane-fields* and Wade Davis's *Serpent and the Rainbow* (which was subsequently made into a film, directed by Wes Craven). However, the *poudre* used by the bokors (if indeed such a thing actually exists) has never been discovered and any samples purporting to be the magic preparation have proved worthless under scientific analysis. If a zombie *poudre does* exist, then it still remains a secret.

Zombie Films

And of course, there is the shambling figure of the zombie, though this is perhaps owed more to European minds than it does African. Certainly there are stories of the restless dead amongst the Africans and Creoles but these are little different from those of, say, the marbh bheo (nightwalking dead) in Ireland. The connections between zombies and Voodoo ceremonies are largely constructed in the minds of sensationalist filmmakers. Movies such as George A. Romero's *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) and *Dawn of the Dead* (1978) and Lucio Fulci's *Zombie Flesh Eaters* (1979) had served to popularise the idea of the zombie and have added fresh impetus and folklore to the legend. More zombie films are allegedly in the pipeline—linked closely to several new books, linking the animated corpse with Voodoo practices—that may well propel the shuffling dead man to new heights amongst the elite of the Undead.

Ghouls and the Golem

…and they lived by the Red Sea, until Adam and his wife sinned. Then the Holy One sent her forth to ever after wreak her revenge on the children of Mankind.

—Zohar 1 19b

Middle-Eastern Folklore

Although less familiar to Western minds, the folklore and legends of the Middle East have nonetheless played their part in some of the night terrors that continue to haunt our imaginations. Elements of both Arabic and Jewish folklore have subtly woven their way into Western mythologies, creating a number of creatures that stalk and haunt the hours of darkness.

Sons of God

Arguably, these creatures are the oldest of such terrors—their origins shrouded in the mist of the early Middle East of pre-Biblical times. Many of them were born in the chaos that preceded the very foundation of the world and, although not truly chronicled until medieval times, have existed since then. According to some Middle Eastern legends, they were born out of

interactions between the developing Universe and mysterious entities known as "the sons of God." (The Bible tells us that they found the daughters of Man fair, and mated with them.) Out of such interaction was born a race of monsters and devils that seemed to overwhelm the world. These were eventually destroyed in a great flood that God sent to cleanse and purify the Earth (a concept that appears in several myth-cycles, including the Bible). It was thought, however, that some of these beings survived the Deluge and persisted in the world, tormenting a new and developing Humankind.

Lilith

Another legendary source for these monsters and terrors was Lilith, reputedly the first wife of Adam. Although she has been discussed elsewhere in this book, it is perhaps worthwhile to make mention of her in this context. The Jewish Talmud describes her as a demon of the night, with long hair and a human likeness. It is also suggested that she had wings and was able to fly. According to the third century Palestinian scholar, Jerimia ben Eleazar, both she and Adam "begot ghosts, male demons, and female night demons" that were to prey on Mankind across the centuries.

Adam Kadmon

Very ancient legends tell of how Lilith, a demon born out of chaos, seduced Adam (or perhaps Adam Kadmon—the first prototype of Man created by God) into becoming his wife. Through her, it was said in rabbinical lore, the forces of primal darkness sought to gain entry into the world of men. She led the proto-Adam (or Adam Kadmon) to commit sinful deeds and she bore him many children—most of whom were monsters and night terrors. In the end, according to some versions of old rabbinical tales, appalled by the foulness that was being spawned on earth, God destroyed Adam Kadmon and his brood but, for some unspecified reason, did not destroy Lilith. Instead, He banished her into the mountains and deep caverns where she continued to mate with demons and raise more monstrous entities (later largely destroyed by the Great Flood). Adam Kadmon was replaced by the more familiar Adam, the father of Mankind, and was given a wife, Eve, made from his own flesh. However, this

second Adam also sinned—although perhaps to a lesser extent than the first—and he and his partner were banished from the Paradise that God had established on Earth and into the wilderness where the monsters spawned by Lilith presumably still dwelt. These terrors would subsequently become the tormentors of Mankind.

Alphabet of Ben Sira

Lilith is probably first mentioned by name as a "night monster" in an ancient text known as the *Alphabet of Ben Sira,* a book of Talmudic magic, probably produced some time between the 7th and 11th centuries. This work also mentions Adam, describing him as the "father of ghouls"— referring to the awful children born to him by Lilith. The implication here is that the beings terrifying Mankind at the time may have had some element of human in them but, this was subdued by a supernatural evil.

Sefer Hasidim

Although the majority of such creatures were swept away in the Deluge, a number of them did survive into the Second Era of Man (that is, when he had re-established himself in the world after the flood) where they continued their dark work. Many of these entities were demons, either invisible or partially visible to the human eye, but were implacably opposed to Humankind and continually sought ways to injure or kill God's children. No one was exempt from their attack, and books such as the *Sefer Hasidim* or *Book of the Pious* (attributed to Rabbi Judah he-Hesid or Samuel the Pious, 1150–1217) are filled with anecdotes and stories concerning their wiles and maliciousness. These beings were subtle, seeking to subvert men and turn them from good and the worship of God through devious measures and stratagems. This was the original notion of such entities, although much later opinions on demons and monsters in Semitic theological thought became more divided. One unidentified early writer noted: "They are more God-fearing than men are…they harm no-one without good cause; if a man does not provoke them…he need have no fear." The suggestion here was that the evils carried out by such entities were no more than as a reaction to provocation by humans. This, however, was in

no way to diminish their supernatural powers, and if they chose to strike out in retaliation, they would do great injury and harm in the mortal world. The prime provocation was considered to try and force them, through some form of formal conjuration, to do the will of a human individual or to try and subdue them in some way. Provocation could also come from ill-chosen words, deeds, or even glances that infuriated these spirits, entities, and forces. Uncleanliness in individuals or dwellings only served to encourage entities of a certain sort that would remain until purification. Whilst some were extremely dangerous, others were merely irritants that brought further discomfort to an already difficult life, or simply terrified individuals with their sounds or in some cases, appearances.

Two schools of thought were now rapidly developing—one stating that demons and monsters had been opposed to Mankind ever since the foundation of the world; the other asserting that they were no more than a response to man's desires—lust, greed, murderous intent, uncleanliness, and neglect of Godly worship. Stories supporting both views circulated widely and are recorded in a wealth of literature—stories of unprovoked attacks on travellers by evil spirits; of ill-luck dogging a family following some inadvertent act; of a subsequent illness, deriving from the evil eye, or of invocations for the lifting of a sickness caused by demons. All of these relate to the spawn of Lilith who, for whatever motive were determined to make human life difficult. Mankind was always in peril.

Gigul

Closely allied to the concept of demons was the concept of the *gigul* or "clinging soul." This Jewish folklore term is difficult to specify but may lie somewhere between the ghost of a dead person and an elemental force or demon.

These entities were known as "dybbuk" although the word itself did not appear in rabbinical literature until roughly the 17th century. In its earliest incarnation, the "clinging soul" may not have been all that threatening and may well have referred to a Presence that attached itself either to an individual or a dwelling, and refused to go away. It may well have possessed a person—indeed, one of the earliest references that we have to it is in the Bible

(1 Samuel 16: 1–4) where an "evil spirit" overtakes King Saul and hurls him into an unprovoked rage. Saul himself visited a woman at Endor (a "pythoness," probably some sort of medium) who summoned another "clinging soul"—that of the prophet Samuel himself (1 Samuel 28:3).

Dybbuk

In the 16th century, however, the idea of spirit possession by the dybbuk became extremely popular in certain Rabbinical schools, for example those of Isaac Luria (1534–1572) and his disciple Chayyim Vital (1542–1620). Through this school of theological teaching, the "clinging soul" assumed a demonic status, inimical to the welfare of Mankind. Its pedigree stretched back to the earliest times and it could only be driven out by a rabbi. Its mission was to tempt men away from the path that God had laid out for them and into lax and sinful ways. As the tales about dybbuks began to proliferate, they assumed greater and more dangerous supernatural powers in the popular imagination, adding to popular lore and fear.

The Old Gods

And just to complicate matters even further, there was the problem of the old gods. Prior to the birth of Islam under the prophet Mohammad (570–633), what is now known as the Middle East had been a cauldron of cults and deities. Many of these had their origins within the ancient civilizations that had flourished there—the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Phoenicians, and many others. From the earliest times, these ancient gods spoke to men, either through their own priests or through visionaries. In the 7th and 8th centuries, reference is made to a group of men known as *kahins,* which meant seers or oracle mongers. These were men who had been possessed by the gods (or emanations of the gods), taking them into ecstatic trances that enabled them to prophesy and foretell coming events. These men would continue well into the Islamic period, providing a link with the pre-Mohammedan past.

Hubaal

There may well have still been temples dedicated to ancient gods scattered throughout the Middle East even after the Prophet Mohammed died. One of

the foremost of these deities was the moon god Hubal, sometimes rendered as Hubaal. The origin of the name is unknown, but it is thought to have derived from an Aramaic word for "spirit" and that this god was worshipped in Upper Mesopotamia from very early times. Some have argued that Hubal was a former incarnation of the god Baal, mentioned in the Bible, but this is unlikely because Baal or Baal'at was a god of the Phoenicians. A splendid idol of the god was placed above the Kaaba or inner mosque in Mecca where it was worshipped by pilgrims. Indeed, if accounts are to be believed, there were some three hundred and sixty idols in the temple or mosque. Some of these were thought to have been either connected to, or manifestations of, Hubal. For example, the deitie's emanation or "daughter," al-Lit (the name simply means "goddess" and she was believed to ensure fertility both in the land and in individuals); al-Uzza and Manat (the crone-goddess who, with her golden shears, determined the fate of every individual in the world), and many others. There were also supposed to be regional gods amongst the idols that determined the lives of groups of people by their merest whim. Mohammed overthrew these idols when he entered the Kaaba, starting a movement which would unify much of the Arab world under a single god, Allah. In his call to prayer, the muezzin announced to the faithful that there is "no god but Allah" and this may very well be reflective of these pre-Mohommedan times. And yet the influence of the ancient gods lingered on, in the form of elemental forces and distinct entities lurking in the shadows. It was on their powers that the kahins sometimes relied when issuing their prophecies and their powers might also be felt in other ways—against those who followed the developing monotheistic religion. Somewhere in the back of the Middle Eastern mind they continued to wait, and watch, and in some cases, act.

The emerging picture, then, is an extremely complex and conflicting one, comprising various strands of belief. On one hand, there was the notion of demons—the spawn of Lilith and Adam (or Adam Kadmon) that had existed since the foundation of the world and which had emerged from the primal chaos; on another there was the idea of the "clinging souls," not quite ghost, not quite demon, but enjoying supernatural power and yet another strand comprised the old gods, worshipped before the advent of Islam that hadn't

quite gone away. Some of these entities might manifest themselves during the hours of daylight but, as darkness fell across the Semitic world, they assumed an even greater aspect of menace and power.

They might manifest themselves in many ways. Most of them were invisible—little more than shadowy, barely definable presences that brought sickness and disease in their wake; others might be more corporeal, capable of inflicting terrible injuries if they so chose. Some of the demons, though invisible themselves, chose to manifest their presence in very visible ways. The most common form, found in many rural areas of the Middle East were the djinn.

al-Haddin

Many youngsters and pantomime goers will be familiar with the favourite old story of Aladdin with its relatively friendly genies. Although the story is traditionally set in China, (as it is in Burton's translation of the collection of Arabic fables *One Thousand and One Nights*), it is perhaps based on a much more ancient Arab tale, featuring a hero named al-Haddin, who actually fought genii or djinn. The djinn were disembodied demons that made their presence known by kicking up small dust storms or whirlwinds in the deserts. They were creatures of air, but were supernaturally powerful and could tear a man in pieces by sheer force. They inhabited the lonely tracts of desert and deep, gloomy valleys that often lay between human settlements. In fact, they were sometimes known as "the Lords of the Wilderness" and travellers were extremely wary of them. Those journeying from city to city, town to town, or camp to camp, often carried protective amulets and charms against the ferocious attentions of such spectral creatures.

Iblis, the Lord of Jahannam

It was thought, in some quarters and according to some legends, that these entities might be fallen angels and that, similar to Mankind, they were organized in groups or tribes and had their own fearsome ruler—Iblis, the Lord of Jahannam (the Islamic Hell). When Allah had created Man from the dust of the Earth, he instructed all angels to bow down before His supreme creation. One of the chief angels, Iblis, being exceptionally proud, refused to do so.

Being a creature of fire, he would not bow to what he considered to be an "inferior" creature made from earth and, following his example, several other angels also declined to obey Allah. For this wilful act, they were cast out of Paradise and into the desert wilderness where they remained, brooding and vengeful, seeking to harm Man, who had brought about their downfall.

Shaitan

The story parallels that of the expulsion of the angel Lucifer that is to be found in Christian mythology and legend, and it is possible that the two stories have the same source. In Christianity, Lucifer becomes Satan and is cast into Hell. In Islamic folklore too, Iblis's chief angel is known as "the Shaytan" or "Shaitan," taken to mean "one born in anger." The idea of fallen angelhood gave the djinn increased status and powers and made them implacable opponents of Mankind. They had the power to destroy those whom they encountered, or to carry them away to Jahannam, never to be seen again. A far cry from the genies of Aladdin! The dangerous djinn were wily, but as with the pantomime fable, they could be trapped—usually in stoppered vessels or bottles marked with a powerful sigil or seal. An extremely powerful magician could only accomplish this. However, if the force were to be accidentally or deliberately released, it would be twice as violent.

Iblis therefore became Lord and Master of the djinn who were now seen as creatures composed of wind, fire, and smoke and who had an inherent affinity with all three. This made them incredibly dangerous, and Iblis himself assumed a powerful role in Arab mythology.

Afreets

The idea of disembodied and violent entities dwelling in the wastes gave travellers an added fear when passing through lonely or remote places. In many instances, the way between cities, towns, and campsites lay across lonely deserts, through gloomy gullies and ravines and bare mountain slopes. And travelling was always particularly difficult. Not only did travellers contend with groups of human robbers dwelling in these wildernesses, they also had to contend with storms, drought, and wild animals. This made any journey both

an adventure and an ordeal. And with the djinn, demons, and other supernatural terrors, it seemed now even more fraught. Any swirl of wind out in the empty plain might be an evil or malicious entity stalking the traveller as he journeyed. As he lay at night in some isolated spot, sounds would drift to him out of the dark—the cry of a night animal or the sighing of the wind amongst the rocks—stimulating his imagination and terrifying him out of his wits. These were the voice of the djinn or of *afreets* (a similar form of entity or sometimes another name for the entity) that were always lurking close by. Vast stretches of wilderness, eerie sounds at night, legends of mysterious and hostile entities, coupled with fantastic travellers' tales all combined to create a context within which supernatural terrors could exist and within which belief in their existence was taken for granted.

Animals Associated With the Dead

Animals, too played their part in such a developing folklore—particularly those animals connected with the dead. Chief amongst these were jackals and hyenas. Both animals were scavengers, rooting amongst the rubbish tips and heaps of refuse that humans had discarded. But there was another side to their foraging. From time to time, jackals and other wild dogs were seen hunting amongst graveyards and other burial places in search of the rotting human flesh of buried bodies. The light sandy soil of some areas made it impossible to bury corpses at any depth and so they lay close to the surface, attracting scavengers. Human beings viewed such hunting with great abhorrence and repugnance. The very thought of consuming dead flesh was horrific beyond imagining. Admittedly, there were stories, often carried by travellers, of solitary hermits, far out in the desert, who dug up and devoured dead bodies, but, these were depraved and crazed individuals, perhaps driven mad by years of isolation. A series of ancient, Islamic tales told of groups of men, dwelling in deep and lightless caves, far out in the inaccessible desert, who worshipped foul gods, were completely naked, smeared themselves with ashes, and who ate decaying flesh and sometimes each other. Such cannibals and madmen were to be avoided. However, the wild dogs and scavengers that haunted the graveyards and cemeteries of the Arab worlds were another matter. They might be

djinn, who as well as travelling invisibly, could take on other shapes and forms. Moreover, the sniggering cry of a hyena, heard in the darkness of the night, must have struck terror into the heart of many a sleeper, suggesting all sorts of evil entities lurking in the gloom outside their house.

Anubis

There was also the connection in the popular mind between the jackal and Anpu or Anubis, the ancient Egyptian Lord of the Underworld. In mythology, this sombre god was always depicted as having the head of a jackal, supposedly representing a close connection with the dead. He was seen as a stern judge, evaluating the souls of the dead before they passed on to their ultimate reward and as such was to be feared and treated with awe. It was his link with the dead, however, that made him especially feared. Anubis presided over the Kingdom of the Dead and had command of legions of cadavers who would carry out his instructions and take vengeance on those who failed to show him proper respect. He was also venerated as the god of embalmers—those who preserved the dead and who kept bodies intact. These beliefs only added to the grimness of the god and created an extremely sinister aspect around him.

The Ghoul

The combination of eerie noises, dogs foraging amongst graves, and the idea of demons gave rise to a new type of entity in the popular mind—the ghoul. The name was simply taken to mean "the grabber" because that was how the creature was supposed to capture its victims. Ghouls were an often-corporeal demon, rumoured to be one of the children of Lilith, who lurked in graveyards, sometimes attacking those who passed through them, and feasting upon the recently interred. They dwelt underground and only appeared as soon as it was night, as they were susceptible to strong sunlight and bright lights. In a sense, ghouls were the epitome of the demon world—they were unclean and grotesque to look at. They had hideous strength, coupled with supernatural powers, and their habits and diets were awful, to say the least. They feasted on rotting human flesh; they stank and spread diseases and pestilence wherever they passed.

In the public imagination, there was a strong visual connection between ghouls and the dead themselves. Some popular descriptions of them detail them as naked, though encrusted in earth and filth, pale skinned almost to the point of ghostliness, distorted human-like features but with a frightful and malicious aspect: red eyes—redder than any ruby or fire-opal. They had long and dagger-like teeth, sometimes curved like the blade of an Arab knife suitable for rending flesh, whether living or dead. But it was their hands that commanded most attention—these were said to be abnormally large, with long fingers, curved like birds' claws and sporting long and sharp nails that again, were suitable for rending flesh. Such shovel-like hands were also useful for digging up corpses from the light soil of their graves. Other depictions of them describe them as shrouded beings, darkly robed and cowled, which added to their sense of mystery and threat. They were said to be faceless, with only a dark emptiness where their countenance should be and with a sense of palpable menace about them. Because they were related to the djinn, some accounts described them as little more than glowing, disembodied faces, narrow and malicious whilst other, rather conflicting descriptions recount them as shambling figures, covered in soil and swathed in filthy bandages—almost similar to a mummy—moving with a slow and shuffling step. All these images coalesced into a frightening belief.

Underground Dwellings

Traditionally ghouls were said to live underground, emerging out of deep pits or holes in the earth, although they could sometimes simply materialize out of thin air in front of an astonished traveller. Consequently, deep gullies and cracks in the earth were to be strenuously avoided. The idea that the ghouls were almost a form of troglodyte may well have come from old travellers' tales (possibly exaggerated) of cannibalistic hermits and solitaries, dwelling in the rocks and caves deep in the desert wastes. Some of these anchorites were undoubtedly mad and either shied away from or else attacked those who passed by their abodes, giving rise to stories of ferocious ghouls, lurking in such remote places. Ghouls, it was believed, also dwelt in the shadows of large rocks and stones, well away from the sun. They would change their shape (it was

believed that some ghouls, such as djinn, were shapeshifters) into the form of beautiful women in order the lure passers by into the shade where the creature would revert to its true form before feeding. They also dwelt in deep caves and in crevices in the rocks—the only indication of their presence being their eyes, which glowed and flashed red like coals in the darkness. Indeed, anywhere there was dark or shadow might be a habitation for ghouls in the Arab mind. Their main haunts, however, were graveyards and abandoned cemeteries where there was a ready supply of corpses upon which they were said to subsist. Crossing such place (particularly after nightfall) was therefore adjudged to be a particularly hazardous occupation. As the ghouls dwelt underground and were closely associated with dead bodies, anyone walking across a grave might suddenly find a seemingly withered hand grabbing and clutching at their ankles as the creature attempted to drag them down.

Ghouls and Disease

The connection between ghouls and the spread of disease was also extremely strong. Ghouls were said to be unclean and pestilence followed them as a matter of course. Because they were of the djinn-kind, and djinn were creatures of wind and storm, they were said to use such elements in order to spread plague throughout a community. Mixed with the storm and wind were fragments of organic materials that in some instances, may indeed have spread disease and this was directly attributed to the work of the supernatural. Even the very *touch* of a ghoul was said, in some instances, to be deadly and could carry pestilence amongst humans. In other cases, the very *passing* of the creature, with disease clinging to its robes, was enough to bring plague into a community. It was also argued that the spittle or saliva of the ghoul held poisonous properties—poisons that could be absorbed through the skin, or if something that the creature had spat upon or had left a trace of saliva were to be touched or stepped upon (remembering that many travellers often went barefoot). This was sometimes offered as the reason for the spread of epidemics between communities and for the transmission of certain diseases.

Ghouls also commanded great power. They had unquestionably supernatural strength but they had other powers, too. They could materialize and

dematerialise such as turning to smoke, similar to a djinn, if threatened. They also had command of the mind, luring individuals with false visions or else confusing them so that they wandered into dangerous places. Moreover, they had the power to take on the shapes of birds and animals, particularly carrion creatures (those who ate dead meat) and sometimes had power over them, turning them against men.

Algol

The Arabic term for ghoul was "al-ghul," which was used both individually and collectively to describe them. The awe and fear in which ghouls were viewed is demonstrated in the star-studded night sky. Arab scholars were amongst the first to seriously study the heavens. Indeed, they are counted to be amongst the first real astronomers—and some of their folklore would appear to have left its mark amongst the celestial bodies. A star in the Beta Persis system, in the constellation of Perseus, may have originally been logged by Arab star-gazers. They gave it the name of their most common demon—al-ghul, nicknaming it the "demon star."

Rhas al-Ghul

Another Arab name for the star was Rhas al-ghul, meaning "the demon's head," firmly establishing it in a dark and sinister context. Today, we know it as Algol and it is sometimes still rumoured to be a star of ill omen. Those born whenever Algol was in the ascendancy were destined to become robbers and murderers, or some unfortunate event would almost certainly befall them. The ascendancy of Algol was also a time when the powers of black magicians were at their height in the Arab world and when the greatest evil was wrought. In fact, Algol was so closely associated with dark sorcery that its name does not appear in many Arab astronomical texts in case they fell into the wrong hands.

Eye of Medusa

Curiously, the star was also known to the ancient Greek astronomers amongst whom it had a similar reputation. They knew it as "the eye of Medusa" (Medusa was a Gorgon—a monster whose very gaze could turn men into stone—who was

killed by Perseus) or "the winking demon," because the light emitted by it appears to fluctuate from time to time. And it was also considered to be extremely evil in aspect. It was not until 1667 that it was formally "discovered" in the West by the Italian astronomer Geminano Montanari of Bologna, although its existence was well-known long before that. Even in early modern Europe, Algol was known as an "unlucky star." It is still sometimes known as such today and the evil reputation of the ghoul, seems to have percolated down across the centuries. The word itself lingered on in many European languages, including English.

Encounters with ghouls are to be found in many travellers' tales from all across the Arabic world. Those who ventured on lonely roads or near abandoned burying grounds returned with stories of shadows that moved, of voices that whispered, or of things, half-glimpsed in the twilight, that were not as they had originally seemed. Some travellers vanished in the desert wastes and their disappearances were often put down to the activities of ghouls.

One tale, from a collection of 12th century Middle Eastern stories, illustrates this:

> A certain merchant was travelling alone through a lonely, rocky place between two cities. As night began to descend, he made camp but he was ill advised to do so as he made it close to an ancient cemetery that had been long abandoned and that it was said had served a blasphemous city, now buried under the desert sand. This place was said to be the haunt of djinns and ghosts. Such tales, however, did not frighten the merchant, as he was a practical man and did not give much credence to such legends. Indeed, he was more terrified of the bandits and robbers that were said to prowl the area and who might well attack him. He lit a great fire in order to keep away thieves and wild animals and proceeded to settle himself down for the night. As he lay close to the blaze, the night seemed to be filled with noise—the cries of distant night creatures, and the movement of strange winds; the merchant began to feel a little bit afraid. He gathered his blankets around him and tried to sleep but sleep would not come. Gradually, he became

aware of a voice seeming to call to him from somewhere nearby—a voice that called him by name! It seemed to come from the abandoned cemetery well beyond the glow of the fire. Rising, the merchant walked a little way to the very edge of the firelight and looked out into the night. By now it was completely dusk and he could see very little. The voice, however, continued to call—softly, beguilingly. Fearful that this might be some trick of the robbers that dwelt in this wilderness, the merchant advanced no further.

"Who is there?" he called back. "Who calls me? Advance and show yourself for the night is dark and I cannot see you!" The wind stirred the sand about his feet but seemed to come no closer to his fire. Somewhere close by, a jackal howled.

"Alas," replied the voice mournfully. "I cannot come any closer to you but I am a friend and in need of help. I will do you no harm." The merchant was not convinced but the voice now had a strange, pleading quality about it that stirred his heart in pity. Though he was a merchant, he was not a cruel man and had no wish to see a fellow human in any distress.

"If you could come but a little closer," he urged. "I am afraid that you might be a robber who is seeking to lure me into the darkness." The voice sighed.

"I am no robber," it replied. "Only an old man in great pain and distress. I have not the strength to overpower you or do you harm. I only wish your help." Its pleading seemed so convincing that the merchant advanced a little more beyond the firelight. In the gloom, he could just about see the ruined wall that surrounded the abandoned graveyard and he thought that he also saw the shape of a man standing beside a gap where it had completely fallen away. He thought that it seemed withered and slightly stooped as if it indeed were the form of a piteous old man. It certainly did not appear to be a robber. All the same, fearing a trap, the merchant returned to his fire and lifted a burning brand before walking down towards the ruined wall.

"Put the light lower, I beg you," quavered the voice as he drew closer. "I have an affliction of the eyes and strong lights are not good for me. That is why I stay in the shadows, but don't let that deter you. Come forward my friend." The merchant lowered his burning torch but all the same, he kept it in front of him. He approached the place where he had seen the figure and, was it his imagination, or did he sense a shuffling movement as the other drew back slightly?

"How can I help you?" he asked. Away across the desert, the jackal howled again and the merchant was suddenly wary. The air near the ancient burial place seemed inexplicably chilly and he thought he detected a smell, rank and foul, similar to freshly turned grave earth. Nevertheless, he advanced, keeping the torched lowered in his right hand. "What is it that ails you?"

"I am injured," answered the other. "Come closer so that I can show you." The merchant took a few steps forward. He felt uneasy and suspected that this might indeed be a trap and that he would be set upon by desert bandits. And yet, as he drew nearer, the shadowy figure seemed impossibly thin and frail—not like a bandit at all.

"How have you injured yourself in such a lonely place?" he queried. The shape in front of him did not answer but shuffled forward a little.

"I beg you, keep your light lowered," it said. "My eyes…" As it drew a little closer, the merchant suddenly raised his torch, the feeling of unease almost overwhelming him. He gave a cry of utter horror as the light revealed the edge of the ancient cemetery.

The creature that stood in front of him was indeed shaped similar to a living man but there the similarity ended. The torchlight revealed it to be tall and thin to the point of emaciation, and dressed in rags that looked like the remnants of grave clothes. Its face was swathed in filthy bandages like a mummy, but through a gap, a single red-tinged eye peered out malevolent. The being was hung with clods of rancid earth from the graveyard beyond and as it moved slowly forward, it raised great hands that were more like shovels with extremely long and ragged fingernails, from which more earth fell. This, the merchant realized

was no human being at all, but a ghoul that dwelt in the cemetery and that had tried to trick him so that it could feast upon his flesh. He thrust the torch out in front of him like a sword and the figure recoiled. Ghouls, he knew, were afraid of the light and even more so of fire. As he did so, part of the bandage that covered its lower face fell away and he saw great teeth and fangs, still hung with pieces of the rotting flesh of recently consumed corpses. With an invocation to Allah for His protection, the merchant scrambled backwards towards his fire whilst the ghoul continued to shuffle forwards.

Amongst his possessions was an amulet that had been given to him many years before by an Islamic holy man. It was said to be inscribed with a protective charm that would ward away djinn and other hostile supernatural beings. Although he had never really believed in it, the merchant still carried it with him and he was glad now that he had it. Setting aside the torch, he hunted frantically for it and, as he did so, he heard the ghoul drawing closer. It was moving very slowly as its kind could not, according to popular legend, travel very quickly, but moved with a halting step. At last the merchant found the amulet in a bundle of clothes. He held it up, protectively, in front of his face with his right hand—his left hand groping for the still-burning torch. The horrible figure was almost upon him. As it towered over him, it suddenly stopped and fell back with a shriek that resembled the howl of a jackal. Once again, the merchant evoked the name of Allah for his own protection and when he looked again, he was alone beside the fire and entangled in his own blankets. As he rose to his feet, he first though that the whole incident had been no more than a bad dream but as he looked down, he saw that in his right hand, he held the amulet and a little way from the main fire, lay the burning torch that he'd carried, now turning to smoke. The episode had been real and the ghoul was now gone. He offered a prayer of thanks to Allah for his deliverance.

The next morning, he ventured down to the ancient cemetery, which, he imagined, had once served a part of the now vanished city. Walking amongst the funeral markers, he noticed that more than a few of the

graves had been disturbed and in one corner, close to a large, shadowy stone, there was a deep hole, that emitted a foul and acrid smell. He did not bother to investigate this for fear of what he might find in its dark depths. Leaving the cemetery behind he packed his things and continued his journey to the city, but from then on he was much less sceptical regarding the existence of the supernatural.

Material Objects

Tales such as the previous example were quite common in parts of the early Middle East. Many travellers often carried amulets and charms about their person in order to protect them from the attentions of such horrid entities as ghouls. Some of these protections might have been what are now called material objects: a fox's tail, for example, was a particularly potent protection against djinn, or a series of interwoven crimson threads might protect the carrier from the gaze of a demon or ghoul. Necklaces made of coral or certain semi-precious stones were also used as charms to ward away evil. In some cases, a wax or metal tablet bearing a sacred word or holy name might be used, although these were much more common amongst Jews than early Arabs. For example, a metal plate inscribed with the letter *heh* (a sign for the mystical Tetragammaton) would drive away demons of every kind, including djinn and ghouls. A cake of unleavened Passover bread hanging in a house would keep away foul spirits and ghouls from the door. The same charm, carried in a pouch, would also protect the traveller on his journey. Those charms were especially favoured by the Hebrews and had their roots in the Talmudic faith. And these wayfarers needed all the protections they could carry, for who knew what form the ghoul would assume if they were encountered as this story, from a very early period demonstrates:

The son of a prince was travelling through a wide and rocky valley at one time. No one lived in this place, save only a few ancient hermits who shunned all contact with the world. It was a barren and lonely place, especially when the sun began to go down. Yet, it was in the cool of the evening that the prince's son chose to cross it—riding alone, for he feared little upon the road.

On his way across the valley, he encountered nothing, for the caves of the anchorites were distant and they would not come close, even out of curiosity. Not even an animal lived or moved in this dreary waste. The very air stank of death and emptiness. The evening grew colder as it does in the desert, but the prince's son did not halt but kept on travelling. Then, in the shadow of a great rock, he saw a woman. She was young and beautiful and she was dressed like a princess. She sat, part in shadow, on a great flat rock near to the centre of the dead valley. The prince's son slowed his horse, for her had never seen such a beautiful creation and wondered what she might be doing in this arid waste. He drew up his mount close to where the woman sat.

"Who are you?" he asked her. "And what are you doing in this miserable place? Your clothes show that you are highborn but I see no one with you—no servants nor protectors. So I ask again, why are you here?" The woman lowered her eyes as she answered him.

"I am a king's daughter who has been expelled from her royal palace by her hateful stepmother. She had strong men carry me away to this terrible and lonely place where she hoped that I might be eaten by the wild beasts or poisoned by the crawling snakes. She hated my beauty and the love that my father—her husband—bore me. She wanted me cast out from his court so that she could pollute his mind with her evil. She is a witch! She wishes me dead!" The prince's son reined in his horse.

"This shall not happen!" he declared, for he was already smitten with her. "Not whilst I live shall it be so!" The girl only laughed and the prince's son thought that he detected a hint of madness in her tone.

"Brave words," she replied almost mockingly. "But I have been cast out here too long. The world will have forgotten me. My father will already have mourned my passing and I will be but a memory to him now!" The prince's son was not to be turned however.

"I will take you to my father's kingdom," he declared. "There you will be safe from whatever evil that has threatened you." The woman smiled wanly.

"Then lift me up onto your steed," she said, "and I will surely come away with you, beyond the reach of my stepmother." The prince's son leapt down from his horse to the ground in order to help her. As he did so, however, the ground around the rock where the lady stood seemed to heave and move as though it were being badly disturbed. The earth began to split and crack and hands began to emerge, clutching at his legs and feet. A horrible stench filled the air, an awful stench that made it almost impossible to breathe. A filthy claw with long and ragged nails grabbed at his ankle and held him fast and, as he looked, the beautiful woman in front of him slowly began to change into a creature you would only see in nightmares. To his horror, he realized that the area around the rock was the abode of ghouls! He had been tricked by creatures that now sought to devour his flesh. He had almost hoisted one of the evil tribe onto the saddle of his horse! Kicking the clutching hands away, he rushed back to his horse, which was itself already whinnying and drawing back in fright. Although he was not superstitious, he had a framework of red threads tucked away in his saddlebag as a precaution against evil. And it was as well that he did! The ghouls were close behind him, rising from the broken earth similar to emerging corpses. He opened the saddlebag and drew out the magic thread. Spreading it between his fingers, he held it up in the fading light. Calling out a certain charm that was known mainly to the Hebrews, he drew his fingers amongst the thread. The ghouls paused in their mad rush. Even as he watched them, they seemed to disintegrate, their essences being drawn into the patter of thread between his fingers. One followed the other until they were all gone, absorbed into the lattice before his eyes that he then crumpled up and thrust back into his saddlebag. On his way through the valley, he came to a deep ravine and into this he threw the crumpled ball of thread, watching it fall away into the darkness. Then he continued on his journey and was troubled no more, but he had a narrow escape. His father, the prince, gave strict orders that the ravine in question be sealed forever in the name of Allah and ordered that travellers should avoid the valley. So it

is, to this day. The prince's son, however, became ill due to his close contact with the terrible creatures and died of a fever soon after. Let this be a warning to all travellers.

Stories such as this demonstrate how widely held the belief in ghouls was throughout the ancient Middle East and how widely they were feared. They also demonstrated to travellers that the monsters could be defeated. Even so, this did not seem to lessen the popular terror of them and they still assumed a central place amongst the terrors of the night throughout the Middle East.

Gehenna

Although ghouls were supposed to infest remote places such as isolated valleys and deserts, this was not always the case. Sometimes they lurked close to cities as well. The Valley of Hinnom (also known as Gehenna), for instance, just beyond Jerusalem, was allegedly their abode. This was a place where all the rubbish of Jerusalem was dumped and which burned. Indeed, Gehenna became an early Christian name for the Fiery Pit or Hell into which Satan had been cast. It was associated with filth and disease in the Semitic mind and was thus an excellent dwelling place for ghouls and afreets. Few people dared to venture too deeply into it.

Resurrections

The idea of the ghoul also remained alive in the European mind. The word itself was to resurface in the English language during the Victorian period, and in a specific sense; it referred to a new breed of criminals who were connected to the developments and advances in surgery and medicine. These were the Resurrections or "Sack 'em ups"—men (and sometimes women) who gave dead bodies to medical institutions that were then used for both surgical and medical experimentation and demonstration purposes. The crime involved grave robbing and the clandestine digging up of freshly interred cadavers that were then passed on to the medical halls. It was a dark traffic and those who practiced it were sometimes referred to as "ghouls." Their behaviour was said to be "ghoulish"—a word that has remained in the English language and is still in use today. The most famous of all these

"Resurrectionists" were the Edinburgh body snatchers, William Burke and William Hare who are frequently referred to as the "Irish ghouls" (both of them were of Irish birth), and indeed the year 1828, when both men were at the height of their murderous intent, is often referred to as "the year of the ghouls" because of this.

Ghouls in Film

Although never as successful in a cinematic sense as vampires, werewolves, or even zombies, the ghoul did spawn at least one film of note. Filmed in England in 1933 at the height of Universal Pictures' monster mania, *The Ghoul* was directed by T. Hayes Hunter and was released through Gaumont-British Pictures.

The Ghoul

The Ghoul featured Boris Karloff, fresh from his success in *The Mummy* and Cedric Hardwicke, both British actors. A rather uneven film, it nevertheless holds the distinction of being the first film to be awarded a "Certificate H" (for horror) by the British Board of Film Censors and some of its showings in the United Kingdom were severely limited. It later became a minor "cult film" in the United States with several re-releases—the latest onto DVD in 2003.

Night of the Ghouls

Another film that "established" the ghoul in the public consciousness, though for very different reasons, was "Night of the Ghouls" directed by Edward Wood Jr., more famous for his "Plan 9 from Outer Space"—possibly one of the worst movies ever made. "Night of the Ghouls" runs it a close second. Originally shot in 1960, it was not actually released until 1983, largely because Wood could not afford to have the negative processed. Because of its sheer awfulness as a film, it became something of a "cult classic" and once more brought the terrifying figure of the ghoul to the forefront of human imagination. In the wake of the film's release, a number of books (many of them badly written) began to appear, bearing the word "ghoul" in their titles.

Golem

From the earliest times, the ultimate goal that was pursued by magicians was the creation of life itself. However, it was suggested in Talmudic commentaries that the best that sorcerers could hope for was to create the more unthinking life forms: camels, oxen, and so on—whilst the much more refined and complex forms, such as men themselves, were far beyond the ability of humans. This sort of creation was reserved for God alone. Other religious thinkers believed that whilst men or man-like beings might be created through a knowledge of sacred words and signs used by God in the Creation of the Universe, they would lack the intelligence and subtlety of thought that only the Divine could give them. Early rabbis, therefore, preoccupied themselves by trying to create entities such as a three-year old calf or an ox using a process that was known as "Name magic"—special names that Jehovah had uttered in order to create the world—that were to be found in various obscure editions of books such as the *Talmudic Laws of Creation*. This was not to be considered as forbidden magic for "the laws of God were brought about through His Holy Name." Letters and sounds were juxtaposed in an attempt to emulate God, often without much success.

Homunculus

The process of creation both fascinated and obsessed the thirteenth century *Hasidim,* a group of Pietists and Mystics. It is thought that they were among the first to use the word *golem,* which they used to denote formless matter that had no life in it. It was simply stuff out of which life might be formed and which God had used in order to create Man. Through the invocation of certain special Names, these men sought to create a homunculus—a small, primordial representation of a human being that would enjoy some form of animation. Some of them claimed that they had discovered texts, which were the secret words of God, given to Moses on Mount Sinai along with the Torah and the Talmud. These were the invocations that God had used to create Adam Kadmon, the prototype human who ultimately became the partner of Lilith and had to be destroyed. It is possible that the earliest legends concerning the Golem come from this group of thinkers.

Rabbi Samuel

The earliest known of these thinkers is said to have been Rabbi Samuel, father of Judah the Pious (d. 1217, author of the *Book of Angels*, a collection of theological and esoteric works) who is said to have constructed a homunculus that accompanied him on his travels and which could apparently think and move of its own volition but could not speak. Some of those who saw it described it as a small, grey-skinned manikin that the esteemed Rabbi kept in a jar or container.

It was amongst the German Jews, however, that interest in the creation of homunculi flourished. Here, many Rabbis heavily influenced by the thinking and writing of the *Hasidim,* contemplated the creation of life from shapeless matter. Others warned against the sin of attempting to emulate God, but the urge to create even the basest form of life continued to thrive and grow.

Joseph Delmedigo

The writer Joseph Delmedigo stated in 1625 that there "are many of these legends (concerning the creation of life) current, particularly in Germany." During medieval times, the area, which now constitutes large parts of Germany and Austria, seemed to be awash with mystical texts—many of which were said to date back to the early Middle East.

Kaballah

The vast majority of these were said to be portions of the *Kabbalah,* or *Q'balah*—a sect of mystical texts that had been supernaturally revealed to Moses, either when in Egypt or when he was on Mount Sinai.

Sefer Yetzirah

Of course, there were many versions of this magical text, one of which was known as the *Sefer Yetzirah* or *The Book of Creation* (sometimes translated as *The Book of Formation*) that contained the various names which God had used to create both Adam Kadmon and Adam. This work, which is said to have been revealed by God, emerged around the 16th century and is usually credited to Isaac Luria—generally regarded to be the father of the modern Kaballah.

Through this text a rabbinical magician could form a living, man-like being out of shapeless clay. However, the creature thus created would have no real will of its own—no Divine spark or soul because these were the specific gifts of God. These entities were known as golem.

Rabbi Elijah of Chelm

There are a number of tales concerning rabbis who created such beings. The most famous legend concerns Rabbi Elijah of Chelm, a 16th century mystic. He is reputed to have created a being out of clay using the *Sefer Yetzirah* and breathing life into it by inscribing the Name of God on its forehead. Although it lived and moved and performed small tasks, the creature had no will of its own, behaved similar to an automaton, and could not speak. However, it grew to almost gigantic proportions and became increasingly destructive so that the Rabbi, appalled by the potential of what he had created, removed the name from its brow, whereupon it crumbled to dust once more. This is probably one of the earliest stories concerning the golem but there were others.

Rabbi Eleazar ben Judah of Worms

One of these stories concerns the German magician, Rabbi Eleazar ben Judah of Worms (1165–c.1230). Rabbi Eleazar was considered to be one of the last of the mystical *Hasidim* and is generally credited as being the author of the *Sosei Razavya*—"The Secret of Secrets"—a tome that was based on the *Sefer Yetzirah*. A German himself, born in Mainz, Rabbi Eleazar had distilled much of the swirling mystical lore emerging in 12th century Europe. He dared to record, for the first time, a formula for creating a golem, which took up twenty-three folio volumes, emphasizing the formidable nature of the project. The image of a man was to be made from "virgin soil" which was to be taken from a remote, mountainous place where no man had ever dug earth before; over this image was to be intoned "incantations of the 221 gates." This specific incantation had to be recited over each individual organ in turn.

Emeth

Various combinations of names and letters were to be used in the formation of the figure and on the forehead of the image was to be placed either a secret Name of God or the word *emeth* (meaning "truth"). The destruction of the golem might be accomplished by removing the initial character of that word, leaving *meth* (meaning "dead or devoid of life"). In other instances, the utterance of other incantations might be used to destroy the creature that some rabbis described as "a reversal of laws of creation."

Judah Loew ben Bezalel

The most famous of all the rabbinical magicians associated with the golem however, was Judah Loew ben Bezalel (1525–1609) also known as the Maharal of Prague. The so-called "Frankenstein of Prague" was credited with creating a golem, which, it is said, may still be in existence today.

In an increasingly Christian Europe, Jews were struggling to hold onto their identity and culture. Increasingly, in the Christian mind, they were becoming closely associated with sorcery and witchcraft—probably because many Jews were rich and prospering more readily than their Christian counterparts. This, of course, led to allegations of evil magic against them and the tales of various rabbis seeking to create life (which, in Christian eyes, only God Himself could do) only added fuel to the prejudicial fire. Jews were now regarded as black magicians, poisoning wells and water supplies and summoning up demons for the purposes of destroying the Christian religion. These views were taught as fact by a number of early modern Christian clerics. There were attacks by Christian elements on Jewish homes and businesses throughout Prague and beyond. Local politicians, seeking popular approval, spoke out against the Jews and, subsequently, the community in Prague increasingly felt itself under pressure. The Maharal, Rabbi Judah Loew, was becoming extremely concerned about the situation, especially the inflammatory speeches given by Christian leaders, which only stirred up violence.

The Golem of Prague

In 1580, he is reputed to have asked God for some way in which he could protect the Jewish community (and especially the Jews of Prague) against the "blood libel" that was being perpetrated against them. God allegedly gave him the formula by which he could create a powerful golem that would serve as a Jewish protector. It is said that Rabbi Judah used the formula to give birth to a strong and violent creature, which he kept well away from human eyes in an attic of the *Altneuschule,* the principal synagogue in Prague. Said to be immortal, the golem was allegedly transferred to Warsaw in Poland, during World War II and the Nazi occupation coupled with the persecution of the Jews in that city. There, it is supposed to have attacked and killed several Nazi soldiers before being hidden away again. It was reputedly returned to Prague where it may still be located. The idea of a huge figure lumbering through the fog-bound streets of a European city is enough to fill anyone with dread.

It is perhaps worth noting the Rabbi Loew's grave in the Old Jewish Cemetery in Prague's Jewish Town is one of the most frequently visited tourist sites in the city. Many of those who visit it are well acquainted with the legend of the golem and many also visit the *Altneuschule*, convinced that the creature is still there. Perhaps it is, although the Jewish authorities in Prague do a good job of convincing the curious that perhaps it didn't exist after all. And yet, there are still many who search for it, convinced that it still exists, hidden somewhere in Europe.

Descriptions of the golem vary. Some accounts state that it was simply the size of an ordinary man but with a blank, lifeless face and unable to speak. Its arms seem to have been longer and more muscular than that of an average human. Other descriptions state that it was much bigger than any regular human, gray skinned, and with a narrow, bland face with dark and slitted eyes. It positively oozed a sense of menace as it lurched along with a lumbering walk, which in no way resembled that of a human. This was a monster in many senses of the world—a soulless entity that knew neither right nor wrong and which could be commanded for good or evil.

There was much discussion amongst the rabbinical schools as to what actually *motivated* the Golem, whether it was a dybbuk or evil spirit, or whether

it was the Breath of God Himself. Few could agree. Some rabbis claimed that it was a sin for a man to take on the role of Creator and that any such creation must be evil. Some even connected the creature to Iblis, Lord of the Damned, and denounced it as a minor demon. It was generally agreed, however, that the creature could only be dismissed or destroyed by a rabbi, using a special formula that could only be passed down within the Jewish clerical tradition. This was to be done in the form of an exorcism, which, certain rabbis argued, did not necessarily mean that the creature was evil. Others insisted that it did. At the same time, there were further arguments concerning the *intent* of the golem. Because the creature had no will of its own, it had to be directed by its creator and whilst most of these seem to have been holy rabbis or clerics who were interested in mysticism and alchemy, there were also suggestions of "false rabbis"—evil sorcerers with a knowledge of the sacred rabbinical texts, who might manipulate the golem for their own ends. For example, the golem would often be used to settle feuds or intimidate wealthy Jews. Some theologians insisted that merely by creating the golem, a rabbi had exposed himself to sin and might become evil in his ways; some argued that no sin had occurred because the act of creation was carried out with the express approval of God, otherwise they would not have been successful. These debates raged mainly between the European schools of Jewish thought and, although the golem was known in Middle Eastern demonology/mythology, it maintained a relatively peripheral role amongst the night terrors there.

Golem Lore

Ironically, it was a German language collection of Jewish lore that brought the story of the Golem and of Rabbi Loew to the fore in 1847. It was picked up by Czech literature almost immediately and was used as a source by the writer Alois Jerasek in his "Old Bohemian Legends." The Czech writer and poet, Jaroslav Vrchlickys, also composed a poem about the creature "Golem" in which Rabbi Loew is punished for his presumption against God in actually creating a living being. The main literary work concerning the Golem was written at the end of 1914 and was published in 1915. This was Gustav Mayrink's novel *The Golem,* which has become something of a minor classic of

European Jewish literature. In 1982, the foremost Jewish writer and laureate, Isaac Bashevis Singer, wrote his own English version of the golem legend—also entitled *The Golem,* which is still available

Some students of literature have argued that the motif of the golem, the living creature formed out of unloving clay, provided the basis for Mary Shelley's classic novel *Frankenstein,* in which a living creature is made out of the unliving parts of dead men. Whether Mary Shelley actually knew of the golem legend is unknown though it is quite possible, given her own outlook and the tastes of her husband and companions that she may well have.

Golem Films

Like the ghoul, the Golem remained on the periphery of horror cinematic representation. It was, it was argued, too obscure to occupy the status of the werewolf or vampire in the minds of the movie going public. This is not to say that no films were made about it. Indeed, a rather classic film, *Der Golem*, was made in Germany in 1914, directed by Peter Wegener, with an updated version (again directed by Wegener) released in 1920. These black and white films were mainly adaptations of Mayrink's novel and are counted as some of the foremost movies of the German Expressionist cinema. Another film concerning the creature, *Golem*, was made in 1936 under the direction of Julian Duvevier. But as a monster, the golem was not considered to be sufficiently terrifying—or else far too obscure—to take on the might of the Universal monsters. From time to time, the golem has peripherally featured in other films and tv series—most notably in an episode of the popular supernatural/sci-fi series *The X Files.* Even so, the creature has not gone away, but lurks somewhere in the back of the human psyche, ready to emerge again as soon as night falls or the cloying fog rolls in. The shambling, shadowy figure still holds the power to frighten us all. Part of that fear must surely lie in the secrecy and mystery that still surrounds it, even today.

Golems in Comic Books

The figure of and the mystery surrounding the golem enjoyed something of a brief resurgence during the early 1960s, as the comic books of the day began to pick up on it. In the developing world of comics literature, golem-like figures began to appear albeit bearing fanciful names such as *It: The Unliving*, *Attack of the Clay Man*, *The Thing that Stalks in the Mist*, and *Nightmare Stalker from Hell* to name but a few. Representations of the creature were also fanciful and owed more to artistic interpretation than to any folkloric tradition. Many were portrayed as something between a Caribbean zombie and a bandage swathed Egyptian mummy. There was even a short-lived attempt to establish the golem motif as a type of superhero. The obscure and equally short-lived *Mystic Comics* (1963/64) created a character named *Colosso the Clay Man*, which was loosely based on Golem lore. In this, a young man could transfer his consciousness into and therefore animate a gigantic clay figure that had been stored in a secret place, for the purposes of fighting crime. This series does not appear to have been a success and quickly vanished into obscurity along with the comics company that produced it. Another thankfully brief series concerned a man who transformed into an unthinking and violent golem-like creature in a parody of the Incredible Hulk after touching a meteorite that had fallen from outer space. It, too, disappeared without trace. Nevertheless, the golem (and also the ghoul) continued to resurface as peripheral characters in some of the later comics publications from such major companies as Marvel and DC.

Both the ghoul and the golem may well stem from the oldest traditions that we know of—from amongst the extremely ancient legends and folklore of the Middle East. Both have undergone a number of perceptual changes across the years. The golem, for instance, did not enjoy any widespread notoriety as a monster until the 16th, century although tales about it had certainly been in existence long before that. But the basic core of their terror is very much the same as it was in early times. Tales about them are often fragmentary, but they blend together into a rich tapestry of terror, that has still the power to startle and alarm both Middle Eastern and European minds.

Hints of ancient books and texts that have the power to summon and control demons and monsters have filtered down over the years and, as we will see elsewhere in this book, have influenced some of the darker aspects of our more modern literature.

Although we tend to largely ignore them or else treat them as lesser terrors than vampires and zombies, the ghouls and golems—those terrors of the night—still remain with us, lurking in the furthest corners of our mind and ready to emerge at the slightest provocation. We would do well not to dismiss them too lightly for they are reputedly far older than Mankind itself and represent extremely ancient powers that have lingered with us since the foundation of the world!

The Terrors of H.P. Lovecraft

That is not dead which can eternal lie,
And with strange aeons even death may die.

—H.P. Lovecraft
The Necronomicon

Arguably, no single modern writer has had more influence upon today's horror fiction than H.P. Lovecraft (1890–1937). Many writers in the genre from all across the world, from Britain's Ramsey Campbell to America's Robert Bloch and Stephen King, openly acknowledge their debt to him. His work has been reprinted over and over in novels, various anthologies, collections, and in magazines ranging from formal commercial publications to small, narrowly distributed fanzines. Commentaries on his work abound, each assessing various aspects of his life, outlook, and contribution to an overall horror fiction. For a man whose largely reclusive lifestyle often mirrored that of some of his characters, this is no mean achievement. His fiction, upon which many subsequent writers have based their own work, is a rich tapestry of ancient, slumbering evils and menacing monsters, seemingly drawn in detail from the traditions of the past. His fiction is crammed with "eldritch rites" that stretch back into "time immemorial," "inhuman entities,"

"blasphemous texts," and "shunned places," described so meticulously that commentators have often wondered if there were not some factual basis to them. Was Lovecraft privy to some corpus of arcane and horrendous knowledge to which the rest of us remain mercifully oblivious? This suspicion is borne out by hints and inferences in the work of some other writers—for example, the Welshman Arthur Machen (1863–1947)—but Lovecraft is perhaps the best known. Does his work contain germs of truth masquerading as fiction? Before considering this, it is appropriate to give a brief biography of H.P. Lovecraft himself.

Lovecraft's Early Life

Howard Phillips Lovecraft was born on 20th August 1890 at 454 (then numbered 194) Angell Street in Providence, Rhode Island. He was the only child of Winfield Scott Lovecraft, a travelling salesman, and Sarah Susan Phillips Lovecraft—a descendant of an old Rhode Island family. He was to remain in Rhode Island for all of his life with the exception of two years spent in New York. He was a sickly child, subject to colds, flus, and infantile ailments that perhaps made his mother overly protective of him. Long periods at home and in bed suffering from illnesses, either real or imaginary, made him brooding, introspective, and dependent upon his mother.

When he was eight, Howard's father, Winfield Lovecraft, died. In reality, he had been incarcerated in a sanatorium for the previous five years suffering from paresis (insanity and paralysis brought on by syphilis). This left Howard in the care of his high-strung mother and two aunts. The Phillips side of the family had been well-established in Rhode Island and had intermarried amongst each other—cousins marrying first cousins—and, it was suggested, weakening the line. A constant theme in Lovecraft's work was the notion of inbreeding amongst "degenerate families" and this may be a fearful reflection of the circumstances amongst his own kin. A number of his stories begin with the narrator suggesting that he might be mad. The thought of hereditary insanity must have haunted Lovecraft like some gibbering spectre. Allied to this, some of the "curious inbred families" that are scattered through his work and that

usually gave birth to monsters, have names prevalent in his own family, which may be suggestive of his fear.

Decline of the Family

When his grandmother died, (two years before the death of his father), the family went into a kind of decline that culminated in his mother's illness. Young Howard certainly experienced the most appalling nightmares. The later death of his grandfather, Whipple Van Buren Phillips, produced even greater problems—this time financial ones. Much of the Phillips family fortune had been leeched away in unprofitable business deals and by unscrupulous business associates and, by the time of the death, the estate was near bankruptcy. The Lovecrafts were practically destitute and had to give up their home in order to share a house with another family. For a proud clan, descended from an old Rhode Island family, this was hard for Sarah Lovecraft to swallow. She lavished all her attention and invested all her hopes and ambitions on Howard, a situation with which the boy may not have been fully able to cope. The suffocation of his mother's affection may have placed an unbearable burden upon him and may have damaged his relations with women, and indeed many people, for the rest of his life.

Leaving his birthplace had also affected Howard greatly, and the reduced circumstances in which he now found himself afflicted his mind. He would take long bicycle rides to the Barrington River where he would simply stand and look into the swirling waters. It is thought at these times, he was seriously contemplating suicide. But somehow, his resolve overcame such urges and he always returned home.

A shy, bookish boy, he spent much of his early years reading texts in his grandfather's library—particularly classics of ancient Rome (Ovid, Plato, and Horace) and volumes on ancient and vanished civilizations. He learned some Latin and was able to translate at least some of Ovid's work. This led his mother to believe that he was destined for Brown University, one of Rhode Island's premier educational establishments. She told everyone that her son would one day be a respected University academic. This, however, was not to be the case and probably for the rest of his life, Lovecraft may have felt a sense

of humiliation and held the view that he had somehow let his mother down. His fiction throngs with references to "Miskatonic University" and some of the people who taught there—perhaps betraying a deep longing for the formally recognized academic life. His own attendance, first at Slater Avenue School and then at Hope Street High School had always been erratic, and Lovecraft frequently quoted "ill health" as the cause. There seems little doubt that he did have ill health, including a serious nervous breakdown in 1908, but it is possible that he stayed with his mother, who was already experiencing some mental health difficulties. It is also possible that as a solitary, morbid boy, he was loath to face the tumultuous world of college life.

In 1921, Sarah Lovecraft, his mother, died in the Province sanatorium where she had been a patient. The cause of her death was actually due to a badly managed gall bladder operation, but she had been mentally ill for quite some time before. Her death had a profound effect on Howard—she had been his closest companion whilst he was growing up—and it's thought, not for the first time—that he contemplated suicide. Losing both parents in this way induced in Howard a constant fear of hereditary insanity to which he believed he was prone.

First Publishings

Instead of academia, he turned his attention to poetry and writing fiction. At the age of seven, he had already produced a poem, based on the readings in his grandfather's library, entitled "The Poem of Ulysses," but his first actual published work was a letter to the *Providence Sunday Journal* in 1906 on astronomy (a subject that was starting to interest him). However, he appeared to be making no headway as a writer in these early days. He was also becoming more reclusive, staying close to his over-protective mother, and preferring to contact friends by extremely long letters. He also wrote juvenile treatises, mainly for amateur magazines and usually concerning astronomy and science. Most of these were simply crude speculations but they were to lay the foundations for at least part of his future writing.

The Alchemist and Argosy

In 1908, he wrote the short story *The Alchemist* but, in truth, he was not writing much fiction, and for five years was to remain in a kind of productivity drought. In 1913, however, he wrote a series of letters to the magazine *Argosy*, attacking the "insipid love stories" of the then-popular writer Fred Jackson. They were written in such a clever way—a parody of Alexander Pope's *Dunciad,* that they evoked much literary interest and the United Amateur Press Association invited Lovecraft to join their ranks.

Short Stories

The letters marked a turning point in his career. He began to correspond with like-minded writers and to produce drafts of stories almost ceaselessly, some of which were to eventually surface amongst his recognized works. In 1917, he wrote both *Dagon* and *The Tomb*; in 1919 he was producing *Beyond the Wall of Sleep*, *The Doom that came to Sarnath*, *The Statement of Randolph Carter*, and *The White Ship*. In that same year, he discovered Lord Dunsay, whom he described as his "greatest literary stimulus…since Poe." (He had presumably read Edgar Allan Poe in his grandfather's library.) Through 1919 and 1920 he maintained this same creative streak, writing both poems and short stories.

Sonia Green

Sarah Lovecraft's death freed Howard a little and he was able to travel a bit more, particularly to amateur literary gatherings. For instance, on July 4 1921, he was able to travel to the first Amateur Journalist Convention in Boston and there he was to meet a woman who was to temporarily change his life: Sonia Haft Green.

Sonia Green was a progressive and self-assured woman. She was a New Yorker and a businesswoman, owning a milliner's shop on 5th Avenue. She was also seven years older than Lovecraft and of Russian-Jewish descent. Howard Lovecraft was impressed with her devotion to letters and, superficially at least, they seemed to have a similar outlook on the world. However, this was no whirlwind romance; it took three years before the two decided to marry.

In all that time, Lovecraft never informed his two aunts—his mother's sisters—of the relationship with Sonia, only writing to them after the marriage, which took place at St. Paul's Cathedral in New York. Perhaps he feared that his wife's ancestry would scandalize the elderly and genteel New England ladies. He resolved to leave Providence for the first time in his life and set up a home with Sonia in New York. A happy future seemed to lie ahead of them.

Nevertheless, the marriage seemed doomed from the start. Sonia herself was unwell and several times had to leave the marital home in order to seek recuperation in various rest homes. Her business collapsed shortly after they were married and she had to give up the milliner's shop, which was their main source of income. Moreover, Lovecraft himself found it extremely difficult to get a job in New York. Besides, he had a growing horror of the city—there seemed to be groups of "aliens" (foreigners) on every street corner; the pace of life was much faster than he had been used to back in Providence; the people there seemed too greedy, grasping, and commercially-minded for his liking. At the same time, he was still writing and was developing his stories into a kind of mythical framework, which would later become known as his Mythos. The couple were now struggling financially and the relationship appeared to falter. Lovecraft continued to write but the money that came in for his published pieces was not sufficient to meet their bills.

Return to Providence

On 1st January 1925, Lovecraft moved into a "bachelor apartment" (no more than a couple of rooms) in a squalid area of Brooklyn whilst Sonia travelled to the Mid-West in order to find work. She would only return intermittently and the marriage might well have been counted as being over at this stage. However, during this time Lovecraft was most prolific, turning out a good chunk of his most interesting work. He was, nevertheless, finding New York increasingly oppressive and was becoming more and more withdrawn—seldom venturing out for days at a time. He was also negotiating, with his aunts, the possibility of a return to Providence. The arrangements were complicated and involved Sonia, Lovecraft's aunts, and several friends, such as

the writer Frank Belknap Long. In April 1926, Howard Lovecraft eventually returned to Providence. He would not leave again.

Where did Sonia figure in these arrangements? It seems that she may have had only a peripheral involvement in the central decision. She is thought to have implored Howard to return to New York but he steadfastly refused. The solution would seem to have been for her to come to Providence and open a milliner's shop there, but Lovecraft's aunts stepped in. Under no circumstances would a "tradeswoman" who claimed a kinship to them be allowed to operate in the town where they lived. Though they were in "reduced circumstances" (virtually poverty-stricken), they were still people of quality and had an old and established name throughout Rhode Island. This was the final nail in the coffin for the marriage, and although Lovecraft still professed to love Sonia, the relationship drifted towards an inevitable divorce in 1929.

Feelings Towards Foreigners and Women

Some commentators have suggested that Lovecraft may have held anti-Semitic sympathies; indeed some have gone so far as to suggest that he might have secretly held proto-Nazi views. Lovecraft dwelt in Providence, a town that he seldom left throughout his life and that he remembered in his early boyhood as a genteel old Colonial place. However, as the 20th century advanced, Providence was beginning to develop and change. Migrant workers were arriving there as they were doing all over America, and with them came unfamiliar ways and ideologies. It was thought that evil crept into communities through foreigners—those who brought in sinister ways and odd religions. Again, with regard to Lovecraft, this suggestion is not so clear-cut. Howard Lovecraft saw his boyhood home change from a grand old edifice of the Colonial period into a more multi-cultural city where people from other parts of the world mixed freely with the descendants of the Colonists. It was a microcosm of what was happening all over America and it somewhat alarmed him. The values he had grown up with—which his mother's family had espoused—were changing or being swept away. Thus the "insidious foreigner"—the Pole, the Jew, the person from the South Sea Islands—appears throughout his fiction as

an "undermining influence." Although she did not eradicate such a viewpoint entirely, Sonia may have changed it only slightly.

It has also been suggested that his attitude toward women was ambivalent and that he deliberately sought out male company because females scared him. This may not be completely true. Certainly he was very shy and awkward around women—his mother's suffocating nature had seen to that. But there is little doubt that he carried on voluminous correspondence with women and even helped a number of them with their own fiction. The names of Hazel Heald and Zeliah Bishop, with whom he conducted a lengthy correspondence, spring immediately to mind. And it is thought that Lovecraft was developing an attachment to the amateur poetess Winifred Virginia Jackson, although extremely little is known of their relationship. Lovecraft's marriage to Sonia put a stop to any such burgeoning romance.

Creation of Cthulhu

The years 1925 and 1926 were arguably Lovecraft's most creative period, during which he began to develop his Mythos, with tales such as *Pickman's Model*, *The Horror at Red Hook*, and the classic story which was to firmly establish his work in the popular mind—*The Call of Cthulhu*. He returned to the genteel, reclusive lifestyle that he had enjoyed before meeting Sonia—spending his days writing lengthy letters (some amounting almost to small books) to friends and writing colleagues. He also wrote new fiction and by 1927 produced *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*—his only Cthulhu novel—as well as *A History of the Necronomicon* and the genuinely chilling *The Colour Out of Space*. In 1928 he completed *The Dunwich Horror* with its theme of remote New England communities, ancient and "blasphemous" rites, and nonhuman monsters. It seemed that his time in New York had somehow changed him and had made his imagination darker and more brooding.

This morbidly became even more pronounced in his following major work that was written in 1930—*The Whisperer in the Darkness*, followed in 1931 by *The Shadow Over Innsmouth* (in which he extended and enlarged the Mythos), and *At the Mountains of Madness*, two of which are regarded as some of his best work. It has been suggested that he based the decaying coastal village of

Innsmouth with its peculiar inhabitants, on the then rather run-down fishing town of Cohasset, Massachusetts although there is no evidence of this. Many of these stories were published by the developing "pulp" market, which was to characterize the 1930s horror and science fiction genres. He was already a regular contributor to the magazine *Weird Tales,* edited by Farnsworth Wright, but he also wrote for such publications as *Amazing Stories,* which enjoyed an equally wide readership. Gradually, his reputation as a "master of horror" began to grow, although he does not seem to have particularly relished this. He still mainly communicated by letter and was now becoming widely known as "the Rhode Island Recluse," which only seemed to add to his mystery and eeriness. It also led to much speculation about who he was and about the sources to which he might have had access.

In 1933, Lovecraft moved to what was to be his final home in Providence—66 College Street. The house must have appealed to him because of its age—it had been built in 1825 and was believed to be haunted. All the same, Lovecraft settled down there to write *The Thing on the Doorstep* and *The Shadow Out of Time*. But he was ill once more.

Death of Lovecraft

At first, it was believed that he was suffering from Bright's Disease—an inflammation of the bowel that had been caused by drinking copious amounts of black coffee (one of his favourite drinks). But it is more probable that he had a form of intestinal cancer. He started to deteriorate quite alarmingly and his output slowed down. On 10th March 1937, he entered the Jane Brown Memorial Hospital with his condition dangerously advanced. He had resisted medical advice for almost two years—perhaps out of the memory of his mother's botched gall-bladder operation—and it was now too late. There was little that could be done for him and he died ten days later. He had left behind a dark and monstrous legacy.

Other writers in the genre who also wrote for the pulp magazines—such as August Derleth, Frank Long, and Robert Bloch—hailed Lovecraft as their inspiration and extolled his undoubted contribution to macabre literature. Many more—from authors of established fiction to those writing for small fanzines—

would draw upon his Mythos for their own work, producing pastiches, which reflected Lovcraftian themes and settings. Indeed, if we include people such as Clark Ashton Smith, Donald Wandrei, Ramsey Campbell, Robert M. Price, and Brian Lumley, Lovecraft spawned an entire genre of horror all his own. In order to accommodate this developing corpus of fiction and commentary, his friend and correspondent August Derleth established Arkham House Press (based on Arkham, the principal city in Lovecraft's Mythos which, in fact was no more than a thinly-disguised Providence) on 15th March 1937, several days after his death. This publishing house is still going strong and has reprinted a number of volumes of Lovecraft's own work as well as books by authors working in the Lovecraftian vein. A few other publishers have also dedicated themselves to printing Lovecraft-type works and a number of films have been produced centred around Lovecraftian themes.

Scholars, too have closely examined his work and one question emerges time and time again amongst academics, other writers, and fans alike. There is no doubt that Howard Lovecraft created a unique universe in which immeasurably ancient gods watched the menial activities of Mankind with an antipathy bordering on outright hostility and in which ancient books and texts, locked away in mouldering attics, often acted as a doorway to some other bizarre and unclean dimension in which foul things lay in wait for unwary and the naive. But we are entitled to ask, did all of this hold some element of truth? Did Lovecraft perhaps somehow have access to a body of knowledge, which was unavailable to most humans? Were the horrors that he created simply the meanderings of an isolated and morbid mind or did they have their origins in some separate and terrifying reality? And if so, what was the *source* of theses nightmares and how did it make itself available to Lovecraft? Did he unearth something—as did many of his protagonists—in the library of a relative, in this case his grandfather Whipple Phillips? Or did he find such dark knowledge from another source? This is the question that his intrigued many of his followers and devotees for almost a century.

The Influences of H.P. Lovecraft

It is probably true to say that what became known as the "Cthulhu Mythos" can be divided into two aspects—what might be termed "the scientific Mythos" (deriving out of his interest in astronomy) and the "folkloric Mythos." The two are not mutually exclusive but generally speaking, in the former, the horror comes from the stars, whereas in the latter it emerges out of myth and legend, and research by the protagonist of the tale or by someone closely connected to him or her. It is this aspect that has intrigued investigators of Lovecraft's work. The folkloric element hints at incredibly ancient practices that have somehow been preserved and to the vanished peoples who carried them out. It also suggests dark and powerful deities that were worshipped by these peoples and which might still be able to intervene in the world. These ancient entities might be accessed by mortals through arcane (and "blasphemous") texts—written on scrolls, books, and even pottery fragments, all spelled out in a sinister language that needed translation, the utterance of which was sufficient to damn the soul. Could there be an actual, factual basis to any of this?

Ancient Civilizations

The folkloric Mythos as developed by Lovecraft (and others) draws on a number of legendary strands. Arguably, two traditions stand out—that of prehistoric America and that of the ancient Middle East. Fragments of other legends have been tagged onto them—the legend of Atlantis for example, and obscure tales from the South Pacific. But essentially, Lovecraft and those who came after him were especially fascinated by cultures that had emerged out of the very dawn of time.

And there were indeed evidences of early cultures in America, which were beginning to be examined around the time in which Lovecraft was writing. Archaeology was an up and coming science that was attracting interest even outside academic circles.

Howard Carter

In 1922, for instance, a team led by the archaeologist and Egyptologist, Howard Carter had discovered and entered the tomb of the boy-king Tutankhamun in the Valley of Kings in Egypt, finding wonderful treasures but also statues of strange and exotic gods and goddesses, then barely known in the West. There were also widespread tales of a curse, which beset members of the team who had gone into the tomb and which had followed them even beyond the borders of Egypt. Several members of Carter's team, it was widely rumoured, had succumbed to the "curse of the Pharaohs." The dark gods of that ancient civilization, it seemed, cast a long shadow. Intrigued by the notion of such slumbering, arcane powers, the people of the 20th century—in America in particular—began to wonder if there were other ancient peoples, perhaps with similar exotic and ferocious gods who might have existed elsewhere.

Mound Builders

Indeed, for the Americans, there were evidences of an equally old and even more mysterious civilization on their own back doorstep. Scattered across the American Mid-West and into New Mexico were the awesome traces of a civilization which was probably just as old (if not older) than the Egyptians, the last vestiges of which had been glimpsed by Spanish explorers in the 16th century. These ancient people are almost as much of a mystery today as they were in Lovecraft's time. They were the Mound Builders who constructed massive earthworks—cones, hillocks, terraced platforms, and pyramids. Prehistoric America had more pyramids than there were in Egypt. (One, still standing in the state of Illinois, has a much larger base circumference than that of the Great Pyramid of Khufu.) Around the 1100s, massive beehive centers, known to have existed in the lands to the west of the Appalachian Mountains, were studded with deep caves in which these vanished people dwelt and formed the centre of massive earthwork "cities" comprising it is thought of no less than 12,000 inhabitants—a little more than the city of London at that time and with links to other such centers well beyond the earthen walls and wooden palisades. These people traded with each other—working in copper and silver, but also in obsidian, a hard, black, volcanic glass, which was turned into knives

and weapons. They adorned themselves in various "barbaric" yet, exotic artifacts, moving them along the various waterways that were the lifelines of their civilization—alligator teeth and conch shells, brought from the Florida coast, up the Chattahoochie River to Tennessee; mica brought down from mines in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina; grey pigment (pulverised lead sulphide) was brought from the area of present-day St. Louis; red and grey pipestone (for making pipes) was brought from the territories around the Ohio River. And of course obsidian, mined in Idaho and Wyoming, travelled all over the continent, causing archaeologists to consider that it was not only used in weaponry but also ceremonial rituals as well.

The Adena, The Hopewell, and The Mississippi

The era of the Mound Builders falls into three distinct archaeological periods: the Adena, which was centred around the Ohio River valley from roughly 500 B.C. to 100 A.D. (although these people may have had an even older hunter-gatherer pedigree) and the Hopewell (named after Cloud Hopewell of Chillicothe, Ohio on whose farm their artefacts had first been found). Their culture seems to have peaked between 50 B.C. and 400 A.D. They were also centered in Ohio but had spread to other areas including Pennsylvania and Mississippi which existed from about 800 A.D. onwards until the European invasions of the 16th century. This latter civilization appears to have been the most highly developed and stretched as far south as the Mississippi River, building great temple mounds as they went. It was the last remnants of the Mississippi culture, the third archaeological period, that the Spanish conquistador Hernan de Soto (1500–1542), as he entered the Mississippi River area in 1542. But by this time, they had been decimated by diseases that they had contracted through the Europeans, mainly French traders and trappers who were already in the area. In fact, de Soto's death on the banks of the Mississippi has sometimes been attributed to his interference with some of their shrines, which he had allegedly desecrated. All through the territories were "effigy mounds," which were shaped or bore the shape of various animals, birds, and serpents. Others seemed to suggest odd geometric shapes—octagons, circles, and squares—all of which aroused the curiosity of the early settlers.

The Mississippi culture would seem to have a highly developed religious aspect to it. It has been suggested that its religion was primarily Shamanistic, and if this is so, the evidence suggests that connections between the human world and that of the spirits may have been very close. When excavated, some of the mounds and tumuli were found to contain layered tombs, lined with logs, where the remnants of bodies resided, perhaps still somehow involved in the world around them.

Ephraim J. Squier and Edwin H. Davis

Between 1845 and 1847, Ephraim J. Squier and Edwin H. Davis, both working under the auspices of the American Ethnological Society, dug in to a large earthwork known as Mound City located in south-central Ohio, and found that it was in fact a necropolis—a city of the dead—which covered 13 acres and contained over 23 burial tombs. Squier and Davis published their findings in 1848, as the first of a series of books on natural science and archaeology sponsored by the recently established Smithsonian Institution. Their writing was to set the tone as to how these early people might be viewed. They spoke, for example, of "sacred enclosures" devoted to obscure religious functions and surmised that the builders were skilled engineers, well versed in geometry and mathematics. This led others to speculate that the alignments of such constructions were somehow connected to the stars and might be used for mysterious purposes. Their book, *Ancient Monuments in the Mississippi Valley*, proved to be a best-seller and won such widespread attention that, in 1849, the newly-elected President Zachary Taylor appointed Squier, a political activist, to a diplomatic post in Central America, where he continued to develop archaeological theories and interests. Attention was now paid to other great mounds, such as Monk's Mound near Collinsville in central Illinois. It was said to be the biggest man-made earthen mound north of Mexico, which contained four terraces and provoked much speculation. This speculation was already taking strange and unnerving turns.

Manasseh Cutler

In 1788, an astute clergyman from Massachusetts named Manasseh Cutler arrived at the new town of Marietta on the Ohio River. He found trees being

cut down to make way for a new building and as they did so, a massive 40-acre earthen settlement was revealed. Assuming that the felled trees had flourished after the settlement had been abandoned, Cutler decided that the age of the trees could be determined by counting the number of annual growth rings in a cross-section of the trunk. Using this method he determined that the earthworks was anywhere between four hundred and over a thousand years old. However, apart from being mathematically astute, Cutler was also a little fanciful and concluded that this was the central structure of a powerful, advanced, and religiously orientated civilization that had flourished along the Ohio before the coming of either Indians or Europeans.

Cutler's ideas, coupled with the discovery of ancient necropolises such as Mound City, couple with Squier and Davis's emotive language (they had referred to many areas as "sacred" or "taboo" ground—the home of ancient and terrifying gods), set the scene for much of early 19th century thinking. By the early 1800s, fables connecting the Mound Builders to a vanished prehistoric "super civilization" had taken root in the American imagination. The mythmakers evoked theories of an advanced prehistoric race, which had worshipped extremely ancient and powerful gods dwelling amongst their earthen temples. These people were now gone from the plains and river valleys, leaving only behind these monuments as testament to their existence.

Caleb Atwater

This theory gained fresh credence as an amateur archaeologist, Caleb Atwater, a postmaster from Circleville, Ohio, began to take an interest in the earthworks. Although sometimes fearful of such places, many of the farmers showed no great respect for them and began to systematically pull them down. Before they vanished completely under the plough, Atwater began to measure them and record details of their structure, publishing his findings in 1820. He found, to his astonishment, that many of them, no matter how far apart, conformed to a similar construction. This led him to believe that some widespread "super race" of engineers had built such structures. Although he was meticulous and methodical in assessing the mounds, Caleb Atwater was also a romanticist. He believed these people (more advanced than even 19th century

Americans) had come from somewhere in the East—possibly India—in order to establish ritual sites to ancient Eastern gods on the banks of rivers and in remote places. His theories might appear ludicrous today, but in the early 19th century they were taken seriously, especially as they appeared to be backed with such meticulous empirical research. Atwater was lauded by no less than an expert of the day: Stephen Williams, a professor at Harvard, commended him on the detail of his work and the excellence of his deductions. For many people, the mythology of a prehistoric "super race" somewhere in America was becoming a reality. A number of "scholars" trawled through numerous ancient texts as well as their own imaginations, attributing the mounds to a wide variety of ancient peoples—Celts, Vikings, Anglo Saxons, Greeks, Romans, Persians, Assyrians, Phoenicians, and ancient Chinese. Some even suggested they had been built by the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and there was a suggestion that they may have been constructed by survivors from the vanished continent of Atlantis. Later the imposing academic figure of John Wesley Powell—a Civil War veteran, famous for his epic journey down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon in 1869, which lead to his appointment as director of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1879—was to assert that these works had been raised by the forerunners of the Indians themselves. The idea was now too deeply ingrained in the popular psyche to completely disappear.

Abelard Tomlinson

Not even the exposure of a massive fraud, perpetrated by a farmer named Abelard Tomlinson at Grave Creek Mound, West Virginia in 1838 shook this belief. Tomlinson claimed that whilst digging near the Mound, he had unearthed a small oval sandstone tablet bearing a 25 character inscription written in a mysterious language. This tablet generated 35 years of research and controversy as University-based experts variously identified the inscription as Canaanite, Numidian, Celtic, and Phoenician. Later, the tablet was declared a fraud, designed by Tomlinson himself, but it had already led to a burgeoning tourist industry which still continues today with the establishment of Grave Creek State Park.

Effigy Mounds

If their enclosures were sacred, what sort of gods did these early people worship? It is widely thought that all the Mound Builder civilizations—particularly the Mississippi culture—had a highly developed priestly order that conducted and guided their worship. This is suggested by the elaborateness of their burials, which are indicative of some form of intensive ritual. The shapes of the "effigy mounds" also seems to indicate that most of their deities were animistic—serpents, wolves, and eagles. But there are others that are suggestive of no living thing. Manessah Cutler declared that the geometric shapes of some of the hills denoted ancient formulae for contacting spirits (later archaeologists derided this, stating that they were simply gathering places for various clans), whilst others have interpreted other mounds in entirely different ways. For instance, one mound in Illinois is said to resemble a humpbacked dwarf, which may have been one of their gods. Others have a definite shape but are said to resemble something inhuman. It is also highly probable that the priests of the Mississippi and even earlier cultures practiced human sacrifice, using obsidian knifes for the purpose. Obsidian knives appear from time to time in Lovecraft's work, always suggestive of extremely ancient ritual. Ceramic bowls, unearthed in some mounds, bore odd faces that, said scholars, might have represented the gods they worshipped. The fact that many of these may be funerary urns, as they have been found beside the crouching cadavers—the Hopewell culture seems to have buried its noble dead in sitting positions—signalling some sort of transition to another world. It is surmised that the deities worshipped by all these people were intensely barbaric and fearsome—perhaps a suitable template for some of Lovecraft's ancient entities.

What became of the Mound Builders and why did they vanish? The common theory is that they were completely wiped out by epidemics. By the time de Soto encountered them on the banks of the Mississippi, they were already suffering from European diseases such as smallpox and typhoid, which must have eventually extinguished them. However, such explanation did not readily satisfy the followers of the "super-civilization" theory. If these people did indeed worship powerful old gods perhaps these deities, coupled with their own scientific prowess, would enable them to survive. The fact that many of

these Mound Builders had lived in caves within their structures gave rise to another theory—that they had gone underground to avoid the advance of the Europeans and were still down there, waiting for a chance to return to the surface. This was given further credence by the fact that the folklore of some of the local Indian tribes—for example the Choctaws—made references to underground races living in the lightless realms under the earth, emerging only at night to steal away maidens and horses. The notion of a subterranean super civilization of Mound Builders together with its ghoulish gods, still extant and perhaps hostile towards Mankind (whom they wished cleared away from the surface so that they might return to the light once more), was gaining in popularity throughout the early 19th and 20th centuries.

Subterranean world

The idea of a subterranean world, of course, was not new. From earliest times, it had been surmised that the earth might, in fact, be hollow and that various races had fled into its interior in order to avoid certain instances on the surface. For example, an ancient tale from the Middle East suggests that the terrible spawn of humans and demons had fled into the Underworld in order to avoid the deluge (flood) that God had sent to cleanse them from the upper world. But there were also tales about vanished Roman and Greek cities, the inhabitants of which had fled underground to avoid some natural disaster, such as volcanic eruption, and continued to live down there, either as they had been at the time of their flight or else developing separate cultures and technologies.

Athansius Kircher, Mundis Subterraneus

In 1665, the scientist Athansius Kircher was speculating in his *Mundis Subterraneus* concerning "great cavities" under the earth's crust in which a civilization might establish itself. The idea was taken up by others—including Edmund Halley in his *Theory of Magnetic Variations* (1692). It was not long before writers began to speculate what some of these "inner worlds" might look like, and fanciful accounts soon began to appear "from those who might have visited them." Early tales, reputedly taken from those who had been

accidentally swept into the inner worlds, usually by the sea (as in Edgar Allen Poe's *Descent into the Maelstrom* which Lovecraft must surely have read in his grandfather's library), speak of lightless caverns where strange creatures dwelt, such as pale and bizarre-looking fish. The walls of the caverns were covered in mysterious inscriptions.

Charles de Fieux

In 1735, the French writer Charles de Fieux, the chevalier de Mouhy, penned a now-forgotten classic, which involved subterranean travel—*Lamekis, ou les voyages extraordinaires d'un Egyptien dans la terre interierure*. The story is set in the distant past and the characters are centered around the "hero" Lemakis, who moves from ancient Egypt through a number of fantastic countries in which he encounters a prince and princess who have been banished to a subterranean world upon the death of their father. The chevalier de Mouhy explains that he received the story from an ancient and mysterious Armenian who arrived at his court and told him the tale, which he declared to be true.

Ludvig Holberg

One of the earliest and most detailed accounts, however, must be that written by Ludvig Holberg (1684–1754), often referred to as "the father of Norwegian and Danish literature." His *The Journey of Neils Klinn to the World Underground* describes a complex and fantastic world lying far beneath our feet. Although this was thought to be a satire on the religious and political life of his time, "the Moliere, or the North" insisted that it was based on real accounts given to him by Norwegian fishermen.

John Poltrack

The English, too were beginning to consider the possibility of an underground world. John Poltrack's *The Life and Adventures of Peter Wilkins* contains many elements of *Gulliver's Travels,* but provides details of "underground Utopia." In the story, Wilkins, a Cornishman, is wrecked somewhere near the South Pole (long considered as being an access to the subterranean world), and accidentally falls into a strange land existing under the earth's crust. There he finds the kingdom of Doorpe Swangeanti, to which he was borne on a chair,

held aloft by several winged beings. He discovered a thriving civilization of "ingenious and industrious" people. He introduces them to technology and whilst they are happy, perhaps they were more so before the coming of the civilizing stranger. In many ways similar to *Gulliver's Travels,* the story is an allegory and owes much more to the writer's imagination and satire than it does to fact, but in the world of the 18th century, it was thought to be a truthful account.

Jules Verne

Following in the steps of *Peter Wilkins*, a number of other such tales appeared (some portraying the inner world almost as outer space in which near-dead planets orbited around dark stars), including (in 1864), Jules Verne's classic *Journey to the Centre of the Earth.* By this time, of course, the theory of the hollow world seemed to have been backed by at least some scientific evidence. Following the War of 1812, a veteran of the conflict and gifted amateur scientist, John Symmes, made a number of calculations concerning the North and South Poles. His conclusion, which was submitted with full mathematical and astronomical calculations, deduced that neither pole existed but, according to magnetic movements, their alleged sites were actually entrances to the subterranean world. This entrance became known as "Symmes Hole" and the concept of it caused great excitement. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it fired the imagination of a number of writers of fiction, especially in America and Britain. The Chicago-born writer, Edgar Rice Boroughs (1875–1950) described a number of fictional adventures set in an inhabited underworld.

Edgar Allen Poe

Lovecraft, however, may have been more familiar with the work of two other celebrated writers who had either dabbled in or had made reference to the hollow earth in their fiction. One was the American, Edgar Allen Poe, whose *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket* (1830) drew a great deal of attention when it was first published. Although it starts off as a conventional sea-tale with Pym enlisting on the whaler *Grampus,* it soon turns into a story of shipwreck, cannibalism, and darkness, ending with the hero being

swept into a hole leading (apparently) to the core of the world. In this, Poe had clearly been influenced by the work of Symmes, and the yawning vortex into which his hero was plunged is undoubtedly a "Symmes Hole." Much more detailed and fantastical was Edward George Bulwar-Lytton's *The Coming Race*. Bulwar-Lytton (1803–1873) was a novelist and poet, widely known for his historical novels such as *The Last Days of Pompeii*. But *The Coming Race* firmly established him in the genre of fantastic fiction. In the story, the narrator and his friend descend into a deep chasm, when the rope securing them to the surface breaks, trapping them in a terrifying Underworld. His friend is devoured by "a monstrous reptile. The narrator then encounters the Vril-ya, an extremely ancient race of advanced beings who fled the surface countless millennia before. They resemble humans, although they are clearly descended from frogs. The account is very detailed and may have inspired Lovecraft in some of his own creation.

Arthur Machen

Another influence on his work may well have been that of Arthur Machen. Born Arthur Llewellyn Jones (he would later change his name for writing purposes) at Caerton-on Usk in rural Wales in 1863, Machen was fascinated by local folklore and by stories of fairies living under hills. America, of course, was not the only country to boast strange mounds and to have legends and folktales associated with them. Ireland, for example, had a rich and detailed history concerning ancient earthworks (ringforts) and standing stones. Here, too were the ancient tumuli of former races that had dwelt on the island in prehistoric times. These were the paces of the Sidhe (pronounced Shee), that translates roughly as "the people of the mounds." Although they'd been consigned to earlier times, remnants of their race were still said to exist underground, close to tumuli, standing stones, and lone trees. Such places, together with the remains of ancient earthworks which dotted the Irish countryside, were often considered to be supernatural sites and are usually avoided by local people.

Fahr Ree

Similar geographical features occur in Wales and, as in Ireland, were attributed to supernatural elements, particularly fairies (the word "fairy" is believed to

have originated from an old form of Gaelic—*fahr ree* meaning "the spirit race"). Stories concerning them circulated widely throughout the Welsh countryside, and Machen certainly picked up on these and incorporated some of the themes into his stories. Throughout the Celtic world, the fairy race was not considered as being terribly friendly towards Mankind—indeed, they were often believed to be hostile and not to be crossed. As in Ireland, the Welsh fairies dwelt underground—a subterranean race—and their places were to be avoided if at all possible. Much of Machen's horror fiction therefore deals with a small "primordial" race, living beneath the Welsh hills and secretly seeking to overthrow Mankind or to do harm to humans. Machen's portrayal of a hidden race, well away from Mankind's gaze and inimical towards humanity was at once both terrifying and fascinating. It preyed on many people's deepest nightmares. What if such a proposition were actually true? Lovecraft himself must have picked up on this, as he also hinted at dark races living in remote areas of rural America, (and remote areas elsewhere in the world) together with their dark and hostile gods, who were ready to attack Mankind at a moment's notice. The idea translated readily to America where there were still sparsely inhabited places and areas that had dubious reputations, such as the "balds" (hilltops on which no vegetation would grow) in Missouri, the Devil's Tramping Ground in North Carolina, or indeed the Devil's Hop Yard in East Haddam, Connecticut (note that the same name is used in Lovecraft's *The Dunwich Horror*). In some legends, these were connected with either mysterious and elemental forces or the worship sites of cults who communed with such forces or with rumoured weird races of underground people. These were areas in which people were said to vanish, queer lights were said to be seen, and strange noises heard. They were places best avoided and they are featured in many of Lovecraft's stories.

Pale Underground-Dwellers

Such beliefs were "fleshed out" by old Indian tales of subterranean worlds. The Choctaw Indians for example, spoke of mysterious pale-skinned people who lived far underground, away from the light and who only came up to the surface in order to hunt by moonlight. They were deemed to be the descendants

of the Mound Builders; their interior world was highly dangerous and no surface dweller should seek it out. In effect, the Choctaw tribe sought to avoid any form of contact with them and often referred to them as "ghost men." Some of them were reputed to be giants with an appetite for human flesh, dwelling in deep river caves and ravines. But it was not only men who inhabited these interior worlds. There were stories of monsters dwelling in great caves under the earth—particularly monstrous insects.

Tsul-ka-lu

The most famous of these monstrous tales were to be found amongst the Cherokee Indians of the North Carolina area. They told tales of a particular monster known as Judaculla that lived in a deep cavern at the head of Tuckaseegee River. Descriptions of this creature vary—at times it was a huge wasp-like insect, bigger than an eagle, that could carry away full-grown horses or a full-grown man to its lair; at other times it was a massive slant-eyed giant, sometimes referred to as *Tsul-ka-lu* (the name translates from the Cherokee tongue as "Great Lord of the Hunt")—the last of a monstrous breed of ferocious hunters who had lived in the area in prehistoric times.

Judaculla's Rock

In Jackson County, North Carolina, just outside the town of Sylva, a 3,000 year-old soapstone boulder known as Judaculla's Rock stands. Deep in what is known as Cullowhee hill country, the stone is almost overgrown by the surrounding vegetation and is difficult to find. However, it appears to be covered in indecipherable pictographs, said to be the unknown language of a vanished race. Others have claimed that they are nothing more than the traces of microscopic creatures, first observed in the 1500s by European explorers. Some historians state that they are an ancient battle plan, drawn up in 1755 by the early Cherokees but nobody is really sure. What is known is that the Cherokees still consider it an extremely ancient site and have held rituals there from very early times. There were certainly mysterious ceremonies held there between the years 1850 and 1880. Local legend says that there are at least two other similarly marked stones in the area but the location of these has been lost. The Judaculla Stone is said to bear the mark of the giant's seven-fingered hand as

he leapt from hill to hill, but these lines may in fact be part of the ancient pictographs. Judaculla was also allegedly able to change his form and so in some instances is depicted as a massive human, and at others as a gigantic wasp. In this form it descended on sleeping children and carried them off. According to Cherokee myth, the creature could not be destroyed, except by fire.

The Devil's Courthouse

Close by is an area of bare rock known as the Devil's Courthouse, that lies just off the Blue Ridge Trackway, near Pisgah. Cherokee legends say that this eerie spot is Judacullah's dancing ground, both in humanoid and insect form, and is even today widely avoided by locals. Some say that somewhere amongst the bleak rocks is an entrance to an underground world that is Judacullah's kingdom, and that certain people have been carried off. There are rumours, too, of scattered pictographs in the area, but no one is quite sure where they are to be found. Incidentally, The Devil's Courthouse is noted for its high instances of unusual plants and strange insects that can often deliver a deadly bite.

Spearfinger

The Courthouse was also believed to be the home of Spearfinger—a ghastly witch-like being whose skin was supposed to be as hard as the rock. She lived in the area far beyond the memory of any human and had the power to take on any shape including that of a wasp or bee. It was said that she could even take on the form of the rocks and could only be recognized when in human guise, by the first finger of her right hand, which was long and sharp like a pick or awl. In her human form she would attempt to lure away Cherokee children by imitating the voices of those whom they loved—especially that of a grandmother. When the child drew close she would pounce upon the child and carry it away to her underground world beneath Whiteside Mountain (on which the Devil's Courthouse is to be found). She was said to be the last of an ancient race that once lived on the mountain and that was incredibly hostile towards humans. Despite this sinister reputation, extensive developments have been made to turn the area into a tourist attraction. The place is nevertheless suggestive of a monstrous elder race of giants, witches, or insect creatures (or else shapeshifters who can assume attributes of all of these).

Nanthala Gorge

Similar tales relate to Nanthala Gorge, which runs along U.S. Highway 19 through Swain and Macon Counties in North Carolina. The bottom of the Gorge is a very dark and forbidding place and is heavily lined by trees and foliage. It is also said to be the entrance to the home of Ulagu (the word in Cherokee means "boss" or "leader"), a giant Yellow Jacket or wasp.

Ulagu

In appearance, Ulagu is said to be as big as a house with a massive wing-span, which creates a roaring wind wherever it goes. Ugalu has a taste for human flesh, particularly that of young children, so the stories say, and will drop without warning on a settlement to carry the unsuspecting humans off to its lair. Most victims are quite simply paralysed with the speed of its descent and the ferociousness of its attack. The creature can travel and manoeuvre in the air quickly so that when Cherokee infants were carried off screaming, it was difficult for the hunters to keep up. They managed to trace it to its hideout by tempting it with a whole deer, to which a long string—the thickness of a rope—had been attached. In this way they could track Ugalu to its hideout in the gorge. The hunters made their way down into a great cavern that was filled with thin papery material. Many yellow wasp-like creatures, all slightly smaller than the Ugalu itself but vastly bigger than human beings, lived in these chambers. Fearful that they would be stung to death, the hunters fled the terrible place. For all we know, Ugalu and his insect followers may still be down there to this day, watching and waiting to strike against Mankind.

Clingman's Dome

Again, similar stories exist around Clingman's Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains. Named after Thomas Lanier Clingman, a Confederate general during the Civil War and later a United States senator, the highest point of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park overlooks Newfound Gap at the heart of the mountain chain. Somewhere on its slopes is a well-hidden entrance to another world, possibly underground. It is a place where the two worlds cross. The Cherokee call the spot Kuawa-Hi, which means "the Mulberry Place" and

at one time considered the entire mountain a place to avoid, lest they should accidentally stumble into it and be transported to another world, never to be seen again

Stull, Kansas

In the village of Stull, Kansas, a similar spot is said to exist, possibly on the edge of an ancient graveyard. This is supposed to be an entrance to Hell and has gained Stull some notoriety over the years. Evil forces are said to emanate from the place, reputedly from far underground. Indeed there is a popular urban myth that when the last Pope, John Paul II, visited the United States, he had his plane specially rerouted so that he would not overfly Stull and be exposed to such evil.

The idea that lost races—whether human or insectoid, perhaps more advanced in some ways than us, may be living underground in the dark and waiting to attack humanity—was an extremely powerful one that appeared in many cultures from rural Wales to rural America. Mankind shuddered at the thought of something monstrous and shadowy lurking just outside the limits of our vision and of our knowledge, on the periphery of existence. And who was to say that it was not true? Fragmentary evidence suggested (and, for some, continues to suggest) that there might be *some* element of truth behind it all. This terror was to form the very basis of Lovecraft's work and lend it an immediacy. The very idea of the Great Old Ones and of an Elder Race, waiting to strike against Humankind, must have filled the hearts of his readers with a fear that resonated throughout the modern psyche.

The Vanished Continent

There was yet another element to be considered—the legend of a vanished continent. The most famous of these was, of course, the doomed continent of Atlantis, which has given its name to the Atlantic Ocean. Legend states that the advanced civilization was overwhelmed by a volcanic eruption, causing the entire continent to sink beneath the waves and disappear. But did such a place in fact ever exist?

Atlantis

The notion of Atlantis is, in fact, a very old one. It appears around 355 B.C. when the Greek philosopher Plato mentioned it in a series of dialogues (philosophical treatises). Plato located a fabulous and highly civilized island continent in the Western Ocean somewhere beyond "the Pillars of Hercules" (which have been identified as the Straits of Gibraltar)—a long distance away from Ancient Greece. Atlantis, argued Plato, was similar to a Paradise on earth, with almost every luxury that Man could dream of or that civilization could bring. Unfortunately this wonderful lifestyle made the people there complacent and greedy and the gods decided to punish them. They created a massive earthquake that disturbed the sea so greatly that it overwhelmed the entire island, consigning Atlantis to the ocean depths. This occurred, Plato said, nine thousand years before his own lifetime. Since then, the myth of an advanced and vanished civilization in the West has persisted, but a central question has also arisen amongst commentators. Was Plato simply using the legend of Atlantis as an allegory—a warning commentary on the Greek civilization of his time—or was he referring to an actual destroyed culture about which he had heard?

The myth of a sunken continent has appealed to the popular imagination throughout the years and many attempts have been made and theories put forward to suggest that Atlantis might have existed. Similar to the Mound Builders, the idea of a prehistoric "super civilization" was, and still is, an immensely exciting one. Various locations have been given for its location—from the Arctic Circle, to the Eastern Coast of America, to New Zealand. Perhaps the most convincing argument for the lost continent came from Professor K.T. Frost of Queen's University, Belfast, who suggested that it might have been part of the Minoan civilization based around the island of Santorinas (north of Crete), the majority of which appears to have vanished almost overnight around 1500 B.C. Seismology seems to back up Frost's theory, detailing a massive volcanic upheaval in the area—on a scale of that of Krakatoa—around that time. Shortly afterwards the relatively advanced Minoan civilization collapsed. Could this have been the Atlantis disaster to which Plato referred?

Atlantean Civilization

Descriptions of the Atlantean civilization vary. There is a common thread throughout all the accounts that it was advanced for its time. Some descriptions portray it as a place of towering spires—futuristic even by our standards; others as a Classical Greek culture in the midst of a savage and primitive world. Still, other accounts show it as a more barbarous place, where its people, though technically advanced, still worshipped old and monstrous deities. Human sacrifice was said to have been carried out on a regular basis. Outraged by this unseemly behaviour, the god Zeus condemned the entire continent to volcanic destruction. Not only do the accounts fail to agree on the religious make-up of Atlantis but few can agree on its political make-up either. Some describe it as an "island city state," making it very small in size, whilst others call it a "confederation of kingdoms" (some of these accounts speak of "seven kings") stretching over an entire continent.

Hyperborea

The notion of Atlantis was further confused by some ancient Greek legends concerning another semi-mythical land—Hyperborea. Amongst the Greeks, there dwelt a number of "foreigners" who allegedly had come from somewhere in the Northwest. The Greeks referred to them as Hyperboreans (from the word *boreas,* meaning "the north wind") and claimed that they came from a country far beyond the Pillars of Hercules. Pliny makes reference to them as coming "from the North." It was said that the sun always shone in that country, which was a peninsula from a much larger frozen continent, and that Apollo often wintered amongst these people. It is thought that the Hyperboreans who dwelt amongst the Greeks were either slaves or captured mercenary warriors and that their "country" might have been a geographical mixture of Britain and the Scandinavian lands. The idea of Hyperborea was to appeal, not so much to H.P. Lovecraft (although he did make mention of it), but to one of his contemporaries, Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. The Hyperborian lands, home of a tall fair-haired people, bordered on Conan's own native land of Cimmeria, and the Hyborian Age in which many of his adventures are set, holds overtones of an ancient land. During World War II,

the Nazi party were deeply interested in Hyperboria as the possible home of the Aryan race from which Hitler claimed that all true Germans were descended. It was the home, the Nazis decided, of ancient occult mysteries and powers and therefore was located by German occultists as being somewhere near the North Pole, perhaps within a "Symmes Hole." Hitler believed that this ancient land had been inhabited by a race of fair-haired giants who were physically perfect in every way and this became the prototype for his ideal of the Master Race.

Lemuria

Of more interest to H. P. Lovecraft perhaps was another vanished land. This was Lemuria which, similar to Atlantis had sunk beneath either the Indian or the Pacific Ocean. Tales of a lost island kingdom had featured heavily in the legends of the Tamil peoples of southern India and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) but such a place was called Kumerinatu. It was the land of their origin from which they had fled when the oceans had overwhelmed it. The name "Lemuria" (deriving, it is said, from "lemur," although another rather dubious definition gives it as a Tamil word meaning "old red ground") was given to it by the anthropologist Philip Sclater in 1864. This was a time when the Darwinian Theory of Evolution suggested that land bridges to explained the dispersal of various animal types throughout the world. They drew on old legends of sunken landmasses to describe how certain creatures of similar strains were found hundreds of miles apart, and in doing so popularized these tales once more. For example, this was the time when the theory of the lost land of Lyonnaisse (which was reputedly an early medieval kingdom said to lie between the south of England and the French coast—now the English Channel) enjoyed a new surge of popularity. The idea of Lemuria allowed for the spread of various species in the East and fitted in well with evolutionary theory.

Theosophists

What would have been of interest to Lovecraft, however, was the fact that, in the 1880s, the vanished continent attracted the attention of an occult group known as the Theosophists, led by the eccentric Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.

The Society of Theosophists had been founded in New York in 1875, by Henry Steel Olcott, William Quan Judge, and H.P. Blavatsky. It was initially set up to investigate, study and explain mediumistic phenomena (Blavatsky herself claimed to enjoy certain psychic powers) but very soon it extended its remit to explore Eastern religions. Both Blavatsky and Olcott travelled extensively in India, and Blavatsky claimed to have visited Tibet (which was then practically inaccessible to foreigners) several times. She claimed to have made contact with the "Great Masters," ancient, mystic lamas who had powers well beyond that of normal humans and who were in constant contact with beings on another plane. She also claimed that she was their representative in the world (they never left their mountain fastness) and that they regularly communicated their will to her. In order to convey their wisdom to Mankind, the Masters instructed her to write a series of "truths" which she did in her first major work—*Isis Unveiled*. The Masters also revealed to her the location of the Garden of Eden which they said lay in a "great lost continent" stretching south from Asia to Tasmania and which served as the birthplace of all occult sciences.

The Book of Dzyan

From this continent had emerged a mystical work known as *The Book of Dzyan* that outlined the true history of the world. It revealed that Mankind was only the Fourth Race of creatures that had lived upon the earth, and that previous races had been imbued with many occult and psychic powers. This intelligence was communicated directly with H.P. Blavatsky, so no original version of that work can be seen, although many subsequent versions of it have been published.

Blavatsky's theories stirred up a great deal of interest, particularly as she followed *Isis Unveiled* with further Theosophical works such as *The Secret Doctrine* and founded a journal on Theosophical matters, which was widely circulated. Indeed her notions concerning vanished Lemuria intrigued other people who soon emerged with theories of their own. One of these was Frederick Spencer Oliver.

Frederick Spencer Oliver

In 1894, Frederick Spencer Oliver arrived at the startling conclusion that survivors of a psychically advanced race, fleeing the destruction of Lemuria,

had arrived on the West Coast of America. (This echoed earlier theories that remnants of the Atlantean civilization had also reached the American coast and that the rise of the Mayan and Aztec civilizations was due to their influence.) Oliver suggested that these survivors had made their home beneath Mount Shasta in California where they lived underground in subterranean cities and influenced events on the surface world, particularly in America, through their supernatural powers. From time to time, they made themselves known to ordinary humans with whom they communicated telepathically as did the Great Masters in Tibet with whom the people beneath Mount Shasta were in contact. More recently, followers of the theory have claimed that the survivors of Lemuria have also been in contact with extra-terrestrial beings which accounts for the seemingly increased UFO activity along the Western American coast.

Mu

There was one other "lost land" that appealed to many followers of the mystic and occult. This was the vanished continent of Mu, although many of the theories concerning this place seem to replicate those concerning Lemuria.

Mu was first identified as a "lost world" by the 19th century traveller Augustus Le Ploageon (1826–1908) and was said to be located somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. He had conducted some research amongst ancient Mayan ruins in the Yucatan Peninsula and advanced the theory, once again, that Mu might be the home of the Mayan race. However, the idea of the vanished continent did not grip the public attention until James Churchwarden (1852–1936) wrote a series of books on the subject, closely identifying it with the development of early America. Since then, other theories concerning Mu have emerged, most owing more to the imaginations of the theorists rather than solid fact. For instance, it was suggested that this might, in fact, be the home of the Chinese and Japanese races and survivors of the catastrophe that had swamped it brought that advanced scientific and occult practices from the drowned continent. Mu was therefore added to the catalogue of mythic "lost lands" and its people to the index of "super civilizations," whose knowledge is now mostly lost to the present world.

Dagon

There was also the question of the gods, whom such peoples worshipped, some of whom were said to be exceptionally ancient. Little is known about the worship in places such as Atlantis or Lemuria, but the deities there were said to have been "blasphemous," having existed "since the foundation of the world." At least some of these primal gods seem to have filtered down into later civilizations where they continued to be worshipped in various forms. One of these is thought to have been Dagon, although the original name of the deity is thought to have been something else. The name "Dagon" is, in fact, Semitic, coming from the root "dag" meaning "little fish." The name indicates a fish-shaped god that swam in the primordial chaos. Later it was represented as an ambiguous deity—half-man/half-fish. There was reputedly a temple to Dagon in the city of Azotus, mid-way between Gaza and Jaffa, that was eventually cleared of idols by Judas Maccabeus. Nevertheless, the cults of Dagon continued (some historians argue that the deity was later transformed into a fertility god) and that it was known to the Phoenicians during early Biblical times. Dagon was probably not the only deity that passed down across the years—others older and just as dark may have featured in the early mythologies of many ancient peoples, forging a connection with what were perhaps the earliest days of Humankind. The thought that ancient gods were also waiting, still worshipped by the survivors of lost continents, was an even more terrifying prospect for many people. Such gods are both monstrous and inhuman in physical shape—writhing masses of tentacles; towering misshapen beings with pseudopodic extremities hanging from their bulbous heads and with bulging and malevolent eyes, reflecting Blavatsky's assertion that all previous races on the earth before Mankind did not even *look* vaguely human.

Funan and Angkor Wat

As stories of lost cities and speculation regarding the civilizations that built them began to proliferate from around the mid-19th century onwards. For example, the discovery of the Khmer kingdom of Funan and the city of Angkor Wat deep in the Cambodian jungles by the explorer Henry Mahout in 1860, as well as tales of other lost cities hidden by the Amazonian rainforest (so interest

and excitement about ancient cultures began to develop). Far from being something on the fringes of science, the idea of these mysterious cultures was now moving to the centre of the human imagination.

The Great Old Ones

The heady mix of sunken continents, vanished kingdoms and civilizations, subterranean worlds, ancient gods, and slumbering powers inflamed the imaginations of dreamers and writers all across the world. Many of these themes surface in Lovecraft's work. The Great Old Ones, beings that once dominated the earth, lurk just beyond human consciousness waiting for a time when they can return such as "when the stars are right." Given his interest in astronomy, Lovecraft would have been aware of celestial movements and could have incorporated them into his fiction. One of the times when these ancient deities were at the height of their powers was when the star Algol was in the ascendancy. Lovecraft would also have known that the name Algol derives from the Arabic *al-ghul* and that it was widely known as "the demon star." These incredibly ancient beings were worshipped by degenerates living in remote rural areas or in squalid quarters of the larger towns, who could from time to time contact them or whom they could control (usually through dreams) to do their bidding. Knowledge of their ways was usually too much for the human mind to cope with and those who trafficked with them were usually rendered insane by the contact.

R'lyeh

In Lovecraft's tales, Atlantis or Lemuria becomes the sunken city of R'lyeh, submerged somewhere under the South Pacific. Here, amid the ruins of an incredibly old civilization, the great god Cthulhu lies slumbering, waiting to be awakened. This powerful deity contacts its devotees—amongst whom are those already mad or weak-minded—through the power of dreams and visions as they sleep. Cthulhu is also related to the ancient god Dagon, of Semitic antiquity, and controls the Deep Ones—strange half-man, half-fish creatures who inhabit the decaying town of Innsmouth on the New England coast. Other Great Old Ones lie further away in the deeps amongst the stars or in another

reality *between* the stars, making their presence known in oblique ways to those who seek them. Yet others dwell in the recesses under the earth, hidden away in deep woodlands or below crumbling churches, appearing only briefly from pits and gloomy cellars to terrify the narrator of the tale. Throughout many of the stories, these entities are served by degenerate inbred families, perhaps reflecting Lovecraft's personal concerns about his own family. Many of these are the descendants of ancient peoples who initially worshipped such beings in times long past and who are carrying on that tradition into the present day. The idea of mysterious races, working to destroy the reasonable, sane world is central to Lovecraft's fiction.

The Necronomicon and Other Magical Texts

Another major element in Lovecraft's work is the books that are from time to time consulted by characters throughout his stories and one in particular—*The Necronomicon*. These ancient tomes, which are sought by the followers of ancient gods and by scholars alike, contain terrible histories of the world as well as rituals and incantations for directly contacting these Elder beings. Foremost of these was *The Necronomicon*—the Book of Dead Names (although this can also be rendered as *The Laws of the Dead*), which was apparently a Latinised translation of an older work originating in the Middle East. The title of this volume first appeared as a reference in the short story *The Hound* (published in 1923) but later resurfaced as a major work in many of his other, much longer tales—for example, *The Dunwich Horror*. So central to the growing Cthulhu Mythos was this "abhorred and blasphemous tome" and so detailed were some of the quotations from it that many readers began to wonder if indeed such a book actually existed, and how Lovecraft somehow had access to it. Indeed, certain publishers have produced "facsimile" editions of a book purporting to be *The Necronomicon,* which have been eagerly bought by fans and followers of the Lovecraftian tradition. Copies of this text were supposedly held by various respected bodies across the world—always locked away in their "forbidden books" section—from the British Museum to the Vatican Library. But did such an "abhorred and terrible" book actually exist? And if not, what were the sources for the idea that it did?

Abdul Alhazerad

In its original form, the book is attributed to Abdul Alhazerad (born around 712 in the city of Tabez), a poet from Senna, Yemen and was allegedly penned during the time of the Ommiade Caliphs, around 730 A.D. Alhazarad supposedly journeyed into the Roba al-Khaliyeh or, Empty Quarter of the Southern Arabian Desert. There he found a nameless city (sometimes given as Irem of the Pillars) built by a vanished race and housing unimaginable horrors, which drove his mind over the edge of sanity. When he returned to civilization, he attempted to set down much of what he had seen and learned in a text that he entitled Al-Azif. The name comes from the sound made by nocturnal insects which, in Arab folklore, is also thought to be the conversations of (or the howling of)demons and spirits. An alternative title which has sometimes been accorded to it is the *Revelation of the Djinn* or *The Secrets of Demons*. After penning this terrible work, Alhazarad was allegedly torn to pieces in the marketplace of a bustling town in full view of everyone, by unseen and hostile demons. His text, however, survived and passed through various hands until it was translated into a Greek edition by Theodorus Philataes of Constantinople.

Olaus Wormius

The name *Necronomicon* was not given to the book until its translation into Latin by a figure whom Lovecraft identifies as a 13th century Dominican monk named Olaus Wormius, who also added a preface displaying a deep occult knowledge. Here, Lovecraft makes a slight error, because he is writing of an actual historical person who was most certainly not a monk nor did he live during the 13th century. Although certainly an antiquarian, Olaus Wormius wrote on medical matters during the 17th century when he spent his time as a student, attached to the Danish court. Actually, he is thought to have had absolutely no interest in the occult and so to name him as a translator of the darkly magical *Necronomicon* is something of a mistake. According to Lovecraft and several other writers following in his wake, the book was formally banned in 1232 by direct orders of Pope Gregory IX (1227–1241), founder of the Papal Inquisition and a fierce and implacable opponent of heresy. The idea that the

Pope would denounce a book compiled by a Dominican friar (or indeed that Wormius would *be* a Dominican) seems a little odd. The Dominicans were staunch protectors of religious orthodoxy and although Gregory favoured the Franciscans, he was also sympathetic to the Dominican Order, making them the chief Order of the Inquisition. Their nickname in this role was "Domini Canes"—the "Hounds of God." It therefore seems slightly strange that a Dominican should be so readily prepared to translate such a "blasphemous book"—but this is a minor issue.

Dr. John Dee

Using the Wormius translation, several other editions of the book are alleged to have appeared in Europe. One, said to have been circulating in the 15th century, was a German "black-letter text" whilst the other, supposedly dating from the 17th century, was probably Spanish. Some writers have also alleged that the celebrated Elizabethan magus, Dr. John Dee, possessed an English copy, which he kept well hidden. Most copies of the text, however, were said to have been destroyed—the last of them perishing in a fire in the studio of the crazed artist Richard Upton Pickman, in the story *Pickman's Model*. Lovecraft's friend, Frank Belknap Long, was said to possess a copy of it, from which he reprinted fragments (his copy was said to be incomplete) after Lovecraft's death. But was there even a book that might closely approximate the terrible volume lurking somewhere in the world? Or did the entire volume simply emerge from Lovecraft's fevered and brooding imagination?

From earliest times, ancient texts with magical overtones had been circulating in the scholarly world. A number of these had initially come from Egypt and, although supposedly Christian, had distinctly Pagan overtones. Most of them had to do with magic and the summoning of spirits for either healing or protection from harm. Some were charms designed for transcriptions to amulets. Other texts, originating in the Middle East, concerned themselves with astrology and astronomy. Some were the utterances and lore of the pre-Islamic kahins who often linked the destiny of individuals to the movements of celestial bodies.

Poeticon Astronomicon

It is thought that Lovecraft actually derived the name *Necronomicon* from the *Poeticon Astronomicon,* a poem concerning the stars written by the Roman writer, historian, and astronomer, Gaius Julius Hygiaus who lived in the first century B.C. This was a star atlas, detailing the constellations in their relation to mythology and showing the positions of certain individual stars. Its first known printing was in 1475 and was attributed to "Ferrera" about whom nothing is known. It was later reprinted in 1482 by Erhard Ratdolt in Venice, Italy. A mysterious and esoteric book, it may well have formed the basis for the idea of the *Necronomicon*. But there were others, too.

The Great Magical Papyrus of Paris

The Great Magical Papyrus of Paris, dating from the fourth century A.D. and housed in the Bibliotheque Nationale in France is one of the more terrifying manuscripts, which date from earliest times. It gives instructions for the drawing out and control of demons and is one of the earlier documents of exorcism. Certain paragraphs have been added to it in Coptic Egyptian in order to add a more Christian element—the Names by which the Divine can be addressed for instance—but the entire document has a Pagan feel to it. There are also references, contained therein to astrological and astronomical "houses" detailing a connection with the celestial spheres. It provided a codex of the names of demons and the utterances by which they should be called. It was widely regarded as a "dangerous text."

Yao Sabaoth

Intriguingly, the Papyrus gives a list of names, which can be used in the commanding of demons. Some of these names are echoed in other papyri from later periods—most notably a magical papyrus attributed to *Diokoros of Aphrodos* (also an exorcism and protective spell), held in the Cairo Museum. One of the Names, which occurs in many of the Coptic manuscripts, is that of that of "Yao Sabaoth" or "Yao Sabao" which is used as both a summoner and protector. It is unclear exactly who or what this entity was—it may be a secret Name for God (and there is every indication that it may have been amongst

the later Egyptian Copts) or it may have related to another being entirely. However, its seemingly close connection to Lovecraft's *Yog Sothoth*—the Opener of the Way (Who is the Gatekeeper *and* the Gate) cannot be ignored. Indeed, the names of some of Lovecraft's gods—especially Yog Sothoth and Nyarlathotep (servant of the blind, idiot god Azathoth)—have an Egyptian "feel" to them and are suggestive of some of the ancient entities which emerge within the early Egyptian Christian and Coptic literature.

The Book of Black Earth

Legends concerning extremely ancient and blasphemous books were not, however, solely confined to the Middle East. Some tomes were featured in the folklore of Western Europe as well. The most persistent of these legends came from Celtic lore and referred to a fragmentary volume known as *The Book of Black Earth* that seems to have surfaced in Scotland. Exactly what this text was is not altogether clear, but variants of it seem to have appeared at certain times throughout Scottish history. For example, a version of it was supposed to have been copied down from the lips of Highland chailleachs (witches), by the Wolf of Badenoch Alexander Stewart, (1343–1405) at some time during the 14th century. It was transcribed either at Lochindorb, the Wolf's castle in the Highlands, or in the great stone circle at Kingussie in Speyside (now demolished). Although dating from the 14th century, *The Book of Black Earth* was said to reflect a much older and extremely dark knowledge, which had been passed down orally since prehistoric times. It mentioned dark gods worshipped amongst the early Celts but whose names had been practically forgotten, even in the medieval period. Disputes arise, however, as to the format of the text or as to what happened to it after the death of the Wolf. Some authorities state that the volume was only a fragmentary manual (there are even assertions that at least part of it was written on portions of flayed human skin) and that the majority of it was destroyed during the "reign" of the Wolf's brother, the self-styled Robert IV of Scotland (who acted as Regent for the infant James I of Scotland who was in captivity in England at the time). Other sources claim that portions of it formed the basis of the most celebrated of all Scottish grimoires *The Red Book of Appin* that was reputedly held by the Stewarts of

Appin until the 1800s. Fragments of it also allegedly surfaced in Scotland during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, during the period of the persecutions of the Covenanters. They referred to it as "The Wicked Bible" and placed it in the possession of one of their chief persecutors—John Graham, Earl of Claverhouse and later Viscount Dundee. There are assertions that portions of it exist, somewhere in Scotland, even to this day.

Crom Cruach

Scotland was not the only part of the Celtic world to have such an allegedly vile tome. In Ireland, too, fragmentary texts reputedly existed, allegedly dating from shortly after the arrival of St. Patrick on the island. Most of these were said to deal with the worship of a specific god, supposedly embodied in some of the standing stones which dotted the landscape and which was being increasingly overthrown by the followers of the Saint. This was the Crom Cruach, the Bowed God of the Mounds. The Crom was a particularly bloodthirsty god, who regularly demanded human sacrifice and who was reputedly originally worshipped by the Sidhe (the People of the Mounds) and later by certain druidic factions amongst the Celts. Some accounts describe him as an exceptionally powerful wizard who met with Patrick shortly after the Saint landed in Ireland. Others describe widespread and gory sacrifice to the god during the reign of a legendary Irish pre-Christian king—Tigernmas—during whose reign the Druids flourished and stones were worshipped.

Magh Sleact

The central place of worship was believed to have been Magh Sleact (or Sleaght)—the "Plain of Adoration or Prostration," now Tullyhaw in County Cavan. Here a central stone, sheathed in gold, was surrounded by a circle of twelve lesser stones. This suggested a solar connection and, there is a legend that, The Crom originally came from the stars with twelve helpers, each one a bloody and ferocious god in its own right. When the Blessed Patrick arrived at the site, however, legends state that the Crom Cruach sank into the ground before him. In other versions, he smote the stone circle with his crozier, destroying most of the twelve surrounding stones. The central Cruach, however,

he was unable to destroy. As Christianity began to spread throughout the region, the stone was removed and supposedly disappeared. It was carried across Lough MacNean and stands today in a corner of a field outside the village of Belcoo in Southwest Fermanagh. The stone is actually just over six feet in height with a concave top and long incisions in its sides. Local tradition says that the Crom was a fertility god and into the top of it was placed the first-born of the year, where it was ritually decapitated and its blood allowed to run down the sides of the idol and into the earth to ensure plentiful crops for the following year. The barbarous Crom Cruach was widely known throughout Ireland and appears under a number of other names—the Bloody Crescent (symbolized by the horns of a crescent moon, again emphasising its solar connections), as *rig-iodol-hEireeann* (the king idol of Ireland), and as the Cenn Cruaic (the Bloody Head) in the *Tripartite Life of St. Patrick*. In this incarnation—of a bleeding head—it is supposed to have divulged ancient secrets that were written down and passed into a corpus of knowledge that formed the basis of a blasphemous tome.

Culdees

An ancient legend tells of how certain sections of the Culdees (an esoteric and aesthetic Celtic Order of monks formed in the 8th century by St. Mael Ruaine of Tallaght near Dublin. The name is an Anglicised corruption of the words *Ceili Dei*—the Friends of God) had in its possession, the Bleeding Head of the Crom that uttered strange and terrible accounts of the origins of the world and about pre-Christian Ireland that the monks dutifully wrote down. This lore they kept hidden from the eyes of mortal men. The legend was probably no more than malicious rumour, introduced by the English monks who supplanted the Irish Order after the 12th century but there are stories of ancient texts, dating from that time and attributed to the Culdees in both Irish and Scottish folklore. (Many of the Culdees eventually fled from Ireland to Scotland, where they founded a monastic settlement near Dunkeld.) The stories of their mystical literature survived long after the last of the Order had died out in Ireland, around the 16th century.

Druid Library

Although the early Celts wrote very little down, there were also Irish tales of infamous collections of works, which stretched back into early times. One of these was the rumoured Druid Library. In 1186, a famous Irish preacher and exorcist, St. Ambrose O'Coffey, came to the monastery of St. Columcille's Seat at Magilligan in North Derry to die. With him he brought a collection of extremely ancient manuscripts that was reputedly the greatest collection of works on witchcraft and evil worship anywhere in Western Europe. Some texts were allegedly written on tree bark, others on dried human skin. A number were copied by the monks onto parchment for storage in the monastery. After St. Ambrose's death, the library was kept at Magilligan to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. St. Columcille's Seat was destroyed in 1203 by Donnell McLaughlin—a chieftain of Donegal—and "certain foreigners" (probably half-Viking raiders) but there is no mention as to what became of the library.

St. Columcille's Chest

Tradition says that the library was split up and hidden before the attack. Indeed a connected legend says that part of it was secreted in a chest—known as St. Columcille's Chest—and hidden in a cave somewhere along the coast. What became of the remainder of the Library is unknown. In the late 18th century, the legend continues, workmen building the Mussenden Temple on the estate of Frederick Hervey, the Earl-Bishop of Downhill, discovered the chest and brought it to Hervey himself. He managed to open it and found part of the contents still intact. What he read there disturbed him so greatly that he left the area, and afterwards could not sleep in a house for more than two consecutive nights. He died in 1803, reportedly a broken man. The chest was removed to Derry (where Hervey was Bishop) and has disappeared from the annals of history. That is the story, although there have been mentions of fragments of the Druid Library surfacing elsewhere. The ground on which the monastery stood is now a field—no trace of the structure remains—but is still treated with suspicion by some locals.

Viking Magic

As well as these ancient Celtic texts, the folklore of the West was also dominated by stories of books of Viking magic. In Celtic thinking (and in the thinking of other ancient peoples) evil and darkness resided in the North and so it seemed logical that the Scandinavian countries should be home to some of the blackest magics. The ferociousness of Viking attacks on Celtic settlements, of course, did not help matters much and it was thought that the lands to the North were frozen, bleak places in which the Devil and grim old gods still dwelt. There were rumoured to be Black Schools existing amongst the Viking communities in places such as Iceland where sorcerers were schooled in enchantments and witchcrafts of the vilest kind. Curiously, many of these schools were reputedly attached to Christian establishments.

Jon Arnason

The Scandinavian folklorist Jon Arnason, who published a collection of folktales on ghosts and magic in Iceland in 1862, mentions a particularly nefarious Black School that existed somewhere in the country (although he gives no specific location for it) that circulated a number of ancient books and grimoires throughout Scandinavia. There are also many tales from Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland concerning Runebooks and Omenbooks which were said to contain witchcraft "of the darkest kind" in circulation throughout much of Western Europe and which hinted at gruesome deities that had been worshipped in the Northern lands since earliest times.

Could any of these books—Middle Eastern, Celtic, or Scandinavian—been a basis for the "abhorred" *Necronomicon?* It is impossible to know for certain but at least some of them *might* have served as the inspiration for that tome.

Apart from the *Necronomicon,* a number of other titles continue to surface within the confines of the Cthulhu Mythos. The *Book of Dzyan* transcribed by H.P. Blavatsky has already been mentioned but there were others—many of which were added to the Mythos by writers other than Lovecraft himself. A number of these may have had their origins in the literature produced around the medieval as well as in the early days of the Enlightenment as scholars were trying to replace these beliefs with myths of former days.

Malleus Malificarium

From the late 15th century onwards, the interest in witchcraft began to reach new heights. The reason for this was, arguably, the writing and circulation of one book which enjoyed the seal of Papal authority. This was the *Malleus Malificarium* (*The Hammer of the Witch*), which had been commissioned by Pope Innocent VIII (1484–1492). Similar to previous Pontiffs, Innocent was concerned about the continuance of "heresies" in remote rural areas—particularly in parts of Germany—which still contained elements of old Pagan worship. Although essentially a relatively weak Pope overall, Innocent was determined to deal with these heresies as soon as he took up Papal office. Almost immediately he convened a Council, which appointed two respected Dominican theologians to investigate the problem in the Hertz, Mainz, Trier, and Treves areas of Germany and Austria where it was considered that such heresies were at their height.

Jacobus Sprenger

The first of these investigators was Jacobus (James) Sprenger (1430–1494). Sprenger had been born in Basle and had joined the Dominican Order there, showing early promise as a scholar. In 1480, he was appointed as Professor of Theology at the University of Cologne and was later appointed Inquisitor Extraordinary for the Province of Mainz, Treves, and Cologne. His investigative partner was Heinrich Kramer (1430–1505) who had been born in Schletstadt in Alsace. In 1474, he was appointed as Chief Inquisitor in the Tyrol, where he earned himself something of a reputation as a "hardliner" against alleged witchcraft, but he also worked in Bohemia and Moravia. His appointment was to "give teeth" to the investigation because Sprenger had no real experience in legally persecuting Witches. And there is little doubt that Kramer had a deep interest in witchcraft, for in 1485, he drew up a damning treatise on the subject, which afterwards was incorporated into the *Malleus*. Kramer had also worked as an Inquisitor in Innsbruck but had been banished from the city by the local bishop who referred to him as "a bigoted old fool." Nevertheless, he was the person that Innocent wanted and so was appointed to investigation with Sprenger.

The book that the two Dominicans produced was to complement a Papal Bull entitled *Summis desiderantes*, which Innocent issued on 5th December 1484. In it, he attacked the heresies in Germany and instructed the German Inquisition to condemn and punish alleged instances of witchcraft with the utmost severity. The book that Sprenger and Kramer produced became a witch-hunters manual, detailing all sorts of horrors, which the Ungodly could commit. This book, with its Papal backing, was to set the tone for many other such volumes.

Demonoltria Libri Tres

There is little doubt that the French Catholic priest Nicholas Remy (1534–1600) was influenced by this terrible work. He published his own text *Demonoltria Libri Tres* (*Demonology Book III*) which for many years, became a textbook for those persecutingwitches and the main source for the study of the works of Satan on Earth. Nor was it only officers of the Catholic Church who produced these monstrous tomes on witchcraft and on the persecution of witches.

Jean Bodin

The Calvinist French witch-hunter Jean Bodin (1530–1596) also penned several treatises on the matter, advocating the use of torture, even in the cases of invalid persons and children. In order to justify such horrendous views, such people detailed the rituals and blasphemous incantations, used by alleged witches to fulfil their evil designs. Such horrors presented in manuscript form, terrified and sickened those who read them and some of these treatises were to perhaps establish the basis of some of the terrible volumes of the Cthulhu Mythos.

Compendium Maleficarum

It was a relatively unknown priest from Milan, however, who was to produce the most terrible book. In 1608, Francesco Maria Guazzo produced a catalogue of terrors, which he entitled the *Compendium Maleficarum* (*A Compendium of Witches*). This would give, in graphic and terrible detail, the powers and practices of Witches and depraved people who had sold their souls to the Devil. It shocked the early modern world with its explicitness. Guazzo's work has never really been equalled for the sheer terror it created in the minds of

European scholars and it firmly established what was to become known as the "witch craze" in the religious mind of the day.

This was a craze that was to last throughout the late 17th and early 18th centuries until the birth of what became known as the Age of Reason or the Enlightenment, when science came to the fore and the old superstitions began to fade away. Even then, the interest in the occult did not appear to die out. The thinkers of this time were anxious to explain away some of the superstitions that had gripped their ancestors or to place them within a new scientific context, so as to better understand them. This led to a plethora of books, combining what had formerly been considered to be witchcraft with science.

Alchemy

In a sense, magic always had its scientific and philosophical side. Alchemy—the art of transforming or creating matter from other elements—had always been considered as a magical operation. It would, however, form the basis of recognizable science. Philosophy, too, was connected into magical thought. From earliest times, the Gnostics had taught salvation through knowledge.

Gnosticism

The origins of Gnostic belief are unclear and are still a matter for research and debate. Nor was there any single universal doctrine in Gnosticism—the term was used to denote disparate groups of thinkers who shared a generally common philosophical outlook—but the basic tenets of the belief contended that human salvation lay not through faith and obedience of God's Laws (as the Christian Churches taught) but rather through an understanding of the underlying mysteries and secrets of the Universe itself. This drew the seeker closer to the Monad (the One), which lay at the centre of all things surrounded by lesser emanations known as Archons. Those who gained such knowledge became beings of considerably greater power than those who did not. Lovecraft's fiction mirrors some of the Gnostic beliefs.

Azothoth

In Lovecraft's books, at the centre of the Universe, the mad, blind god Azathoth seethes and bubbles whilst around him, lesser entities come and go.

Certain individuals attempt to make contact with some of the lesser brings and ultimately with the central deity itself, which usually sends them mad. The fits in with some Gnostic thinking that the Monad was essentially "unknowable" and that seeking out too much knowledge about it would ultimately destroy the seeker. The finite minds of mortals were not equipped to handle the infinite.

Gnostic writings influenced many seekers during what became known as the Age of Enlightenment. The pursuit of esoteric knowledge was now closely linked to the Divine and those engaged in such pursuits used this as a justification for their researches.

Raymond Lully

No man embodied such a quest more than the medieval figure of Raymond Lully (Ramon Lul) whose thinking enjoyed something of a renaissance during this period. Lully seemed to successfully combine the scientific search with that of the supernatural journey—combining the scientific with the mystical—and this appealed to many of the Enlightened thinkers.

Born in Palma, Majorca somewhere between 1232 and 1236, Lully (Lul or Llul) became heavily involved in the Christian Church as a missionary in the Middle East. However, he was also a man with a curious and philosophical mind and the writings and debates of the early Arabs fascinated him. He became interested in the writings of the early Christians, particularly Gnostic branches of them that were to be found in the Arab lands. He also became interested in alchemy and astronomy. In these times alchemy was considered a sin because, through experimentation (and the supposed creation and transformation of substances) it was deemed to tamper with the order of things that God Himself had established. Astronomy, too was considered as a sinful practice because it was thought to query and explain the order that God had created in the Firmament. In order to protect themselves from Church attention (this was the age of the Inquisition) many alchemists and astronomers wrote down their experiments and findings in code, usually in some mystical or quasi-religious format. Thus the alchemist's literature is littered with accounts of strange journeys, of bizarre landscapes and encounters, unnatural

births and of "alchemyical weddings," all seeking to conceal research and works that individual practitioners had carried out. Lully was no different. Some of his works—treatises, books—are couched in obscure terms . It was the fashion to try and "decode" some of these writings in order (it was thought) to discover and understand esoteric truths. Lully took his theories one step further. Greatly influenced by the astronomical and mathematical works of the Arabs (he had intently studied and learned Arabic), he was convinced that knowledge could be "created" using mathematical and scientific formulae. In order to prove this, he constructed a set of machines, that could "create" permutations of ideas which were fed into them and which were then supplemented by Lully's own thought and mathematical equations.

Ars Magna

The result was a massive work known as the *Ars Magna,* which was reputedly Lully's greatest work. It is a set of combinations of ideas linked by philosophical and mathematical equations—many of them in diagrammatic form. Some of these were said to represent stellar constellations and a few of them bear a resemblance to ancient symbols found amongst the Mound Builders of America. This led to a fevered speculation that perhaps Lully had discovered arcane secrets of the Universe which were known by some other more ancient peoples and, as late as the 1930s, he was still being hailed as a great alchemist and occultist, almost as a forerunner of Madame Blavatsky—even though it appears that he had always opposed the occult and saw himself more as an early scientist. When Lully died in Tunis in 1315, he was reputed to have left behind a series of treatises, which were filled with esoteric knowledge and claimed to describe the ultimate secrets of Creation. A number of these were believed to have turned up during the Age of Enlightenment but have been subsequently proved to be forgeries. Nevertheless, the idea of an ancient civilization that had some kind of advanced knowledge and which was connected to certain other cultures in the world gained widespread interest, mainly through his work. Books, interpreting his work and the work of other alchemists and philosophers—including the works of the English alchemist, occultist, and follower of Johannes Kepler, Robert Fludd (1574–1634)—proliferated

throughout the 18th and early 19th centuries. Such works were highly popular in respected circles—almost the *Da Vinci Codes* of their day.

The interest in ancient magic, however, hasn't gone away. Indeed, if anything, the emerging new scientific philosophies had increased investigation into it—particularly into ritual magic and the use of incantations. In the 17th, 18th and into part of the 19th centuries, grimoires (books of spells and ritual) began circulating widely in Western Europe. Many of these claimed great antiquity, stretching back to the early Middle East.

The Key of Solomon

The greatest of these books was allegedly, *The Key of Solomon*, which was later split into two books—*The Greater* and *Lesser Keys*. This was attributed to the celebrated Biblical king who was famed for his wisdom and also for his command of demons and reputedly dated from the 1st century A.D. From this single source, many other grimoires had their origin as students copied what were supposedly fragments of the original work. In 1350, Pope Innocent VI certainly ordered a volume known as *The Book of Solomon* to be destroyed but whether this was indeed the *Key*, as some students claim, is open to question. A text named the *Book of Solomon* was condemned by the Church around 1559 but copies of it were widely circulated amongst scholars in Europe at the time. A Greek version of this work dating from somewhere between 1100 and 1200 is said to be housed in the British Museum in London. Excerpts, directly copied form the *Key*, would form the basis of another grimoire in wide circulation during the 18th century—*The Secret of Secrets*.

The Sacred Book of Abra-melin the Mage

Another celebrated grimoire was *The Sacred Book of Abra-melin the Mage* which gained some credibility in the late 19th century when an allegedly 14th century copy of it was "discovered" in the Biblioteque de L'Arsenal by the occultist S.L. McGregor Mathers, a member of the famous Order of the Golden Dawn (which was to gain some notoriety by including Aleister Crowley in its ranks). According to McGregor Mathers, this was a translation of a work of "potent power" which had been written by an ancient Hebrew magician named

Abraham ben Simeon. This volume was widely circulated in Paris and London during the late 19th and early 20th centuries and still enjoys a certain status amongst many occultists.

Grimoire of Pope Honorious

A third major grimoire was perhaps incorrectly attributed to Pope Honorious III who occupied the Pontificate from 1216–1227. There is little to connect this old and frail Pontiff with the occult—most of his Papacy was concerned with the Fourth Lateran Council and proclaiming the Fifth Crusade. Nevertheless, the *Grimoire of Pope Honorious* was believed to be a potent and terrible book, directly transcribed either by the Pope himself or under his direction, from ancient Semitic texts, which formed part of the *Kabbalah* (a body of mystic Jewish literature that featured heavily in rabbinical magic). Its alleged Papal connections seemed to give it added status and so it circulated widely amongst scholars of the occult during the 18th century. It is still considered to be something of a magical text today.

Others were added to these main allegedly magical tomes. These additions were simply portions of the books which had been copied or which had been combined with portions from other works. Many of them contained incantations and recipes, couched in quasi-mystical language and augmented by geometric illustrations, which resembled ancient symbols found elsewhere in the world, which seemed to give them an added authenticity. Many had fanciful names—*Le Grand Grimoire, The Red Dragon, The Black Pullet, the Book of Secrets*, all claiming great antiquity which stretched back as far as ancient Egypt and beyond. Most of them were fraudulent, put together by lively and imaginative minds and their pedigree was extremely questionable.

Lovecraft and his correspondents would, in all probability, been well aware of the existence of such books and many others like them, both quasi-mystical and scientific. They fitted in well with the notion of esoteric knowledge left by former civilizations and avidly pursued by the Gnostics and those who came after them, as late as the 18th century. The creation of a corpus of ancient and blasphemous lore was in many ways, central to the Cthulhu Mythos with its emphasis on vanished gods and lost civilizations.

Lovecraft and others picked up on some of these books and several of them also created their own in order add to the Mythos and to give it credibility beyond the confines of horror literature. Each one was a "terrible and blasphemous" volume, full of arcane secrets, which could only be correctly interpreted by those with a certain knowledge. This held echoes of the scholars of the Enlightenment as they tried to break the hidden "codes" of the alchemists. Many of his correspondents would send their ideas for "new" books to Lovecraft in his Providence retreat, and from time to time, he would incorporate them into his own fiction.

Book of Eibon

The most sinister of these additions, according to Lovecraft himself, was the sinister *Book of Eibon,* although no details about such a monstrous volume are available. This seems to be some sort of "fragmentary" work although no real detail about it is given. The title of the book was actually dreamed up by one of Lovecraft's writer-correspondents, Clark Ashton Smith, although it was rumoured to have been based on an actual book. In the last years of his life, Lovecraft declared that there were two versions of this work—the Norman-French *Livre d'Eibon* (*The Diary of Alonzo Typer*) and a slightly later translation—the *Liber Ivonis* (*The Haunter of the Dark*). The translation from Latin into 13th century French was, according to Smith, completed by a monk named Gaspard du Nord. Smith was to make reference to the work himself in his tale *Ubbo Sathla* and was to refer to Eibon (who allegedly initially compiled the text) as a Hyperborean sorcerer in his story *The Door Into Saturn*.

Cultes des Ghoules

Another of the "abhorred books" was *Cultes des Ghoules* by the Comte d' Erlette. This volume arose out of a connection to Lovecraft's friend August Derleth, whose ancestors were French and were named Erlette. No specific details are given about this volume, but several alleged "pages" of it have been published as part of the materials for role-playing games in both Europe and the U.S. They seem to reveal a book, which is little more than a traditional French grimoire of possibly an 18th century printing.

De Vermis Mysteriis

A further addition to this catalogue of horrific books was Ludvig Prinn's *De Vermis Mysteriis* (*Mysteries of the Worm*), which is mentioned several times in Lovecraft's work. Prinn was reputedly an elderly occultist who was burned at the stake as a witch after compiling the volume. In fact, the title of the book—*Mysteries of the Worm*—and its author are creations of Lovecraft's correspondent Robert Bloch. Lovecraft, however, gave the book its Latin title and used it in his stories *The Shadow Out of Time*, *The Diary of Alonzo Typer*, and *The Haunter of the Dark*.

People of the Monolith

Another of Lovecraft's correspondents, the famous Robert E. Howard (creator of Conan the Barbarian amongst others), created the book of poetry *People of the Monolith* and its insane author, Justin Geoffrey. Geoffrey was a Baudelairean poet who had travelled across Europe and had seen many strange things, especially in the area surrounding the Balkans, the knowledge of which had driven him mad. He died confined in an asylum. Howard was to make reference to the book and to Geoffrey in his short Lovcraftian story *The Black Stone* and was to quote from one of his poems in best Lovecraft tradition:

> *They say foul beings of Old Times still lurk,*
> *In dark, forgotten corners of the world,*
> *And gates still gape to loose, on certain nights,*
> *Shapes pent in Hell.*

Lovecraft himself was to briefly mention Geoffrey in one of his own stories—*The Thing on the Doorstep*.

Unaussprechlichen Kulten

Howard, who corresponded regularly with Lovecraft, is also credited with the creation of yet another volume. This is the *Unaussprechlichen Kulten* of the alleged German occultist Fredrick von Junzt. Not much detail is given concerning von Junzt except that he had made a study of ancient and terrible cults, which had survived since earliest times. He had catalogued them into a volume, which

he called *Nameless Cults*. Shortly after its completion he was strangled and mauled by an unseen demon whilst in his locked chamber. The work is probably a creation of Howard's (although some scholars state that this volume more than any other might have its origins in reality) although Lovecraft balked at his original suggestion for its title—*Ungennte heidenthume*. It was August Derleth who came up with the title, although his command of High German leaves something to be desired (the name literally means Unpronounceable Cults. Lovecraft, however, liked the idea and gave it at least three editions—Dusseldorf (1839), Bridewell, and a heavily expurgated version published by the Golden Goblin Press in 1909.

The Pnakotic Manuscripts

Last but not least amongst the texts was one of Lovecraft's own creations—*The Pnakotic Manuscripts*. References to these texts were widely scattered throughout his stories—indeed they were second only to *The Necronomicon* in their number of mentions—although it is unclear as to exactly what they were. They are described as "fragmentary" but it is not clear as to whether they were scrolls, chapters of a single volume, or pieces of pottery. What is known is that they were pre-human and, according to Lovecraft, "inconceivably ancient." They had existed, he went on, since "before the advent of Man." He further describes them as being "mouldy" but gives no indication as to what form or material they might be.

The Seven Cryptical Books of Hsan

To this basic corpus of foul literature, Lovecraft's other correspondents and followers have added further blasphemous works. These were such terrible creations as *The Eltdown Shards,* the creation of Richard F. Searight, which have appeared in numerous Lovecraft pastiches as well as a couple of Lovecraft's own tales—*The Shadow out of Time* and *The Diary of Alonzo Typer*. There are also a one of Lovecraft's own creations—*The Seven Cryptical Books of Hsan* briefly mentioned in *The Dream Quest of Unknown Kadath*—together with the *R'lyh* text which has appeared in a number of Lovecraft-related fictions. Amongst this was mixed a good number of actual literature on Witchcraft and the supernatural. For example, Cotton Mather's *Magalia Christi Americana*

(Picture in the house, Pickman's Model, The Unnameable, The Case of Charles Dexter Ward), and *Wonders of the Invisible World, Pickman's Model;* Giovanni Batista della Porta's *De Furtivis Literarium Notis (The Dunwich Horror),* Robert Fludd's *Clavis Alchemae (Case of Charles Dexter Ward),* and Joseph Glanville's *Saducismus Trumphatus (The Festival)* amongst others. The inclusion of actual devil books leant extra weight to the text and caused the reader to wonder whether any of the other grimoires might indeed exist. Indeed, many still wonder if there is not a grain of truth in the supposed existence of some of these books and perhaps there is. The inclusion of such tomes, whether real or imagined, has added a certain scholarly gravitas, which has characterised much of Lovecraft's work.

American Degenerate Communities

A third strand of Lovecraft's frightening fiction was drawn from American history. Much of his horror derives from the "degenerate, inbred families" who dwell in the remote areas of the New England landscape. Even the old stately families had their "decayed" branches with whom they seldom spoke and had little contact. Some of these ideas may, as already noted, have arisen from his mother's family—the Phillipses, but there may have been more. It was not for nothing that he chose rural New England as the setting for the majority of his most horrific tales. Even in the 20th century an air of degeneracy and decay underlay some parts of East Coast society.

The American East Coast had largely been settled by the British and the Dutch, two countries that were not always exactly friendly towards each other. Therefore settlement had been extremely patchy. Today we think of bustling cities and busy freeways all along the coast—the New England of the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries was extremely different. It was largely a wilderness of forest and swamp into which people might venture never to be seen again. There were a number of thriving cities to be sure—New Amsterdam (now New York) and Boston—but in many cases, settlers lived away in squalid and (by present standards) primitive settlements in the rural wilds. The isolation and insularity of such settlements produced a reclusive and suspicious people and sometimes allowed strange practices and beliefs to flourish, relatively unchecked.

Salem Village

For instance, in the largely Puritan Bay Colony in Massachusetts centred on Salem Village, a witchcraft hysteria was able to take hold during 1692. In the narrow, "pressure-cooker" atmosphere of the Salem community (now a part of Danvers, Massachusetts) nineteen women were to be hanged on the bare Gallows Hill outside the village, whilst one elderly man was crushed to death between stones on the say-so of a number of frightened and hysterical girls. Although it has attracted a great deal of interest, Salem was not unique amongst the introspective and often claustrophobic communities along the New England coast. Indeed, many were more bizarre and stranger beliefs and ideals flourished there. Scattered all across the Eastern American seaboard and away from the main settlements, were communities of what we today might call "peripheral people"—those who were driven out of the main settlements for various reasons. For example, there were communities of Quakers, shunned by the Puritans who dwelt on the edges of the major towns or in the forest. But we also have accounts of some even stranger communities, well beyond what constituted "civilization." An example of these was the community of Dogtown.

Dogtown

On a grassy plateau overlooking Gloucester, Rockport, and Ipswich Bay in Massachusetts, a disparate and extremely motley collection of individuals had made their home in the mid-to-late 1600s. The settlement of Dogtown was reputedly found sometime in the 1660s by a number of widows of Gloucester seamen who had perished in the ocean. With no men to look after them, they had become a burden on the Gloucester society and were therefore cast out into the wild. Some of them were rather strange individuals and presumably this didn't help their case. They were to be joined by the widows of soldiers who were lost in the various campaigns along the coast and soon the settlement began to grow. It was named Dogtown because of the amount of feral dogs which wandered about the "streets" of the community unhindered. The place became a magnet for the strange and the peculiar—both women and men—who were not wanted or who did not fit into a recognizable society.

Many of them were either Irish or Scottish. Some of them were mentally unbalanced. They lived in sod huts or in falling wooden cabins along the side of a single track, which formed the community's main "street," or around an open patch of grass that served as Dogtown's main common. Contemporary accounts speak of old beldames sitting on this green, cackling or talking to themselves in a most alarming manner. The smell of the place, according to commentators, was nauseating. This strange settlement would continue for almost two hundred years and was only finally cleared out during the 1830s when the last residents had left. What evidence of the place that had been left was swiftly demolished.

Local people from the Gloucester, Newbury, and Ipswich areas, had already branded Dogtown as a "witch village" and categorically stated that the Black Arts were worked there under public gaze. It may be that some of these old women earned a meagre living telling fortunes for the sailor-folk of the area, or that they may have issued curses against their neighbours, and this was essentially equated within the wider community as a practicing of the dark sciences. The majority of the village's inhabitants were described as "crones" (evil-looking women)—some very old, some deformed, some generally hideous in aspect—and were strenuously avoided even when they ventured beyond Dogtown's limits. In her book *Romances of a Nonagarian* (*1897*), Newbury's Sarah Anna Emory conveys at least some suggestion of the eeriness with which the place was viewed:

"Dogtown was two miles distant from Crane-neck," she wrote. "After passing Dale's Pond, the road ran through thick woods. This, on some dark and stormy nights, was rather bug-a-booish." Dogtown, she goes on, was a place that most people tried to avoid, even during daylight hours, for fear of the raddled hags that dwelt there. In his *History of Dogtown* (1896), Charles Mann mentions several of them: Judy Rhines (Ryan), a fortune-teller who allegedly met with the Devil in the surrounding woods (she had a queerly deformed mouth—"teeth like a dog"—and went about mumbling to herself); Cornelius Finson or "Black Neil" (who had long teeth protruding from his upper lip); Tammy Younger (with a long beard similar to a man that stretched almost to her waist and a very "choice vocabulary"), and Juliet Hawe or

Hawthorne who walked about as if in a daze, cackling and shrieking with laughter (whilst in this state she claimed to see visions of the future). There is also reference to an "Old Mother Pike," a massive, aggressive elderly woman, "filthy in both body and speech," who brewed potions for ailments and to induce love of a discharged soldier, Nathaniel Bourke—"Hellish Natty"—who had part o his face blown away, leaving a side of it little more than a skein of scorched and twisted flesh. He made hooch for a living and seems to have been continually drunk. Dogtown, Mann continues, was "a resort of buccaneers and low men" that only added to its queer and supernatural reputation. There were also stories of connections between some of the settlement's inhabitants and "strange societies" (usually connected to the Freemasons in some way), that had grown up in neighbouring communities such as Wellfleet (originally called Billingsgate) and Ipswich. The village may well have been America's first "witch colony" and its inhabitants were both feared and shunned because of their strange and frequently grotesque appearances and unacceptable ways. They were often linked to the demonic and primeval powers that dwelt deep in the forests and swamps.

Little Piney Fork Country

Similar settlements to Dogtown existed in other parts of America as well. In remote mountainous areas in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia, isolated communities with equal reputations and equally strange inhabitants might also be found. Some of these areas were very remote and isolated such as what was to become known as the Little Piney Fork Country in Kentucky. This was an area around Rutherford Mountain, near the Tennessee border—a region lying between the valleys of the Bear and Little Piney Fork rivers and which was, until as late as the 1940s, virtually inaccessible. This region formed part of Brake and Trundle Counties but few officials ever made their way up to the remote county seats. One traveller, passing through in the 1930s, described the region as being "nothing short of a wilderness." And yet, this "wilderness" was home to many families who had lived there, pretty much in isolation, since Revolutionary days—the Talbots, Nesbitts, Baylanches, Parrigans, and Panningeses amongst many others. Many such fami-

lies claimed a direct and unbroken descent from Revolutionary veterans who had settled deep in this relatively inhospitable region. There is no record of many of these people because few census takers ventured into the Piney Fork Country in order to count its inhabitants and few births or deaths were registered at the county seat. In fact for the year 1910, no real census records exist for the families living between Squaw Creek and the Mount Gilead area and there are no accounts of the formal establishment of a school at Coonsfork although one certainly existed "at the end of a dirt road that was too narrow for any vehicle except a horse" in the 1930s.

Waterfall

The main settlement in the area seems to have been Waterfall, a small town, but there were allegedly other villages hidden away in hollows and valleys, which considered themselves to be "self sufficient" and had little dealings with the outside world. These were communities that had "their own ways," where shootings and murders were common but which dispensed their own form of "folk justice." For example, the brutal murder of Jarvis Trunk and his sister Mary Ellen at their remote cabin at Bat Cliff Mountain in Brake County in 1886 was "solved" by the "folk hanging" of Bronston Nesbitt—who was quite probably guilty—without formal recourse to the authorities. This was also a place of intense superstition and supernatural fears. As late as the 1940s, few people would pass near an old hog wallow known as the Devil's Hollow for fear of encountering a "headless" man-bat who lived there. Others avoided certain dirt roads and trails for fear of "boogers and haints" and an area of Rutherford Mountain was widely known as the "Booger Hole" because of *something* that dwelt deep in a cave. This was said to be a fearsome creature that grabbed passers-by on the lonely mountain tracks and was said to have existed there since earliest times. The more cynical stated that it was no more than an old story, designed to keep folks away from illegal moonshining operations up on the mountain. There were however, also tales of "Indian stones"—great rocks that might have been moved by glaciers or volcanic upheavals but which had a certain mystery and awe about them. These, it was said, had been raised by spirits back in the Indian times and that certain tribes

had worshipped there, revering old gods, which had once lived in the forest and mountaintops. Such stones were also places to be avoided.

Nor was the Piney Fork region of Kentucky unique. Other remote and self sufficient communities existed all through various mountain areas. In the Smokies for example, there were many tales of communities which shied away from general contact and which maintained their own laws and ways. This was the country of the granny women—mountain midwifes and healers who served as local doctors but whose powers actually bordered on witchcraft according to the mountain folks. There were a few famous instances of supposed witchcraft amongst them.

Granny Bacon

In 1923, an elderly woman whose name was given as Granny Bacon (a local woman from Black Mountain) was reputedly brought to court in Asheville, North Carolina for poisoning a youngster with "deadly yarbs" (herbs) in an attempt to cure a fever. The judge actually ordered the jury to acquit her, as he was unsure as to whether it would reach an unbiased decision concerning a granny woman on whom so many people depended. This was also a region that tried for many years to resist the Mann Act in 1910 (a piece of legislation—the White Slave Traffic Act, but more commonly known as the Mann Act after James Robert Mann—to standardize a legal age of consent independently of the various Sates because in many mountain communities young girls were often married before they were 14 years of age). Whilst we may stand aghast at this today, such things were considered to be "mountain ways" and not to be interfered with by legislators. This opposition led to rumours and legends (most of them completely unfounded) regarding the mountain people and their societies—the most common one being that such places fostered and encourage inbreeding as the limited numbers of families, locked away in their mountain fastness, bred amongst each other. There were tales too of mental retardation and physically hideous monsters, which resulted in such unions. Whilst most of this might have been untrue, the stories were extremely widespread and in many cases, were accepted as absolute fact.

Yarb Doctors and Conjure Men

In the early 20th century, such areas remained steadfastly superstitious. These were areas where the granny women, the "yarb doctors," and "conjure men" still held sway. In the Dutch and British settlements in places such as Pennsylvania, such people were known by the German term *hexmeister*. Such practices were a hodgepodge of Indian spells, Biblical or "Hebrew" incantations, and beliefs that had been brought from Europe. Many of these were collected into a single volume by an itinerant preacher who travelled through various mountain regions, speaking with hermits, hexmeisters, and the inhabitants of isolated communities and writing down their charms and spells. His name was John George Hohman and he was active in many mountain areas between the years 1802 and 1857.

Der Lange Verborgne Freund

In 1820 he published the book under the title *Der Lange Verborgne Freund* (*The Long Hidden Friend)* which became translated into *The Long Lost Friend.*) This became one of the main Bibles of "powwowing" and was extremely popular in many parts of New England during the 1920s when Lovecraft was writing. The book was a collection of charms and incantations, which were said to cure and protect against all kinds of ailments and fevers that afflicted the mountain folks. Although *The Long Lost Friend* is considered to be one of the most important of mountain magic books, there were others. Two others of equal importance were the *Sixth* and *Seventh Books of Moses*, which allegedly traced their origins back into Biblical times.

Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses

The Sixth Book was a conglomeration of incantations and spells, calling upon angels and ancient Hebrew powers, whilst the Seventh was a series of drawings and signs, all of them set in both Hebrew and "Egyptian" styles. These were to be used in the preparation of amulets or "himmel briefs" (heaven letters) which would protect against sicknesses and evil spirits. Some argued that the geometric drawings contained in the Seventh Book resembled some of the structures left by the Mound Builders.

The Wondrous Tablets of Zion

Of lesser interest was a work entitled *The Wondrous Tablets of Zion* that was said to be a fusing of "Egyptian" knowledge with European spells and charms. Like the other books used by the mountain magicians, it was a "secret" book, the contents of which were not for unbelievers and much of it was couched in quasi-Biblical phraseology. And like the others, it dealt with both black and white magics—it contained incantations and rituals for healing as well as for cursing. Other tomes circulated widely—*The Book of Enoch*, *The Book of the Magus*, and *The Testament of Esau*—which, similar to the grimoires of early modern England were usually copies of permutations of other works. The contents of most of them bordered on what we might view today as witchcraft.

The circulation of such dark and eerie materials both deepened and added to the superstitions and beliefs of the remote communities and perhaps made them even more introspective in their ways. However, as urbanization began to erode and change, many of the established mountain communities, although even today certain aspects of the old mountain ways, still flourish in some of the remoter mountain areas.

It is not hard to make a connection between places like Dogtown, areas of the region around Rutherford Mountain and the Great Smokies, and also the remote and reclusive communities, which characterize Lovecraft's fiction. With regard to Dogtown especially, it is easy to conjure up visions of the decaying settlements of Dunwich or Innsmouth. The notion of ancient families, stretching back to Settlement and Revolutionary times, together with the tales of inbreeding amongst the mountain clans, also provided fodder for his dark imagination.

In parts of rural Rhode Island, too, many communities were scattered, particularly around the south of the state. The isolation of such communities had allowed some queer beliefs to proliferate there, too. The area was mainly for apple growing and the communities were largely rural and centred around apple orchards. As well as that, Rhode Island had seen some military action, particularly during the War of 1812, and tiny country cemeteries lay tucked away at the end of some narrow road where the Revolutionary dead lay. Grand

old houses, which had been abandoned during wartime, lay tucked away in secluded hollows, full of ghosts and emptiness. Here too, queer stone monoliths, left over from Indian days, bore witness to a prehistoric past, which in the sometimes insular climate of Rhode Island seemed incredibly imminent. It was the perfect place for the growth of strange beliefs and ancient fears. Indeed, between the late 18th and late 19th centuries, the South end of the State had suffered a minor vampire hysteria. There were also tales of phantoms along the lonely roads that stretched between the villages, of headless Revolutionary horsemen, and of things from the forest that lurked close to the overgrown graveyards tucked away in remote hollows. Here, too were stories of spots, which were to be avoided, and that held threats of dire consequences for the unwary. All of these fused together into a rich tapestry that underscored Lovecraft's tales.

The idea of an ancient civilization perhaps based in Rhode Island was given something of a boost when in the late 18th century, a skeleton dressed in armour of a peculiar construction and design was unearthed at Fall River. The dead body had been placed in a sitting position—in the style of the Hopewell and some instances of the Mississippi cultures—and was surrounded by curiously-shaped stones. At first, it was suggested that this might be the grave of some early explorer—possibly Vikings or Normans—but many also asserted that this was evidence of a developed but forgotten civilization that had flourished in Rhode Island in prehistoric times. Later, it was said that the stones (which were subsequently lost) had been inscribed with queer characters, which might have been a forgotten language. Such discoveries might well have excited Lovecaft's imagination and influenced his work.

Edward "John" Dimond

Lovecraft might also have been aware some "characters" who had lived in New England many years before. Two in particular might have greatly interested him. The first was Edward "John" Dimond, the famed "Magician of Marblehead," Massachusetts. A tall, thin, moody man, Dimond, who lived during the 18th century in a large, old Colonial-style house at Little Harbour,

Marblehead, could have stepped out of a Lovecraft story. Little about his personal history is known although he is thought to have been born around the time of the Salem Witch Trials in 1692. As a young man, he would enter curious trances during which he would neither eat nor sleep but from which he emerged strangely refreshed and with a foreknowledge of future events. His parents were worried about him and were indeed slightly scared of him and his odd powers. When his father died, Dimond inherited a small amount of money (his father was not a wealthy man) which he used to buy some land which curiously lay on the edge of the town's Old Burying Hill.

Old Burying Hill

This was particularly undesirable property as it had a certain sinister aspect to it and Dimond was suspected of having specifically occult reasons for the purchase—just twenty-eight years after the Salem Witch Trials, people were still superstitious enough to believe this. It was imagined that Dimond was a wizard and that he was practicing Black Magic in the tangled thicket beside the old cemetery. Certain people claimed to have heard him speaking with the Devil along the lonely tracks that ran down the side of the old Burying Hill. However, despite such a fearsome reputation, Dimond's eccentric ways were tolerated by the Marblehead community. New Englanders are nothing if not circumspect and the wizard's alleged "gifts" were proving useful to many of the locals. For example, when things went missing or were stolen, he could—when in a trance—usually identify where they had gone or offer some clues as to who the thief might be. However, he had his darker side as well and this was often experienced by those who crossed him. He would make his way to the centre of the cemetery where his presence would alert his neighbours to the approach of a squall or a storm. There he would call upon the elements to take revenge upon his enemies. Many ships were said to have been lost at sea simply because their captains had fallen out with Dimond. The Magician could also aid mariners as well. Sometimes as he stood there amongst the tombstones, neighbours would hear him call out to the captains of certain vessels as if giving them directions in a storm. "Captain Jasper McClelland of the *Elizabeth Anne,* do you hear me?" he would roar to the leaden skies above

the old cemetery. "Keep four degrees to starboard, run true until you reach the Halfway Rock." He would then look around him. "Captain Benjamin Rowe of the *Hetty,* hear my words. Move six degrees to port or you will founder on a shoal!" Then his mood would change and a shadow would creep across his face. "Captain William Orne of the *Plymouth Lass,* hear what I have to say! I curse you from this appointed spot, both you and your brother Jacob, master of the *Charlotte Rose*. May neither of you ever see port again! May both of you perish with your ships in the storm that is coming! This is my earnest wish and my most fervent prayer." None of those boats whom he had cursed, nor their captains, ever returned to port.

Captain Micah Taylor

A famous row broke out between Dimond and a certain Captain Micah Taylor, master of the *Kestrel,* during which the seaman called upon the wizard to "do his worst as he had no fear of him." On a clear, calm morning, the *Kestrel* sailed out of Marblehead harbour. There was not even the slightest hint of bad weather but, all the same, Dimond climbed up to the top of the Old Burial Hill and began his chant amongst the gravestones. Slowly the sky started to blacken and dark clouds began to gather from the west. A gale suddenly blew out of nowhere and lashed the New England coast. The *Kestrel* never returned to Marblehead harbour—she was lost at sea with all hands including Micah Taylor. This incident made other captains extremely wary of crossing the gaunt, thin man. Besides seeing what was happening at sea, the Marblehead wizard also seemed able to view, from his cemetery vantage point, what was happening on the land. For instance, whilst sitting on top of his Burying Hill, he was apparently able to witness a fire in Concord many miles away, through his alleged powers of telepathy. He was also said to talk directly to the dead as they lay in their coffins beneath the gravestones.

No one actually knows when John Dimond died and no date is given for his demise. He had left a legend behind him but that legend was to be augmented by his granddaughter, Molly.

Molly Pitcher

Molly Pitcher was born at 42 Orne Street, Marblehead in 1738 in a timber-frame house that stood directly opposite an old overgrown path that led up to the summit of the Old Burying Hill. Shortly after her birth, her parents suspected that she had inherited certain "abilities" from her peculiar grandfather. As soon as she could talk, she could repeat almost verbatim, complicated conversations that she had overheard. When she went to school she could, upon returning home, repeat literally word for word conversations which her mother had been having with neighbours even though Molly had not been present. It was believed that she could read the thoughts of her family and of friends who came to visit—thoughts she would often repeat out loud much to the embarrassment of her parents. She is also credited with predicting the War of Independence and the American victory over the British. This made her deeply unpopular in Marblehead where the local traders supported British interests.

Molly grew up to be an extremely plain girl. Her head was large and much too big for her slender body and she had a hooked nose, thin lips, hooded eyes and a neck, which seemed to be permanently crooked or "wry." She had few suitors, many of whom were put off by her unprepossessing looks and her sinister reputation as a clairvoyant and mind reader. At the age of 22, however, she married Robert Pitcher, a tradesman in Marblehead, and, shortly afterwards, the couple moved to nearby Lynn around 1760. By the 1770s, her fame as a clairvoyant had spread throughout New England and people travelled long distances, from far beyond the borders of Massachusetts in order to consult her. Just how accurate her prophesies were is uncertain—some may have been no more than clever and educated guesses—but it is possible that she may have had at least some precognitive powers. Similar to her grandfather, Molly Pitcher could often tell which ships would or would not return to port, she could predict sudden and violent storms, and, in those days, when pirates prowled the New England coast, such knowledge was vital to the success of any enterprise. Moreover, similar to her grandfather again, Molly Pitcher was known to issue curses against those whom she did not like or who had crossed

her in some way and many a mariner was said to have paid with his life in violent storms directly attributed by local people to his exchanging hot words with her.

Molly died in 1813, at the age of 75, and by this time her reputation as a "wise woman" or "witch" was well established all over the east coast of America. Her fame prompted the poet John Greenleaf Whittier to write a long poem dedicated to her amazing powers of prediction in 1832.

The idea of the thin, aesthetic "magician" making his way up to the ancient burying-ground to call down elemental powers or his misshapen and ill-proportioned granddaughter making predictions from her small house in Lynn must have appealed to Lovecraft's imagination. Both John Dimond and Molly Pitcher might well be characters from his tales and may indeed have formed the inspiration for some of the strange people who inhabit his fiction.

His imagination may also have been fired by the strange anomalies to be found in New England religious thinking. For many of the early settlers, primal America was an extremely frightening place. It was a land of deep, dark woods in which all manner of evils were waiting for God's people. There were creatures such as the colonists had never seen before and dark hellishly painted devils (as they took the Indians to be) who hid behind every bush, attempting to drag the righteous from the path that the Lord had set out for them. The only thing that these early settlers had to defend themselves with was their faith. And that faith could often take extreme forms, as the perceived evil grew stronger.

New Light Stir

One of the major religious occurrences in early New England life was the New Light Stir. The particularly unsettled time around the American Revolution saw a particularly strong evangelical revival that swept through the New England hill country and along the coast as far as maritime Canada between the years 1774 and 1783. This was described in many ways—a purification of the Faithful in a time of warfare and trouble or to elicit God's aid in the battle against the English. Radical Evangelism grew rapidly amongst the New England communities taking many forms—Shakers, Universalists, and

Freewill Baptists as well as the followers of many individual hill preachers who founded their own churches and sects. Many of the colonists believed that the war signalled the end of the world—that it was in fact, the Armageddon of which the Bible had spoken—and formed themselves into "belief groups" to await the Second Coming which must surely follow. This belief was strengthened by the famous Dark Day on 19th May 1780 when the entire New England coastline was plunged into darkness. The entire Hudson Valley was plunged into absolute blackness and the phenomenon extended as far east as Casco Bay. With the darkness came an eerie silence. No one could see even to read, except by candlelight and even the birds flew home to nest in trees, thinking it was night. All New England was affected and lay under a cloud of absolute gloom. The darkness was probably due to a solar eclipse, but occurring as it did roughly about halfway through the Stir, its effect on the hill country was electric. Even in sophisticated Newhaven, people were concerned and panicked that this indeed might mark the end of all things. For the Revivalists of the New Light Stir, however, this was the fulfilment of prophecy and a sure sign that the Lord was coming. Both their tone and worship took on more radical overtones and the hill preachers became much more fervent in their exhortations. Sects began to flourish as never before.

The Universal Friends

One of the more radical of them was the Universal Friends—the followers of the prophetess Jemima Wilkinson, who flourished in Rhode Island between 1776 and 1789. Wilkinson who had been born into a Quaker family in Cumberland, Rhode Island (she was the eighth child), was considered to be "touched by the spirit" which enabled her to see visions and make prophesies. By 1776, she had rejected the plain style of worship pursued by the Quakers and had joined a more "charismatic" Puritan congregation at nearby Abbott Run. In the year of the Revolution, Jemima's elder sister, Patience, bore an illegitimate child and was expelled from the Quaker congregation as were her two brothers who had volunteered for military service in the American army. They joined her and shortly after began to experience ecstatic visions themselves.

Later they would be joined by other members of the family including her father. In the latter half of that same year, Jemima contracted an "illness" during which her visions increased. She claimed to have been visited by two archangels who revealed "wonderful secrets" to her and also announced that the End of the World was fast approaching. She also claimed to have seen her own soul ascending into Heaven. This made her a "seeress" and a "prophet of the Last Days" and gained her a good number of converts. New branches of her sect appeared in South Kensington and New Millford in the early-to-mid 1780s. The prophetess herself urged celibacy and drew up rules for day-to-day living such as the preparation of food, dress, personal hygiene, and demarcation between the sexes in indoor and outdoor labour. Her influence grew steadily, bringing with it a tradition of seeing visions and of hearing voices, extending even beyond the borders of Massachusetts. Her sect drew the "spiritually lost" (a title in which she revelled), people who didn't really fit into any other religion but who gloried in visions and "miracles." Some even claimed to have "esoteric knowledge" granted to them by angels. By the time Jemima Wilkinson died in 1819, her visionary church was well established with congregations operating as far away as Philadelphia. There was even a small settlement of them in the Seneca Lake region of New York State. However, the Universal Friends did not long survive the prophetess's death and split in acrimony and division to be absorbed by other religions. Even the Seneca Lake settlement collapsed and was gone within a decade. The church that she had founded and which had briefly flourished in New England had nevertheless left behind a tradition of mysticism and supernatural experiences that tinged the fundamentals of religion in Rhode Island and many other New England colonies, and it is this aspect of which Lovecraft may well have been aware.

Samuel Sewell

Following in the tradition of Jemima Wilkinson were the followers of Samuel Sewell, a cobbler from Concord, who shared his name with one of the judges in the Salem Witch Trials over fifty years earlier. "The Sewellites," who flourished briefly in the 1780s, also saw visions and claimed to hear voices and sounds in the remote forest areas, which they interpreted as being the work of

either angels of the Devil. They made reference to earlier civilizations that had brought down "great evil" upon America that the righteous must cleanse. Again after Sewell's death at the end of the 1700s, the sect seems to have folded and nothing further is heard of it. Even so, it had established a tradition of ancient and malignant powers living in the deep woodlands, an idea which was to give Lovecraft one of his most persistent themes.

The Brethren of the New Light

Possibly the most bizarre of all the New England sects around this time was that headed by a pipe fitter from Charlestown—the Brethren of the New Light. In the days before the Stir, the Brethren had been influenced by the message of an itinerant Freewill Baptist preacher, Isaiah Parker, who would afterward become their minister. In the meantime the pipe fitter, Shadrach Ireland, answered their call and in 1755 organized a congregation in Charlestown, Massachusetts. However, his increasingly eccentric message began to alienate many of his followers who deserted to become Baptists under Parker. In response, Ireland's message and behaviour became more and more bizarre. Around 1770, he abandoned his wife and announced a doctrine of "spiritual wifery" ("as the people of old") by which he could choose "wives" from amongst his female disciples. He made his followers build him a large brick dwelling called The Square House where he lived with several of his "spiritual wives" and a retinue of female disciples. He proclaimed himself to be immortal through a secret knowledge that he had obtained directly from God and assured his followers that they, too could live forever if they scrupulously obeyed his edicts. He declared all his followers "perfect" and stated that those who appeared to die were not dead at all but resting and awaiting the Call on the Last Day when they would wake up, walk out of their tombs, and meet the Lord. To this end, bodies were not to be buried in graves or cemeteries but were to be placed in specially sealed, stone-lined tombs, constructed under the New England hills, where they would lie awaiting the Final Trumpet. Such places (and it is said that some of these chambers were indeed constructed) must have been almost like "dormitories of the dead" where rows of cadavers lay together.

As Ireland's ministry grew more and more peculiar, many of his followers abandoned their own families and went to live with him in the Square House. Here they experienced ecstatic visions and heard the voices of angels and felt the touch of miraculous powers. In 1773, Ireland proclaimed himself blessed and immortal and shifted his church to a more apocalyptic vision, announcing that he was Christ's herald and that the End of All Things was fast approaching.

Ireland's congregation was to last roughly five more years. In 1777, exhausted by his prophetic visions, he began to "sicken" and took to his bed, stating that his earthly ministry was finished but that God had a far more glorious one waiting for him. He urged his disciples not to bury him, for the time was short. God was coming to take the Church. After his death in September 1778, his followers placed his body in a lime filled box where it reposed for six weeks before burial. His followers continued to occupy The Square House until around 1781 when the sect fell apart amid rancour and division. Many members were later absorbed into Mother Ann Lee's Shakers. The concept of uncoffined bodies, however, representing immortals, lying somewhere under the New England hills was the stuff of nightmares and must have added a rather sinister note to the region.

The idea of vanished civilizations that had worshipped monstrous gods; of dark and forbidden books containing ancient mysteries; of reclusive communities who held strange beliefs and might follow even stranger ways and of odd religious sects who carried out questionable practices all drew together in much of Lovecraft's fiction and in the stories of many of his adherents. Whilst charting the themes, which shaped his imagination, it is of course, easy to dismiss them all as mere superstition and as being without any real foundation. And yet the question remains—what if there was at least *some* grain of truth within them? What if Lovecraft *had* glimpsed some dark secret during his studies and what if there *is* something monstrous, lying just beyond the limits of the human mind—whose awful Presence is dimly suggested by various clues scattered across both history and folklore? The prospect is an unsettling one.

Perhaps the idea of Lovecraft and those similar to him is suggested by one of his earlier creations in his story *The Music of Erich Zann* (written in December

1921). In it the ancient, dumb musician sits alone in his garret room in the Rue d'Ausell, playing ceaselessly upon his viol whilst all around him great and inhuman shapes grow in the shadows and his narrow window reveals glimpses of strange and terrible other worlds. Perhaps this, more than any other is the abiding image of the strange recluse of Rhode Island and of those who would follow him.

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Appendix
Miscellaneous Nightmares

From the shadow by the fireplace and the shape
on the heath, from the Devil in the lone bush
and the spirit lurking by the head of the bed,
O Lord protect us all.

—Ancient prayer

Although we are all familiar with the traditional terrors of the Undead—vampires, werewolves, zombies, and so on, other, perhaps less well-known horrors also lurk in the deepest recesses of our minds. These are not necessarily the unquiet spirits of the departed but are creatures that hold a quality of menace and the supernatural. Arguably, these beings do not strictly qualify as members of the Undead, because they have never been truly alive, and yet they exude an air of fear, that is normally associated with unquiet spirits.

Mara

We often describe such imagined monsters and our deepest fears as nightmares, but where does the word come from? "Nightmare" has its origins in a night creature in Germanic and Scandinavian folklore that

was known as the Mara. Such a creature was greatly feared by all sleepers as it had the power to draw energy from the body and to greatly disturb the mind, inducing wild fancies and imaginings. In many ways, the Mara resembled the ancient incubi and succubi that tormented Roman sleepers. It could enter a room through the tiniest aperture—through a keyhole or in the space under a door. It would then settle, astride, on the chest of the sleeper and commence to ride him or her like a horse. He or she would experience foul and exhausting dreams, awaking feeling badly rested and often soaking with sweat.

Nordic Lore

In Nordic lore, the Mara was invariably a female wraith that only attacked sleeping men, disturbing their sleep and interfering with their manhood. She committed lewd and strenuous sexual acts, which left them feeling weak and ill when they eventually woke. She tormented them with awful visions and made them toss and turn as if in the throes of passion. In fact, some of them could die with palpitations of the heart as a result of the Mara attack. There was no real defence against the attack of the Mara except to spend some time in deep and earnest prayer before going to bed. Some of the old Norse sagas from around the 8th or 9th centuries speak of the demon and she is sometimes depicted as having the upper torso of a horse and the lower body of a naked woman. Indeed, it was commonly believed in both Norway and Denmark, that the Mara was the spirit of an actual living woman who had lived a wanton life and was troubled by her memories as she slept. Her spirit therefore roamed the countryside, attacking men where she could find them.

Buddhism

The name also appears, as a dubious force, in the Indo-Aryan dialect and is thought to have come from the East. In fact, Mara appears in Buddhist folklore is the name of a demon who tempted the Gautama Buddha (563–483 B.C.) by assuming the shape of a beautiful woman. The Buddha resisted her temptations but other, lesser, men were not so fortunate. Her name is usually used in Buddhist literature to signify the

"death" of the spiritual life. In Buddhist folklore, she is often portrayed as the Lord of Evil, desirous of destroying Mankind in lewd and lustful ways.

Latvia

The Mara is also featured in Latvian mythology. Here she is a goddess—one of the higher deities of Latvian folklore. She sometimes appeared as a beautiful young woman and at other times as an aged crone and, in either guise, not always sympathetic towards Humankind. Once again, she could enter a room through the tiniest crack in order to disturb the sleep of those who were resting within a house or room. She drew energies from them whilst they slept and troubled their minds with strange and frightening dreams. In many ways, she resembled what we would today describe as a vampire. In order to placate this rather wilful deity, a special day was set aside in her honour—August 15th. In Christian Latvia, as the Church grained a firmer hold on the popular mind, this became the Feast of Mary, the Mother of Christ, thus Christianising what was essentially a pagan entity.

Orkney and Shetland

The Mara was greatly feared on the islands of Orkney and Shetland. These islands had been colonized by the Vikings and much of the Old Norse tradition still remain in these parts to this day. In the folklore of Orkneys, the Mara was essentially female and closely resembled a form of vampire. In some cases, she also took the form of a large black horse, threatened the sleeper with its hooves. However, she could be driven away with charms, amulets, and incantations, that would protect the sleeper. A lengthy charm from Shetland had to be repeated in its entirety (and sometimes had to be said twice or three times) before retiring for the night. It said:

De man o' meicht,
He rode o' nicht,
Wi' nedder swird
Nor feard nor licht,

He socht da mare
He fund da mare,
He bund da mare,
Wi' her ain hair,
An' made her swear
By middin; meicht
Dat sho' was never bide a nicht
What he had rod, dat man o' meicht.

The notion of taking hairs from the hide or the tail of a supernatural creature is a very old one and appears in the folklore of a number of Celtic countries. In Ireland, the great hero-king Brian Boru (who was the only man even to ride the Pooka or Phouka a terrible horse-like creature with demonic powers) took three hairs from its tail and extracted a promise from it that it would never attack an Irish person again.

The Shetland Incantation was said over the cribs of newborn babies or over the beds of old people, both of whom were considered to be extremely susceptible to the Mara's attentions. In fact, strands of red thread were also placed amongst the bedclothes because these were protections against the Scottish fairy kind (the Mara was not strictly considered to be a fairy but was believed to have certain fairy attributes about her)—and fairies and fairy creatures feared the colour red.

Gradually, the idea of the Mara—the succubus-like woman, the old hag, and the threatening horse—visiting sleepers during the hours of darkness, became incorporated into psychological terminology and was given as a description of disturbed and troubled sleep (in German the *nacht mara* or nightmare). Nightmares, of course, have troubled us ever since and who is to say that they are not the work of demons of some sort?

Viking Tales

Amongst the Vikings it was common to bury the revered dead, such as chieftains or great warriors within little "houses" or mounds, surrounded

by his wealth and weapons. From time to time, the corporeal body of the dead chieftain or warrior could leave his funeral mound or "house" and roam the countryside. Such creatures were either described as *hel-blar* (death black) or *na-foir* (corpse pale) and retained their human shape. They were also very violent and often went about carrying some sort of weapon in their hands, which they would use to assault any humans whom they encountered. The creature would also attack any individual who attempted to break into their tombs or mounds with the intention of stealing its treasure.

Hromunde saga Gropssonar

Draugrs appear in many old Viking folktales and also in the great Northern sagas. The most famous of these is the *Hromunde saga Gropssonar* (*The Saga of Hromond Gripsson*), an ancient saga from Iceland. This tells the story of Olaf konugr-lioli (warrior king) who fights (amongst other foes) with the Witch King (or draugr), Brainn, who is an Undead king of Gaul (France) and whom he managed to defeat. The Saga was well known throughout the Nordic world and may well have influenced many other such tales. Some of these come, not from the Scandinavian world but from England where the Vikings held large swathes of the country and serve to show a connection between Norse and Germanic beliefs. One of these was the story of Thorolf Halt-Foot, which was to be found in the Eyrbyggia Saga, written down in a monastery in Iceland, probably around the middle of the 13th century. This records the story of a berserker who rose from his tomb each night and, with several Undead companions, ravaged much of the countryside of Western Iceland, attacking flocks of sheep and, from time to time, people themselves. Indeed, such a menace did he become that his son was forced to erect a wall around his mound or barrow in order to keep him in. Variants of the story were retold in England where his exploits in the countryside were equated with the activities of the Wild Hunt. These creatures were simply violent and wandering corpses that seemed to rise at will from their tombs without any specific aim or purpose. However, with the advance of Christianity, a certain moral

element began to creep in. The draugr was now a person who had led a sinful life or who had disobeyed some fundamental law of the Church and this was why he or she (most, of course, tended to be men) could not rest easily in the grave.

Historia Rerum Anglicarum

This is made plain by such English writers as William of Newburgh (1136–1198) in his *Historia Rerum Anglicarum—The History of the Events of England*—and particularly in his account of a ghost in Berwick. This was the corporeal revenant of a wealthy man who had died in sin and who each night rose from his tomb and wandered about, committing nuisances wherever he went. The country people feared to go out after dark for fear of meeting the lifeless thing on the road and being physically attacked by it. The creature also brought sickness and disease in its wake, which devastated most of the town of Berwick. The connection between draugrs and disease was a very strong and potent one. Similar tales also appear in the works of English writers such as Gervaise of Tilbury and fragmentary stories from the Abbey of Byland in Yorkshire.

There was really only one way to defeat a draugr and that was to cut off its head and consign its body to flames. The Church, however, argued that a Ritual of Absolution was just as effective but there were many who questioned that. Avoidance was probably the best resort and so, as the Nordic night darkened down, many people stayed close to their hearths, refusing to venture out for fear of meeting a draugr—that violent member of the restless dead—upon the road.

Baba Yaga

Whilst the Scandinavians and, to some extent, the English kept close to their houses, terrified by draugrs and the Mara—the Russians feared yet another type of visitor who came most (though not always) at night. This was the deadly Baba Yaga—an eternal Witch. In many respects Baba Yaga, embodied the evil hag or crone who terrified many societies all across the world. There are many descriptions of her—usually as a

wizened, black-faced creature, stooped and with a thin, evil countenance. She was also credited with having iron teeth and hooked bird-like, razor-sharp claws. She was also said to have a taste for human flesh, particularly the flesh of young children. Indeed, she may well have been the prototype for the "cannibal hag" who appears in such stories as the Germanic tale of *Hansel and Gretel*. Although classed as an "undead Witch," she did not travel about on a broomstick as a conventional Witch is said to do. Rather she cruised about the skies in a giant mortar in which she squatted with her bony legs wrapped around her thin body, propelling it through the air with a great pestle. As she travelled, she was accompanied by fierce winds and tempests and by a throng of wailing spirits, which signalled her coming.

Chicken-leg house

As with the Mara, old people and young children were especially susceptible to her attentions and she could descend from the clouds and down the chimney of a cottage in the blink of an eye, to snatch them away. Only prayer warned the Church would keep the Baba Yaga away. She would then carry them away to her hut, deep in the Russian forests from which they would never escape. This, of course, was no ordinary hut but a magic dwelling, balanced on four thin chicken legs. When anyone approached it, it would turn away from them, emitting ear-splitting cries and shrieks. Its windows seemed to act as eyes. Sometimes the place was said to be surrounded by a fence of bone, topped by skulls with blazing eyes, which bit and snapped at those who tried to cross. No matter what sort of entry was sought, the chicken-leg house always managed to avoid it. The inside of the dwelling, however, was filled with horrors—mainly bodiless hands that grabbed, pulled, and pinched those who managed to enter. These were said to be the hands of the evil dead—those who had died without making a final confession. The house was also filled with the emaciated bodies of the dead that attacked those who came through the door.

White, Red, and Black

Baba Yaga was also surrounded by other supernatural beings. There were, for example, three horsemen who rode around the dwelling protecting it from intruders. These were known by their colours—white, red, and black. White represented Bright Morn, Red the colour of Blood and Fire, and Black deepest midnight. All were heavily armed and would slay any trespasser on the Baba Yaga's property.

Koschey the Deathless

Baba Yaga's most terrifying "servant," however, was her huntsman Koschey. He was sometimes known as Koschey the Deathless or Koschey Bassmerty (meaning lean or boneless) and he was well-known throughout the Caucus Mountains. He would gallop, completely naked, on his magical steed, through the frozen mountain wastes, carrying away those whom he encountered to be eaten by the Baba Yaga. Although he was described as "deathless" or immortal, it was possible to slay him but this could only be done by a hero who could find his soul. Koschey's spirit, it must be noted, did not reside with his body and this made him difficult to kill. His soul, or life force, resided within a large egg, which had been placed in a massive chest, bound with iron chains that had been buried amongst the roots of a tree in the middle of a dense forest that grew in the middle of an inaccessible island that lay in the centre of a subterranean ocean. If, after much searching, a hero were to find the egg, he should break it open and inside would be a pin upon which Koschey's soul was speared. The dread huntsman would then be in his power. If he were to destroy the pin then Koschey himself would be destroyed forever.

In some descriptions of the wild huntsman, he was described as wearing the flayed skin of some of his victims, which he cast off him as he rode. When naked, he was at the height of his magical powers and nothing could stand against him. He invariably fought naked because all along his hairy arms were a number of venom glands containing a deadly poison that would snap and bite at his attacker. One bite from them could cause intense pain and eventual death.

Koschey's voice might also be used as a kind of weapon because he could modulate it to imitate any other sound. Thus children, playing on the village edge at twilight might be lured away into the forest by what they assumed to be the voice of their mother or of some relative or friend. They would then be captured by the huntsman and delivered to the Baba Yaga. He was also a master of twisting words in order to gain his way over people, especially women and if necessary, could be particularly charming, However, he secretly despised women and, his favourite "put down" to the female gender ran thus: "Foolish woman, long of hair but short of wit."

His relationship towards the Baba Yaga (who was always considered to be female) was always ambiguous. Although officially described as her "servant," it was believed throughout the Caucuses that Koschy had powers and status in his own right. It is, of course, possible that both of these entities were folkloric remnants of ancient deities—undead and undying gods and goddesses—that were once worshipped in Eastern Europe. There was little formal protection against either of them but they could be repelled by love—particularly the love of a mother. This would strip both the Baba Yaga and Koschey of their powers and protect the person who was loved against their advances. Nevertheless, this did not stop the people of Russia and of the Caucuses from locking their doors late at night against the supernatural terrors that lurked outside in the snowy dark.

Yuki-Onna

Further east in Japan, the snow and gloom brought other terrors to the doors of isolated dwellings. In remote mountain areas, the Yuki-Onna or Snow Woman was greatly feared. The Yuki-Onna has become one of Japan's most famous demons, mainly through the works of the writer Lafacio Hearn (1850–1904) who portrayed her as a kind of ghost who appeared during storms and blizzards. In recent folklore, she was portrayed as a beautiful woman, always deathly pale, who appeared in a snowstorm and who lured travellers to their doom. In order to destroy her victims, the Yuki-Onna acted similar to a vampire, drawing the breath from them

and into herself. Her touch was extremely cold, cold enough to freeze the blood in their veins. When she had feasted, the Woman of the Snows melted away like a white mist. Similar to other Japanese ghosts she is portrayed in art, without legs, simply drifting through the shows like a phantom in search of her victims and gliding up to the doors of mountain dwellings seeking to gain admission. Once she did so, she could change the temperature of the house and freeze the inhabitants to death. In fact, the Yuki-Onna became the embodiment of the mountain blizzard. Hearn depicts her as incredibly lovely and tells a story of two woodcutters in Mousashi district—one old and one very young—whom she attacked. She slew the elder of the two but her heart was moved by the handsome younger one and she spared him, making him promise that he would tell nobody of his escape. Later he grew up and married a beautiful girl from another Province and brought her to live with him. He was so comfortable with her that, one night, he broke his promise and told her of his encounter with the Yuki-Onna. To his horror, she became incredibly angry, even furious, and revealed herself as the Woman of the Snows and in her rage, killed him. In this way, she completed the task that she had begun many years before.

Tengu

Although Hearn described her as a type of ghost, the idea of the Snow Woman was probably much older than the folklore that he had heard. In some parts of Japan, the Yuki-Onna was usually described as a form of *tengu,* very ancient Japanese demons. She was specifically classed as one of the *marak-aykas*, a type of Japanese minor demon that sometimes preyed on humans. Similar to the Tengu, it had a red (not a pale) face, sharp, rending teeth, and a long nose and could be extremely vicious if provoked. This class of demon sometimes took the form of a *yamabushi* (hermit) or else as an attractive girl for the purposes of waylaying travellers on the road. Many of these creatures tended to inhabit the lands around Mount Takao, near Hachoiji City. There, they attacked pilgrims on their

way to the shrines and prevented individuals from fulfilling their religious obligations.

Whether the Snow Woman was one of these monsters or whether she was an undying ghost as Lafcadio Hearn has suggested, is a matter that is open for debate, as is the question as to whether she is actually a vampire or a demonic monster. Whatever her nature and origins she is still greatly feared in the remoter areas of Japan when the wind starts to blow and the snow begins to fall.

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The previous examples are only a few of the undead terrors that have frightened us across the ages and may still hold a certain horror for us all. Many more are lingering in the deepest recesses of our own minds and imaginations. Although it is easy to dismiss them in the full light of day or when we are surrounded by friends and companions; when the light starts to fail and we are alone with the darkness crowding around outside, it is a different matter. Who knows what inhuman things may lurk in the gloom—werewolves, vampires, zombies—a veritable carnival of the Undead. The things that have the power to horrify us may be closer than we imagine. Maybe they're waiting no further away than just beyond the outermost edge of the comforting lamplight, waiting to pounce! You have been warned!

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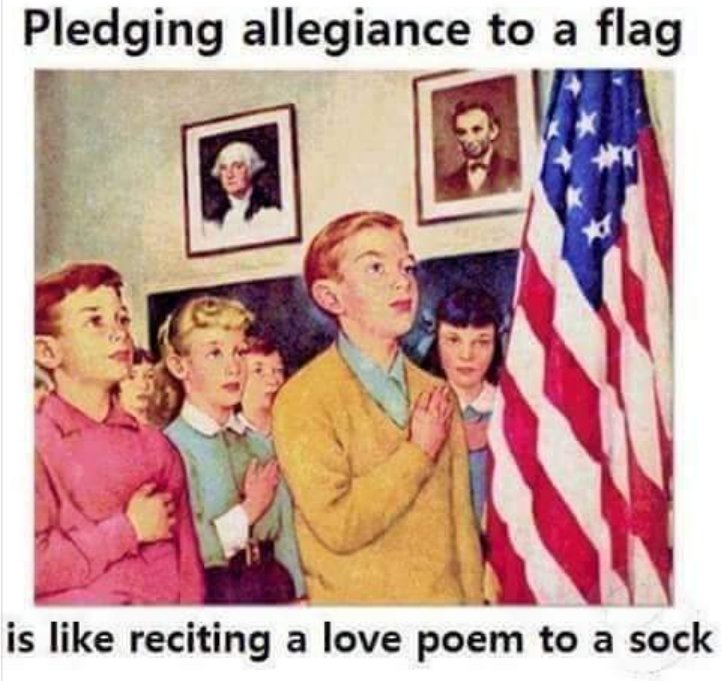

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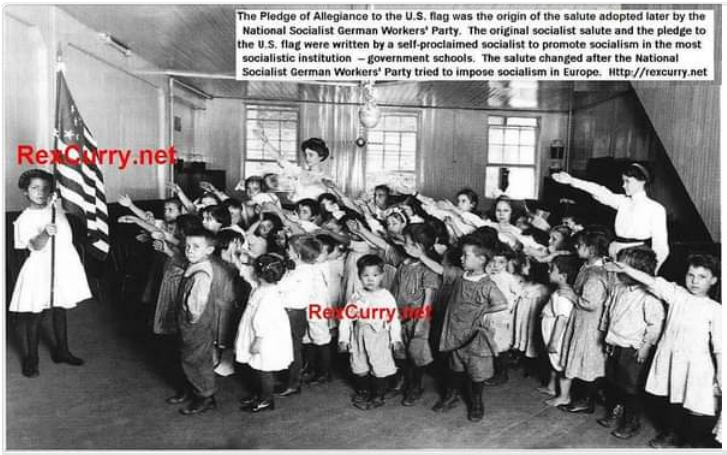

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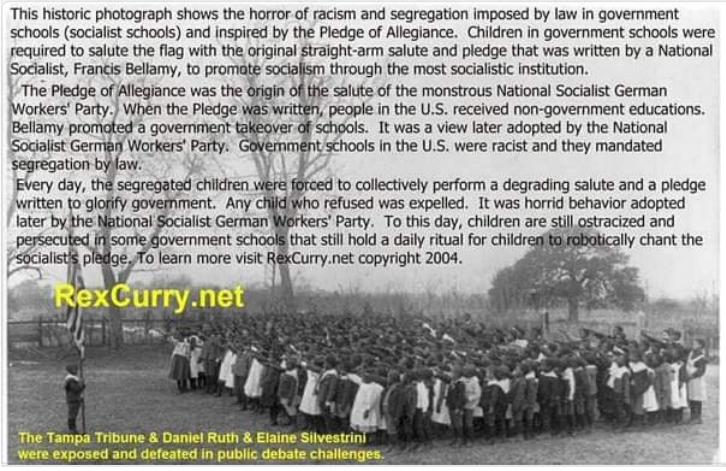

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The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

In its original form it read:

> "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:

> "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:

> **"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

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Nation of people who are mostly located in the Midwestern part of Nigeria, Western Africa.

Bini Names in Nigeria and Georgia

Summary of a lecture delivered at
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"Bini" is a formerly derogatory name given to the people of Benin City and the surrounding countryside, reportedly by their more numerous neighbors, the Yoruba of Ife and Oyo, Nigeria (the Bini call themselves Edo - a term which scholars now employ more broadly to include closely related ethnic groups such as the Ishan and the Urhobo).

Proper names are a human universal. Originally, all names had a transparent meaning. They were invariably derived from common words or phrases. In English, for example, the surname Smith is derived from the obsolescent noun smith, meaning "metal-worker." Each individual had only one name, which was by definition a forevalue, like Dick or Jane. The practice of giving an individual several names arose only in complex societies, as a result of either or both of two developments. One was increasing population, producing communities in which a number of people received the same name. In Medieval England, for example, a village in which there were two men named John might distinguish them by calling the one who ground grain John Miller and the one who made bread John Baker. The other development was class stratification, yielding elites who wanted their names to proclaim their superior status. In Benin, for example, chiefs and kings were awarded, in addition to their birth-names, praise-names like "The Leopard" or "The Greatest One."

Bini belongs to the most wide-spread of the five great language families of

Africa. Variably known as Niger-Congo or Congo-Kordofanian, it contains most of the languages of coastal West Africa as well as all the Bantu languages of eastern and southern Africa, including Swahili.

In Nigeria, few Bini personal names are occupational, as so many European names are. And none are patronymic, like English Wilson ("son of Will"). Instead, most are descriptive, like the female name Evbu, "Misty," or the male name Odayon, "Palm-wine drinker." Some are local, like Ode, "road" (short for Abievbode, "born along the road"). Others are temporal, like Edegbe, "day-break" (meaning "born at dawn"), a name-type that is rare in English. Many Bini descriptive names consist not of single words but of short sentences like Osahon, "god hears (my prayer for a child)" - a name-type which, during the 17th century Puritan period, was common in English but has since then ceased to be popular.

In Nigeria, many Bini names were given not only to people but also to gods, tribes, rivers, and planets (these are technically known as theonyms, ethnonyms, toponyms, and astronyms, respectively, in contradistinction to personal names, technically termed authroponyms). When Bini war-captives were sold to European slavers, many were transported to the coast islands of Georgia and South Carolina. There they lost the conversational use of Bini, learning instead the slightly Africanized English known as Gullah or Geechee. But they retained their African names, which they used among themselves, alongside the Christian names of Eurasian origin by which they were known to whites.

Recent commercial development of the Georgia and South Carolina coast by chains of resort complexes has unfortunately forced many, if not most, Gullah-speakers out of their island homes. Such distinctively African linguistic traits as Bini personal names are now rapidly vanishing in North America.

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Edo people

The **Edo** or **Benin** people are an Edoid ethnic group primarily found in Edo State, Southern part of Nigeria. They speak the Edo language and are the descendants of Igodomigodo, which evolved to become the Benin Empire. They are closely related to other ethnic groups that speak Edoid languages, such as the Esan, the Afemai, the Isoko,and the Urhobo.[1]

Edo people

Edo

An Edo children's cultural assembly

Total population

13 million

Regions with significant populations

The Binis are situated in Seven local government of Edo south which happens to be the most populated senatorial district in the state, They have populated towns like Okada, Ekiadolor, Urhonigbe, Abudu, these four of which the population won't be less than hundred thousand each,They also have other lesser large towns like Usen,Iguobazuwa,Ehor, these three communities not less than fifty thousand each and a host of a number of other smaller communities with about 20,000 in population. There are also some Binis in Delta- The Oza people, Alilehan, Evbosor which is called Alisor by the Ika people with nothing less than 300,000 home and abroad.

And Also Because They are a city people because of Their centralized system of monarchy, the People have the largest city in the south south both in landmass and in population with a population of about 2million within Oredo the center of the city, Egor and some Parts of Ikpoba Okha which is Known as Benin city today, then a continuous population of about 1.5 to 2million among towns she has formed conurbation with,like Use, Egor, Ugbiyioko,Utagban,Evboutubu,Oghede,Uholor,Oloku,Ovbiogie,Ekosodin,Ugbowo,Isihor,Eyean,Egbean and a host of others.

Edo south as a senatorial district did as high as 1.3 million in voters registration in 2019, bigger than the figures from Ekiti and Bayelsa states which gave out nine hundred thousand each. And there is also a large diasporan population, that diaspora voting was thought of in the 2020 Edo state election.

They also have a strong diaspora population Of about 1.5 to two million as they are by far the most travelled minority in Nigeria. It is so easy to spot a Bini outside the country. After the Igbos, and yoruba, the Binis come third as the most travelled Nigerians not far behind the first two despite the population difference between them. There is a sizable

population of Binis in Spain,Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Austria,Netherland and a host of others. Niger Delta(Europe)(middle east)Dubai,Qatar, Turkey and other parts of Africa like
Languages
Edo language
Religion
Predominantly Christianity
Related ethnic groups
Afemai, Esan, Isoko, Urhobo,Anioma and Akpes

The name "Benin" (and "Bini") is a Portuguese corruption, ultimately from the word "Ubini", which came into use during the reign of Oba (ruler) Ewuare the Great, c. 1440. "Ubini", an ancient Edo word meaning beautiful people, was used to describe the royal administrative centre or city or capital proper of the kingdom, Edo. *Ubini* was later corrupted to *Benin* around 1485 when the Portuguese began trade relations with Oba Ewuare.[2]

History

Location of the Edo homeland (dark green) in Nigeria (green)

Administrative region

Edo people can be found in Nigeria's Edo State which got its name from the primary inhabitants of the region's most notable historical conglomeration, Benin City, which is also the central capital homeland of the Edo people. Edo

people also have many related groups in their immediate surroundings also encompassed by the political and administrative borders of Edo state.[3] Most of these groups have traced their history back to the historical city center off the Benin people, Benin City. Examples of such adjacent groups include various Afemai sub-groups, the Esan people of Edo state and the Akoko Edo people situated on the state's northern borders.[4]

The Binis are situated in Seven local government of Edo south which happens to be the most populated senatorial district in the state, They have populated towns like Okada, Ekiadolor, Urhonigbe, Abudu, these four of which the population won't be less than hundred thousand each,They also have other lesser large towns like Usen,Iguobazuwa,Ehor, these three communities not less than fifty thousand each and a host of a number of other smaller communities with about 20,000 in population. There are also some Binis in Delta- The Oza people, Alilehan, Evbosor which is called Alisor by the Ika people with nothing less than 300,000 home and abroad. And Also Because They are a city people as a result of their centralized system of monarchy, the People have the largest city in the south south both in landmass and in population with a population of about 2million within Oredo the center of the city, Egor and some Parts of Ikpoba Okha which is Known as Benin city today, then a continuous population of about 1.5 to 2million among towns she has formed conurbation with,like Use, Egor, Ugbiyioko, Utagban, Evboutubu, Oghede, Uholor, Oloku, Ovbiogie, Ekosodin, Ugbowo, Isihor, Eyean, Egbean and a host of others.

Edo south as a senatorial district did as high as 1.3 million in voters registration in 2019, bigger than the figures from Ekiti and Bayelsa states which gave out nine hundred thousand each. And there is also a large diasporan population, that diaspora voting was thought of in the 2020 Edo state election. They also have a strong diaspora population Of about 1.5 to two million as they are by far the most travelled minority in Nigeria. It is so easy to spot a Bini outside the country. After the Igbos, and yoruba, the Binis come third as the most travelled Nigerians not far behind the first two despite the population difference between them. There is a sizable population of Binis in Spain, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Netherlands and a host of others.

Edo state was formerly part of the old Bendel state of early post-colonial Nigeria, also known as the Mid-Western Region, Nigeria. This region's influence and culture reflects that of the Edo, Urhobo, Esan and other Edo related peoples.[5]

Location of Edo state and Benin City in Nigeria

Edo cultural dressing with beaded crowns and outfits

Tunic

Dressing

Edo people have one of the best dress cultures on the African continent. Their fashion accessories holds royalty and typically includes red beads, body marks, bangles, anklets, raffia work and so on.[6]

Traditional beliefs

In the traditional religion of the Edo, there exists, besides the human world, an invisible world of supernatural beings acting as interceders for the human world. Offerings are made to them in their respective shrines. Osanobua is the creator and Supreme God. His son/daughter Olokun is ruler of all bodies of water and is responsible for the prosperity and fertility of his/her human followers. Another son Ogun, is the patron god of metalworkers.[7] The epithet *Osanobua Noghodua* mean *God Almighty*. The word *Osanobua* encompasses a large number of divine principles - including the divine state of being merciful, timeless, goodness, justice, sublimity, and supreme. In the Edo belief system, Osanobua has the divine attributes of omnipresence (*orhiole*), omniscience (*ajoana*), and omnipotence (*udazi*). The Supreme Deity is believed to be present everywhere and at all times.[8][9]

16th century ivory portrait of Queen Mother Idia

Art and architecture

Figure of Oba Oguola, an Edo king

Traditional Edo art consists of widely identifiable sculptures, plaques and masks which reflect various spiritual and historical aspects of their cultural traditions. Some of the notable Edo art pieces include the mask of the Queen Mother Idia and a vast collection of historical Edo art pieces called the Benin Bronzes which can be found not only in Nigeria but further dispersed around the world.[10]

Notable Benins

- Ewuare II,[11][12] the 40th Oba of Benin Kingdom from 2016–present.
- Esther Erediauwa, the first wife of the 39th Oba of Benin kingdom, Oba Erediauwa.
- Victor Uwaifo, musician,[13][14] writer, sculptor, and musical instrument inventor.

- Peter Odemwingie,[15] professional footballer.
- Charles Novia, film director,[16] producer, screenwriter, actor and social commentator.african l
- Osayuki Godwin Oshodin,[17][18] former Vice-chancellor of University of Benin.
- Benson Idahosa,[19][20] evangelist, and founder of the Church of God Mission International.
- Samuel Ogbemudia,[21][22] politician and former military Governor of the Mid-West State
- John Odigie Oyegun,[23] politician and first national chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC) in Nigeria
- Victor Ikpeba,[24][25] professional footballer.
- Godwin Obaseki,[26] governor of Edo state (2015 to 2019 under APC, and from 2019 under PDP) and business man
- Gabriel Igbinedion,[27] Nigeria business man and esama of Benin kingdom.
- Erhabor Emokpae,[28] artists, director
- Mercy Aigbe,[29] is a Nigerian actress and filmmaker
- Guosa Alex Guosa Igbineweka, Guosa Language Evolutionist, Creator: a Nigerian and ECOWAS indigenous zonal lingua-franca
- Abel Guobadia,[30] former Chairman of Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission
- Jordan Ifueko, Nigerian American novelist
- Professor Osasere Orumwense,[31] Vice-Chancellor of University of Benin
- Suyi Davies Okungbowa,[32] African fantasy and speculative fiction author
- Archbishop John Edokpolo, Honourable Minister of Trade and Founder of Edokpolor Grammar School
- Chief Jacob U. Egharevba,[33][34] a Bini historian and traditional chief
- Rema, musician
- Kamaru Usman, Nigerian mixed martial artist
- Philip Billing
- Davina Oriakhi, singer, songwriter and poet

Icons

- Ewuare II

See also

- List of the Ogiso
- Kingdom of Benin
- Oba of Benin

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Edo State

Edo State is one of the 36 states of Nigeria, located in the southern region of the country.[4] As of 2006 National population census, the state was ranked as the 24th populated state (3,233,366) in Nigeria.[5] The state's capital and city, Benin City, is the fourth largest city in Nigeria, and the centre of the country's rubber industry.[6][7] Created in 1991 from the former Bendel State, Edo State borders Kogi State to the northeast, Anambra State to the east, Delta State to the southeast, and Ondo State to the west.[8]

Edo

State

Flag

Nickname(s): Heart Beat of Nigeria

Location of Edo State in Nigeria

Coordinates: 6°30'N 6°00'E (https://geohack.toolforge.org/geohack.php?pagename=Edo_State&params=6_30_N_6_00_E_region:NG_type:adm1st)

Country	Nigeria
Date created	27 August 1991
Capital	Benin City
Government	
• **Body**	Government of Edo State
• **Governor** (**List**)	Godwin Obaseki (PDP)
• **Deputy Governor**	Philip Shaibu (PDP)
• **Legislature**	Edo State House of Assembly
• **Senators**	C: Clifford Ordia (PDP) N: Francis Alimikhena (APC) S: Matthew Urhoghide (PDP)
• **Representatives**	List
Area	
• **Total**	17,802 km^2 (6,873 sq mi)
Area rank	22nd of 36
Population (2006 census)	

• **Total**	3,233,366[1]
• **Rank**	27th of 36
Demonym(s)	Edos or Idar
GDP (PPP)	
• **Year**	2007
• **Total**	$11.89 billion[2]
• **Per capita**	$3,623[2]
Time zone	UTC+01 (WAT)
postal code	300001
Dialing Code	+234
ISO 3166 code	NG-ED
HDI (2018)	0.622[3] medium · 12th of 37
Website	edostate.gov.ng (http://www.edostate.gov.ng)

The modern borders of Edo State encompass regions that were formerly the site of various empires and kingdoms. Formed in the 11th century AD, the Benin Empire.[9] The ancient city of Edo, the site of modern-day Benin City, was home to some of the earthworks in the world.[10] In 1897, the British Empire conducted a punitive expedition of the region, destroying most of the ancient city of Edo and incorporating the territory into what would become the Southern Nigeria Protectorate.[11][12]

Edo State is a diverse state that is predominantly inhabited by the Edoid peoples, including the Edo (or Bini),[13] Esan, Owan and Afemai peoples.[14] The most common Edoid language spoken is the Edo language, which is commonly spoken in Benin City.[15] First introduced to the region by Portuguese missionaries during the 15th century, Christianity is the dominant religion in Edo State with also a sizable number of Muslims though traditional religions are also practised.[16]

History

The Mid-Western Region was a division of Nigeria from 1963 to 1991, formally known as Bendel state from 1976. It was formed in June 1963 from Benin and Delta provinces of the Western Region, and its capital was Benin City.[17] It was renamed a province in 1966, and in 1967 when the other provinces were split up into several states, it remained territorially intact, becoming a state.[18]

During the Nigerian Civil War, the Biafran forces invaded the new Mid-Western state, en route to Lagos, in an attempt to force a quick end to the war. While

under Biafran occupation, the state was declared as the "Republic of Benin" as Nigerian forces were to retake the region.[19] The republic collapsed a day after the declaration as Nigerian troops overtook Benin City. Edo State was established on 27 August 1991 when Bendel State was split into Edo and Delta States.[20]

People

With Benin City as capital, the population of the entire state is approximately 8 million.[21] It is made up of four major ethnic groups; namely Edo (Binis), Owan, Esan and Afemai (Etsako & Akoko Edo). However the State has a high presence of residents from across the country and the world because of its cosmopolitan tendencies. Benin City has a history of being one of the foremost destinations of Europeans during their exploration of Africa continent many centuries ago. Some of these flash points have remained enviable tourists' attraction for the state.[22]

Demographics

The main ethnic groups in Edo State are Binis, Etsako, Esans, Owans and Akoko Edos.[23] Virtually all the groups traced their origin to Benin City hence the dialects of the groups vary with their distance from Benin City. The Bini speaking people who occupy seven out of the 18 Local Government Areas of the state constitute 57.54%; while others are as follow: Esan (17.14%), Etsako (12.19%), Owan (7.43%), and Akoko Edo (5.70%).[24] However, the Igbira speaking communities exist in Akoko Edo, Itsekiri communities in Ikpoba-Okha, as well as Ijaw Izons, Urhobos in Ovia North East and South West Local Government Areas especially in the borderlands. Also, Igbo speaking communities exist in Igbanke(Ika) in Orhionmwon LGA.[25]

Governors

Name	Title	Took office	Left office	Party	Notes
Colonel John Ewerekumoh Yeri	Governor	August 1990	January 1992	(Military)	
John E.K. Odigie Oyegun	Governor	January 1992	November 1993	SDP	
Colonel Mohammed Abul-Salam Onuka	Administrator	9 December 1993	14 September 1994	(Military)	
Colonel Bassey Asuquo	Administrator	14 September 1994	22 August 1996	(Military)	
Group Captain Baba Adamu Iyam	Administrator	22 August 1996	7 August 1998	(Military)	
Navy Captain Anthony Onyearugbulem	Administrator	7 August 1998	29 May 1999	(Military)	
Chief Lucky Igbinedion	Governor	29 May 1999	29 May 2007	PDP	
Professor Oserheimen Osunbor	Governor	29 May 2007	12 November 2008	PDP	Removed by court judgment invalidating his election
Comrade Adams A. Oshiomhole	Governor	12 November 2008	12 November 2016	AC which later merged with some other political parties to become APC (All Progressive Congress) in 2013	
Godwin Obaseki	Governor	12 November 2016	present	APC then decamped to the PDP on 19 June	Reelcted 20

				2020 to seek re-election[26]	September 2020.[27]

Ososo Hills

Local Government Areas

Edo State consists of eighteen (18) Local Government Areas. They are:

- Akoko-Edo
- Egor
- Esan Central
- Esan North-East
- Esan South-East
- Esan West
- Etsako Central
- Etsako East
- Etsako West
- Igueben
- Ikpoba-Okha
- Oredo
- Orhionmwon
- Ovia North-East
- Ovia South-West
- Owan East
- Owan West
- Uhunmwonde

Edo State House Of Assembly (Fifth Assembly) Division List, 2013

Edo State House Of Assembly Division List 2013, consists of twenty-four (24) divisions:[28]

- Akoko-Edo 1
- Ovia South-West
- Orhionmwon I
- Etsako East
- Uhunmwode
- Esan South-East
- Esan Central
- Esan West
- Igueben
- Oredo West
- Esan North-East I
- Ikpoba-Okha

- Etsako West I
- Owan East
- Orhionmwon II
- Etsako Central
- Owan West
- Egor
- Esan North-East II
- Akoko-Edo II
- Ovia North-East II
- Oredo East
- Ovia North-East I
- Etsako West II

Languages

English is the official language of the state. The major tribal languages spoken in the state are Edo language, Igarra, Etsako/Afemai, Esan and Okpamheri.[29] Edo State is home to several ethnicities, among them the Edo, Okpe, Esan, Afemai/Etsako, Ora, Akoko-Edo, Igbanke, Emai.[30][31]

Areal view of the ancient city of Benin

Languages of Edo State listed by LGA:[32]

LGA	Languages
Akoko-Edo	Aduge; Akuku; Ebira; Enwan; Igwe; Ikpeshi; Ivbie North-Okpela-Arhe; Oko-Eni-Osayen; Okpamheri; Okpe; Oloma; Ososo; Sasaru; Ukaan; Uneme
Esan Central	Esan
Esan North East	Esan
Esan South East	Esan
Esan West	Esan
Etsako	Ivbie North-Okpela-Arhe; Uneme
Etsako Central	Etsako
Etsako East	Etsako
Etsako West	Etsako
Igueben	Esan
Ikpoba-Okha	Edo, Itsekiri
Oredo	Edo
Orhionmwon	Edo; Ika;
Ovia North East	Edo
Ovia South West	Edo
Owan East	Emai-Iuleha-Ora; Ghotuo; Idesa; Ihievbe
Owan West	Emai - Iuleha, Ora
Uhunmwonde	Edo

Economy

Tourist attractions in Edo State include the Emotan Statue in Benin City, Ise Lake and River Niger Beach in Agenebode, Etsako-East; Mike Akhigbe Square at fugar, Ambrose Alli Square, Ekpoma, River Niger Beaches at Ilushi, BFFM Building at Ewu, Igun street, College of Agriculture and Aqua Culture Technology, Agenebode, Okpekpe with its hills and scenes and the Usomege

Hills at Apana-Uzairue, Somorika hills in Akoko Edo, where a government-run tourist center at Ososo is set among spectacular scenery.[33][34] The state produces crude oil.[35] and other mineral resources like limestone and quarry.

Education

Notable tertiary learning institutions in Edo state include:

- Auchi Polytechnic[36]
- Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma[37]
- Benson Idahosa University, Benin City[38]
- Edo State Polytechnic Usen[39]
- Edo Technical College
- Edo State University, Uzairue (formerly Edo University, Iyahmo)[40]
- Igbinedion University, Okada[41]
- Kings Polytechnic[42]
- Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa[43]
- Shaka Polytechnic[44]
- University of Benin (UNIBEN)[45]
- Wellspring University[46]
- College of Education, Ekiadolor[47]
- College of Agriculture, Iguoriakhi[48][49]

Healthcare

List of Edo State Medical zones and associated local government areas.[28]

Medical Zone	Local Government	Name Of Hospital	Medical Zone	Local Government	Name Of Hospital	Medical Zone	Lo Go
Abudu	Orhionmwon	General Hospital, Abudu[50]	Benin	Oredo	Central Hospital B/City[51]	Igarra	Ak
Abudu	Orhionmwon	General Hospital, Igbanke[52]	Benin	Oredo	Cottage. Hospital Obayantor[53][54]	Igarra	Ak
Abudu	Orhionmwon	General Hospital, Uronigbe[55]	Benin	Oredo	Stella Obasanjo Hospital[56][57][58]	Etete Layout Road,	Be
Abudu	Orhionmwon	Cot. Hospital Oben	Ekpoma	Esan West	General Hospital, Ekpoma[59]	Iguobazuwa	Ov We
Abudu	Orhionmwon	Cot. Hospital Egbokor	Ekpoma	Esan West	General Hospital, Iruekpen	Iguobazuwa	Ov We
Abudu	Uhunmwode	Dist. Hospital, Egba	Ekpoma	Esan Central	Dist. Hospital, Usugbenu	Iguobazuwa	Ov Eas
Afuze	Owan East	General Hospital, Afuze[60]	Ekpoma	Esan Central	Dist. Hospital, Ewu	Ossiomo	Lep Cli L.G
Afuze	Owan East	Dist. Hospital, Otuo	Fugar	Etsako East	General Hospital, Fugar	Ubiaja	Esa We
Afuze	Owan West	General Hospital, Sabogida Ora[61]	Fugar	Etsako East	General Hospital, Agenebode	Ubiaja	Esa We
Afuze	Owan West	Dist. Hospital, Uzebba	Fugar	Etsako East	Dist. Hospital, Apana	Ubiaja	Igu
Auchi	Estako West	Central. Hospital, Auchi[62]	Fugar	Etsako West	Government Hospital, Agbede	Uromi	Esa Eas

Notable people

- Oba of Benin[63]
- John Odigie Oyegun, First Governor of Edo state and former national chairman of the ruling APC[64][65]
- Godwin Obaseki, former chairman of the State's economic team and present Executive Governor of the State[66][67]
- Erhabor Emokpae, pioneer of modern arts in Nigeria[68]
- Admiral Mike Akhigbe, former vice president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.[69]
- Dele Giwa, Nigerian journalist, editor and founder of Newswatch magazine.[70][71]
- Senator Albert Legogie, former deputy senate president in the defunct Third Republic and a pioneer member of the Board of Trustees of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).[72]
- Pa Michael Imoudu, labour leader and founder of the Nigeria state,[73]
- Chief Julius Momo Udochi, the first Nigerian ambassador to the United States,[74]
- Gen. George Agbazika Innih, who was one-time military governor of Bendel and Kwara State,[75]
- Major-General Abdul Rahman Mamudu former Commander Nigerian Army Signals Corps and military administrator Gongola State,[76]
- Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, cofounder of Access Bank Plc and founder of Africa Initiative for Governance (AIG)[77][78]
- Adams Oshiomhole, past president of the Nigeria Labour Congress and former governor of Edo State; he built Edo University of Iyamoh, Edo State.[79][80]
- Pastor Chris Oyakhilome, founder of the Believers Loveworld Nation[81][82]
- Prince Tony Momoh, former Minister of Information and Culture[83][84]
- Maymunah Kadiri, Nigerian mental health advocate[85][86]
- Commander Anthony Ikhazoboh, minister of sports and transport,[87]
- Professor Ambrose Alli, former governor of the defunct Bendel State. He created the Bendel State university now named after him.[88][89]

- John Momoh, Nigerian broadcast journalist and CEO of Channels TV[90][91]
- Professor Osayuki Godwin Oshodin, former vice chancellor of University of Benin[92][93]
- Jacob U. Egharevba, a Bini historian and traditional chief
- Dr Samuel Ogbemudia, former governor of the midwest region of Nigeria and later Bendel state[94][95][96]
- Chief Anthony Enahoro, anti-colonial and pro-democracy activist and politician[97][98]
- Professor Festus Iyayi, novelist and first African to win the Commonwealth Writers Prize[99][100]
- Odia Ofeimun, poet and former president of the Association of Nigerian Authors[101][102]
- Dr Abel Guobadia, educator and former Nigerian ambassador to the Republic of Korea, former Chairman Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)[103][104]
- General Godwin Abbe, former Nigerian Minister for Interior and Defence[105][106]
- Archbishop John Edokpolo, founder of Edokpolo Grammar Schools and Political Activist[107][108]
- Sir Victor Uwaifo, musician[109]
- Archbishop Benson Idahosa, Pentecostal Church Leader[110][111]
- Sonny Okosun, musician[112][113]
- Augustine Eguavoen, former professional Nigerian footballer and coach[114]
- Felix Idubor, artist[115]
- Festus Ezeli, basketball player formerly with the Golden State Warriors[116]
- Modupe Ozolua, body enhancement and reconstructive surgery[117][118]
- Chief Tony Anenih, chairman of board of trustees (PDP) Once Minister of Work.[119][120]
- Gabriel Igbinedion, international business mogul and bini high chief and owner of ITV[121][122]
- Raymond Dokpesi, owner of Africa largest private television network and politician[123][124][125]

- Lancelot Oduwa Imasuen, film director, screenwriter and producer[126]
- Suyi Davies Okungbowa, fantasy and speculative fiction author[127][128]
- Osaze Peter Odemwingie, professional footballer[129][130]
- Chris Aire-Iluobe, jeweler and timepiece designer[131][132]
- Francis Edo-Osagie, businessman[133]
- Kamaru Usman, professional mixed martial arts fighter contracted to the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and current welterweight champion.[134]
- Yakubu Ayegbeni, former professional footballer[135][136][137]
- Rema (Nigerian musician), musician signed to Mavin Records,[138]
- Philip Shaibu (born 1 December 1969, in Kaduna) an alumnus of University of Jos is a Nigerian lawmaker, politician and business man. He is currently the Deputy Governor of Edo State, Nigeria.[139]
- Eghosa Asemota Agbonifo, politician, coordinator of Michael Agbonifo shoe a child foundation[140]
- Prof T. M. Yesufu, pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University of Benin, economist.[141][142]
- Odion Jude Ighalo, Nigerian professional footballer.[143]
- Victor Osimhen, Nigerian professional footballer.[144][145]
- Aisha Yesufu, Nigerian socio-political activist.[146][147]
- Zakariyau Oseni, prominent Professor of Arabic and a Scholar of Islamic Studies, Guardian of Arabic Language and Literature, an Imam and a poet from Nigeria.[148]
- Mike Ozekhome, legal practitioner and a human rights activist [149]
- Mike Oghiadomhe, former Chief of Staff to President Goodluck Jonathan in 2014.[150][151]
- Solomon Arase, former and 18th Inspector General of Police in Nigeria under President Goodluck Jonathan government.[152][153]
- Julius Aghahowa, former professional footballer for Nigeria.[154][155]
- Sam Loco Efe (1945-2011), former Nollywood veteran actor and producer.[156][157]

- Admiral Augustus Aikhomu, former Chief of Staff in the General Ibrahim Babangida administration.[158]
- Helen Paul, stand up comedian and actress and popularly known as Tatafo. One time face of the Telecom consumer by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).[159][160]
- Lancelot Oduwa Imasuen, film director and Nollywood producer. Established the first Benin film academy at Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State.
- Hon. Joe Edionwele, a politician and member of the 8th and 9th National Assembly, representing Edo Central Senatorial District

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This is one of the many first hand accounts I got from my friend, Gert Botha, when I visited him in Swakopmund, Namibia last year. I'm offering it as an anecdotal example of what intrigues Carol and I so much about rural African culture. Georg Ritschl will be taking cloudbusters to villages and will be reporting on the progress of their healing work.

During his geology career some years ago, Gert was associated with a doctor who was employed by the same mining company he was doing prospecting for. They had occasion to travel in Southern Africa together often in their jobs and once the doc asked Gert, who was driving, to make a wide detour so he could visit an area where he sometimes treated people pro bono. This fellow was very fond of Africa and the native people he'd known, so it was a labor of love.

The detour involved an entire day of driving. A day of driving in Africa isn't like we're accustomed to here, of course, since most roads are not paved or even maintained regularly.

The reason Gert told me this story was to illustrate the innate psychic abilities of rural-dwelling Africans, and perhaps their beneficial influence on the doctor through association.

The doc had asked Gert to go to that place in an offhand manner, almost an afterthought, but though it took them a day to get there, it took the many Africans who had showed up then to receive treatment many days to get there on foot from various villages.

They simply knew he was going to show up, so they left in plenty of time to get there to meet him. Africans, generally, don't hurry for anyone.

The doc didn't seem at all surprised to see that large group of villagers, serene under the big tree by the road junction.

Does reading this make you want to throw away your wristwatch? Don't do that, but do consider the implications of a village in a country in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe or Zambia getting a cloudbuster from you, courtesy of Johannesburg's premier cloudbuster maker, Georg

Ritschl.

A noted Persian philosopher once said 'The black race are the pupil of the eye of humanity.' He had also referred to humanity as a garden full of flowers of various hues, fragrances and shapes, and how monotonous a garden made up of one specie of flowers must be.

As I mentioned many times, all we need to do to see what's important in this world right now is to look at the things the regime is trying hardest to destroy. Nobody would deny that Africa has not sustained the most enduring, devastating and aggressive genocide campaigns in modern history.

This isn't a charity appeal. We're going to get some solid, liberating energy from freeing these African nations from the HAARP-imposed drought/famine protocols they're under right now, and subsequent reports from the villagers, through Georg, to us, will greatly increase the already well-established and reputable store of information we've gathered already about healing the atmosphere, our own spirits, and beyond.

For those who consider efforts like this to be more appropriately expended in our own countries, first, consider that the planet is already like a single country, and all of humanity are related by blood.

In case you don't know, a cloudbuster in this part of the world often gets wildly dramatic results. This is probably because there aren't HAARP arrays every 400 square miles or so as there are throughout the North America and Europe, also because there are no chemtrail jets spewing barium salts on rainclouds. The ambient orgone field in Africa is arguably twice as vibrant and strong as in North America and Europe, too, so a little boost in that atmosphere gets multiplied by the atmosphere itself.

That's probably something that has to be experienced to be understood or even believed. It certainly makes it easier for Carol and I to understand how much more magical African society is than our own

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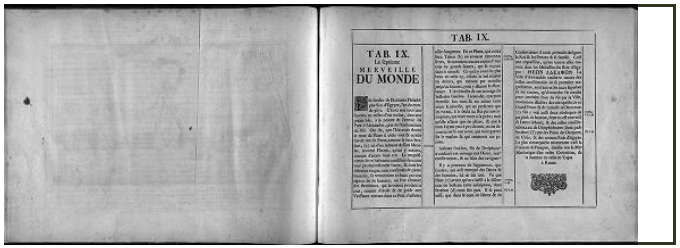

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See also: Ala (Pluto)

Ala	
Alusi of the Earth, Fertility, and Morality	
Planet	Earth
Symbol	crescent moon • python
Ethnic group	Igbo
Consort	Amadioha
Equivalents	
Roman equivalent	Juno • Ceres
Bakongo equivalent	Nzambici
Yoruba equivalent	Yemọja

Ala (also known as *Ani*, *Ana*, *Ale*, and *Ali* in varying Igbo dialects) is the female *Alusi* (deity) of the earth, morality, fertility, and creativity in Odinani. In Odinani, Ala rules over the underworld and holds the deceased ancestors in her womb. Her name literally translates to "ground" in the Igbo language, denoting her powers over the earth and her status as the ground itself. Ala is considered the highest Alusi in the Igbo pantheon. Ala's husband is Amadioha, the sky deity.[*citation needed*]

As the goddess of morality, Ala is involved in judging human actions and is in charge of Igbo law and customs known as *omenala*. Taboos and crimes among Igbo communities that are against the standard of Ala are called *nsọ Ala*. All ground is considered holy land as it is Ala herself. With human fertility, Ala is credited for the productivity of the land. Ala's messenger and living agent on earth is the python (Igbo: *éké*), which is especially revered in many Igbo communities. In art, Ala is often represented as a regal figure seated on a throne, surrounded by her family. In the past, such figures took the form of life-size mud sculptures in special festive shrines dedicated to the deity and known as *mbari*.[*citation needed*]

Power [edit]

It is said that if a person commits a taboo in a community, that they have also desecrated or insulted Ala as the abomination (called *ajo njo* or *Aru Ala*, *Alu Ani*) was committed on her earth. Ala is also responsible for many aspects of Igbo society and guardianship of women and children in general. She is often depicted with a small child in her arms and her symbol is the crescent moon. It is believed that the souls of the dead reside in her sacred womb. All in the community have to respect Ala as everybody lives on *ala*, the earth. It was sometimes believed that Ala could swallow people up into the underground.[*citation needed*]

Ala is still worshiped by the Igbo of Nigeria and is annually paid homage to during the yam festival.[*citation needed*]

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Isa ibn Mazyad al-Aswad

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Isa ibn Mazyad al-Aswad (died 772) was the first ruler of the oasis town of Sijilmasa, in what is now southeastern Morocco.

According to the traditional account, as narrated by the medieval sources (chiefly the 11th-century geographer al-Bakri), Sijilmasa was founded in 757/58 by a community of 40 Sufri Kharijites, led by the Berber Samgu ibn Wasul al-Miknasi.[1] The establishment of the town was part of a larger westward movement of Sufri Kharijites in the Maghreb, fleeing the westward expansion of Abbasid power in Ifriqiya, and the establishment of the rival Ibadi Kharijite Rustamid emirate of Tahert.[2]

Somewhat surprisingly, as Charles Pellat comments, the community chose Isa, who was reportedly the son of a black African convert to Islam, as their leader.[1] Due to unspecified offensive actions, he was deposed by his subjects in 772, who left him to die, tied to a tree and exposed to the mosquitoes.[1][3] He was succeeded by Samgu.[1] Modern historians have suggested this episode as the result of ethnic or tribal rivalries, namely, that the election of Isa was due to an initial predominance of black Africans in the region, and his deposition and replacement as the result of the growth of the Kharijite Berber population over time.[4]

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Maugris

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Maugis on his horse Bayard, fighting against the Infidels, in *Renaud de Montaubant*. Loyset Liédet, Bruges, 1462-1470

Maugis fighting the Saracen wizard Noiron in Aigremont, in *Renaud de Montaubant*. David Aubert, Bruges, 1462-1470

French texts [edit]

Main articles: The Four Sons of Aymon and Renaud de Montauban

The oldest extant version of the story of Maugris was the anonymous Old French *chanson de geste Quatre Fils Aymon* dating from the late 12th century. It tells the tale of the four sons of Duke Aymon (Renaud de Montauban, Guichard, Allard and Richardet), their magical horse Bayard, and their adventures and revolt against the emperor Charlemagne.

From the 13th century on, other texts concerning Maugris were created; together with the original, these are grouped as the "Renaud de Montauban cycle". These poems are: *Maugis d'Aigremont* (story of the youth of Maugis), *Mort de Maugis* (story of the death of Maugis), *Vivien de Monbranc* (story of the brother of Maugis), *Bueve d'Aigremont* (story of the father of Maugis, Bueve d'Aigremont, brother to Girart de Roussillon and Doon de Nanteuil).[2]

Italian texts [edit]

Along with Renaud (as *Rinaldo*), Maugris, as *Malagi* or *Malagigi*, is an important character in Italian Renaissance epics, including *Morgante* by Luigi Pulci, *Orlando Innamorato* by Matteo Maria Boiardo and *Orlando Furioso* by Ludovico Ariosto.

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es muqarnas dans la Méditerranée médiévale
a propos de quoi :Les muqarnas dans la Mediterranee medievale depuis l’epoque almoravide jusqu’a la ?n du XVe siecle Maria MARCOS COBALEDA* et Francoise PIROT**

Le texte dont vous parlez s'intitule "Les muqarnas dans la Mediterranee medievale depuis l’epoque almoravide jusqu’a la fin du XVe siecle" et a ete ecrit par Maria Marcos Cobaleda et Francoise Pirot. Le texte examine l'utilisation de la technique decorative des muqarnas, des niches en platre en forme de stalactites, dans l'architecture islamique de la Mediterranee medievale, en se concentrant sur la periode allant de l'epoque almoravide (11eme siecle) a la fin du 15eme siecle. Les auteurs examinent l'evolution stylistique des muqarnas et leur utilisation dans differents contextes architecturaux, ainsi que les influences mutuelles entre les differentes

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Esclavage au Maroc : La véritable histoire

La traite des noirs n'est pas la seule représentation de l'esclavage. Il y en a d'autres, bien sûr, qui se sont glissées dans la vie quotidienne et se sont perpétuées jusqu'à nos jours. L'esclavage moderne emprunte certaines formes à l'ancien. Il y est question de racisme, de suprématie des races ou des classes sociales. Et d'un homme dominant, exploitant, et asservissant un autre homme ou groupe d'hommes. Zamane a enquêté sur l'origine de ce fléau social, qui fait partie aujourd'hui de l'héritage, parfois très lourd, de l'humanité. Que signifie l'esclavage ? Comment a-t-il pénétré nos sociétés ? Jusqu'à quel point s'y est-il perpétué et quelles autres formes a-t-il pu épouser au fil des siècles et des décennies? Surtout, quelle est la place de ce phénomène, comparé à d'autres régions du globe, à d'autres sociétés et d'autres cultures ?

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L'HISTOIRE DE L'ESCLAVAGE AU MAROC DEMEURE MAL CONNUE. CHOUKI EL HAMEL, PROFESSEUR À L'UNIVERSITÉ D'ARIZONA AUX ETATS-UNIS, FAIT PARTIE DE LA NOUVELLE GÉNÉRATION DE CHERCHEURS QUI REVISITENT L'HISTOIRE DE L'ESCLAVAGE AU MAROC. SES THÉORIES SONT AUJOURD'HUI INCONTOURNABLES.

PROPOS RECUEILLIS PAR SAMI LAKMAHRI

«LE CORAN RECOMMANDE EXPLICITEMENT DE LIBÉRER LES ESCLAVES»

Le terme d'esclavagisme revient avec force dans l'actualité, y compris en Afrique du Nord. Quelle définition scientifique donnez-vous à l'esclavage ? La résurgence et l'utilisation de ce terme, est-elle, selon vous légitime ?

Selon la déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme, la situation d'esclavage concerne les personnes qui sont forcées à être la possession d'autres personnes qui les exploitent. Les victimes ne bénéficient d'aucun droit et sont à la merci de ceux qui les possèdent. Les « *maîtres* » contrôlent même leurs vies. L'esclavage est un système coercitif d'abus et de domination. Malgré ce qu'a accompli l'humanité dans le domaine des droits de l'homme, l'impact pratique demeure limité dans le monde réel. Des formes diverses de servitude continuent d'exister dans de nombreux pays africains comme la Mauritanie, le Mali, le Niger, le Nigéria, le Burkina Faso, le Tchad, le Soudan, l'Egypte ou encore la Libye. Ces pays sont régulièrement pointés du doigt par les organisations anti-esclavagistes les plus influentes. Les migrants subsahariens sont aussi confrontés au racisme et à la discrimination en Afrique du Nord. L'actualité que vous évoquez concerne la situation en Libye, où des réfugiés et migrants ont été vendus comme des esclaves. Ce dogme moyenâgeux sévit également au Moyen-Orient à travers les autoproclamés jihadistes de Daech. Non seulement ces groupes continuent à pratiquer l'esclavage, mais ils n'hésitent pas à asservir des musulmans appartenant à d'autres sensibilités religieuses. Face à cette problématique, il devient crucial que les intellectuels fassent entendre leur voix afin de dénoncer ces atrocités. C'est grâce à cela que nous pouvons trouver une lueur d'espoir. Jusqu'à il y a récemment, l'esclavage en Afrique et spécialement au Maghreb était mal connu et peu étudié d'une manière académique. Les approches esclavagistes et raciales de cette partie du monde étaient en général traitées d'une manière bien trop simpliste. En ce sens, les tendances commencent à s'inverser et je pense que nous allons enfin dans la bonne direction.

Que considérez-vous aujourd'hui comme esclavage moderne au Maroc ? L'exemple des *«petites bonnes»*, ou celui des *«trafics de migrants»* s'inscrivent-il dans ce phénomène ? Peut-on considérer ces pratiques comme un héritage de l'histoire de l'esclavage au Maroc ?

Le traitement réservé aux servantes et aux domestiques est pour moi le fruit d'un héritage. C'est une forme de servitude qui contraint de jeunes filles à vivre dans des conditions des plus précaires. Les anciennes formes d'esclavage n'ont en réalité pas disparu, elles se sont simplement transformées. Nous sommes en effet passés d'un mode social quasi féodal au colonialisme capitaliste qui promeut une production réalisée grâce à de maigres salaires. Les « *petites bonnes* » sont virtuellement esclaves de leurs employeurs car elles demeurent en position de faiblesse et sont obligées de travailler pour survivre. Un autre exemple de cet héritage esclavagiste est la situation des Haratine, qui ont été spoliés de leurs terres et auxquels a été dénié tout droit humain dans le sud du Maroc. Dans un récent article paru dans la presse arabophone, un « *Hartani* » de la ville de Laâyoune déclarait que le

meilleur statut auquel pouvait accéder un membre de son ethnie était chamelier. Il existe également des villages bannis où les habitants sont marginalisés et ne peuvent jouir des droits les plus élémentaires. Il en est de même dans d'autres régions, près de Chefchaouen ou de Zagora. Le gouvernement semble poursuivre les codes makhzéniens d'avant-Protectorat en continuant à dénier aux Haratine leur droit à la propriété de leurs terres ancestrales. De plus, les manquements de l'Etat dans la protection des droits humains de ces individus, l'application de la Charia et des lois discriminatoires inhibent l'émancipation de l'identité des Haratine. C'est le point essentiel que j'ai voulu illustrer dans mon ouvrage « *Black Morocco: A History of Slavery, Race, and Islam – 2012 ndlr* ». Il n'y est pas question que d'histoire mais aussi et surtout du présent, car l'esclavage au Maroc est une problématique contemporaine.

Comment pouvons-nous lutter contre ce phénomène ?

Grâce aux efforts conjugués des ONG et des médias, l'opinion publique est désormais alertée sur la marginalisation des Marocains noirs victimes d'un héritage de crime racial qui demeure impuni. Aujourd'hui, le fait de débattre de ce sujet n'est plus tabou. Il est vrai également que certains migrants subsahariens parviennent à décrocher un emploi stable qui leur permet d'envoyer de l'argent dans leurs contrées d'origine, comme le ferait un migrant en Occident. Mais la majorité d'entre eux restent en marge de la société.

Vous liez racisme et histoire de l'esclavage au Maroc. Expliquez-nous.

Ce paradigme racial, spécifique au Maroc, est significatif. Pas seulement parce qu'il nous renseigne sur le processus de discrimination et les limites de l'assimilation dans le royaume, mais aussi parce qu'il nous permet de repenser la définition traditionnelle de l'esclavage. Nous avons besoin de plus de recherches sur les histoires silencieuses de l'esclavage dans toute l'Afrique du Nord. La mise en esclavage des musulmans noirs par leurs coreligionnaires à la peau plus blanche, à savoir les Arabes et les Berbères, est un problème historique qui mérite une profonde investigation. Au Maroc, il existe un débat concernant l'interprétation des textes sacrés qui concernent cette question. L'islam, à l'instar des autres religions monothéistes, a été politiquement manipulé pour servir des intérêts matériels spécifiques. En d'autres termes, le pouvoir politique et socio-économique passe outre les préceptes et les idéaux défendus par le Coran.

RELATION. La mise en esclavage de musulmans noirs est un problème historique.

Ainsi, tous les groupes subalternes et en servitude sont victimes de cette hiérarchisation idéologique et sociologique. La culture des Arabes, ou des arabisés d'Afrique du Nord, est raciste et perçoit les populations noires comme inférieures. Ces dernières sont prisonnières d'une mobilité sociale extrêmement réduite. L'une des théories que j'expose dans mon livre est celle d'un système marocain « racialiste » qui est, curieusement, l'inverse du système raciste occidental. Lorsque dans le modèle occidental, une goutte de sang «noir » vous enferme dans la catégorie des « noirs», dans le modèle marocain une goutte de sang « arabe » vous donne accès aux privilèges d'une caste «supérieure ». C'est ce processus qui a aidé à créer une majorité de nationalistes arabes et subjugué dans le même temps les individus aux ancêtres noirs. Aujourd'hui, il est important de noter que les associations locales des droits de l'homme organisent des campagnes pour dénoncer le racisme à l'encontre des migrants subsahariens. Mais les Marocains noirs sont moins visibles dans leurs revendications, certainement à cause de la culture du silence qui règne depuis longtemps. Cette population paye également l'inconstance du mouvement abolitionniste, censé être l'instrument indispensable à l'émancipation politique.

L'ISLAM, COMME D'AUTRES RELIGIONS, A ÉTÉ MANIPULÉ POLITIQUEMENT POUR SERVIR DES INTÉRÊTS MATÉRIELS SPÉCIFIQUES

Cela est dû au contexte social bâti lui-même sur un système qui renie à la population noire un statut social digne. Pourtant, le message religieux est basé sur l'égalité politique, économique et sociale de tous les musulmans, quelle que soit leur ethnie. Mais ce message ne semble pas être entendu par les codes culturels établis par les dynasties successives. Un système qui a finalement créé et répandu des termes à connotation péjorative tels que 'abd' (esclave), 'akhal', 'asuqi', 'azzi' ou 'hartani' (noir).

La traite des êtres humains au Maroc a-t-elle vraiment débuté avec l'arrivée de l'islam ?

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STATUT. Les femmes esclaves étaient vendues commes domestiques ou concubines.

Existe-t-il des documents ou études historiques qui remontent au-delà ?
Nous ne connaissons pas encore exactement l'importance et la nature de l'esclavage préislamique au Maroc. Les études menées par Rodney et Susan McIntosh (anthropologues américains, ndlr) suggèrent un modèle d'interactions sociales basé sur un système de castes, nourri probablement par une activité limitée d'esclavagisme. Il paraît plus évident que les Romains possédaient des esclaves provenant de Nubie, d'Ethiopie et de l'Ouest du Soudan. Cette réalité a été rendue possible par l'introduction du dromadaire dans cette région d'Afrique au cours du premier siècle après J.C. Plus tard, de nombreux documents précisent en revanche que le commerce d'esclaves transsaharien s'est fortement développé au moment de la conquête arabe au VIIIème siècle. Ce réseau de commerce a été bâti sur des routes déjà empruntées par les populations berbères. Ibn Khaldoun, notamment, nous apprend que les Berbères ont également été esclavagisés. Dans ce cas, l'islam a été utilisé pour justifier ces raids. À cette époque, l'hostilité aux frontières des terres islamisées permettait aux esclavagistes de profiter de la capture de leurs ennemis pour en faire des esclaves. Les sources mentionnent surtout le cas des femmes esclaves revendues comme domestiques ou concubines. Les hommes quant à eux devenaient principalement des soldats esclaves.

Quel était le circuit de la traite des humais au Maroc ? Ce « marché » était-il plus réservé à un usage interne ou plutôt tourné vers l'étranger ?
Depuis le Xème siècle, les musulmans arabo-berbères établirent de fructueuses routes commerciales avec le puissant royaume du Ghana, ponctuées d'importants comptoirs, tels que Sijilmassa ou encore Awdaghust. L'esclavage était une activité majeure de ce circuit économique. Selon Ibn Battouta, la ville berbère de Takadda était le point de jonction des deux grandes voies de la transsaharienne, à savoir celle de l'ouest qui traverse le Maroc jusqu'à la Méditerranée et celle de l'est qui se termine en Egypte. Certains experts de l'histoire de l'esclavage estiment qu'en moyenne 1000 esclaves étaient transportés à travers le Maroc en une seule caravane entre le Moyen-âge et les temps modernes. La plupart d'entre eux étaient destinés aux travaux domestiques à l'intérieur des foyers marocains. Néanmoins, il est important de remarquer que les Portugais achetaient des esclaves appartenant aux Marocains, surtout lors des périodes de famines et d'épidémies. Le chroniqueur portugais du XVIème siècle, Bernardo Rodrigues, livre un précieux témoignage sur les pratiques de son époque. Il explique comment il a lui-même acheté cinq esclaves à Azzemour. Selon lui, cette ville était un important marché d'esclaves. Il décrit des centaines de bateaux amarrés sur le quai pour prendre part à ce commerce d'êtres humains. Il rapporte que l'offre était si abondante que les acheteurs se contentaient d'acheter seulement des femmes et de jeunes hommes à des prix dérisoires. Le chroniqueur précise qu'à cette époque, vers 1520, jusqu'à 1000 esclaves étaient vendus par jour dans la région d'Azemmour et de Safi. Les Espagnols n'étaient pas en reste puisqu'ils pratiquaient le même commerce dans leurs fiefs atlantiques, surtout à Agadir. Un document comptable de la ville de Jerez de la Frontera, près de Cadix, dénombre 60.000 esclaves marocains vendus à des marchands espagnols pour la seule année 1523. Ce mouvement important peut s'expliquer par leurs besoins en main-d'œuvre suite à l'expulsion des populations juives et musulmanes de la péninsule ibérique suite à la chute de Grenade en 1492.

Diverses interprétations de l'esclavage en islam existent encore aujourd'hui. Que dit réellement la religion à ce propos ?
Les courants wahhabite et salafiste continuent de fermer les yeux sur la pratique de l'esclavage. Il y a cependant quelques penseurs comme l'Egyptien Nasr Hamid Abou Zayd (décédé en 2010, ndlr) ou l'écrivain anglo-pakistanais Ziauddin Sardar qui bousculent la lecture traditionnelle en proposant une analyse revisitée. Dans mon livre, je propose également une lecture alternative de l'esclavage dans l'islam. J'y affirme qu'il n'y a aucun verset du Coran qui considère l'esclavage comme une norme sociale. De même, il n'existe aucun mot dans le texte sacré qui tolère ou encourage cette pratique. En réalité, le Coran ne se projette jamais dans le futur à l'évocation de la question de l'esclavage. En clair, il ne donne pas de recommandations du genre *« que faire à l'acquisition d'un esclave ? »*. En revanche, le texte livre des directives lorsque vous êtes déjà en possession d'un esclave et recommande

IL N'EXISTE AUCUN MOT DANS LE TEXTE SACRÉ QUI TOLÈRE OU ENCOURAGE LA PRATIQUE DE L'ESCLAVAGE

explicitement de le libérer. L'expression consacrée en arabe est « *ma malakat aymanoukoum* », littéralement « *ce que vos mains droites possèdent* ». Elle a souvent été interprétée par les théologiens comme une métonymie du concubinage. En somme, que le Coran tolère l'esclavage à des fins de concubinage. Une interprétation érigée par la loi islamique et qui conforte les intérêts des hommes dans la préservation de la pratique culturelle et ancestrale du concubinage, « *tassari* », héritée de l'ère préislamique. La lecture de l'expression « *ma malakat aymanoukoum* » devrait plutôt se comprendre comme une option à l'intérieur même de l'institution du mariage et non pas comme une référence au concubinage. Il faut savoir que cette pratique était un moyen de contraindre une esclave à satisfaire les désirs sexuels de son maître, mais proscrite par le Coran. Il me paraît donc évident que le message du Coran et celui du Prophète n'ont pas été compris et appliqués. Cette situation profite à la société patriarcale qui a pu perpétuer ainsi la pratique du concubinage et de l'esclavage.

Dans vos travaux, vous évoquez les polémiques qui ont existé dans l'histoire du Maroc à propos de la codification de l'esclavage. Comment le Makhzen a-t-il pu faire fructifier cette rente ? Le cas de Moulay Ismaïl est-il le plus emblématique ?
D'une part, l'esclavage au Maroc était organisé selon les règles de la loi islamique. D'autre part, les musulmans marocains asservissaient parfois les musulmans noirs sous la fausse accusation de paganisme. Des textes juridiques, tel que « *Daftar Mamalik as-Sultan Moulay Ismaïl* » (le registre des esclaves appartenant à Moulay Ismaïl), fournissent un témoignage critique cohérent de la pratique de l'esclavage au Maroc au début du XVIIIème siècle. Ce registre légal a homogénéisé les différents statuts et origines des Noirs dans la catégorie unique des esclaves. À ce stade, le message égalitaire de l'islam est devenu étranger à de nombreux musulmans au Maroc. Les principes moraux suggérés par le Coran et les Hadiths concernant l'émancipation des esclaves et la promotion des droits de l'homme et de la dignité sont en fait entrés en contradiction avec l'intérêt de la classe dominante et de la culture esclavagiste. L'exemple de Moulay Ismaïl est loin d'être unique. Il existe de nombreux précédents. Des documents historiques, tel que « *Mi'raj as-Soud* » d'Ahmad Baba, de Tombouctou au début du XVIIème siècle, sont des exemples de textes juridiques qui illustrent comment les identités et altérités ont été construites et violées au nom de l'islam. Ce qui est particulier finalement, ce n'est pas tant la pratique des préjugés raciaux et de l'esclavage, mais plutôt que de telles attitudes et pratiques existaient partout en Afrique du Nord. Les Arabes et les Berbères au Maroc ont perçu la haute mobilité ascendante des Abid al-Bukhari, la Garde noire de Moulay Ismaïl, comme une transgression contre l'ordre social, quitte à leur rappeler leurs origines, leur condition d'esclaves et leur couleur de peau. Le cas de Moulay Ismaïl est emblématique car il a réussi à rassembler, humilier et violer les droits légaux de plus de 221.320 personnes noires, à savoir leur droit naturel à la liberté, garanti par leur conversion à l'islam et leur statut de résidents de longue durée, et protégés par l'autorité et la jurisprudence islamiques. Alors que la décision de Moulay Ismaïl d'enrôler de force tous les Noirs dans son armée était politique, il a invoqué des distinctions raciales confondues avec le paganisme pour justifier l'asservissement des Noirs marocains. Son intention était de convaincre les érudits influents que les besoins de l'Etat, comme celui de créer une armée formidable pour défendre la terre de l'islam, fournissaient les mandats pour asservir les musulmans noirs libres qu'il croyait avoir tous été esclaves. En conséquence de cette conscription forcée de masse, la perception des noirs a été radicalement modifiée. Cela a renforcé les préjugés et déterminé l'image future des Noirs au Maroc.

Pourquoi le colonialisme français a-t-il aussi été laxiste sur la question de l'esclavage ? Existe-t-il une législation officielle interdisant l'esclavage ?
Le mouvement abolitionniste est un concept moderne, mais le rejet moral de l'esclavagisme a toujours accompagné l'histoire de l'islam. Toutefois, cette position ne devient efficace qu'à partir du XIXème siècle et le contact avec les Occidentaux et leur mouvement abolitionniste déjà entamé. Les Tunisiens, par exemple, n'ont pas attendu l'occupation par la France pour abolir l'esclavage en 1846 alors même que Paris ne l'avait pas encore aboli. Au Maroc, le courant conservateur dominant n'a pas fait de même. Aucun décret royal n'est venu mettre fin à cette pratique. Les autorités coloniales françaises ont été en effet réticentes à prendre des mesures à l'encontre du Maroc et de son système d'esclavage. Ils ont donné un consentement tacite pour que les esclaves, essentiellement des domestiques, demeurent dans les foyers de leurs employés. Il faut attendre 1950 pour signaler le premier document administratif officiel concernant l'arrêt de l'esclavage. Auparavant, en 1935, le Protectorat, en coopération avec le Palais, s'engage enfin à combattre les marchés d'esclaves clandestins. Il est surprenant de constater que le régime colonial, qui clame des idéaux au service de la civilisation et qui constitue son principal justificatif dans son entreprise coloniale, n'ait pas fermement condamné et aboli l'esclavage au Maroc. En réalité, la France n'a fait qu'œuvrer pour ses intérêts économiques. En conséquence, les Français ont permis la régulation des domestiques et des concubines selon les lois de la Charia en vigueur.

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Estevanico

Mustafa Azemmouri (c. 1500–1539), better known by his slave name **Estevanico** ("Little Stephen"), was an Moroccan explorer from Azemmour, Morocco, servant in Spain, who became the first African explorer of North America. He has been referred to as "the first great black man in America".[1][2][3] He is known as **Esteban de Dorantes**, **Estebanico**, and **Esteban the Moor**. He was sold to a Spanish nobleman in Spain in about 1521, and taken in 1527 on the Spanish Narváez expedition to establish a colony in "La Florida", which at the time was composed of present-day Florida, and all unexplored lands to the north and west, including Northern Mexico.

Estevanico	
Born	The Black 1501 Azemmour, Wattasid Morocco
Died	1539 Hawikuh, New Mexico
Occupation	Explorer in present day Mexico and parts of the southwest United States

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Names

Estevanico is recorded by different names, in the Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic and English languages, in a variety of historic works. Among the most common are Arabic: إستيفانيكو; "Mustafa Zemmouri" (مصطفى زموري), "Black Stephen"; "Esteban"; "Esteban the Moor"; "Estevan", "Estebanico", "Stephen the Black", "Stephen the Moor"; "Stephen Dorantes" and "Esteban de Dorantes," after his owner Andres Dorantes;[4] and "Little Stephen". The names "Estevanico" and "Estebanico" are the diminutive of his actual Spanish name of "Esteban"—the diminutive being how Spaniards referred to a child affectionately or to a servant condescendingly.

Early life

Estevanico was sold into slavery in 1522 in the Portuguese-controlled Amazigh town of Azemmour, on Morocco's Atlantic coast. Some contemporary accounts referred to him as an "Arabized black";[5] or "Moor", a generic term often used for anyone from North Africa.

He was acquired as a servant by a Spanish nobleman, Andrés Dorantes de Carranza. He had undoubtedly been raised as a Muslim, but because Spain did not allow non-Catholics to travel to the New World, most historians believe that he was required to convert to Roman Catholicism in order to join the expedition. His Christian name, Esteban, suggests that he may have been baptized. Whether he remained secretly a Muslim cannot be known from historical records.

The Narváez Expedition

The expedition, led by the newly-appointed *adelantado* (governor) of La Florida, Pánfilo de Narváez, left Cuba in February 1528 intending to go to Isla de las Palmas near present-day Tampico, Mexico, to establish two settlements. Storms and strong winds forced the fleet to the western coast of Florida. The Narváez expedition landed in present-day St. Petersburg, FL on the shores of Boca Ciega Bay. Narváez ordered that his ships and 100 men and 10 women sail north in search of a large harbor that his pilots assured them was nearby. He led 300 men, with 42 horses, north along the coast, intending to rejoin his ships at the large harbor. There is no large harbor north of Boca Ciega Bay and Narváez never saw his ships again.

After marching 300 miles north, they built boats to sail westward along the Gulf Coast shoreline hoping to reach Pánuco and the Rio de las Palmas. A storm struck them when they were near Galveston Island, Texas. Approximately 80 men survived the storm, being washed ashore at Galveston Island. After 1529, three survivors from one boat, including Estebanico, became enslaved by Coahuiltecan Indians; in 1532, they were reunited with a survivor from a different boat, Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca.[6]

The four men, Cabeza de Vaca, Andrés Dorantes de Carranza, Alonso del Castillo Maldonado and Estevanico, escaped captivity in 1534 and traveled west into Texas and Northern Mexico. They were the first Europeans and the first African to enter the American west. Having walked nearly 2,000 miles since their initial landing in Florida, they reached an area near Sinaloa, Mexico where they encountered Spanish slavers, then travelled to Mexico City, 1,000 miles to the south.

Little would be known about Estevanico were it not for the fact that Cabeza de Vaca published a book about their 8-year survival journey, the *Relación* in 1542 and again in 1555. It became the first book ever published describing the peoples, wildlife, flora and fauna of inland North America, and the first to describe the American bison. In the *Relación*, Cabeza de Vaca often referred to Estevanico as "the black" and described him as the one who went in advance of the other three survivors, as he was the most able to communicate with the native Indians that they encountered. In the last sentence of the *Relación* Cabeza de Vaca identifies "the black" who had been on the survival journey. In a translation done by Sterling Professor Rolena Adorn (Yale University) and researcher Charles Patrick Pautz, it is translated as, "The fourth is named Estevanico; he is an Arabic-speaking black man, a native of Azamor".[7] Another translation, done by Professors Martin A Favata (University of Tampa) and José B. Fernández (University of Central Florida) translated the last sentence as "The fourth is named Estebanico, he is a black Arab and a native of Azamor"[8]

Three years after his 8 year survival journey from Florida to Mexico City, Estevanico was chosen by the Viceroy of New Spain (Mexico) in 1539 to serve as the main guide for a return expedition to the Southwest led by Fray Marcos de Niza seeking "the Seven Cities of Cibola". Marcos de Niza reported in his own *Relacíon* that Estevanico was killed in the Zuni city of Hawikuh in 1539.[9] The idea that Estevanico was killed at that time is speculative, as the Indians who reported Estevanico's death to Friar Marcos de Niza did not see him killed but only assumed he had been killed.[10] Estevanico was the first non-Native to visit Pueblo lands.[11][12]

North American explorer

Reconstructed route of the Narváez-Cabeza de Vaca expedition.

Dorantes took Estevanico as his slave on Pánfilo de Narváez's expedition of 1527 to colonize Florida and the Gulf Coast. They left Cuba in February 1528, intending to establish two settlements in present-day Mexico at the Isla de las Palmas near today's Tampico. The Narváez fleet was forced by strong winds to sail to Florida. They landed in Boca Ciega Bay in April 1528. After failed efforts to locate villages with gold near present-day Tampa Bay and after enduring numerous attacks by Native Americans, Narváez split his forces, hoping to find a better place for settlement at a large bay to the north. He ordered the ships to sail north along the coast, with Narváez and 300 men traveling overland, planning to rejoin the land force with the ships at the large harbor. There is no large harbor north of their landing site, and the ships and the land expedition did not meet again. After traveling 300 miles north to the St. Marks River, Narváez determined they could reach Panuco by sailing westward along the coast. The estimated 250 survivors slaughtered their horses, melted down metals from bridles and stirrups, and made five boats to try to sail along the coast Gulf of Mexico to reach the main Spanish settlement at Pánuco. The boats wrecked off the coast of Texas, and most of men aboard the boats were lost at sea. About 80 surviving men washed ashore, and most were killed or died in the ensuing six years of captivity by native Indians. Eventually only Estevanico, Dorantes, Cabeza de Vaca and Castillo remained alive.[13] The four spent years enslaved on the Texas barrier islands.[6]

In 1534 the four survivors escaped into the American interior and became medicine men. As medicine men they were treated with great respect and offered food, shelter, and gifts, and villages held celebrations in their honor. When they decided they wanted to leave, the host village would guide them to the next village.[14] Sometimes as many as 3,000 people would follow them to the next village.[15] The party traversed the continent as far as western Mexico, into the Sonoran Desert to the region of Sonora in New Spain (present-day Mexico), where they encountered a slave-hunting group of Spaniards. The slave hunters told them that the main Spanish settlement was in Mexico City, 1,000 miles to the south. The four survivors traveled to Mexico City, arriving in July 1536.

Expedition to New Mexico and Death

In Mexico City, the four survivors told stories of wealthy indigenous tribes to the north in the "Seven Cities of Cibola", which created a stir among Spaniards in Mexico.[16] When the three Spaniards declined to lead an expedition to the north, Estevanico was sold or given to Antonio de Mendoza, the Viceroy of New Spain. He appointed Estevanico as the guide in expeditions to the North.

In 1539, Estevanico left Mexico City, travelled to Sinaloa, and accompanied Friar Marcos de Niza as the guide in search of the fabled Seven Cities of Cibola, preceding Coronado by a year. Estevanico traveled ahead of the main party with a group of Sonoran Indians. He was instructed to communicate by sending back crosses to the main party, with the size of the cross equal to the wealth discovered. One day, a cross arrived that was as tall as a person, causing de Niza to step up his pace to join the scouts.[17] Estevanico had apparently reached the A:shiwi village of Hawikuh (in present-day New Mexico). The local natives prefer the spelling Hawikku. (The Spanish later referred to the A:shiwi as Zuñi, and a corruption of that name, Zuni, is still used today). Stories concerning Estevanico's encounters with the A:shiwi are all based on legend. There is no first-person account of exactly what happened at Hawikuh. According to the Marcos de Niza account, the Zuni reportedly killed him and a large number of Northern Mexican Indians that had accompanied him. After hearing this, De Niza quickly returned to New Spain.

There is no certainty as to the cause or manner of Estevanico's death, and likely never will be. Virtually all stories of his death are based on legend or speculation. Some historians suggest that Estevanico was killed because the Zuni did not believe Estevanico's story that he represented a party of whites that was to follow him. Others speculate that he was killed for demanding turquoise and

women.[18] Roberts and Roberts wrote that others suggest that since Estevan, who was black and wore owl feathers and carried a medicine-man's gourd", the Zuni may have determined that he was pretending to be a medicine man, which was punishable by death. Others opine that may have looked like an evil sorcerer that existed in the Zuni religion, the "Chaikwana", usually represented by a black kachina."[19] Juan Francisco Maura suggested in 2002 that the Zunis did not kill Estevanico, and that he and friends among the Indians faked his death so he could gain freedom from slavery.[20] Some folklore legends say that the Kachina figure, *Chakwaina,* is based on Estevanico.[21]

Representation in other media

- *Esteban: The African Slave Who Explored America*, a 2018 nonfiction biography by Dennis Herrick, tells of Esteban being the first non-Indian to enter Arizona and New Mexico, arriving in 1539. The book challenges centuries of myth and assumptions focused on his slave nickname of Estebanico/Estevanico.
- *The Moor's Account*, a 2014 novel by Laila Lalami, is a fictional memoir of Estevanico. Lalami explains that little is known about him except for one line in Cabeza de Vaca's chronicle: "The fourth [survivor] is Estevanico, an Arab Negro from Azamor."[22][23]
- The character Esteban from the anime series, *The Mysterious Cities Of Gold.* was believed to be loosely based on the story of Estevanico.
- Professor A.L.I., an educator and rapper, often goes by the alter-ego Black Steven, which he says is a nod to Estevanico the Moor.[24]
- *Estavanico*, a poem by PEN/Joyce Osterweil Award for Poetry winner Jeffrey Yang, published in Poetry, July/August 2017, narrated by the Spanish explorer Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca. In 52 free verse lines, the poem recounts the story of de Vaca's years of exploration in the New World with Estevanico as a physical and moral guide.[25]
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Ron Eglash is an ethno-mathematician: he studies the way math and cultures intersect. He has shown that many aspects of African design — in architecture, art, even hair braiding — are based on perfect fractal patterns.

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"Ethno-mathematician" Ron Eglash is the author of *African Fractals*, a book that examines the fractal patterns underpinning architecture, art and design in many parts of Africa. By looking at aerial-view photos -- and then following up with detailed research on the ground -- Eglash discovered that **many African villages are purposely laid out to form perfect fractals**, with self-similar shapes repeated in the rooms of the house, and the house itself, and the clusters of

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As he puts it: "When Europeans first came to Africa, they considered the architecture very disorganized and thus primitive. It never occurred to them that the **Africans might have been using a form of mathematics that they hadn't even discovered yet**."

His other areas of study are equally fascinating, including research into African and Native American cybernetics, teaching kids math through culturally specific design tools (such as the Virtual Breakdancer applet, which explores rotation and sine functions), and **race and ethnicity issues in science and technology**. Eglash teaches in the Department of Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York, and he recently co-edited the book *Appropriating Technology*, about how we reinvent consumer tech for our own uses.

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Исследователи считают, что они наконец-то определили наиболее точное изображение всемирно известного драматурга.

Хотя литературные таланты Шекспира хорошо известны, один аспект его жизни, который с годами оставался туманным – это как же он все-таки выглядел?

Существуют многочисленные изображения Шекспира. От картин и рисунков до скульптур и статуй, но все они не похожи друг на друга, и историки долгое время пытались определить, какое из них наиболее точно описывает самого гения.

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Первоначально считалось, что это неточный посмертный памятник, скульптура – когда-то прозванная как “самодовольный мясник”. Но теперь выяснилось, что она была заказана самим поэтом и была сделана кем-то, кто знал его лично.

“Весьма вероятно, что памятник заказал Шекспир, – сказала профессор Лена Коуэн Орлин, – Это было сделано кем-то, кто хорошо знал его и видел его при жизни. Можно утверждать, что это своего рода прижизненный портрет, задуманный самим Шекспиром о смысле смерти и о жизни в учении и литературе”.

Позже исследователи узнали, что скульптором был некий Николас Джонсон, известный создатель гробниц и надгробных памятников в то время.

“Это действительно важно, – сказал исследователь творчества Шекспира доктор Пол Эдмондсон, – Таким образом, мы можем сказать, что именно так Шекспир хотел быть представленным в наших воспоминаниях. Потому что эту скульптуру он сам и заказывал. Поэтому можно сказать, что теперь мы точно знаем как выглядел знаменитый бард.”

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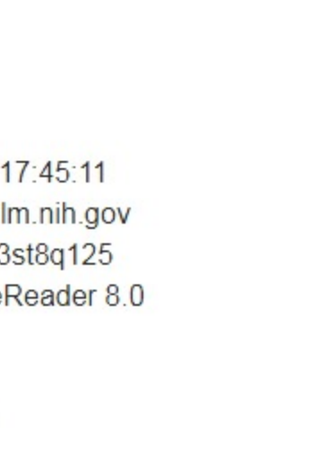
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Human meat – Wesker and Son butchers at Smithfield Market

Posted on September 28, 2012 *by* PICKYGLUTTON 45 Comments

Not for the squeamish or vegetarians

I don't have much time for marketing stunts, but the Wesker and Son pop-up butchers at London's Smithfield Market piqued my interest. Organised by the publishers of the upcoming Resident Evil 6 video game, Wesker and Son sells meat made to look like human body parts. I managed to sneak in without revealing my identity and managed to get a look around. Sadly the man on duty wasn't actually a butcher so he wasn't able to tell me much about the pork used. Still, Wesker and Son is nothing if not a giggle and is open Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September from 09.00 to 18.00.

One unexpected highlight was the presence of Tongue and Cheek serving up both ox tongue and pork cheek sandwiches, although sadly they won't be present on Friday and Saturday. The tender ox tongue paired with garlic and chimichurri sauce was good, but the highlight was the moist and very tangy pork cheek accompanied by coleslaw. The pork cheek sandwich is currently available from Tongue and Cheek alongside their excellent burgers, with the ox tongue due to join the menu soon. Well worth seeking out.

A fistful of dough.

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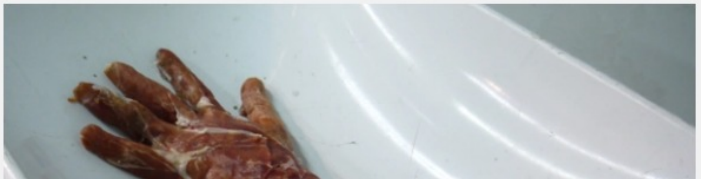

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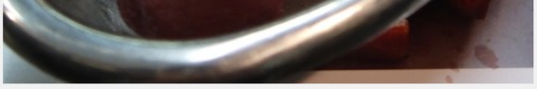

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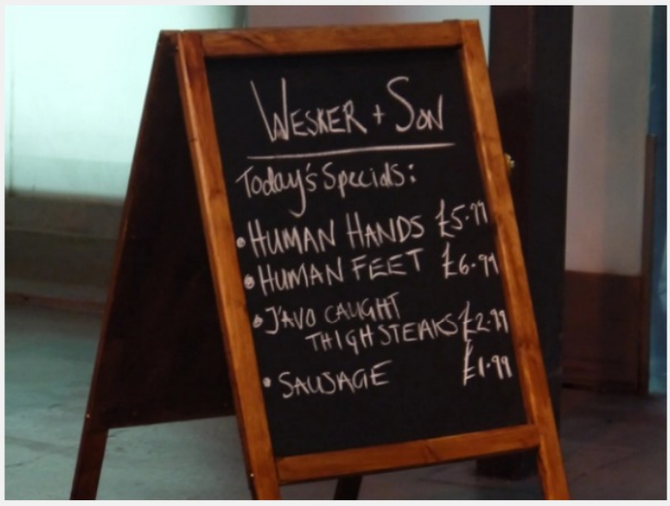

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September 28, 2012 at 12:10

it's all just dead flesh, whether human or pork. To be disgusted byone and not the other is nonsense.

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SEAN says:
September 28, 2012 at 14:06

No because eating meat from human beings is canabalism…PS its not flesh

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JARON DITOMMASO says:
September 28, 2012 at 22:06

IT is flesh, it's pork and beef shaped into people parts.

NOM NOM NOM super tasty fresh prosciutto and sausage

JARON DITOMMASO says:
September 28, 2012 at 22:07

in case you didn't catch on, meat IS flesh

KIT says:
September 29, 2012 at 17:56

No, it's cannibalism.

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I'm having me some cock-au-vin tonight!

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Uh, could I get a large tube steak please?

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Ooof. As illogical as it may be, that makes me feel quite ill.

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Ahhh, Daily Mail readers. A considerate, good humoured, light hearted, happy go-lucky bunch.

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LAKS - DEN DJURRÄTTANDE FEMINISTEN says:
October 4, 2012 at 15:49

Hello, I wonder if I might use your pictures in my blog? Of course I would let the readers know that this was where they came from.

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OMG scarry meat

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VLADIMÍR BÁRTEK says:
June 1, 2016 at 11:31

The only thing that would probably disgust me about eating human flesh would be that I know about most people's trashy eating habits therefore the meat quality would be likely extremely low.

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AUSTIN says:
June 6, 2016 at 18:35

Yeah, I'm sure vegans would taste better… LMAO

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Şeytan Castle is an old castle located in Yıldırımtepe village of Çıldır district of Ardahan province. This fortress in the historical Erusheti region is referred to as "Kacistsiba" (Devil's Castle) in Georgian sources and it is believed that the na[illegible]fter the Ottomans took

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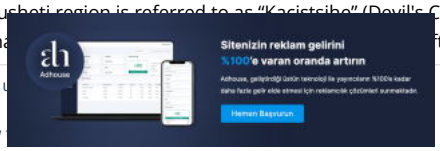

OK

Mari, written in the 12th century, that "Kacta Tsihe" is not the Alamut Castle but the Devil Castle.

Location

Şeytan Castle is located on a rocky hill on the right bank of a stream, 1,3 km north of the center of Yıldırımtepe village, formerly known as Rabat. It is possible to reach this hill, which has a cliff on three sides, from only one direction. It is believed to be called Şeytan Castle due to its difficult access and capture due to this location. However, as the fortress could not be captured, the invincibility of the fortress was associated with evil spirits and the devil, as well as a legend among the public.

The castle, which is 1910 meters above sea level, has reached the present day quite solidly. The castle has an unsymmetrical plan and its dimensions are 161 × 93 meters and the castle has three towers. One of them has survived to the present day.

Today, the Devil's Castle, which is illuminated at night, is reached by a paved vehicle right up to the viewing hill, and after this point, it is reached by a pathway.

History

There are suggestions that the Devil's Castle was built during the Urartu period. However, these views

are not based on any historical sources. According to the information given by later sources, it is understood that the castle should have been an early medieval castle. However, due to its location, it is very likely that such a place was a fortress in earlier dates. However, resources to prove this are not yet available.

According to the case of Meshuri Matiane, which describes the Georgian principality Samtshe-Saatabago and the history of neighboring states between 1561-1587, the ruler of Satan Castle Samtshe-Saatabago II. While under the leadership of Manuçar, Manuçar agreed with Lala Mustafa Pasha and gave six castles, including the Devil's Castle, to the Ottomans. The Devil's Castle was used during the Ottoman period from the 16th century as well as the Georgian Kingdom and Samtshe-Saatabago periods. It is known that there is a commercial area near the castle. This place, known as Rabat, later turned into ordinary settlement.

Structures in the castle

The Devil's Castle has a single nave church built in the 14th century. Only four walls remain from this church, which is at the bottom of the castle and dedicated to St. Stefan. In the castle, the remains of the stair steps descending to the cistern and the stream have survived to the present day.

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L'effacement du corps de l'ouvrier. La santé au travail lors de la première industrialisation de Paris (1770-1840)

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« Enivrons-nous amis sans souci ni remords
Demain dans le travail nous puiserons la mort »
Charles Gille, *Chant des cérusiens*, vers 1840.

De la fin du XVIIIe au début du XIXe siècle, un grand nombre de secteurs artisanaux et industriels commencent à être bouleversés par l'adoption de procédés innovants, de nouvelles organisations du travail et de rythmes inédits, avec d'importantes conséquences pour la santé des artisans et des ouvriers [1]. Or cette question de la santé au travail a été relativement peu abordée par les historiens pour la période préindustrielle ou celle de la première industrialisation [2]. Il est pourtant fondamental de connaître la façon dont la société s'est emparée de ce problème durant cette phase de transformation économique, sociale et culturelle. Comment les changements des conditions de travail et l'adaptation des corps des travailleurs ont-ils été perçus par les acteurs du monde économique, les observateurs sociaux, les médecins ? Leurs réactions, leurs diagnostics et leurs réponses permettent de mettre en lumière l'un des aspects les plus essentiels de l'acculturation industrielle de nos sociétés occidentales.

On sait, depuis les travaux de Michel Foucault, que le grand basculement entre les deux siècles réside dans la structuration de la discipline des corps [3]. Mais, si dans le monde pénal ce contrôle est une contrepartie à l'abaissement des violences physiques infligées aux criminels, il semble que discipline et meurtrissures aillent de pair dans le monde du travail. Que le débat historique porte sur l'usure au travail ou sur les maladies professionnelles, il est indéniable que l'industrialisation donne naissance aux « douleurs, souffrances et misères du corps » [4] et que le discours médical porté à ce sujet n'est pas exempt d'ambiguïté. Il y a vingt-cinq ans, en s'appuyant sur les articles des *Annales d'hygiène publique et de médecine légale*, Bernard-Pierre Lécuyer expliquait que les hygiénistes avaient – paradoxalement – favorisé l'émergence d'un discours de dénégation des dangers du travail sur la santé, parce que leur rôle s'inté-

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2. Les travaux les plus récents font encore la part belle à la période très contemporaine. S. Buzzi, J.-C. Devinck, P.-A. Rosental, *La santé au travail (1880-2006)*, Paris, La Découverte, 2006. Numéros spéciaux de la *Revue d'histoire moderne et contemporaine,* « Les maladies professionnelles : genèse d'une question sociale (XIXe-XXe siècle) », janvier-mars 2009, de *Mouvements,* « La santé à l'épreuve du travail », avril-juin 2009, et d'*Histoire et sociétés,* « La « longue marche » pour la santé au travail », septembre 2007.

3. M. Foucault, *Surveiller et punir. Naissance de la prison*, Paris, Gallimard, 1975.

4. A. Corbin, J.-J. Courtine, G. Vigarello (dir.), *Histoire du corps*. t. II : *De la Révolution à la Grande Guerre*, Paris, Le Seuil, 2005, p. 215. Sur le débat historiographique, G. Jorland, « L'hygiène professionnelle en France au XIXe siècle », *Le Mouvement Social***,** octobre-décembre 2005, p. 71-90.

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grait dans les mécanismes de l'économie politique et *in fine* de l'ordre social[5]. Cette thèse stimulante a été peu approfondie depuis et mérite d'être reformulée à l'aide de nouvelles sources, d'un recours à une périodisation qui remonte jusqu'aux tous premiers pas de l'industrialisation, et enfin d'un terrain d'analyse particulièrement fécond : Paris.

Entre 1770 et 1830, la capitale subit une mutation morphologique qui lui permet d'ajouter à ses anciennes fonctions de métropole politique, administrative, financière, commerciale, culturelle et religieuse une dimension industrielle qui lui donne une certaine prépondérance en France dans bon nombre de secteurs. Si le textile et l'industrie chimique font naître la nouvelle ville industrielle, quantité d'unités de taille intermédiaire, souvent de dimension artisanale, procurent une activité intense qui n'est pas sans revers : la question des maladies des artisans est ainsi régulièrement soulevée. Celle-ci concerne une partie seulement des travailleurs, ceux qui manipulent des produits toxiques comme les composés de plomb ou de mercure. Sans être représentatifs de toutes les productions, ces métiers (chapellerie, dorure sur métal, étamage, etc.) ont connu une grande évolution dans leur processus productif au cours du XVIIIe siècle. Ils reposent sur une grande variété de savoir-faire et sur la vigueur de leur corporation[6]. Concernant l'artisanat du luxe, ils ont une forte visibilité qui rend les pathologies de leurs ouvriers d'autant plus propices au débat public.

L'étude de la relation santé-travail durant la première industrialisation de Paris permet de mettre en perspective la naissance de l'étrange discours de minimisation des risques de la part des hygiénistes du XIXe siècle. Ce processus n'est pas linéaire. À la fin de l'Ancien Régime, un débat sur la question de la santé au travail émerge au contraire, au point que les ouvriers et les artisans commencent à être reconnus par beaucoup comme des victimes de l'activité économique. Avec la Révolution française, le problème est temporairement occulté, jusqu'à la fin de la période impériale. Enfin, après un regain d'intérêt pour cette question, la théorisation de l'effacement du corps de l'ouvrier est progressivement réalisée et se parachève en 1840.

La reconnaissance des maux du travail à la fin du XVIIIe siècle

Dans les années 1770, le problème des maladies des artisans fait subitement l'objet d'un débat dans les sphères médicales parisiennes, dans les académies, enfin dans l'opinion publique. Cette nouvelle préoccupation s'intègre dans la naissance du mouvement hygiéniste[7]. Elle s'explique aussi par l'aggravation des conditions de tra-

5. B.-P. Lécuyer, « Médecins et observateurs sociaux : les *Annales d'hygiène publique et de médecine légale* (1820-1850) », in J. Mairesse et S. Thave (dir.), *Pour une histoire de la statistique*, t. I, Paris, Economica/INSEE, 1977, p. 445-476 ; « Les maladies professionnelles dans les *Annales d'hygiène publique et de médecine légale*, ou une première approche de l'usure au travail », *Le Mouvement Social*, juillet-septembre 1983, p. 46-69 ; « L'hygiène en France avant Pasteur, 1750-1850 », in C. Salomon-Bayet (dir.), *Pasteur et la révolution pastorienne*, Paris, Payot, 1986, p. 67-139.

6. W. H. Sewell, *Gens de métiers et révolutions : le langage du travail de l'Ancien Régime à 1848*, Paris, Aubier-Montaigne, 1983.

7. M. Valentin, *Travail des hommes et savants oubliés*, Paris, Éditions Docis, 1978. G. Vigarello, « L'hygiène des Lumières », in P. Bourdelais (dir.), *Les hygiénistes. Enjeux, modèles et pratiques,* Paris, Belin, 2001, p. 26-40.

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vail de quelques secteurs artisanaux parisiens [8]. Le nouveau regard médical concorde enfin avec des facteurs institutionnels. La création de la *Gazette de santé* en 1773, puis de la Société royale de médecine en 1776, enfin la traduction par Fourcroy en 1777 de l'*Essai sur les maladies des artisans* écrit par Ramazzini en 1700, créent un contexte favorable à la description et l'interprétation des principales affections sanitaires subies dans le monde du travail.

Revue initialement proche de la faculté de médecine de Paris, la *Gazette de santé* indique en 1773, dans la préface de son premier numéro, qu'elle n'oubliera pas « les malheureux ouvriers, dont la santé est si souvent altérée », ce qu'elle rappelle à nouveau en juin 1775. L'année suivante, la *Gazette* affirme qu'il faut « fréquenter les ateliers, pour sentir combien il est difficile, dans la plupart des arts, de conserver la santé des ouvriers » [9]. De fait, entre 1774 et 1776, elle relate successivement les souffrances physiques et les maladies des carriers, des tailleurs de grès, des peintres qui broient eux-mêmes leurs pigments, des doreurs sur métaux, des chapeliers, enfin des fossoyeurs [10]. Si, dans le même temps, l'autre revue médicale, le *Journal de médecine*, est beaucoup plus discrète, plusieurs ouvrages paraissent à ce sujet. Ainsi, en 1776, Gardane, doyen de la Faculté de médecine et déjà auteur des *Recherches sur la colique métallique*, traduit le *Traité des mauvais effets de la fumée de la litharge*, écrit en latin en 1656, l'enrichit de notes et décrit des métallurgistes victimes des coliques du peintre, dues aux émanations de ce dérivé du plomb. En 1761, un autre médecin de la Faculté de médecine avait écrit un livre détaillé sur ces maladies des ouvriers maniant des composés de plomb [11]. Ces publications s'ajoutent à des enquêtes de médecins parisiens non publiées, comme celle de Tenon sur les ouvriers de la chapellerie parisienne (1757) ou encore de Leroux des Tillets, futur doyen de la faculté, sur une maladie des ouvriers de la manufacture royale de porcelaine de Sèvres (1780) [12].

La création de la Société royale de médecine à la fin de 1776 constitue un accélérateur de la prise de conscience. Dès le départ, elle se donne pour tâche d'étudier les maladies des artisans par un recensement des professions pouvant être nuisibles et par la recherche de moyens de prévention [13]. La liste des questions envoyée à son réseau de correspondants annonce un champ de recherche novateur qui se veut exhaustif :

> quelle est la situation et l'étendue des ateliers ; quelle est la nature des eaux dont on y fait usage ; de quels instruments les ouvriers se servent ; quelles

8. Th. Le Roux, « Santés ouvrières et développement des arts et manufactures au XVIIIe siècle en France », in S. Cavaciocchi (dir.), *Le interazioni fra economia e ambiente biologico nell'Europa preindustriale. Secc. XIII-XVIII / Economic and Biological Interactions in the Pre-industrial Europe from the 13th to the 18th Centuries. Atti della Quarantunesima settimana di studi, 26-30 aprile 2009*, Florence, Firenze University Press, 2010, p. 573-586.

9. *Gazette de santé*, préface au premier numéro, 1773, 22 juin 1775, 21 mars 1776.

10. *Ibid.*, 13 janvier 1774, 22 juin et 7 septembre 1775, 1er février, 7 mars, 14 mars, 21 mars et 22 juillet 1776.

11. *Ibid.*, 5 septembre 1776 ; J.-J. Gardane, *Conjectures sur l'électricité médicale, avec des recherches sur la colique métallique*, Paris, Veuve d'Houry, 1768 ; F. de P. Combalusier, *Observations et réflexions sur la colique de Poitou ou des peintres*, Paris, de Bure l'aîné, 1761.

12. J. Tenon, « Mémoire sur les causes de quelques maladies qui affectent les chapeliers », *Histoires et mémoires de l'Académie des sciences*, t. 7, 1806-1807, p. 98-116 ; *Journal de médecine, chirurgie & pharmacie*, t. LVI, 1781, p. 183.

13. *Histoire de la Société royale de médecine*, t. 1, 1779 (1776), p. 11.

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> sont les matières qu'ils emploient ; suivant quels procédés on les traite ; quelles vapeurs s'en élèvent ; si les ouvriers sont en grand nombre dans la même salle ; quelle est leur attitude ; quels sont leurs mouvements ; quelle est leur nourriture et leur manière de se vêtir ; quels sont, chez eux, les organes les plus fatigués ; enfin si ces procédés ont quelquefois influé sur les épidémies régnantes [14].

À la suite de cet appel, elle reçoit entre 1778 et 1790 de nombreux mémoires sur les maladies des ouvriers, dans lesquels des médecins de Nantes, Montpellier, Marseille, Paris ou même de l'étranger dépeignent des pathologies ouvrières et la souffrance des corps. L'inspecteur des manufactures Pajot des Charmes envoie lui aussi cinq mémoires, entre 1787 et 1790, portant sur les maladies des verriers, des drapiers, des imprimeurs, des fondeurs en poterie, enfin des teinturiers [15]. Dans ses publications, la Société donne une part non négligeable aux maladies professionnelles, dont la description s'intègre dans les diverses topographies locales [16]. C'est aussi dans ce cadre qu'elle commande à Fourcroy, alors étudiant en médecine, la traduction de l'œuvre majeure de Ramazzini, écrite en 1700 ; Fourcroy y ajoute une introduction importante et des notes très documentées, actualisant ainsi les connaissances sur les maux des artisans et ouvriers, et offrant un regard plus parisien. Dès sa publication en 1777, l'ouvrage connaît un retentissement considérable [17].

Ces différents jalons marquent une prise de conscience de l'élite médicale. Sous l'impulsion d'un généreux donateur, Montyon, l'Académie des sciences s'empare elle aussi du problème et propose à partir de 1782 plusieurs prix extraordinaires récompensant l'auteur qui trouverait les moyens de préserver les ouvriers des dangers auxquels les exposent leurs différents travaux. Ancien intendant, Montyon est alors conseiller d'État, administrateur philanthrope [18]. Il vient de participer à la publication des *Recherches et considérations sur la population* (1778), ouvrage écrit par son secrétaire Moheau et dont un chapitre est consacré aux « métiers destructeurs de l'espèce humaine ». Ce livre important, qui ouvre des perspectives statistiques préfiguratrices, suggère une politique publique financée par un impôt taxant le « luxe homicide » et conclut son chapitre sur la nécessité d'une intervention de l'État pour « s'occuper, dans la partie des Arts mécaniques, d'un objet auquel personne ne fait attention, parce qu'il est étranger à tout intérêt particulier : la conservation des hommes », avant de préciser avec optimisme la nouveauté du propos : « Le champ est vaste, le sujet presque neuf, l'objet est noble, et peut-être les succès ne sont pas très difficiles » [19].

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14. Assemblée tenue le 17 décembre 1776, citée par le *Journal de Paris*, 22 octobre 1778.

15. Bibliothèque de l'Académie de médecine, fonds de la Société royale de Médecine ; A. Farge, « Les artisans malades de leur travail », *Annales ESC*, septembre-octobre 1977, p. 993-1006. Dans son étude, elle cite sept documents de la bibliothèque de l'Académie de médecine ; il y en a en fait d'autres. Voir aussi P. Minard, *La fortune du colbertisme : État et industrie dans la France des Lumières*, Paris, Fayard, 1998, p. 188-191.

16. *Histoire de la Société royale de médecine, op. cit.,* notamment t. 2, 1780, p. 126-127 ; t. 3, 1782, p. 87 ; t. 5, 1787, p. 327-332.

17. B. Ramazzini, *Essai sur les maladies des artisans*, traduit par Fourcroy, Paris, Moutard, 1777 (1ère éd. 1700) ; *Journal de Paris*, 9 septembre 1777 ; *Gazette de santé*, 28 août 1777.

18. M. Valentin, « Le prix des arts insalubres à l'Académie royale des sciences en 1783 », *Archives des maladies professionnelles, de médecine du travail et de sécurité sociale*, avril-mai 1973, p. 273-280 ; W. Coleman, « L'hygiène et l'État selon Montyon », *Dix-huitième siècle*, 1977, p. 101-108.

19. J.-B. Moheau, *Recherches et considérations sur la population de la France*, Paris, Moutard, 1778, p. 221.

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Pour convaincre l'Académie de consacrer un prix aux arts insalubres, Montyon avait rédigé un argumentaire particulièrement éloquent et évocateur sur les accidents et les maladies des travailleurs, assimilés à des victimes :

> Tandis que l'on applaudit au succès des Arts, on oublie que presque toutes leurs opérations sont malsaines ou meurtrières. Il s'en faut de peu que le dénombrement des différentes classes d'ouvriers ne soit une liste de victimes. […] Dans toutes ces professions la matière extraite ou fabriquée s'atténue ou se volatilise, s'insinue dans le corps humain, et y porte des particules arsenicales, sulfureuses, métalliques, vénéneuses, ou des molécules incisives, ou une poussière qui attaque les poumons, ou un air corrompu, espèce de mouffette artificielle. Lorsque la décomposition de la matière n'est pas pernicieuse, les ouvriers périssent par l'action excessive du feu ou par une situation forcée et continue. […] Souvent la nature des travaux occasionne des morts violentes ou des accidents funestes […]. Quel triste résultat de l'industrie ! Nos bâtiments sont cimentés avec du sang, nos vêtements en sont teints, nos plaisirs en sont infectés ; il n'est point de jour où la richesse n'ordonne des meurtres : et la vie humaine est mise à prix comme un effet commerçable [20].

Les quatre prix proposés par l'Académie des sciences entre 1783 et 1789 [21] ne recouvrent évidemment pas toutes les maladies artisanales, ni même n'énumèrent la totalité des nuisances des activités de production au sein des ateliers. Néanmoins le choix des métiers (doreurs, chapeliers, étameurs, broyeurs de couleurs) est révélateur à la fois d'une situation parisienne et du constat d'une dégradation de la condition ouvrière dans la deuxième moitié du XVIIIe siècle. Ces professions appartiennent à une économie du luxe en plein essor à Paris (objets dorés, chapeaux fins et feutrés, miroirs, papiers peints, etc.) qui provoque une hausse de la production et des impératifs techniques moins favorables à l'ouvrier. La nocivité de ces travaux réside notamment dans l'usage du mercure, commun à la dorure, la chapellerie et l'étamage, dissout avec de l'acide nitrique dans les deux premiers cas (nitrate de mercure). Il provoque des tremblements aboutissant à une paralysie parfois mortelle [22]. Quant au broyage des couleurs, il met en suspension des poussières d'oxydes métalliques (de plomb, de cuivre ou de mercure) et de sulfure d'arsenic, et provoque chez le peintre des paralysies, des tremblements, des coliques mortelles [23]. En 1775, un médecin de l'hôpital de la Charité s'alarme de la quantité de peintres ou de broyeurs de couleur, victimes de coliques de plomb dues à la céruse et au minium. L'année suivante, la *Gazette de santé* dénonce les procédés « inutiles, bizarres et abusifs » du secrétage des peaux au mercure, qui est censé faciliter le feutrage des

20. Archives de l'Académie des sciences, Prix, carton 2, pochette « Arts insalubres » (désormais AAS, P/2/Ai), *Nouveau prix extraordinaire proposé par l'Académie royale des sciences pour l'année 1783*. Ce texte a été attribué malencontreusement par de nombreux historiens à Lavoisier.

21. E. Maindron, *Les fondations de prix à l'Académie des sciences, 1714-1880*, Paris, Gauthier-Villars, 1881, p. 41-42. AAS, P2/Ai, et *Registre des procès-verbaux de l'Académie des sciences*, 14 mai 1783, p. 117. *Journal de Paris*, 14 mai 1783. *Journal de médecine*, t. LX, n° 2, 1783, p. 86.

22. B. Ramazzini, *Essai sur les maladies des artisans*, *op. cit.*, p. 27 et 42-46 (notes de Fourcroy) ; AAS, P2/Ai, dorure, mémoire Gosse (lauréat). Sur la dorure, L. Mottu-Weber, « Inventeurs genevois aux prises avec la maladie des doreuses et doreurs en horlogerie (fin XVIIIe-début XIXe siècle) », in L. Hilaire-Perez (dir.), *Artisans, industries. Nouvelles révolutions du Moyen-Âge à nos jours*, Lyon, ENS Éditions – Société française d'histoire des sciences et des techniques, 2004, p. 283-296.

23. C. Lanoë, *La poudre et le fard : une histoire des cosmétiques de la Renaissance aux Lumières*, Seyssel, Champ Vallon, 2008, p. 164-170.

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poils[24]. Ce procédé, introduit en France vers 1735, venait d'être généralisé après la rupture de l'approvisionnement en peaux de castors en 1763 à la suite de la perte du Canada. En effet, les peaux de lapins, qui y furent substituées, se secrétaient plus difficilement, ce qui semblait justifier l'usage du mercure[25].

La dénonciation des conditions de travail dépasse le cercle des médecins et des académiciens, et émerge plus largement dans la conscience collective et politique. Des observateurs sociaux font le lien entre les espaces de travail resserrés, bas et humides, les positions artificielles imposées par les opérations, et certaines malformations constatées chez les ouvriers. Appliquées aux espaces de travail, les théories urbaines du siècle des Lumières recommandent de rassembler les ouvriers dans des lieux spacieux et aérés[26]. Mais même dans les grandes manufactures, aux ateliers vastes et bien ordonnancés, les conditions de travail semblent insupportables. Dans celle des glaces de la rue de Reuilly, où travaillent plusieurs centaines d'ouvriers, Louis-Sébastien Mercier décrit l'air suffocant, les convulsions des corps des ouvriers durant leur travail, et s'indigne presque des « efforts violents, [des] contractions effrayantes de tous les membres de l'ouvrier qui halète, souffle, sue, s'excède pour donner de l'éclat et de la transparence à une masse de sable vitrifiée ». Il dénonce également l'usage du mercure dans l'opération de l'étamage : « Tous leurs membres sont dans un continuel tremblement. Les carreaux de l'atelier du tain sont rongés et déchaussés par le mercure. Jugez de l'impression qu'il fait sur les corps ! […] Un homme très robuste peut gagner trois livres par jour dès son entrée à la manufacture ; mais aussi cet homme perd en moins de six mois la moitié de ses forces, et puis sa santé dépérit par degré, tant par la fatigue d'un travail qui absorbe et qui tue, que par l'insalubrité de l'air »[27]. Dans l'hôtel des Monnaies du quai Conti, où sont affinés les métaux précieux, derrière les façades majestueuses, il entrevoit « un pauvre diable à moitié nu, l'air have, et le visage décharné », occupé à battre monnaie[28]. Que la compassion empreigne les témoignages de Mercier ou ceux des médecins philanthropes et moraux (comme l'a montré Arlette Farge) ne nous surprendra pas, car tel est l'esprit de l'époque. Dans ce regard porté sur les souffrances physiques du travail, la parole ouvrière n'est guère prise en compte. Pour autant, certains artisans et ouvriers proposent des solutions. En 1765 puis 1775, les peintres parisiens Bachelier puis Chevalier inventent des moulins à broyer les couleurs qui protègent l'ouvrier des poussières[29]. Dans la chapellerie, Troussier prétend en 1784 avoir trouvé une manière moins dangereuse pour feutrer les chapeaux, tandis que Châtelain est connu pour faire usage d'une dissolution de nitrate de mercure plus étendue[30]. À Marseille, à partir de 1764, les « garçons » employés dans la chapellerie mènent également un combat de longue haleine pour réduire la concentration du

24. Archives Nationales (désormais AN), O[1] 1294, fol. 304, 20 septembre 1775, et fol. 305, rapport de Montigny, 22 août 1775 ; *Gazette de santé*, 7 mars 1776.

25. J.-A. Nollet, *L'art de faire des chapeaux*, Paris, 1765 ; J. Tenon, « Mémoire sur les causes de quelques maladies qui affectent les chapeliers », *art. cit.* ; M. Sonenscher, *The Hatters of Eighteenth-century France*, Berkeley, University of California Press, 1987.

26. *Journal de Paris*, 12 novembre 1787.

27. L.-S. Mercier, *Tableau de Paris*, livre 9, chapitre 750, 1782-1788, p. 313-316.

28. *Ibid.*, chapitre 735, p. 252-254. Sur la déformation des corps, voir aussi ses descriptions des portefaix, livre 4, chapitre 302, p. 30-34.

29. AAS, P2/Ai, mémoire Defrance ; AN, O[1] 1294, fol. 305, rapport de Montigny, 22 août 1775.

30. AN, F[12] 1461, dossier IV (1). *Journal de Paris*, 10 janvier 1784. J. Tenon, "Mémoire …", *art. cit.*

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mercure de nitrate, et obtiennent une victoire partielle en 1777, face à la résistance de la corporation, quand la proportion de mercure dans la composition de secrétage est diminuée et fixée par le parlement d'Aix [31].

Enfin, cette prise de conscience commence à s'immiscer dans les pratiques de la police. Autorité tutélaire des arts et métiers sous l'Ancien Régime, incarnée à Paris par le lieutenant général de police, elle avait pourtant un rôle traditionnellement dévolu à la discipline propre à chaque profession, au respect des règles de fabrication et la qualité des produits, ou encore aux nuisances provoquées par la production, mais à l'extérieur des ateliers seulement. Publié entre 1786 et 1790, le *Dictionnaire universel de police* de Des Essarts est le premier du genre à mentionner les dangers du travail artisanal pour les ouvriers [32]. En 1778, le lieutenant général de police Lenoir tente, sans succès néanmoins, de convaincre l'intendant du commerce et le secrétaire d'État à la maison du roi d'attribuer au peintre Chevalier un encouragement pour l'invention de son moulin à moudre les couleurs [33]. L'année précédente, il était intervenu énergiquement pour enrayer la propagation de la maladie du charbon (ou anthrax) survenue dans un atelier de cardeurs de crin situé rue du Fer-à-Moulin, au faubourg Saint-Marcel. Il avait été à cette occasion vivement félicité par le secrétaire d'État [34]. Ces interventions, ponctuelles et de faible portée, n'en demeurent pas moins remarquables. Elles ont été suscitées par l'émergence d'un problème qui alerte l'élite éclairée et interpelle les autorités politiques. Elles ressortent par ailleurs de la comparaison avec la période ultérieure.

L'occultation des problèmes de santé au travail (1789-1815)

À partir de 1789, s'opère un revirement spectaculaire : l'absence d'écrits médicaux, la multiplication d'accidents du travail, enfin le durcissement de la réglementation envers les ouvriers aboutissent à l'effacement du corps de l'ouvrier, qui n'est plus qu'un rouage d'une première industrialisation encouragée par les pouvoirs publics.

En 1791, les grandes institutions de contrôle et d'encadrement de l'économie (communautés d'arts et métiers, inspection des manufactures, enquêtes *de commodo et incommodo*) sont abolies, libérant les industriels de diverses contraintes, dont celles qui les lient à leurs ouvriers, sans contrepartie législative relative à la santé publique [35]. Un éphémère Comité de salubrité, en 1790 et 1791, sous la direction du médecin parisien Guillotin, et piloté par la Société royale de médecine et son

31. M. Sonenscher, *The Hatters of Eighteenth-century France, op. cit.*, p. 121-129.

32. T. des Essarts, *Dictionnaire universel de la police*, Paris, Moutard, 1786-1790, 8 vol. ; par exemple, t. 4, p. 97-99 ; t. 2, p. 422 ; t. 6, p. 622.

33. AN, F^{12} 992, dossier Chevalier, lettre de Lenoir à Montaran, 26 juillet 1778.

34. B. Ramazzini, *Essai sur les maladies des artisans*, *op. cit.*, p. 387 (note de Fourcroy). *Gazette de santé*, 6 et 13 mars 1777. *Journal de Paris*, 26 mars 1777. AN, O^{1} *488, lettre de Amelot à Lenoir, 1er mars 1777. Pour plus de détails sur les dernières années de l'Ancien Régime, cf. Th. Le Roux, « Santé et souffrance au travail : une nouvelle préoccupation à la fin du XVIIIe siècle ? », *Revue d'histoire de la protection sociale*, n° 2, décembre 2009, p. 13-29.

35. S. Kaplan et P. Minard (dir.), *La France, malade du corporatisme ? XVIIIe-XXe siècles*, Paris, Belin, 2004 ; A. Plessis (dir.), *Naissance des libertés économiques : liberté du travail et liberté d'entreprendre : le décret d'Allarde et la loi Le Chapelier, leurs conséquences, 1791-fin XIXe siècle*, Paris, Institut d'histoire de l'industrie, 1993 ; A. Cottereau, « The Fate of Collective Manufactures in the Industrial World : the Silk Industries of Lyons and London (1800-1850) », in C. F. Sabel et J. Zeitlin (eds.), *World of Possibilities. Flexibility and Mass Production in Western Industrialization*, Oxford-Paris, Oxford University Press-Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 1993, p. 75-153.

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secrétaire perpétuel, Vicq d'Azyr, tente de poursuivre l'important travail réalisé par cette dernière durant les quinze années précédentes. Il propose en septembre 1791 de voter un décret portant création d'agences de secours et de salubrité dans les départements, dont l'une des missions aurait été de définir « les précautions à introduire dans ces métiers en général, et dans tous les autres, pour la conservation des ouvriers »[36]. Mais la proposition est court-circuitée par le Comité de mendicité dirigé par le philanthrope La Rochefoucauld-Liancourt, rival de Guillotin. L'échec est lourd de conséquences. Ni la Législative ni la Convention ne s'occupent ensuite de police sanitaire de manière globale et cohérente.

La guerre, les problèmes d'approvisionnement et la mobilisation révolutionnaire laissent en effet au second plan toute préoccupation relative à la santé et à la sécurité des ouvriers et des artisans. Les accidents se multiplient dans les ateliers, et il s'avère que ce sont à chaque fois des défauts de précaution ou des procédés de fabrication plus expéditifs qui en sont la cause. Le plus grave, l'explosion de la poudrerie de Grenelle, le 1er septembre 1794, tue plusieurs centaines d'ouvriers, sans doute un millier. Face à cette situation, la politique sanitaire envers le monde de travail relève de l'assistance ou de l'urgence. Le Comité de salut public indemnise parcimonieusement les blessés de la manufacture des armes de Paris et ceux de la poudrerie de Grenelle[37], tandis qu'en messidor an II, il nomme un médecin pour soigner les ouvriers des fonderies de cuivre de Paris réquisitionnées pour les productions militaires de la nation. En effet, dans la plus grande d'entre elles, sur l'île de la Cité, les opérations nécessitaient une grande quantité d'acides forts ainsi qu'un feu ardent continuel, et provoquaient des hécatombes parmi les ouvriers[38]. Ces différents accidents sont désincarnés par le pouvoir. Ainsi, à Grenelle, tandis que les services sanitaires, aidés de nombreux volontaires, s'occupent de transporter les centaines de blessés dans les hôpitaux, le directeur de la poudrerie, Chaptal, relate un champ de bataille sans cadavres[39].

C'est d'ailleurs ce même Chaptal qui est au fondement de la nouvelle impulsion économique du Directoire, en tant qu'entrepreneur d'une nouvelle fabrique de produits chimiques à Neuilly, commune limitrophe de Paris, puis du Consulat, en tant que ministre de l'Intérieur[40]. Dès 1799, dans son *Essai sur le perfectionnement des arts chimiques*, il amorce un programme de gouvernement économique qui fonde un régime de biopouvoir. Les ouvriers n'ont pas leur mot à dire. Ainsi, écrit-il, le contrat d'apprentissage est nécessaire parce que les « divers travaux d'un atelier ne sont pas tous également faciles et agréables ; et comme le jeune homme n'est que

36. Cité par J.-Ch. Sournia, « L'idée de police sanitaire pendant la Révolution », *Histoire des sciences médicales*, 1988, p. 269-275. Voir aussi H. Ingrand, *Le Comité de salubrité de l'Assemblée Nationale Constituante (1790-1791), un essai de réforme de l'enseignement médical, des services d'hygiène et de protection de la santé publique,* Paris, M. Vigné, 1934 ; D. Weiner, « Le droit de l'homme à la santé, une belle idée devant l'Assemblée constituante, 1790-1791 », *Clio Medica*, 1970, p. 209-223.

37. C. Richard, *Le Comité de Salut public et les fabrications de guerre sous la Terreur*, Paris, Rieder, 1921.

38. Th. Le Roux, *Le laboratoire des nuisances industrielles à Paris, 1770-1830*, Paris, Albin Michel, 2011, chapitre 4.

39. A. Chaptal, « La vie et l'œuvre de Chaptal. Mémoires personnels rédigés par lui-même de 1756 à 1804 », in J.-A. Chaptal, *Mes souvenirs sur Napoléon*, Paris, Plon, 1893, p. 46-47.

40. J. Horn, M.-C. Jacob, « Jean-Antoine Chaptal and the Cultural Roots of French Industrialization », *Technology and Culture*, 1998, p. 671-698 ; J. Horn, *The Path Not Taken. French Industrialization in the Age of Revolution, 1750-1830*, Cambridge (Mass.), The MIT Press, 2006.

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trop souvent disposé à se refuser aux opérations difficiles ou dégoûtantes, il faut une force coactive pour l'y contraindre : or cette force n'existe que dans les liens qui le retiennent dans l'atelier et le mettent à la disposition du chef »[41].

Avec le Consulat, ce biopouvoir s'établit sur des bases solides et l'attention aux conditions de travail ne réapparaît pas. L'heure est plutôt à la statistique comme mode de gouvernement et au contrôle disciplinaire, et le livret ouvrier en est le symbole. Les relations entre le patron et ses ouvriers sont devenues une affaire privée dans laquelle les pouvoirs publics ne doivent pas s'immiscer. Ainsi, dans leur rapport sur les établissements industriels insalubres présenté à l'Institut en 1804, Chaptal et Guyton de Morveau sont indifférents à la souffrance ouvrière. Selon eux, l'odeur qui se dégage des ateliers de l'industrie chimique « ne présente aucun danger pour les ouvriers qui la respirent journellement ». Par ailleurs, et « heureusement », précisent-ils, les effets pernicieux des usines les plus insalubres « n'affectent que les ouvriers qui travaillent dans l'atelier ». Et ce problème est d'ordre privé car « tout y est, pour ainsi dire, aux risques et périls des entrepreneurs et fabricants ». Pour eux, la santé du travailleur concerne donc avant tout l'entrepreneur, qui a intérêt à conserver son personnel en bonne santé. En 1809, un second rapport de l'Institut sur ce thème reprend le même type d'arguments et insiste sur l'habitude des ouvriers à supporter les émanations dans les ateliers[42].

La réapparition du thème des mauvaises conditions de travail, sous l'Empire, est balbutiante. En 1804, Tenon lit et publie enfin à l'Institut son étude d'Ancien Régime sur les maladies des chapeliers. Entre 1806 et 1809, la Société d'encouragement pour l'industrie nationale étudie les inconvénients de l'usage du nitrate de mercure dans la chapellerie, et en 1810, lance un prix pour trouver un procédé de préparation des poils sans usage de mercure[43]. Quant à la Préfecture de police, elle n'est pas entièrement indifférente à la question de la santé au travail. Elle crée en 1802 un Conseil de salubrité, composé de savants prestigieux (Parmentier en est le premier président) et dont le rôle est de s'occuper de l'hygiène publique de la capitale. S'il n'a pas vocation à s'occuper des maladies des ouvriers, il émet rapidement des recommandations visant à préserver les hongroyeurs du risque d'asphyxie[44] et remarque aussi des problèmes sanitaires lors d'opérations effectuées par les décapeurs de boutons en cuivre à l'acide nitrique, les chandeliers, les épurateurs d'huile, les vernisseurs, la plupart du temps à l'initiative de son membre fondateur, le pharmacien Cadet de Gassicourt[45]. Nous sommes pourtant loin des descriptions sensibles des corps de la fin de l'Ancien Régime, et ces prémices d'action publique en faveur des affections dues aux conditions de travail sont loin d'être jugées

41. J.-A. Chaptal, *Essai sur le perfectionnement des arts chimiques en France*, Paris, Déterville, s. d. [1799], p. 9-10.

42. *Procès-verbaux des séances de l'Académie des sciences*, Hendaye, 1910-1922, t. 3, p. 165-168 et t. 4, p. 268-273.

43. *Bulletin de la Société d'encouragement pour l'industrie nationale* (désormais *BSEIN*), t. 5, 1806, p. 280 ; t. 8, 1809, p. 40 et t. 9, 1810, supplément, p. 7.

44. *Rapports généraux sur les travaux du Conseil de salubrité de la ville de Paris et du département de la Seine* [années 1802-1839], Paris, Bureau du Recueil industriel, 1828-1841, vol. 1, p. 16 ; A. Guillerme, *La naissance de l'industrie à Paris : entre sueurs et vapeurs, 1780-1830*, Seyssel, Champ Vallon, 2007, p. 190.

45. Archives de la préfecture de Police, rapports du Conseil de salubrité (désormais APP, RCS), 6 juillet 1806, 28 janvier et 4 août 1812, 16 janvier, 27 février et 3 avril 1815.

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suffisantes par certains médecins. L'un des plus réputés, Fodéré, s'insurge en 1813 contre l'attitude bienveillante des hygiénistes parisiens envers l'industrie, presque tous des chimistes et qui, considérant que le soufre est administré de façon curative dans certains traitements, pensent qu'on peut étendre ce principe à l'acide sulfureux. Auteur en 1798 du premier ouvrage d'hygiène publique publié en France[46], réédité et complété en six tomes encyclopédiques en 1813, Fodéré est alors titulaire de la chaire d'hygiène de l'École de santé de Strasbourg, la deuxième de France après celle de Paris. Il a alors un certain prestige et selon lui, « la plupart des arts mécaniques et des manufactures sont malsains, non seulement pour ceux qui s'en occupent, mais encore pour les voisins qui n'ont rien à voir ». À l'inverse des hygiénistes parisiens qui se contentent de visites ponctuelles d'ateliers et de fabriques, Fodéré préconise, pour se forger une opinion, de suivre l'ouvrier à la trace, dans les hôpitaux, les dispensaires des bureaux de bienfaisance : « c'est là qu'on peut sonder dans toute sa profondeur la plaie que portent à la santé et à la population certains arts et certaines manufactures »[47]. Son ouvrage, dans lequel il tente d'avertir les pouvoirs publics, coïncide avec la réapparition de la question à la fin de l'Empire.

Combattre l'idée des maux du travail pour mieux accompagner l'industrialisation (1815-1840)

Des mauvaises conditions de travail à nouveau dénoncées (1815-1821)

Dans un cycle réitératif des préoccupations de la fin de l'Ancien Régime, les problèmes de santé au travail redeviennent d'actualité au début de la Restauration, avec toutefois moins de description et plus de classification. Cadet de Gassicourt est chargé par le préfet de visiter toutes les fabriques pour faire un état des maladies des professions. Il en donne un aperçu et dresse une nomenclature des métiers insalubres qui a surtout valeur de note d'intention et d'appel aux médecins[48]. Après plus de vingt-cinq ans de silence, des propositions d'atténuation des maux du travail sont énoncées. Entre 1815 et 1817, Gosse, fils du lauréat des deux premiers prix sur les arts insalubres de l'Académie des sciences en 1785 et 1786, améliore la situation sanitaire des ateliers de doreurs, puis élargit ses recherches à toutes les professions insalubres. Il fabrique des tissus, éponges et masques pour éviter aux ouvriers chapeliers de respirer les gaz insalubres, et applique ses préconisations dans un atelier de la rue Copeau à Paris, où les manutentions provoquent une quantité importante de poussières[49]. En 1816, l'un des chapeliers parisiens les plus importants, Guichardière, indique avoir réussi à feutrer les poils sans mercure. L'Institut, enfin, récompense en 1814 Guédin pour ses travaux sur la construction d'un appareil qui préserve les doreurs des émanations du mercure. Puis il accepte le don du doreur Ravrio pour un prix sur le même sujet[50].

46. F.-E. Fodéré, *Les lois éclairées par les sciences physiques*, Paris, Croullebois, an VII, 3 vol.

47. F.-E. Fodéré, *Traité de médecine légale et d'hygiène publique ou de police de santé*, Paris, Marne, 1813, vol. 6, p. 301-303.

48. Ch.-L. Cadet De Gassicourt, « Considérations statistiques sur la santé des ouvriers », *Mémoires de la société médicale d'émulation*, 1816, p. 160-174.

49. A.-L. Gosse, *Propositions générales sur les maladies causées par l'exercice des professions*, Paris, 1816 et *Sur l'hygiène des professions insalubres*, s.l.n.d. [Genève, 1817] ; *BSEIN*, t. 16, 1817, p. 88-92.

50. *BSEIN*, t. 13, 1814, p. 53 et t. 15, 1816, p. 151-152 et 228.

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Le lauréat de ce dernier prix, Darcet, donne une impulsion à l'action publique contre les maux du travail. Membre du Conseil de salubrité de Paris depuis 1813, industriel parisien important, essayeur à la Monnaie de Paris (donc bon connaisseur des opérations métalliques et de leurs inconvénients), Darcet se montre alors extrêmement soucieux de la santé ouvrière. À la fin de 1817, il parcourt les ateliers parisiens de doreurs, y étudie les opérations, et fait appliquer ses principes de ventilation forcée [51]. Fort de ses premiers résultats, il répond au concours de l'Institut, qu'il remporte en 1818. Dans la note d'intention qui accompagne son mémoire, il se place d'emblée dans la perspective de l'assainissement philanthropique et de la recherche appliquée [52]. Il déploie un grand zèle pour introduire ses procédés de ventilation dans les ateliers parisiens. Il exhorte les autorités à intervenir énergiquement sur cette question sanitaire, dénonce aussi l'insouciance ou le cynisme des patrons [53]. La critique sociale point, mais ne perce toutefois pas. En effet, jamais Darcet ne remet en question l'usage du nitrate de mercure, parce qu'il est persuadé que son système de ventilation résout les problèmes de santé des doreurs. Son action incite le Conseil de salubrité à agir pour prévenir d'autres maladies du travail, par exemple celle des polisseuses [54]. Entre 1817 et 1821, Cadet de Gassicourt, le membre du Conseil le plus préoccupé par la condition ouvrière, réclame successivement des mesures pour atténuer les souffrances et les accidents des vidangeurs, des blanchisseuses, des affineurs de métaux précieux et des savonniers [55]. Mais leur action ne fonde pas une doctrine au sein de l'instance, car ses autres membres sont beaucoup moins intéressés par cette question et commencent même à dénier l'influence des professions sur la santé.

En dehors du Conseil de salubrité, l'intérêt pour la santé des ouvriers se renouvelle également chez les médecins et les savants. À son décès en 1820, Montyon, fondateur du prix sur les arts insalubres sous l'Ancien Régime, lègue sa fortune pour des œuvres de bienfaisance, dont un prix pour l'assainissement des métiers insalubres. Ce legs encourage la Société philanthropique à réaliser une « constitution médicale » de Paris et l'étude des maladies professionnelles. Les premiers travaux aboutissent en 1822 à la rédaction par le médecin Patissier d'un ouvrage sur les maladies des artisans, qui actualise celui de Ramazzini. La même année, dans sa topographie médicale de Paris, Lachaise insiste aussi beaucoup sur la santé des ouvriers [56].

Les années 1821-1822 apparaissent pourtant comme un terme à ce regard porté sur les souffrances physiques des ouvriers. Après cette date, la compassion n'est plus

51. APP, RCS, 14 avril 1818. Sur le rôle de Darcet, Th. Le Roux, « Risques et maladies du travail : le Conseil de salubrité de Paris aux sources de l'ambiguïté hygiéniste au XIXe siècle », in A.-S. Bruno, E. Gerkens, N. Hatzfeld, C. Omnès (dir.), *Le travail et ses maux, représentations et pratiques*, Rennes, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, à paraître en 2011.

52. *Procès-verbaux des séances de l'Académie des sciences, op. cit.*, t. 6, 1915, p. 293-294 ; J.-P. Darcet, *Mémoire sur l'art de dorer le bronze*, Paris, Vve Agasse, 1818.

53. APP, RCS, 15 mars et 18 avril 1818.

54. *Rapports généraux sur les travaux du Conseil de salubrité de la ville de Paris…, op. cit.*, t. 1, p. 129.

55. APP, RCS, 18 novembre 1817, 15 avril 1819, 24 juillet et 8 décembre 1820, 9 mars 1821.

56. C. Duprat, *Usage et pratiques de la philanthropie*, t. II : *Pauvreté, action sociale et lien social, à Paris, au cours du premier XIXe siècle,* Paris, Association pour l'histoire de la sécurité sociale, 1997, p. 899-890 et 1174-1182 ; Ph. Patissier, *Traité des maladies des artisans et de celles qui résultent de diverses professions, d'après Ramazzini*, Paris, J.-B. Baillière, 1822 ; C. Lachaise, *Topographie médicale de Paris*, Paris, J.-B. Baillière, 1822.

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de mise au Conseil de salubrité. La mort de Cadet de Gassicourt en 1821 y contribue, car les autres membres n'y évoquent plus que rarement ce sujet. Par ailleurs, après son action pour l'assainissement des ateliers entre 1817 et 1821, Darcet, pourtant très actif au Conseil, n'intervient pratiquement plus pour remédier aux maux du travail. Après ses visites d'ateliers systématiques à la fin des années 1810, la dynamique s'essouffle et la diffusion de ses préconisations reste limitée[57]. À son image, le Conseil de salubrité abandonne cette politique volontariste au début des années 1820.

La réfutation hygiéniste (1821-1840)

Le renouveau de la question des conditions de travail est donc bref. Il provoque toutefois la nécessité d'établir un discours cohérent sur leurs influences supposées dans les maladies et l'usure du corps. Paradoxalement, ce discours aboutit à un second effacement du corps de l'ouvrier. Il est théorisé par les hygiénistes du Conseil de salubrité, chargés par les autorités de faire coexister l'habitat urbain et l'industrie et d'accompagner l'industrialisation[58]. À l'intérieur des ateliers, cela ne pouvait passer que par une réfutation de la souffrance des travailleurs.

Le premier acte de la réfutation hygiéniste se joue à Clichy, commune suburbaine de Paris, entre 1821 et 1825, dans l'usine de céruse et de minium de Roard, où la production de ces deux poudres utilisées dans la peinture peut être mortelle pour les ouvriers, à cause des poussières à base de plomb[59]. La céruse, surtout, est un produit stratégique dans la concurrence économique avec l'Angleterre et la Hollande. Directeur des teintures de la manufacture des Gobelins, membre du Comité consultatif des arts et manufactures (organe de conseil économique du ministre), du Comité des arts chimiques de la Société d'encouragement pour l'industrie nationale, enfin du Conseil général des manufactures, Roard est, comme Darcet, un industriel et un homme de réseau. Son usine, fondée en 1809, s'accroît à partir des années 1813-1816 lorsqu'elle reçoit la protection du ministère de l'Intérieur et les éloges de la Société d'encouragement et de la préfecture de la Seine, qui mettent en valeur les procédés innovants de l'usine, propres à balayer les produits étrangers[60].

En 1821, puis 1822, les médecins de l'hôpital Beaujon alertent les autorités sur la progression rapide et le nombre important d'ouvriers de l'usine de Clichy (plus de cent) atteints de saturnisme[61]. L'inspection de l'usine, ordonnée par le préfet de Police, est confiée à Marc et Darcet, ce dernier étant, rappelons-le, un collègue de Roard à la Société d'encouragement, au Conseil général des manufactures et au Comité consultatif, les trois organismes de promotion industrielle en France à cette époque. C'est aussi lui qui avait rapporté en 1813 sur l'excellence des produits de

57. APP, RCS, 16 septembre 1818 et 2 novembre 1821. *BSEIN*, t. 18, 1819, p. 194-200 et t. 22, 1823, p. 227-228.

58. A. Corbin, *Le miasme et la jonquille : l'odorat et l'imaginaire social, XVIIIe-XIXe siècles,* Paris, Aubier Montaigne, 1982.

59. F.-V. Merat de Vaumartoise, *Dissertation sur la colique métallique,* Paris, Rigot, 1803 ; L. Lestel et A.-C. Lefort (dir.), « La céruse : usages et effets, X^e^-XXe siècles », *Documents pour l'histoire des techniques,* 2003.

60. *BSEIN*, t. 12, 1813, p. 180-187 ; AN, F^12^ 2428, céruse ; APP, DB 444, céruse ; *BSEIN*, t. 16, 1817, p. 96.

61. AN, F^12^ 2428, administration générale des hospices et hôpitaux civils de Paris.

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l'usine. Admiratifs, Marc et Darcet dénient au broyage de la céruse son caractère nocif et pensent que seule l'opération de conditionnement de la poudre de céruse en pain dans du papier est dangereuse. Ils préconisent donc la suppression de cette opération finale. Les corps sont absents : Darcet et Marc ne poursuivent pas leur enquête dans les hôpitaux, n'examinent pas les ouvriers, ne décrivent pas les pathologies, n'interrogent pas les médecins. Surtout, ils tiennent un argument de nature économique : puisqu'en prenant cette mesure, la céruse française serait vendue en poudre, il faudrait aussi interdire l'importation de céruse venant de Hollande (qui est conditionnée en pain), car les préjugés amèneraient les peintres à continuer à l'acheter en pain, ce qui ruinerait la fabrique de Clichy[62]. La préconisation sanitaire arrive opportunément, du point de vue de la politique économique… En effet, contrairement aux assertions antérieures de Darcet, le pouvoir couvrant de la peinture à la céruse de Clichy est inférieur à celle de Hollande, et l'entreprise de Clichy ne parvient pas alors à percer sur le marché français[63].

Consulté par le ministre, le Comité consultatif des arts et manufactures émet le même avis. Mais son rapport, remis en février 1822, est signé par Thenard (proche ami de Roard et initiateur de l'usine), Gay-Lussac et… Roard ! Après un peu plus d'un an d'hésitations au sein des ministères de l'Intérieur et des Finances, une ordonnance royale du 5 novembre 1823 avalise ces conseils et interdit la fabrication et la vente de la céruse en pain[64].

Cette victoire de l'argumentaire hygiéniste fondé sur des principes économiques est de courte durée. En effet, l'application de l'ordonnance royale s'avère délicate, les peintres préférant continuer à utiliser la céruse en pain. En mai 1824, le Comité consultatif insiste pour qu'une instruction soit publiée afin qu'elle soit appliquée plus rigoureusement. Mais, en novembre 1824, le ministre constate que l'état de santé des ouvriers ne s'est pas amélioré, et projette de suspendre l'ordonnance royale. Les hygiénistes s'y opposent énergiquement. Dans un très long rapport de novembre 1824, le Conseil de salubrité réitère ses conclusions de 1821. C'est toutefois contre cet avis que, finalement, l'ordonnance est abrogée le 10 août 1825, laissant le choix dans les méthodes de fabrication. Le ministre préférait reconnaître l'évidence de l'échec de l'amélioration du sort des ouvriers[65].

L'affaire de la céruse illustre toute l'ambiguïté d'une action d'hygiène industrielle qui adopte des considérations économiques pouvant se révéler être antagonistes avec la santé. Si la position industrialiste du Comité consultatif est attendue, elle surprend au premier abord de la part du Conseil de salubrité. Elle s'explique par les liens entre les hygiénistes et les industriels, dont Darcet est l'archétype. Non seulement les hygiénistes n'ont pas identifié l'atmosphère surchargée de poussière de plomb régnant dans l'usine comme dangereuse, mais ils n'ont pas désigné non plus la production de minium, qui commence à être produit en grande quantité après

62. APP, RCS, 1er novembre 1821.

63. J. H De Vlieger, E. Homburg, « A Victory of Practice over Science: Failed Innovations in the White Lead Industry (1780-1850) », *Archives internationales d'histoire des sciences*, 1996, p. 95-112.

64. AN, F12 2428, céruse, rapport du Comité consultatif des arts et manufactures, 9 février 1822 ; correspondance et rapports, 1822-1823 ; ordonnance royale, 5 novembre 1823.

65. APP, RCS, 23 décembre 1823 et 7 novembre 1824. AN, F12 2428, céruse, lettre du ministre de l'Intérieur au Comité consultatif, 3 juin 1824. L. Lestel et A.-C. Lefort (dir.), « La céruse : usages et effets, Xe-XXe siècles », *op. cit.*, pièces annexes.

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1819. Personne, pourtant, n'est dupe. Dans le journal ouvrier *L'Atelier* ou à travers d'autres témoignages, on connaît la morbidité de l'usine de Clichy, qualifiée d'abattoir humain, vers laquelle sont racolés bagnards, nécessiteux affamés et vieillards dépourvus de ressources et à l'approche desquels on pousse le cri "plomb !"[66]. Ainsi, après 1825, l'usine de Clichy continue de fonctionner et reste la première de la région parisienne, envoyant ses ouvriers saturniens mourir dans les hôpitaux. Entre 1833 et 1836, 385 malades de l'usine y sont accueillis, alors qu'elle n'emploie que quelques dizaines d'ouvriers par jour. Tout ceci malgré plusieurs visites du Conseil de salubrité, qui se contente de rédiger deux instructions prescrivant à la fois une ventilation des ateliers et une meilleure hygiène ouvrière, mais sans jamais remettre en cause la fabrication du produit[67]. À l'inverse, lorsque la parole ouvrière peut se faire entendre, il se dégage une vision de mutilation et de dégénérescence des corps par le travail, corps qui fatalement n'arrivent pas à « dompter […] le poison qui sommeille »[68].

Le deuxième acte du processus de dénégation de l'influence du travail sur la santé, à partir de 1829, a été mis en lumière par Bernard-Pierre Lécuyer et l'historienne américaine Ann Fowler La Berge[69]. Il est utile d'en résumer les principaux éléments, qui ne sont ici que reformulés. La démarche des hygiénistes consiste tout d'abord à mettre en doute la réalité des maladies du travail. Le rôle de Darcet, philanthrope respecté, hygiéniste influent et industriel reconnu, semble primordial et a été jusqu'ici sous-estimé. C'est pourtant lui, en 1829, qui signe avec Parent-Duchâtelet l'article devenu célèbre sur la santé des ouvriers des manufactures de tabac. Proche de Parent-Duchâtelet avec qui il a travaillé sur d'autres questions d'hygiène industrielle au Conseil de salubrité à partir de 1825, il est aussi membre fondateur des *Annales d'hygiène publique et de médecine légale*, créées en 1829, et qui se veulent autant une revue d'expertise sanitaire que de conseil en économie politique. L'article de 1829 sur les ouvriers des manufactures de tabac, qui paraît dans le premier volume, fonde véritablement la théorie de dénégation des effets du travail sur la santé ouvrière. Les anciennes observations médicales issues des travaux de Ramazzini sont dénigrées pour leur manque de preuves[70]. Plus largement, les deux auteurs entendent asseoir le phénomène industriel et légitimer sa présence, ce qui n'est possible qu'en désamorçant les critiques et les oppositions. Ils affirment ainsi vouloir aller à rebours de l'évidence pour éviter les réflexes d'hostilité contre les entrepreneurs :

66. *L'Atelier*, février et novembre 1845 ; L. Chevalier, *Classes laborieuses et classes dangereuses à Paris pendant la première moitié du XIXe siècle*, Paris, Perrin, 2002 (1ère éd. : Paris, Plon, 1958), p. 463-464 ; M. Foucault, *Surveiller et punir…*, *op. cit.*, p. 280.

67. *Rapports généraux op. cit.*, t. 2, p. 201-203 ; Brechot fils, « Mémoire sur les accidents résultant de la fabrication de la céruse », *Annales d'hygiène publique et de médecine légale* (désormais *AHPML*), 1834, p. 72-80 ; A. Chevallier, « Recherches sur les causes de la maladie dite colique de plomb, chez les ouvriers qui préparent la céruse », *AHPML*, 1836, p. 5-67 ; L. Lestel et A.-C. Lefort (dir.), « La céruse : usages et effets, X^e^-XXe siècles », *op. cit*.

68. *Chant des cérusiens* de l'ouvrier Charles Gille, in E. Thomas (prés.), *Voix d'en bas : la poésie ouvrière au XIXe siècle*, Paris, La Découverte, 2002 ; voir aussi *L'Atelier*, 1840-1848.

69. A. F. La Berge, *Mission and Method. The Early-Nineteenth-Century French Public Health Movement*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1992.

70. Sur le dénigrement de Ramazzini, J. Vincent, « Bernardino Ramazzini, historien des maladies humaines et médecin de la société civile : la carrière franco-britannique du *De morbis artificum diatriba* (1770-1850) », et « Ramazzini n'est pas le père de la médecine du travail : pour une histoire du "premier moment ramazzinien" (1700-1850) », à paraître, 2011. Je le remercie de m'avoir transmis ses articles avant leur publication.

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> Nous le répétons, quelque importante que soit la connaissance de l'influence fâcheuse d'une profession, peut-être sommes-nous obligés de faire plus de recherches et d'accumuler plus de faits pour démontrer l'innocuité d'une fabrique que pour prouver ses inconvénients, qui se présentent toujours d'eux-mêmes, et qu'il n'est pas difficile de trouver ; c'est par ce moyen, nous en sommes assurés, que nous rendrons les plus grands services à beaucoup de fabricants qui exercent leur industrie à l'intérieur de Paris[71].

Ce faisant, ils mettent en doute le lien entre le travail et les maladies, noyé dans une argumentation complexe mêlant de nombreuses autres causes, telles que l'âge, le sexe ou la situation sociale. Cette réfutation est reprise par Parent-Duchâtelet jusqu'à sa mort (1836) avec ses études sur les débardeurs, les ulcères des artisans de Paris et les batteurs de tapis[72]. En 1835, il critique même l'utilité du prix Montyon sur les arts insalubres[73]. Villermé apporte quant à lui une dimension supplémentaire à cette dénégation de l'usure au travail[74]. En 1824, il écrit un mémoire (publié en 1830 par les *Annales d'hygiène*), qui établit une corrélation entre la pauvreté et la mortalité, renvoyant au second plan l'influence des métiers sur la santé et rompant ainsi définitivement avec la tradition médicale environnementaliste néo-hippocratique encore présente dans le livre de Patissier[75]. Avec d'autres hygiénistes, comme Benoiston de Neufchâteau ou Chevallier (membre du Conseil de salubrité), Villermé focalise son attention sur des critères sociologiques ; il désincarne le travail et l'ordonne dans les cases lisses de la statistique. En 1834, l'Académie des sciences lui demande de réaliser une enquête sur la santé des ouvriers en France. Alors qu'il est devenu à son tour membre du Conseil de salubrité, son enquête possède une visée politique : fournir une réponse à la question sociale qui agite la Monarchie de Juillet. Des médecins (non membres du Conseil de salubrité de Paris) comme Fodéré ou Pointe, à Lyon, commençaient à critiquer fortement les effets néfastes de l'industrie sur la santé ouvrière, sans même parler de l'action du préfet Villeneuve-Bargemont à Nantes puis à Lille, qui y crée des Conseils de salubrité[76]. Les résultats de l'étude de Villermé sur la santé des ouvriers de l'industrie textile sont publiés en 1840[77]. Renouvelant son diagnostic, il attribue les maladies à la situation sociale, aux mauvaises conditions de logements, à la malnutrition, à l'âge, etc. Ce faisant, il

71. A. Parent-Duchâtelet et J.-P. Darcet, « Mémoire sur les véritables influences que le tabac peut avoir sur la santé des ouvriers occupés aux différentes préparations qu'on lui fait subir », *AHPML*, t. 1, 1829, p. 169-227.

72. Voir ses articles dans les *AHPML*, entre 1830 et 1835, et l'analyse d'A. Corbin, « Présentation », in *La prostitution à Paris au XIXe siècle*, Paris, Le Seuil, 1981, p. 9-55.

73. *AHPML*, t. 13, 1835, p. 510-511.

74. W. Coleman, *Death is a social disease. Public health and political economy in early industrial France*, Madison, The University of Wisconsin Press, 1982.

75. L.-R. Villermé, « De la mortalité dans différents quartiers de Paris, et des causes qui la rendent très différente dans plusieurs d'entre eux. », *AHPML*, t. 3, 1830, p. 294-341.

76. J.-P. Pointe, *Observations sur les maladies auxquelles sont sujets les ouvriers employés dans la manufacture royale de tabac à Lyon*, Lyon, G. Rossary, 1828 ; A. Villeneuve-Bargemont, *Économie politique chrétienne*, Paris, Paulin, 1834 ; F.-E. Fodéré, *Essai historique et moral sur la pauvreté des nations, la population, la mendicité, les hôpitaux et les enfants trouvés*, Paris, Mme Huzard, 1825 ; A. Tiano, *Alban de Villeneuve-Bargemont (1784-1850). Le précurseur de l'État social ou un grand notable bien ordinaire ?*, Nîmes, C. Lacour, 1993.

77. L.-R. Villermé, *Tableau de l'état physique et moral des ouvriers employés dans les manufactures de coton, de laine et de soie*, Paris, J. Renouard, 1840, 2 vol., cité d'après la réédition Paris, Études et documentations internationales, 1989 avec une introduction de F. Démier, « Le *Tableau* de Villermé et les enquêtes ouvrières du premier XIXe siècle », p. 31-75.

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relativise les effets du travail sur la santé ou prétend qu'il est impossible de conclure, tant les facteurs peuvent être nombreux :

> Je n'insisterai pas davantage pour prouver que les ateliers ne sont point exposés à ces prétendues causes d'insalubrité. On s'est singulièrement mépris en leur attribuant des maladies que produisent principalement le travail forcé, le manque de repos, le défaut de soins, l'insuffisance de la nourriture et sa mauvaise qualité, les habitudes d'imprévoyance, d'ivrognerie, de débauches, et pour tout dire, en un mot, des salaires au-dessous des besoins réels […]. C'est d'une manière indirecte, médiate, ou par les conditions de nourriture, de vêtement, de logement, de fatigue, de durée du travail, de mœurs, etc. dans lesquelles se trouvent les ouvriers, que les professions agissent le plus souvent en bien ou en mal sur leur santé ou sur celle de leur famille. Cette règle doit être regardée comme générale[78].

Afin de limiter l'usure au travail, les hygiénistes prônent plutôt l'amélioration des conditions de vie à l'extérieur des ateliers et militent pour la hausse des salaires ainsi que pour la réduction du temps de travail, notamment pour les enfants et les femmes. En suivant l'argumentaire villermien, ils se positionnent donc en tant qu'acteurs de l'économie politique. Leurs réflexions laissent ainsi libre cours à la possibilité théorique de minimiser les nuisances au travail et permettent aux autorités publiques de conserver un ordre économique dans lequel le corps de l'ouvrier est désincarné, s'est effacé derrière les chiffres, ce qui légitime la poursuite de l'industrialisation. Les travaux de Villermé sont cités très tôt pour défendre le bouleversement de société. Ainsi, dès 1826, F.-J. Bérard, fils de l'ancien associé de Chaptal dans son usine d'acide sulfurique de Montpellier, et titulaire de la chaire d'hygiène de la faculté de médecine de la même ville, invoque ses travaux sur la mortalité et la pauvreté pour glorifier l'avènement de la société industrielle et dénier l'influence néfaste des professions, entérinant ainsi la relation féconde entretenue entre l'hygiénisme et l'industrialisme :

> La salubrité des villes augmente tous les jours, et c'est d'ailleurs dans les villes seules que se forment les sciences, les arts manufacturiers, les lumières et les libertés publiques, toutes circonstances si favorables à la santé ! En exagérant tant qu'on voudra l'insalubrité des grandes villes, on ne donnera pas plus de force à l'argument ; il en est de cette circonstance, comme des professions insalubres que l'on voudrait à tort proscrire, et qui sont propres à augmenter la vie générale d'une population, dès qu'elles sont utiles ou indispensables à la société[79].

En 1840, les analyses de Parent-Duchâtelet et Villermé font référence et s'imposent avec la publication de l'enquête ouvrière de ce dernier. Elles fondent les politiques publiques d'hygiène industrielle et retardent de plusieurs décennies la création d'un corps d'inspection du travail[80]. Elles ouvrent la voie à l'expérimentation des corps en milieu manufacturier, c'est-à-dire leur adaptation au nouvel ordre

78. L.-R. Villermé, *Tableau de l'état physique et moral des ouvriers , op. cit.,* p. 482 et 509.

79. F.-J. Bérard, *Discours sur les améliorations progressives de la santé publique par l'influence de la civilisation*, Paris, Gabon, 1826, p. 67 ; J. Pigeire, *La vie et l'oeuvre de Chaptal (1756-1832),* Paris, Domat-Montchrestien, 1931, p. 120-121.

80. V. Viet, *Les voltigeurs de la République : l'inspection du travail en France jusqu'en 1914*, Paris, CNRS Éditions, 1994 ; C. Moriceau, *Les douleurs de l'industrie. L'hygiénisme industriel en France, 1860-1914*, Paris, Editions de l'EHESS, 2009.

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économique[81]. Faisant confiance à l'industrie pour apporter les réponses aux maux qu'elle provoque, elles sont par ailleurs en cohérence avec la défense de l'innocuité des activités industrielles sur l'espace public défendue par le Conseil de salubrité à partir de la fin des années 1810.

Conclusion

Avec Darcet, Parent-Duchâtelet ou Villermé, la réfutation hygiéniste des dangers de l'industrie se théorise, et connaît son apogée en 1840. L'argumentaire tour à tour industriel, technique, psychologique et social renvoie les observations médicales à leurs insuffisances. Sa radicalité sera ensuite contestée. Ainsi, dans les deux décennies suivantes, des hygiénistes ou des médecins tels que Mélier, Tardieu ou Raspail critiqueront l'optimisme de Parent-Duchâtelet. Même Chevallier reviendra sur ses positions clémentes envers les effets néfastes des opérations industrielles, les maladies et l'usure des corps[82].

Il est particulièrement remarquable de constater un processus qui s'articule avec les changements de régime politique. Les liens qui relient la sphère politique et la perception des corps ouvriers ne sont pas faciles à rétablir, mais la coïncidence mérite d'être notée. Quand la Révolution française, dans son projet libéral, assimile l'ouvrier à la mécanique productive, quand l'Empire emploie des méthodes coercitives, les premières années de la Restauration sont traversées par la réaction Ultra contre la modernité dont l'industrialisation est un élément, avant que finalement, la Monarchie et l'Église n'acceptent la société industrielle et technologique[83], pour même l'encourager sous la Monarchie de Juillet.

Malgré ces ruptures de rythme, cette première phase d'industrialisation est traversée par une réfutation hygiéniste globale qui apporte une justification idéologique au développement économique, en minimisant les souffrances physiques du travail. Dans un monde où la statistique étend son emprise sur les moyens de la connaissance, les métiers les plus insalubres et ceux qui les occupent disparaissent à nos yeux. C'est un véritable changement de paradigme qui aboutit à l'effacement du corps des ouvriers. La société est prête à fonctionner avec des « ouvriers fantômes »[84]. À la fin du XVIIIe siècle, pourtant, rien n'était acquis. Les observateurs éclairés commençaient au contraire à être choqués des conséquences du travail sur la santé. Il aura fallu deux étapes pour enrayer cette préoccupation. La première est celle des réformes institutionnelles et libérales de la Révolution française. La seconde concerne l'économie politique et constitue la réponse des hygiénistes membres du Conseil de salubrité et des *Annales d'hygiène* face aux nouveaux dégâts d'une industrialisation en cours d'intensification. Au service des autorités, ces influentes instances de conseil et de diffusion accompagnent le processus de développement économique et aident l'acculturation de l'industrie dans les sociétés occidentales.

81. G. Chamayou, *Les corps vils. Expérimenter sur les êtres humains aux XVIIIe et XIXe siècles*, Paris, La Découverte, 2008, p. 331-339.

82. A. F. La Berge, *Mission and Method…, op. cit.*

83. M. Lagrée, *La bénédiction de Prométhée. Religion et technologie, XIXe-XXe siècle*, Paris, Fayard, 1999.

84. Selon l'expression de J.-B. Fressoz, *« La fin du monde par la science ». Innovations, risques et régulations de l'inoculation à la machine à vapeur, 1750-1850*, thèse de doctorat d'histoire (dir. D. Pestre), EHESS, 2009, notamment p. 475-481. On peut rapprocher cette question du changement de paradigme et les perspectives dégagées, pour la même période, par F. Jarrige, *Au temps des « tueuses de bras ». Les bris de machines à l'aube de l'ère industrielle*, Rennes, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2009.

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Land of Kush (Aethiopia): Geographical Origin Of The “Moor…

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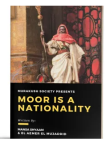

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West Africa 1743. Year: 1743. This great Historic Map print shows ancient “Aethiopia included West Africa from Gabon in the south to Niger, Mali, and Mauritania in the north.

In German the word “Mohr” [Moor] is associated with people today referred to as sub-Saharan African, the historical usage aims contrast to people from North-West African regions, especially from East Africa (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Aksum, Nubia) and North West Africa (Mauritania, Western Sahara, Mali, Morocco, Algeria, see Bidhan).

In German, the word “Mohr” [Moor] apparently historically has a stronger affinity to the ancient Greek word *ethiopos* (for “burnt face”). The identification of Moors with Moors comes from the underlying likeness and the Spanish influence where *moro* for historical reasons, the word for the Arab-Islamic Moors.

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MURAKUSH RESEARCH

This section of our website is dedicated informing interested parties of the findings concluded by Murakush derived from research and analysis of several topics and points of interest as it relates to the heritage, history and culture of the Moors.

The Moor's head is a heraldic charge associated with Wörth, Upper Bavaria, Germany.This is the ancient emblem of the Diocese of Freising, founded in the 8th century, which became a Metropolitan Archdiocese with the name of München und Freising in 1818, subsequent to the Concordat between Pius VII and King Maximilian Joseph of Bavaria (5 June 1817).

If in the Middle Ages, for example in connection with the "Moor of Freising", Latinized from *caput aethiop (i) s* or *caput ethiopicum* is mentioned, this has therefore not directly something to do in that time context with Ethiopia, but is already generally with "marshmallow" translating.

Luther was ordained to the priesthood in 1507. He came to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church

In this sense also translated **Martin Luther** the country **Kush** , the south of Egypt joined (to **Ez** 29,10 **www.bibleserver.com**“>**LUT**) and Greco-Roman language area was given the name Ethiopia (as also in the **Septuagint**), consistent with “Ethiopia”.

Map of the world according to Herodotus.

Here are (**Jer** 13:23 **www.bibleserver.com**“>**LUT**) **may be crucial, which states: “*Can such Kuschite [Kushite] change his skin or the leopard his spots?” Here too Luther “the Moor”.***

The prophet Isaiah contrast with his description of **Kush** does not allude to the skin color, but rather on their height (“tall”) and Unbehaartheit (“blank”). (Isa 18 www.bibleserver.com”>EU)

Map – 1450 BC Mycenean Greece and the Orient

In view of the Ethiopian eunuch Luther also seems the terms “Orient” to identify with each other” and “Ethiopia”.

"Abissinia, doue sono le Fonti del Nilo descritta secondo le relationi de P.P. Mendez, Almeida, Pais, Lobo, e Lodulfo del P. M. Coronelli M.C. Cosmografo della Seren. Rep. di Ventia"– Vincenzo Coronelli (1690)

1670 wrote Jerónimo Lobo about the "true nature of Ethiopia, particularly the **abbysinischen Kayserthums**".

Map from 1800s demonstrating Aethiopia as modern Central Africa

On the other hand Giovanni Cavazzi da Montecuccolo understood in 1694 at its historical description of "o**ccidentalischen Mohr country**" including, among other areas, the three kingdoms of Congo, Matamba and Angola .

Il Regno de Goti nella Spagna Abbattuto, e Risorto; overo La Perdita, e Racquisto della Spagna occupata da Mori by Rogatis, Bartolomeo de

In 1728 first appeared in German the report by **Bartolomeo de Rogatis** *from the loss of the Kingdom of Spain and the re-conquest of those lands of the Moors* , which turn the Moors are meant.

BISHOP SAMUEL ADJAI CROWTHER (1809-1891)

In 1894 the book *Dr.* ***Adschai Samuel Crowt der*** *, the first Protestant Negro bishop, or Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto God* released. Here, then, is also **Nigeria** in Ethiopia. It Appeared even in the early 1930s still titles such *as Ethiopia was still Christian …* (G. von Massenbach, 1933), *the debut of Ethiopia* (Biographical Samuel Ali Hussein, 1932) or *old and new from Ethiopia* (Church and Mission History of Christoph Schomerus, 1934), in which case both “black” and “Negro” interchangeably and increasingly throughout Africa for **“Mohren-” or “negro country”**.

"As the only people of this region familiar to the Greeks were the Nubians of what is now northern and central Sudan, "Ethiopia" often functioned as a synonym for the Nubian kingdom of Kush (or Meroë). The country now called Ethiopia vaguely fit under the same designation, but knowledge of it was scanty at best. The ancient Greeks also used "Ethiopia" to signal other unknown or quasi-mythical lands located to the south or east of the Mediterranean. As a result, even parts of India came to be regarded as "Ethiopia" in some accounts."

"In the early modern period, European geographers generally located Ethiopia in the unknown (to them) African interior, as can be seen on the map posted above. In certain circumstances, however, they applied the name to sub-Saharan Africa as a whole. As a result, the eastern South Atlantic was commonly dubbed the "Ethiopian Ocean" (or Sea) through the 1700s. In many maps of the time, the Ethiopian Ocean was depicted as extending from the South Atlantic into the western Indian Ocean. The modern concept of discrete oceanic basins dates only to the 1800s; previously, named oceans and seas were often conceptualized as strips of water wrapping around landmasses."

"In European usage, "Ethiopia" did not refer to the modern country of that name until the second half of the twentieth century. Previously, the Ethiopian kingdom (or empire) was generally called "Abyssinia," a term derived from the Arabic ethnic designation "Habesh." Yet in both Ge'ez, the sacred language of Ethiopian Christianity, and the modern Ethiopian Semitic languages (Amharic and Tigrinya), the country has long been called Ītyōṗṗyā. Ītyōṗṗyā is generally thought to be derived from the Greek "Ethiopia." Some experts reject the connection, however, arguing that the "Book of Aksum, a Ge'ez chronicle first composed in the 15th century, states that the name is derived from 'Ityopp'is,' a son (unmentioned in the Bible) of Cush, son of Ham who according to legend founded the city of Axum." Regardless of its ultimate origin, "Ītyōṗṗyā" certainly sounds as if it were a cognate of "Ethiopia." Yet even in Ethiopia itself, the Arabic-derived word "Habesha" still denotes the core Semitic-speaking ethnic groups, and is sometimes applied more broadly to all peoples of the country."

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Группа ученых из нескольких университетов США и лаборатории IBM Research с**оздала систему искусственного интеллекта**, которая может анализировать тексты и выявлять случаи гендерной предвзятости. Их исследование опубликовано на сервере препринтов arXiv, о нем рассказали в Северо-восточном университете.

Авторы нового алгоритма надеются, что программу, похожую на проверку орфографии, будут использовать писатели, издатели, ученые для создания **более инклюзивных историй для детей**.

Команда интересовалась сказками как инструментом для изучения маленькими детьми языка и собрала **сотни историй со всего мира**, чтобы использовать для обучения своего алгоритма. Выяснилось, что сказки, откуда бы они ни пришли, содержали в себе «упрямые и глубокие»

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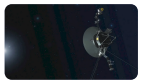

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откуда бы они ни пришли, содержали в себе «упрямые и глубокие» гендерные стереотипы. Авторы работы утверждают, что в дестких сказках **женские персонажи часто пассивны**, в то время как мужские их спасают, совершая подвиги и активно действуя.

Разработчики создали автоматизированные процессы для извлечения имен и пола персонажей, соотнеся с разными событиями. Из **33 577 событий**, проанализированных в исследовании, 69% были отнесены к персонажам мужского пола и 31% — женского. Действия, связанные с женскими персонажами, часто были связаны с домашними делами, в то время как мужских — с неудачей, успехом или агрессией. В итоге Ван и его команда создали инструмент обработки естественного языка, который может найти предвзятость в целых цепочках событий.

В будущем они хотят создать нейросеть, которая сможет не только указывать автору на гендерную предвзятость в его произведении, но и **советовать, как исправить «ошибку»**.

> «Если у меня будет дочь, я не хочу, чтобы она боялась браться за задачи или преодолевать проблемы, **ожидая, что кто-то придет и спасет ее**. Подобные инструменты ИИ могут помочь препятствовать тому, чтобы фильмы, книги и пр. передавали эти устаревшие, вредные идеи следующему поколению», — говорит Дакуо Ван, доцент Северо-Восточного университета и один авторов исследования.

Психологи выяснили, кто лучше понимает других людей — мужчины или женщины

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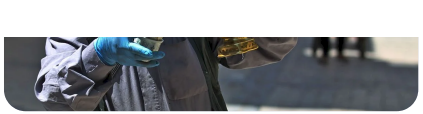

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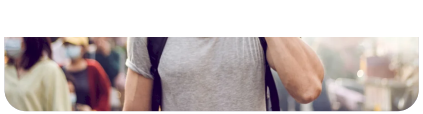

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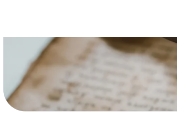

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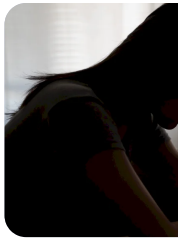

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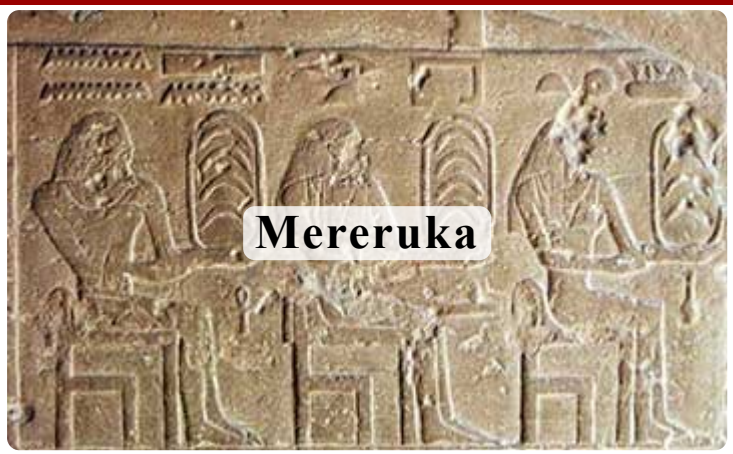
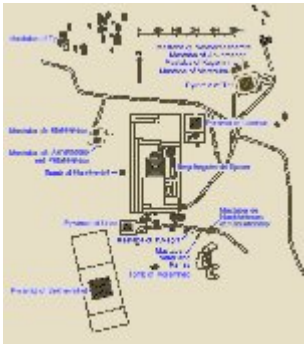


The mastaba tomb of Mereruka also known as Meri

The mastaba of Mereruka is situated in the north-east sector of the necropolis of Saqqara, not far from the edge of the plateau, just to the north of the pyramid of Teti, the first pharaoh of 6th Dynasty. During this period power of the pharaohs was declining as can be seen in the comparatively small size and poor construction of their pyramids. However, increasing power attained by the large aristocratic families became apparent in the size and quality of the decoration of their mastabas. Two mastabas, located next to each other, are of special importance, that of the vizier Mereruka and that of Kagemni (his predecessor). Mereruka's is by far the more complex and is located to the west of the other. It is not given over totally to Mereruka; his chambers will be given the prefix "A" (see plan). The south west quarter was designed as being a separate set of chambers for his wife, Watetkhethor; her chambers will have the prefix "B". The main structure was later extended at the north for his son, Meryteti; his chambers are prefixed "C". Both of these areas have their entrance from within the part of the complex devoted to Mereruka.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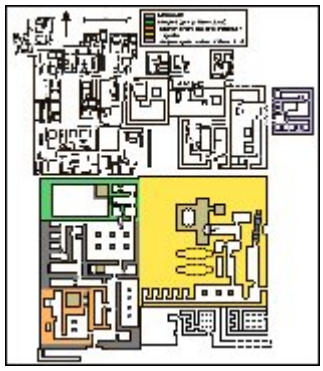

Related Mastabas

Even though the mastaba of Kagemni was known from the mid-1800s, that of Mereruka remained unknown until it was discovered by J. de Morgan, the then director general of the Services of Antiquities, in July 1893. The Service built up its walls, roofed it, and opened it to the public. However, by 1912 it had once more to be freed from encroaching sand.
The first serious publication of the mastaba, by Prentice Duell, did not appear until 1936, although a rather brief summary had been produced some 40 years earlier by Georges Daressy. It is on these publications that the following information is based. The accompanying photographs come from a variety of friends of this Osirisnet site. Many of the drawings used throughout are based on those of Duell's publication.
Any measurements given in the following are my estimates, derived from Duell's plan of the mastaba. Duell did not provide any accurate ones. Curiously, no general survey has been published since that, even though incomplete, of Duell, which relates back to 1936. This presentation will thus try to propose, besides the classic approach, some new data.

MERERUKA AND HIS FAMILY

• **Mereruka**, his "beautiful" (or chosen) name **Meri** , as with all high officials, he was attributed with dozens of titles (see full list), some of which were purely honorific, but some were of functions which he actually performed. He would have held many of these before taking on the high office of vizier. Nowhere within the mastaba is there a comprehensive list.
Out of these many titles, it is particularly worth noting that Mereruka succeeded Kagemni as " *Vizier* of the King (Teti) of Upper and Lower Egypt", an office which made him the second most powerful person in the state, as both Prime Minister and Chief Justice.
Among his other titles are the following :

- *Inspector of the priests attached to the pyramid of Teti*
- *Governor of the palace*
- *Scribe of the divine books*
- *Overseer of the royal record scribes*
- *Chief lector-priest*

• *Director of the scribes of the archives*
• *Director of all the works of the king* (i.e. minister of public works and possibly architect)

● **Nedjetempet**, her "beautiful" name **Tiyet** , mother of Mereruka. She is designated as "relation" or "acquaintance" of the king. Her mastaba is to the north-west of the Mereruka/Kagemni group (see the Teti cemetery plan). Her name appears three times in Mereruka's mastaba; twice on the north wall of chamber A13, either side of his statue (see A13-nw-4b and see A13-nw-6a) and once at the southern end of the east wall of the same chamber.

● **Watet-khet-hor** her "beautiful" name **Seshseshet** is the wife of Mereruka (see A13-nw-4a). She held no administrative offices, but did hold religious titles. She was *"eldest daughter of the king, of his body"*, which made Mereruka the son-in-law of a king, very likely of his master, Teti. See the Watetkhethor pages.

● **Meryteti**, his "beautiful" name **Meri** (like his father) (see A13-nw-4a). He is designated as both "eldest son of Mereruka and of Watetkhethor" and, in a somewhat contradictory way, *"eldest son of the king, of his body"*. His name, Meryteti, means "beloved of Teti", referring to the reigning sovereign. By inheritance, he held many of his father's titles, but in addition he held the titles of *"lector-priest of his father"* and *"inspector of the priests attached to the pyramid of Pepi"* (successor to king Teti, after the short reign of Userkare). His wife, **Nebet**, is named in Meryteti's own portion of the complex. For everything about Meryteti, and his part of the total mastaba, see the Meryteti pages.

● **Pepyankh** , another son. He usurped Meryteti's extension to his father's mastaba and removed the "Mery" from the Meryteti on the inscriptions of both Meryteti's and his father's mastaba (but not from those in the section belonging to Watetkhethor). The chambers were eventually restored to Meryteti.

● Five other sons, whose names are **Memi** , **Khenti** , **Apref** , **Khenu** **and Nefer** , are among the other people depicted or mentioned on the walls of different chambers. Memi, is designated like Meryteti as "eldest son" (doubtless by a previous wife). It has been suggested that Memi and Pepyankh may have been the same person; having changed his name to Pepyankh.

● There is also a daughter, **Ibnebu** , her mother being Watetkhethor, thus she was the sister of Meryteti. She is depicted only once in the total mastaba, in chamber B01 of Watetkhethor's section of the structure and is named here as *"Her daughter, her beloved, of her body"*. Although she is shown as a fully developed woman, she is obviously young because she has her hair in a plait adorned with a disc.

● **Ihy** , Mereruka's brother, is depicted several times, but most memorably in well-rounded form, seated in a papyrus boat on the east wall of chamber A4.

● The brothers of Mereruka, including Ihy, are named on the south wall of chamber A10 and the north wall of chamber A13. Seven of the nine named in A13 held the position of "guard" (or "one who precedes"), a position probably held by Mereruka in his early career.

No less than a hundred other people, priests, minor officials and servants, are also depicted on the walls, most of whom have no identifying text.

Mereruka, Kagemni and Merefnebef

It is interesting to compare the mastaba of Mereruka with that of his predecessor Kagemni, as well as with that of the vizier Merefnebef, who, if he didn't follow him directly, certainly followed soon after (Mysliewiec).
There are many similarities, but also variations, often subtle but nevertheless meaningful.

THE TOTAL MASTABA COMPLEX

Since its appearance at the very start of pharaonic civilisation, the funerary superstructure known by its Arab name of "mastaba" (English "bench") basically consists of a solid mound, usually made of stone rubble covered with a facing of limestone blocks, carefully levelled and smoothed. It generally adopts the form of a truncated pyramid, a symbolic evocation of the original mound, the first land to emerge from the primordial swamp (the Nun) at the dawn of creation. Dynasty VI marks the height of the sumptuous development of the family funerary chapel, the magic interface between the world of the living and that of the dead.
Even though the external form of the mastaba did not radically change during the Old Kingdom, this was not the case with the interior spaces. Despite individual necropolis variations, a common global process of increasing size and diversification became apparent, no doubt affected by the sociological and historical reasons given above.

General description

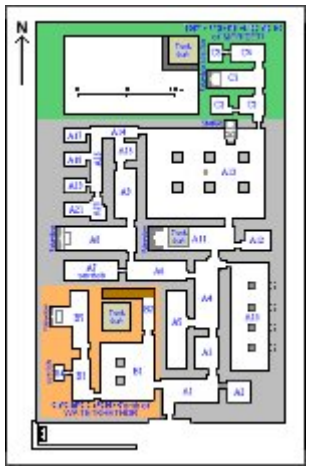
After its restoration in the late 1800's and early 1900's, the overall external dimensions of the mastaba are : 23 metres east-west, 30 metres north-south extending to 41 metres when including Meryteti's addition and 4.5 metres high. The internal height of the ceiling is currently just over 4 metres.

The entrance to the mastaba faces south, not east as was customary.
This was probably due to an agreement between Kagemni and Mereruka. There is evidence in chamber A10 to indicate that this was in fact the eastern pillared portico, the originally intended entrance. What is now the east wall of this chamber, shows the signs of four pillars matching the four which now stand down the middle of the current chamber. This east wall was built as infill between the pillars, then decorated. The agreement was probably due to the fact that Kagemni wanted to extend his mastaba westward to provide additional storerooms. This is further discussed when dealing with chamber A10, later.

A low temenos wall, decorated with repeated figures, names and titles of the owner, formed a forecourt in front of the facade. The mastaba is faced inside and out with limestone, that used inside being of a finer texture than the rest, but it is likely that the core

consists of inferior blocks or rubble. The exterior walls have the usual slope to aid stability. Throughout the structure the upper parts of the walls and pillars are lost; except for a fragment of the south wall of chamber A8 and two from the south wall of chamber A13, and two parts of the north, east and south walls of chamber A10, which have survived to practically to their full height. The scenes on each wall were topped by a kheker pattern, which still exists in places. (See line drawing).
The chamber walls and pillars were covered with fine reliefs cut into the limestone surface and, painted. The decoration is a combination of painting and sculpture, yet at the same time being an integral part of the architecture.
The tomb was probably lit and ventilated by shallow horizontal openings cut at intervals along the tops of the walls just under the ceilings, the shafts leading to the outside then being cut diagonally through the roof slabs. Though some sunlight would penetrate into the chambers, the interior of the mastaba must at best have been in semi-darkness.

Internal description



Total Mastaba Complex

● Mereruka's mastaba complex is the largest, by chamber count, in Egypt; containing no less than 31 upper chambers (which include both actual rooms and large passageways, but not the small interconnecting sections between chambers). From these, 21 are devoted to Mereruka himself (chambers prefixed A), 5 are designated to his wife Watetkhethor (chambers B) and 5 added for his son Meryteti (chambers C). In addition to these, there are 3 well shafts and their associated burial chambers. Mereruka's access shaft is located with chamber A11; those for both his wife and his son, are not accessed from within one of their chambers, but from the roof. Chamber B2 in his wife's section is actually a flight of stairs. Of Mereruka's 21 chambers, 10 were fully decorated from floor to ceiling. Although these walls have not survived to their full height, what remains is usually well preserved.
The combined mastaba is a highly complex spatial and iconographic structure and is of considerable interest. Certainly, the complex layout of the internal chambers could be considered as a maze; on entering with only a small lamp and no map, it would be very easy to become lost, were it not for the occasional sky-light.
[Perhaps, time permitting and availability of full photographic coverage, I will be able to create a 3D tour (with minimal lighting). *JJH]*

● With the tomb of Mereruka, the concept of a solid mound with "excavated" chambers is forgotten. His mastaba complex, though maintaining the normal outward appearance, internally contains more space than solid material. The numerous chambers are separated by solid walls, though of variable thickness. His internal design has moved to the far extreme from the original designs.

● An examination of the plan also shows quite clearly that the main area (chambers A), devoted to Mereruka himself, forms a rotated L-shape enclosing the suite of chambers devoted to his wife WatetKhethor (area of chambers B). At a later date the mastaba was enlarged at the northern end to accommodate the chapel complex for his son Meryteti (area of chambers C). This was accomplished after the reliefs in the pillared hall (A13) had been completed, with the entrance to Meryteti's first chamber cutting through the established reliefs.

● Thus the great Mereruka embraces his wife to the south west and is accompanied by his son to the north; a symbolic family group.

The following pages will only cover that part of the mastaba belonging to Mereruka himself. From here on these chambers will always be referred to with their "A" prefix, so as to differentiate them from any possible reference to the other two areas. At some future date, separate pages will be produced dealing with these other two sections.

● The decorated areas of Mereruka's personal section of mastaba, as already stated, consisted of 10 chambers (A1, A3, A4, A6, A8-A13). To these can be added the majority of doorway thicknesses at the entry to the decorated chambers. Inscriptions can be found above the doorways to chambers A14 and A16.

● Chambers A1, A3, A4, and A6, may be regarded as corridors leading to the offering-tables in chapels A8 and A11, and also to the large statue of Mereruka enshrined above an alabaster altar in the large, six-pillared ceremonial or cult chapel A13. The storerooms are grouped along a corridor in the north-west corner of his tomb, well out of the way. Storeroom A15 has the remains of a stone shelf along its east side. Chapels A8 and A11, along with the serdab (A7) and its approach (A6), centre about the tomb shaft, contained in chapel A11, thus forming the nucleus of the structure. Since there was no exterior stela, a false door was provided in the west wall of Chapel A8 to allow the entrance of Mereruka's ka into the mastaba; hence it could continue in a direct line through the second false door, at the end of chapel A11, and enter the tomb shaft and the tomb chamber itself. The serdab (A7) once contained statues of Mereruka. A small opening for ceremonial purposes connects the serdab with chamber A6.
The small doorway leading to chamber A2 was cut through the wall of chamber A1 after the decoration of the latter had been completed. Possibly as an afterthought, the chamber was cut out of what had been a corner of solid masonry. Although its entrance was cut through an important relief, there seems to be no reason for this chamber unless it was intended as antechamber for the adjoining the vestibule.

West wall chamber A10

In the decorated chambers, the imagery of the walls is placed above a metre high dado, from which they are separated by a broad red (above) and yellow bands edged with black lines. In many cases these colours have been worn away by time or have faded to various shades of blue. It also appears, without much question, that the dado area of all the chambers was originally painted black.
Apart from the blue backgrounds of the marsh scenes, the paint on the walls and pillars in chamber A13 and traces on the walls in the other chambers would indicate that the backgrounds of all the imagery was dark-grey. The exception being in chamber A10, where the backgrounds are blue-grey; this was probably also true for chamber A12, which was decorated at the same time and by the same artists.

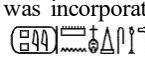
The colours are best preserved on the north wall of chamber A1, the west wall of chamber A10 and sections of the north and east walls of chamber A13. Decoration of the walls of all the other chambers are almost totally without colour, the reds of the male skin tones and dark backgrounds being predominant. The most extensive remains of the dados and colour bands can be found on the west wall of chamber A10 and north wall of A13.

SEQUENCE OF BUILD AND DECORATION

Originally the mastaba of Mereruka consisted of only two sections, the larger part being for himself, with the south east corner being that of his wife, Watetkhethor. Later the mastaba was extended at its northern end, for their son Meryteti, an entrance for which was cut through the already fully decorated north wall of chamber A13, at its eastern end.
It should be noted that Meryteti was not the eldest son of Mereruka, His eldest son was named *Memi*, later to be called *Pepyankh*; the son of a previous marriage.

Because Watetkhethor is depicted with Mereruka throughout his chapel (A chambers) and that Meryteti appears in only three scenes in the last decorated chambers, it can thus be reasonably assumed that he was born after the decoration of his father's chapel was well advanced. He appears regularly in the chambers of his mother's chapel, consistently as *"Her eldest son"*, thus it seems reasonable to assume that her chambers (or at least the decoration of them) were started after his birth.

The chambers of chapel "C" was presumably prepared for Meryteti by his father. Nims (see bibliography) suggests that *'Meryteti bore the high titles of Mereruka as his hereditary right and that he was shown as an adult in anticipation of his attaining manhood. That Memi (the real eldest son of Mereruka by a previous marriage) was passed over and that Meryteti becoming heir of Mereruka was probably due to the position of Meryteti as grandson of the King, Teti'*.
Meryteti's good fortune appears to have changed with the death of Teti (and probably the death of his father), and the succession of Pepy I. At this point Mereruka's eldest son changed his name to Pepyankh and claimed his right to section C of the mastaba complex. Minimal changes to the inscriptions were made in favour of the new owner, but no changes were made to the scenes. The frequently repeated title *"king's eldest son, of his body"* was changed to *"Mery, his eldest son, of his body"* which could also apply to Pepyankh. The name *"Meryteti"* was replaced by *"Pepyankh"*; no other titles were erased. Some changes were made with respect to Meryteti in Mereruka's chapel, but none in the chapel of Watetkhethor.

Possibly after the appointment of Pepyankh to an important provincial position, the chapel reverted back to Meryteti. The restored owner then changed the *"ankh"* of *"Pepyankh"*, which like all such names, occurs at the end of a set of titles. The Pepy cartouche was incorporated into a new title for Meryteti, that of *"Inspector of priests of the pyramid of Pepy"*; thus became  . Three more titles were added after this. When the changes and additional titles were required at the end of the text above horizontal registers, enough space was not always available; the text was thus extended downwards into the image area, frequently eliminating the end of the scene in order to make room.
The figures and inscriptions of Meryteti's wife and sons and also the names of servants are later additions to the original scenes. These probably relate to the re-ownership of the chapel by Meryteti.
It was at this time that Meryteti (it is assumed that it was he) hammered out the figures and names of his elder brother, from chamber A13.

However, the asumption that Pepyankh was able to usurp (even temporarily) the tomb of his younger half-brother might not be justified. Not only was Meryteti a nephew of Pepy I, but the change of ownership may have been mutually acceptable.

Meryteti's chapel was almost certainly started towards the end of the reign of Teti and was most probably completed towards the middle of the reign of Pepy I.

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Les racines ethiopiennes de l'Egypte remontent a l'Antiquite. Les deux civilisations ont entretenu des relations etroites et des echanges culturels et commerciaux pendant des millenaires. Voici quelques elements importants a considerer :

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Le commerce le long du Nil : Le Nil a ete un important axe commercial reliant l'Egypte et l'Ethiopie. Les echanges de biens tels que l'or, l'encens, l'ivoire et les produits agricoles se faisaient par le biais de ce fleuve, renforcant les liens economiques et culturels entre les deux regions.

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Le christianisme ethiopien : A partir du IVe siecle, le christianisme s'est repandu en Ethiopie, influence par les traditions coptes egyptiennes. Les relations entre les Eglises coptes d'Egypte et ethiopiennes ont ete etroites au fil des siecles, avec des

echanges religieux et culturels frequents.

Il convient de noter que les relations entre l'Egypte et l'Ethiopie ont connu des periodes de tensions et de conflits, notamment en ce qui concerne l'utilisation des eaux du Nil, mais ces liens historiques et culturels profonds continuent d'exister et de jouer un role important dans la relation entre les deux pays.

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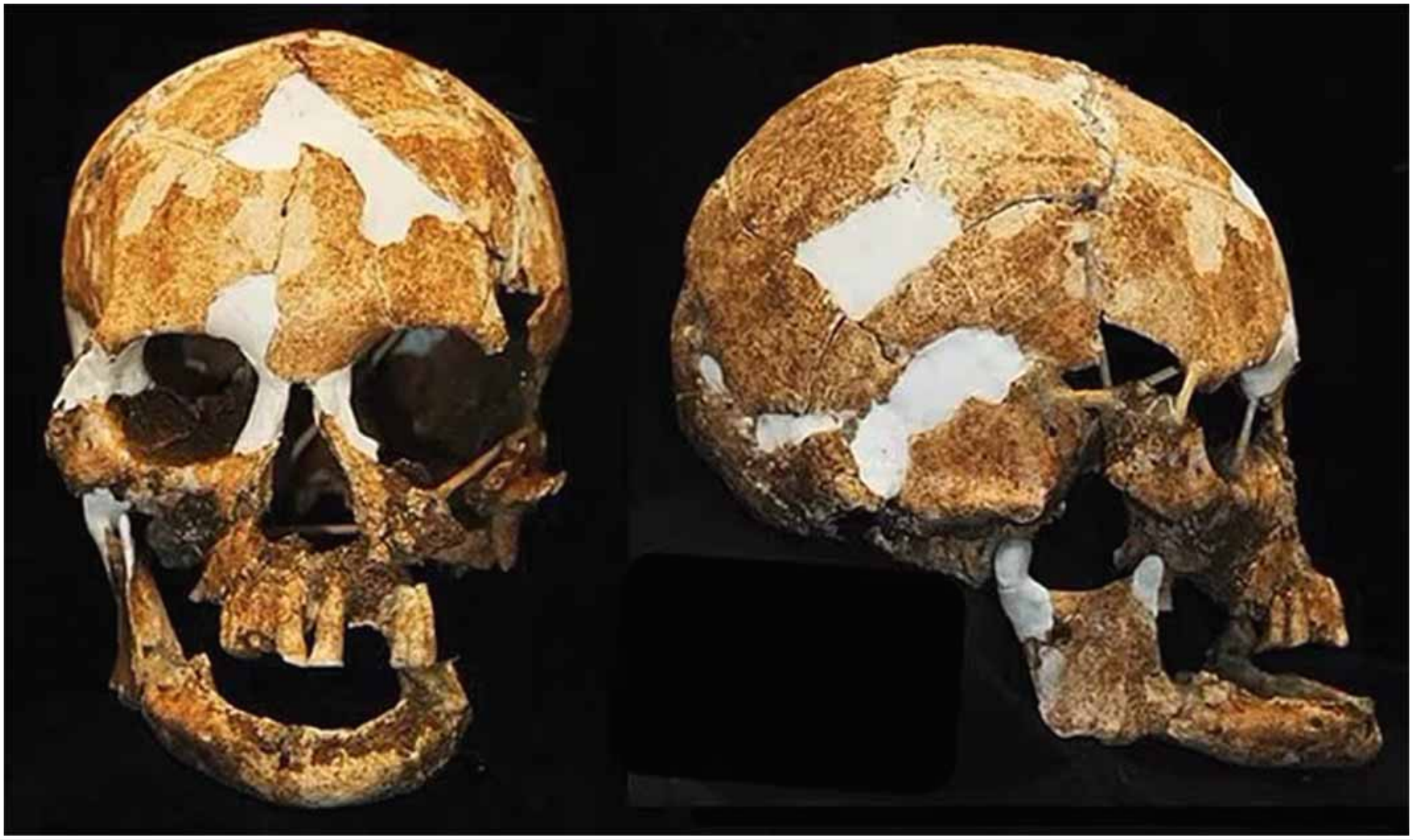

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Scientists Prove Legends of “Negritos” on Taiwan

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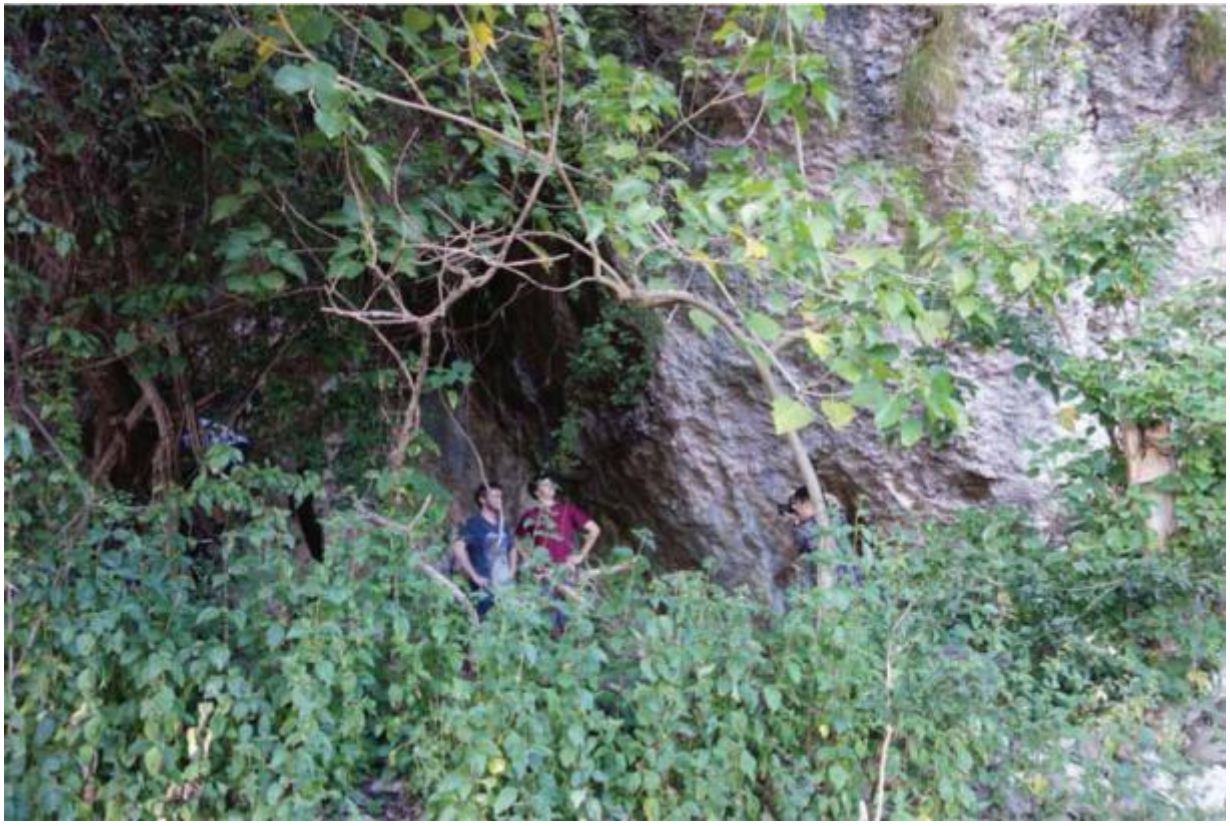
Archaeologists in Taiwan recently discovered an unusual female skeleton buried in a remote cave, which proves centuries-old legends about so-called “short, dark-skinned Negrito people” living in the mountains.

Between 20,000 to 30,000 years ago, sea levels were much lower, and the Taiwan Strait was exposed. This offered a land bridge for the first hunter-gatherers to explore the island of Taiwan. Mainstream archaeology currently maintains that in the Neolithic period (5,000 years ago), Austronesian-speaking farmers from the southeast coast of China began settling on Taiwan. According to history books, the ancient lineage of hunter-gatherers died out 5,000 years ago when they were absorbed into the Neolithic farming cultures, from which modern Taiwanese aborigines descended.

However, a **new study** suggests the legendary “Negritos” reputed to live in the remote mountains of Taiwan until the 1800s were, in fact, surviving descendants of the first hunter-gatherers on the island.



The eastern coastline of Taiwan near Donghe has several cave systems, including the Xiaoma Caves. Photo of the researchers in front of one of the larger Xiaoma caves (Mike Carson / ***CC BY NC ND 4.0*** *)*

Measuring Up the Semi-Mythological Ancient Negrito Woman

Archaeologists recently discovered a female human skeleton in the Xiaoma Caves, about 400 meters north of Donghe on the eastern coastline of Taiwan. The woman's remains were carefully laid in a squatting position approximately 6,000 years ago. The new paper said this matches the position of hunter-gatherer bodies unearthed from other graves in southern China and Southeast Asia dating from the **Paleolithic** (50,000 to 12,000 years ago), the **Mesolithic** (10,000 to 20,000 years ago) and the **Preceramic** periods (4,000 years ago).

*Photo of Philippine Negrito women, circa 1900. The Negrito skeleton found on Taiwan had cranial similarities to those from Luzon, Philippines (**Public Domain**)*

The new study presented “cranial morphometric analysis” on the ancient woman’s skull. This scientific discipline quantifies changes in bone shape revealing evolutionary significance and relationships. The skull revealed what the scientists called “cranial affinities with the Negritos in northern Luzon,” in the northern portion of the Philippines archipelago. The team of archaeologists also analyzed the woman’s femur bones and concluded that she was about 1.37 meters (4 feet 6 inches) tall.

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Depictions of the Aeta hunters of Luzon Island, Philippines, from the Boxer Codex circa 1595. The Aeta were one of several so-called 'Negritos' peoples of the pre-Hispanic Philippines. (***Public Domain*** *)*

Little Black People Living in the Mountains

So-called ‘Negrito’ (black) groups are shorter in stature, with dark skin and frizzy hair. According to the latest article, this **human phenotype** is observed “in the Mani (Maniq) in southern Thailand, the **Semang** groups in peninsular Malaysia, and the **Andamanese** in the Andaman Islands are often labeled together as the ‘Negritos’.”

A report in the **Daily Mail** said scientists have proven the existence of a 6,000-year-old, short, black-skinned hunter-gatherer from the pre-ceramic phase in Taiwan “for the first time”. Furthermore, the discovery has finally substantiated a several centuries-old legend told in **Formosan** Austronesian tribes about ‘little black people’ hiding in the mountains.

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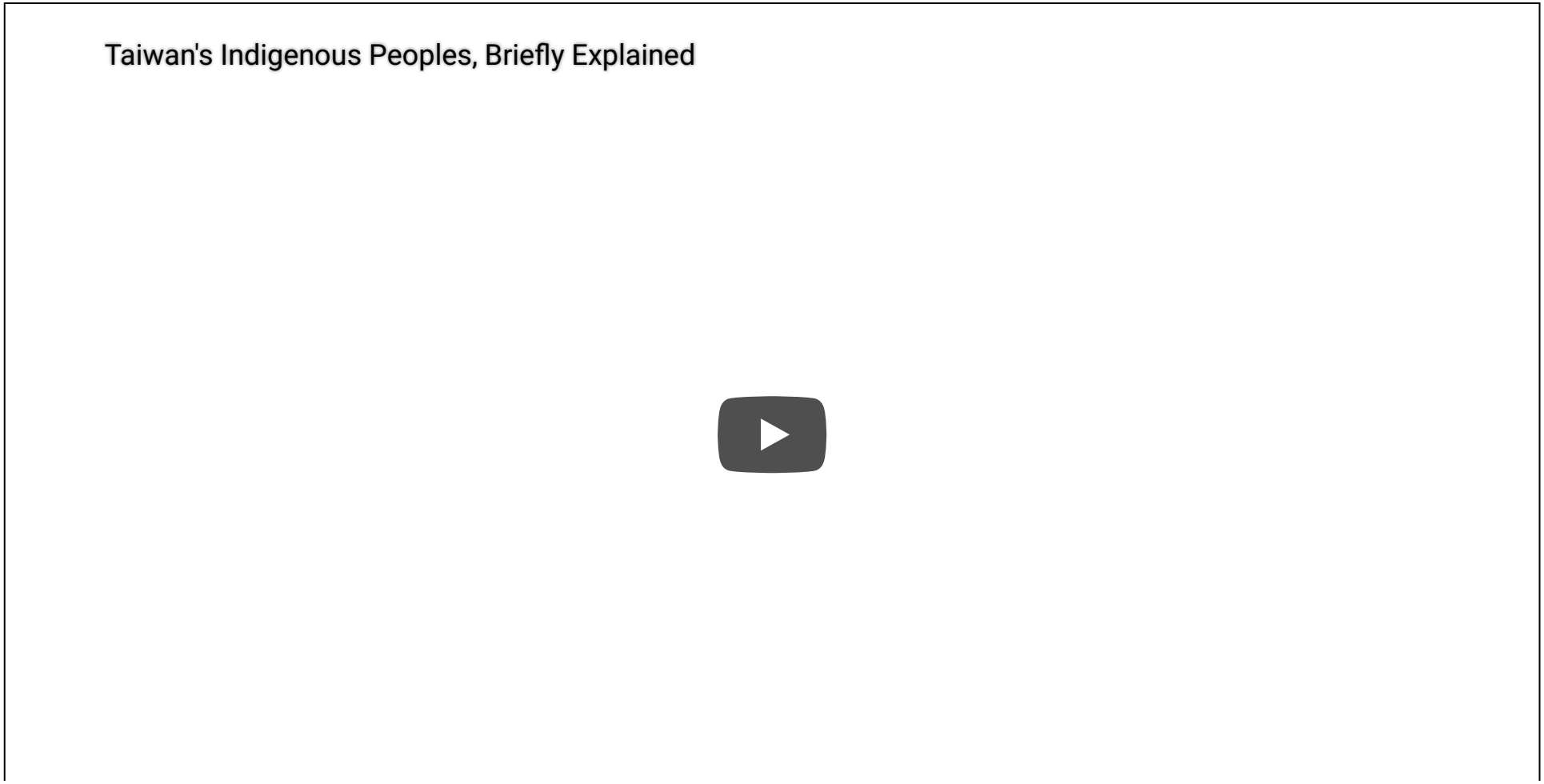
Mountain tribes in the Philippines referred to as Negritos were populous. Analysis of recently discovered, 6,000-year-old human remains in Taiwan supports Taiwanese Negrito legends. 1899 photo of indigenous Philippine Negritos. (***Public Domain*** *)*

When Reality Is Misinterpreted As Mythology

Several Chinese **Qing Dynasty** (1683-1895 AD) records, and later Japanese period records, detailed “small-statured and dark-skinned people” living on what is today **Taiwan**. These accounts said they spoke their own language and only intermarried. Furthermore, legends about 'Negritos' are shared by all but one of the 16 recognized **Austronesian** groups in Taiwan. According to the Daily Mail report, the Saisiyat tribe claim to have learned “medicine, singing, dancing and other rituals” from the people who they called Ta'ai.



The scientists conclude that the Negrito population descended from the first waves of anatomically modern humans to arrive on Taiwan. These hunter-gatherers resembled Africans more than Eurasians, the latter of which represent the ‘second-layer’ of people on the island. While the researchers are unclear as to what happened to this newly-identified ancient group, the study speculated that the arrival of the Austronesian peoples “could have led to the decline and disappearance of the Negritos” in Taiwan.

Top Image: The cranial profile of the female ‘Negrito’ skeleton found in Xiaoma Caves Source: Hirofumi Matsumura / ***CC BY NC ND 4.0*** *)*

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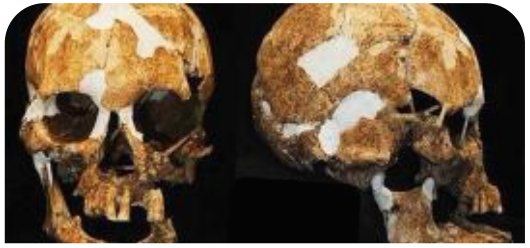

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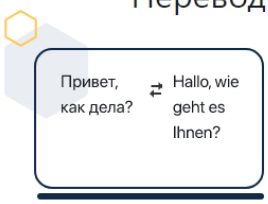

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Сегодня вампиры считаются вымыслом, но в прошлом страх перед этой нежитью был вполне реальным – настолько реальным, что некоторые общины принимали дополнительные меры, чтобы трупы предполагаемых вампиров не восставали из могилы и не начинали охоту на живых.

В 2018 году на археологическом участке Поджио Граминьяно в Италии археологи раскопали то, что считалось одним из таких захоронений – маленького ребенка с деревянным блоком во рту.

В то время находку стали называть “вампиром из Лугнано”.

Останки 10-летнего ребенка, похороненного в пятом веке на древнеримском кладбище в итальянском регионе Умбрия. Исследователи полагают, что ребенок умер от малярии, и после смерти ему в рот намеренно вставили камень, чтобы ребенок не воскрес из мертвых.

Однако теперь археологи ставят под сомнение идею о том, что ребенок когда-либо считался вампиром. Вместо этого, по их мнению, блок был помещен в рот, чтобы предотвратить возвращение ребенка в качестве “ревенанта” – формы нежити, которую сейчас можно

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Bush, l'11 settembre, la CIA e le società segrete

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Ecco il mio primo thread su Twitter e su Substack per i normies che fanno pilling rosso. Ho compilato molti video che possono essere usati per risvegliare i vostri amici addormentati, se usati correttamente!

Ho bisogno del vostro aiuto per retwittare e diffondere la notizia!

Spero che arriveranno molti altri thread!

Continuiamo a far scorrere le pillole rosse!

Bush, l'11 settembre, la CIA, le società segrete:

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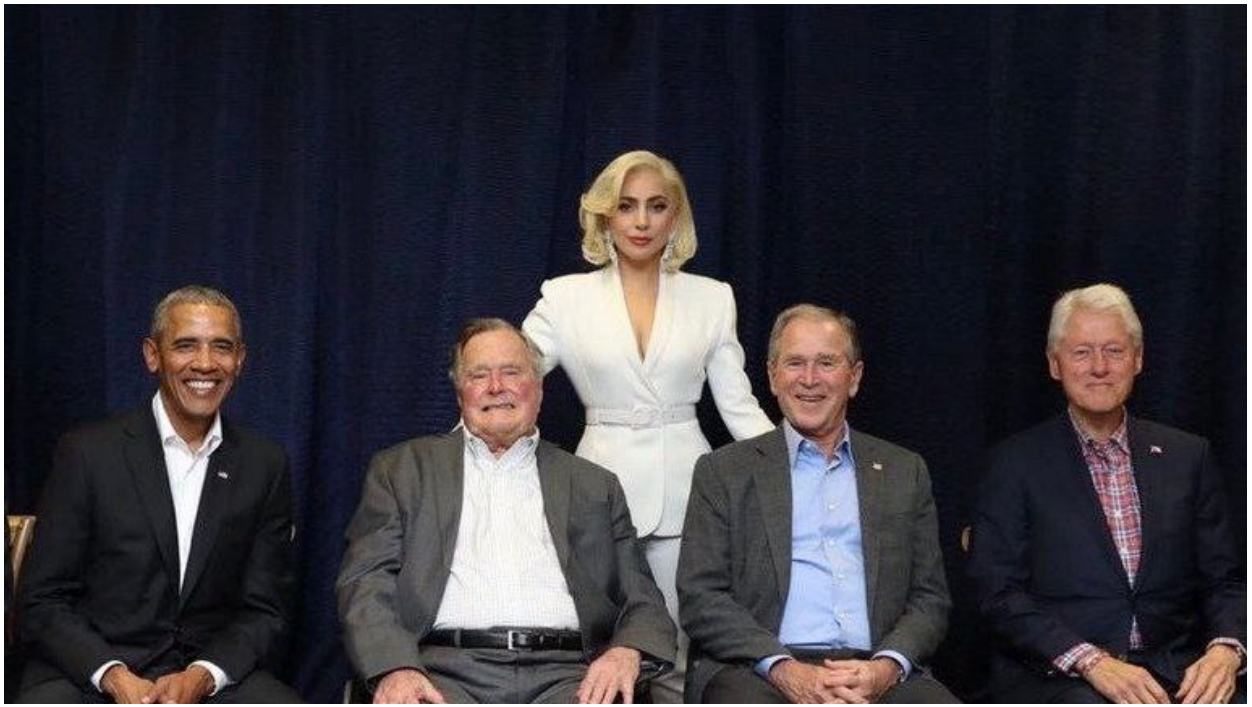


La CIA era collegata ai dirottatori dell'aereo saudita dell'11 settembre, fornendo ulteriori prove che l'11 settembre è stato un lavoro interno, ma quando guardo i media mainstream trovo un silenzio quasi mortale.

Immagina di non segnalarlo.

È quasi come se il MSM trincerato della CIA non uscisse da solo.

La CIA è una piaga per la nostra società e i suoi padroni sono il deep state. Ma chi controllava la CIA? Erano Bush e il deep state? Chi era a capo della CIA e aveva anche un figlio che ammetteva apertamente di essere membro di una società segreta? BUSH.

Qualcuno può darmi una spiegazione razionale del motivo per cui i nostri leader politici sono membri di società segrete. Le stesse persone che hanno permesso e persino insabbiato l'11 settembre fanno tutte parte di una qualche società segreta. Sembra quasi che guardino noi contadini con disprezzo.

Bush faceva parte di una società segreta a Yale dove si incontravano sulle tombe e facevano rituali segreti. Non me lo sto inventando. "Il video offre uno sguardo sgranato su quelli che sembrano essere i rituali di iniziazione di una società segreta. Tra i famosi alunni c'è John Kerry..George Bush"

Se credi ancora che la famiglia Bush sia normale e non cultista, ascolta questa clip in cui Bush parla di come sua madre teneva un feto in un barattolo che mostrava solo alle persone di cui si fidava. WTF.

Peter Nygard, che molti chiamano il canadese Jeffrey Epstein, l'ospite preferito nel suo resort sull'isola non era altro che il boss della mafia della CIA George Bush Senior. Quali sono le probabilità? Non ci sono coincidenze.

George Bush Senior parla apertamente di un Nuovo Ordine Mondiale che viene forgiato mentre la sua CIA rovescia i governi stranieri e provoca il caos in tutto il mondo.

Sono sicuro che non è niente.

Questo è solo inquietante e volevo inserirlo qui perché sembrava che Barbara Bush stesse davvero tentando di intimidire suo nipote mentre indossava un vestito da strega,

ma me lo dici? Questa è la stessa donna che teneva apertamente un feto in un barattolo.

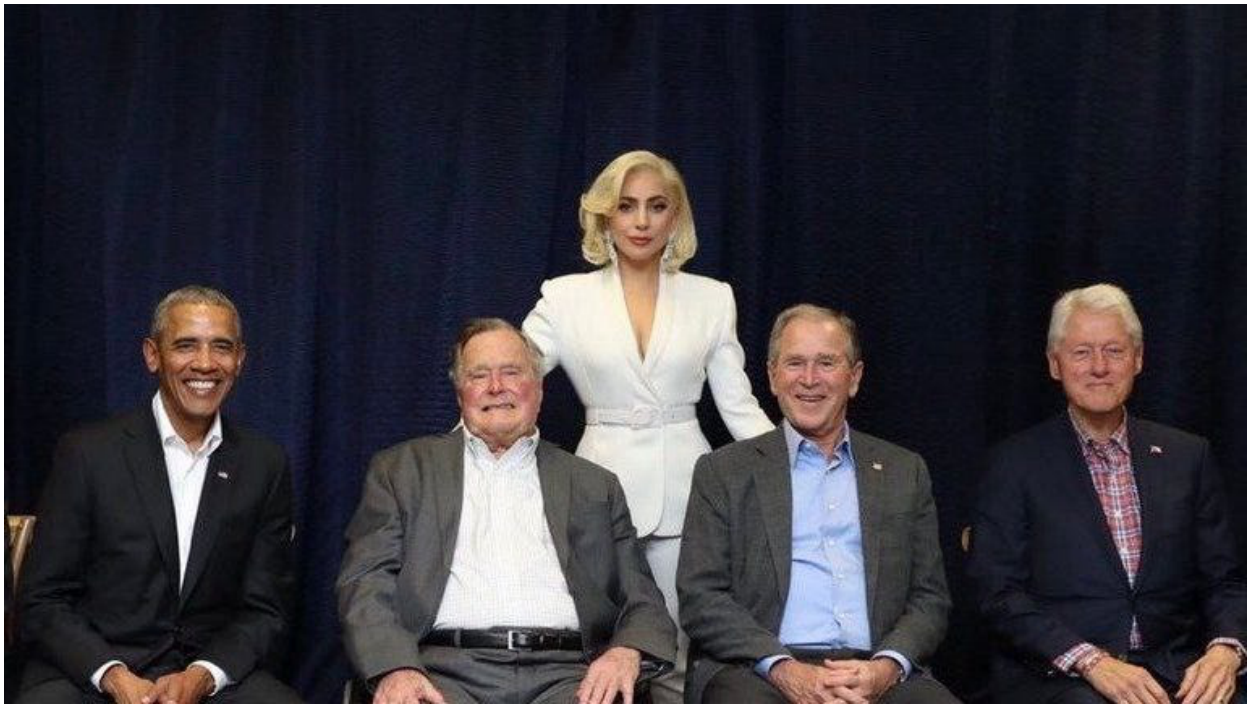
Lascia che affondi.

Sono sicuro che è solo una coincidenza che Epstein tenesse un dipinto di Bill Clinton con un vestito nella sua casa di città e quello stesso artista ha anche dipinto un'immagine di ciò che può essere descritto solo come implicante Bush come perpetratore dietro l'11 settembre.

https://nypost.com/2019/08/14/epstein-had-bizarre-painting-of-bill-clinton-in-dress-heels-in-townhouse/

E già che siamo in tema di Epstein. Qualcuno può ragionevolmente spiegarmi perché Epstein Island è stato autorizzato a correre in segreto in tandem con le agenzie di intelligence da ogni singolo presidente, ma quando Trump sale al potere all'improvviso viene chiuso ed esposto?

Perché lo spirito che cucina Lady Gaga si presenta come una figura di potere dietro ogni presidente guerrafondaio come questo? È simbolico di qualcosa?



Cerca tu stesso lo spirito di cucina e Lady Gaga se non mi credi.

JFK ci ha tenuto un discorso sulla ripugnanza della segretezza e sulla necessità del libero flusso di informazioni. Voleva fare a pezzi la CIA in mille pezzi.

Non c'è da stupirsi che lo abbiano ucciso con un cosiddetto uomo armato solitario.

A proposito di uomini armati solitari: sapevi che l'ex consulente della CIA Milton Kline, uno psicologo di New York ed esperto ipnotizzatore che una volta disse che poteva "creare un pasticcio in tre mesi", ma ci sarebbero voluti sei mesi per trasformare qualcuno in un assassino. Ma la chiamano teoria del complotto?

L'ex consulente della CIA ammette che potrebbe creare un pasticcio in tre mesi e gli ci vorrebbero sei mesi per creare un uomo armato solitario.

Ora pensa a tutti i personaggi politici assassinati da presunti uomini armati solitari.

Robert Kennedy JR ha ammesso apertamente al pubblico che suo padre avrebbe rimosso i servizi clandestini dalla CIA una settimana prima di essere ucciso. Quali sono le possibilità che JFK abbia voluto frantumare la CIA in mille pezzi e poi sia finito morto proprio come Robert Kennedy

Quando verrà fuori che la CIA ha ucciso Robert Kennedy perché è difficile credere a qualsiasi storia ufficiale che ci hanno fornito nel corso degli anni?

Perché coloro che parlano apertamente di smantellare la CIA o di fermare le guerre finiscono subito dopo uccisi da uomini armati solitari?

La CIA ha ammesso nel 1975 di avere agenti incorporati nei nostri media mainstream. Non pensi che questo spieghi perché gli esperti si rifiutano di riferire sulle reclute saudite della CIA sull'11 settembre? Non ne usciranno uno di loro?

Deve essere una coincidenza che l'FBI abbia scritto una lettera di suicidio anonima tentando di ricattare/costringere Martin Luther King prima che gli sparassero.

Assolutamente niente da vedere qui...

Questo è lo stato profondo: la guerra perpetua fornisce loro tutti gli obiettivi desiderati. Svegliati.

La CIA è la mano di quello stato profondo. I suoi tentacoli si sono diffusi in tutto il mondo.

Nel maggio 2022, Bush ha accidentalmente ammesso che l'invasione dell'Iraq da parte dello stato profondo è stata brutale e ingiustificata. Immagina cos'altro potrebbe dire se gli venisse dato un siero della verità? Ecco chi sono queste persone. E indovina cosa? Sono tutti contrari a Trump.

Patriot chiama Bush per aver mentito sulla guerra e aver effettivamente ucciso milioni di persone. Non c'erano armi di distruzione di massa.

"Quando ti scuserai? Hai mentito sulle armi di distruzione di massa. Hai mentito sui collegamenti con l'11 settembre... I miei amici sono morti. Un milione di iracheni sono morti."

Trump sulle guerre senza fine:

“Abbiamo distrutto il Medio Oriente. È stata una decisione orribile. Costo di trilioni di dollari. Milioni e milioni di vite”. Pensavo che Trump fosse un guerrafondaio, eppure è lui che denuncia i crimini di guerra commessi dal governo ombra..

2,3 trilioni di dollari scomparsi dal Pentagono il giorno prima dell'11 settembre.

Non deve essere niente.

L'11 settembre l'edificio 7 ha ammesso la demolizione controllata da parte del proprietario dell'edificio, Larry Silverstein. Non devi essere un teorico della cospirazione per chiederti che diavolo è successo qui?

Trump lo sapeva. Perché dire che non siamo arrivati alla fine dell'11 settembre in un torneo di golf sostenuto dai sauditi?

Questo è dopo l'epurazione avvenuta con la sua approvazione.

C'è molto di più che accade dietro le quinte se hai gli occhi per vedere.

Il tappeto rosso è stato steso per Trump mentre visita l'Arabia Saudita nel suo primo viaggio mondiale come presidente.

L'ISIS viene successivamente sconfitto e in SA avviene una massiccia epurazione che Trump approva.

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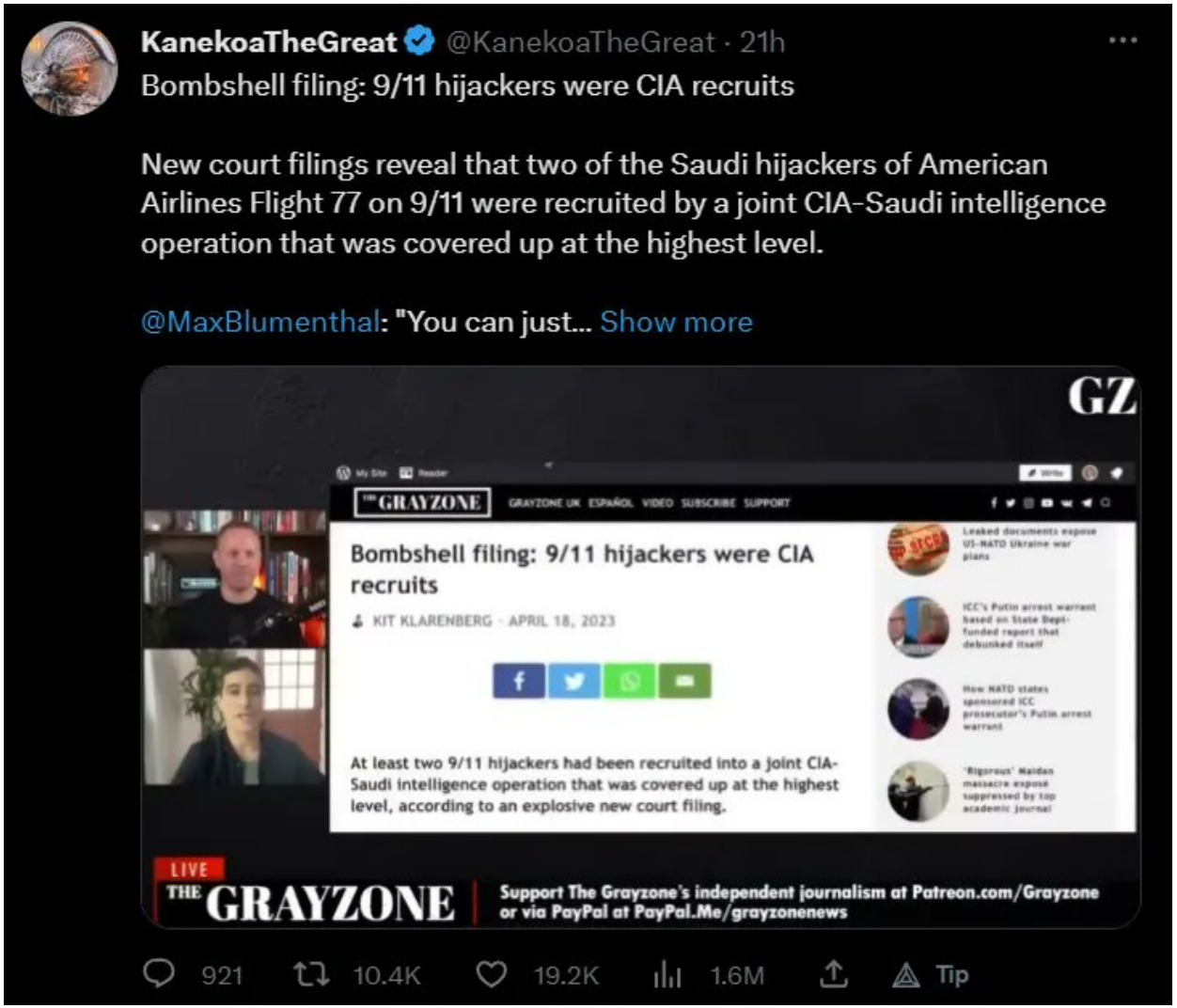

Ora pensa al fatto che i dirottatori sauditi sono stati scoperti come reclute della CIA. Perché qui Bush ringrazia l'Arabia Saudita?

È tutto collegato.

Ricordi quando Bill Cooper ha essenzialmente predetto l'11 settembre e ha visto attraverso la falsa bandiera prima ancora che accadesse e successivamente è stato ucciso dal governo non molto tempo dopo?

"La CIA ha creato Osama Bin Laden... Ora lo stanno usando per aiutare a realizzare il governo mondiale facendo di lui il grande uomo nero perché non possono più usare Saddam Hussein...

Qualunque cosa accadrà, daranno la colpa a Osama Bin Laden, non crederci nemmeno".

Eppure, nonostante tutte queste verità, per ora concluderò questo thread su questo: le Georgia Guidestones, che mostravano il piano globalista per limitare la popolazione a soli 500 milioni di persone, sono state distrutte nel giorno del compleanno di George W. Bush.

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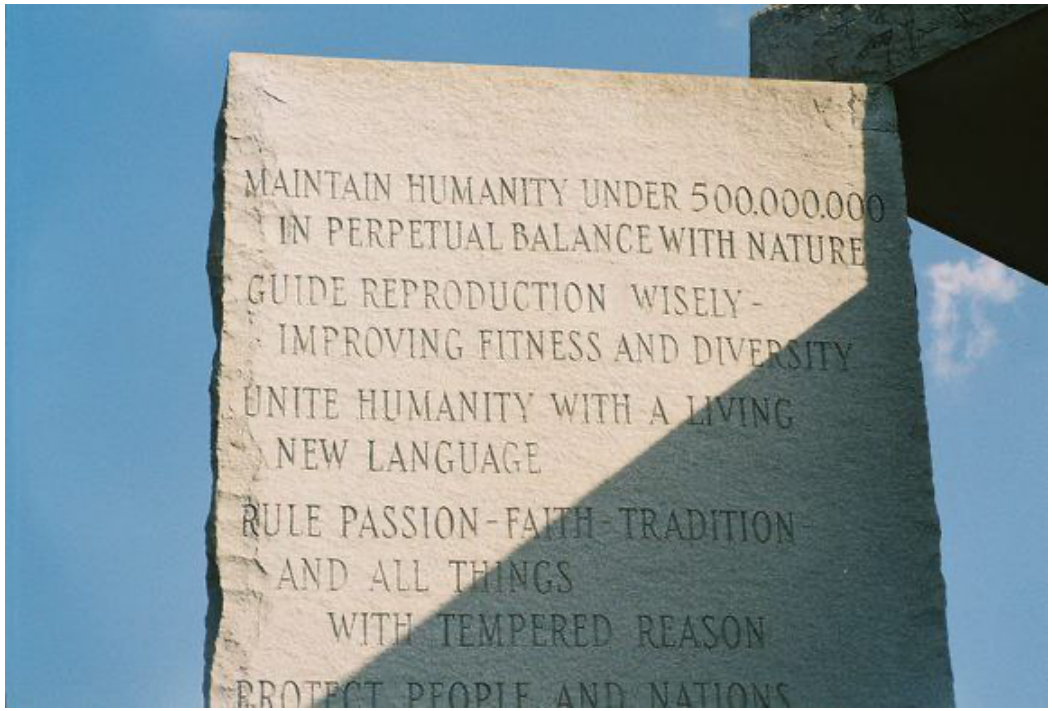

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Ethiopia has a rich cultural and historical heritage, including various traditional practices, religious beliefs, and secret societies. Secret societies in Ethiopia have existed for centuries and continue to play significant roles in the social, political, and religious fabric of the country. While it's important to note that the term "secret society" can have different meanings and interpretations, I'll provide information on two prominent Ethiopian secret societies: the Ekub and the Debtera.

Ekub: The Ekub (also known as Ekuba or Ikub) is a secret society that originated among the Oromo people of Ethiopia. The society has both religious and social functions and is primarily focused on maintaining moral order within the community. The Ekub enforces cultural norms, resolves conflicts, and ensures the observance of traditional rituals and ceremonies. Members of the Ekub are typically chosen based on their reputation, wisdom, and integrity.

Debtera: The Debtera is a secretive and influential group in Ethiopian society. The term "debtera" translates to "scribe" or "learned one" in Ge'ez, the ancient liturgical language of Ethiopia. Traditionally, Debteras were responsible for preserving and transmitting religious texts, providing religious services, and performing various rituals. They were considered intermediaries between the spiritual and human realms. Over time, the role of Debteras has evolved, and they now have broader responsibilities, including performing exorcisms and healing rituals.

It's worth mentioning that while these secret societies exist, their activities and inner workings are often shrouded in secrecy and not widely known or discussed outside of their respective communities. Additionally, Ethiopia is a diverse country with numerous ethnic groups, each having its own unique cultural practices and secret societies, so the Ekub and Debtera are just examples among many others that may exist.

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Thank you for providing information about the Ekub and Debtera secret societies in Ethiopia. You've highlighted their historical significance and the roles they play in Ethiopian society. It's important to note that Ethiopia has a diverse cultural landscape, and there are likely many other secret societies with their own unique practices and beliefs.

If you have any more specific questions or if there's anything else I can assist you with, please let me know!

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Certainly! While information specifically focused on the Ekub and Debtera secret societies may be limited, I can suggest some books that explore Ethiopian culture, history, and traditional practices, which may touch upon these topics. Here are a few recommendations:

"Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia" edited by Andrea L. Stanton, Edward Ramsamy, and Peter J. Seybolt - This comprehensive encyclopedia covers various aspects of culture, including secret societies, in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, providing valuable insights into Ethiopian society.

"Ethiopia: Power and Protest: Peasant Revolts in the Twentieth Century" by Gebru Tareke - While not specifically about secret societies, this book examines the

history of Ethiopia and discusses aspects of its social and political fabric, which may offer some context for understanding traditional practices.

"Hidden Secrets of the Ethiopian Plateau" by Bob Gulden - This book delves into the hidden cultural traditions, myths, and legends of the Ethiopian highlands. While it may not focus solely on secret societies, it provides a broader perspective on the cultural richness of Ethiopia.

"Ethiopian Religious Practices: A Brief Introduction" by Kessate Berhanu - Although this book may not extensively cover secret societies, it offers an introduction to Ethiopian religious practices, which may touch upon the roles of traditional religious figures like the Debteras.

Please note that the availability of these books may vary, and it's a good idea to check with your local library or online retailers for their availability. Additionally, as research and publications on specific secret societies in Ethiopia may be limited, you may also want to explore scholarly articles, research papers, or documentary films that focus on Ethiopian culture and history.

I hope these recommendations provide you with valuable insights into Ethiopian culture and history!

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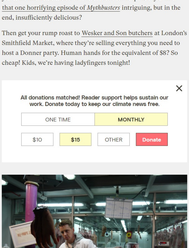

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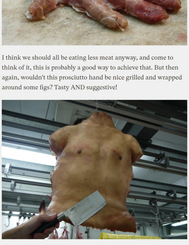

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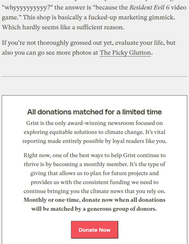
Of course, this is actually just animal meat dressed up to look like human meat, but some of it is ... pretty convincing. Photos below this point are a bit more graphic, fair warning. I'd tell you to just keep repeating to yourself "it's only normal meat that someone has lovingly sculpted into the shape of human body parts," but I could see how that wouldn't help much. Also, there are penises.



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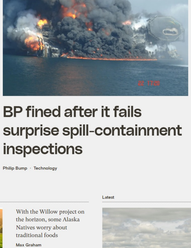

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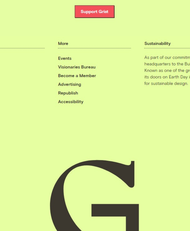

Annnnnnnd there are the penises. If you're currently howling "whyyyyyyyyy?" the answer is "because the *Resident Evil* 6 video game." This shop is basically a fucked-up marketing gimmick. Which hardly seems like a sufficient reason.

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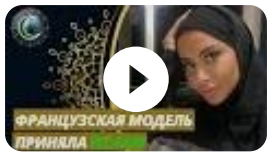

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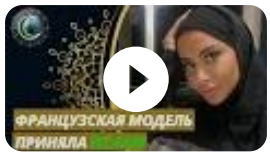

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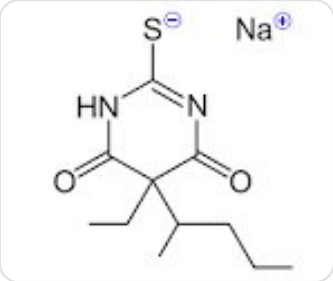

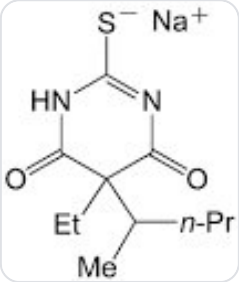

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A Plea to Saintly Women: The Life and Legacy of Nana Asma'u

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Introduction

Nana Asma'u bint Uthman (1793-1864) was a Muslim scholar and prolific poet from the West African Sahel. She was the daughter of Shaykh Uthman ibn Muhammad ibn Uthman ibn Salih (d. 1817), known as Uthman dan Fodio, the founder of the powerful Sokoto caliphate and one of the most esteemed scholars in the traditions of law, Sufism, and governance in the early modern period. Raised in a poetry-loving culture, Nana Asma'u used poetry to teach the Qur'an and transmit Islamic values, memorialize great people, and preserve her people's history. Asma'u's brother Muhammad Bello, who succeeded their father as caliph, also wrote many poetic and prose treatises in the Islamic sciences and avidly recorded the history of the Fulani people, especially the monumental changes made under the leadership of his father.

Asma'u lived through revolutionary times as well as the period in which Sokoto consolidated its authority. A steady presence, she outlived both her father and her brother. Her proximity to political leadership certainly influenced her desire to record her community's history—both their worldly and spiritual

successes. But Asma'u's vision and leadership were accomplishments in their own right, as they were instrumental in spreading Islam in the region, assimilating new subjects into the empire, and championing education and

literacy. Her poem "A Plea to Saintly Women," which is rendered at the conclusion of this paper, is exemplary. It is a handsomely crafted hagiography of pious Muslim women from the prophetic time to her own, interwoven with pious petitions to God to lavish forgiveness and grace upon her. It combines her vision of teaching through didactic poetry and her ardor for religious life, with a keen focus on women's prosperity.

This paper explores Nana Asma'u's life and work, and situates her within the overall story of Islamic civilization. Her life draws much-needed attention to pre-modern Muslim life outside of the Arab "heartlands," which typically dominate the Islamic historical narrative. Nana Asma'u's writings and educational advocacy illustrate the embeddedness of Islam in Nigeria specifically, and West Africa generally. They are expressions of her profound faithfulness and depth of knowledge. With her life as a lens, we come to learn of the Islamic textual resources available in West Africa and the commitment of the West African scholarly class to reproducing knowledge that was relevant and intelligible to the laity both in language and style. Asma'u's contributions to Muslim thought in the region preceded major political and social shifts like British colonialism and the eclipse of the Islamic educational system by Europeanized models of schooling.

Asma'u is also a reminder of poetry's educational potential. She was a devotee of poetry and its capacity to communicate knowledge in a lasting way. As far as we can deduce from her philosophical commitment to poetry and belles-lettres, she believed them to be a unique and beautifully defining aspect of our humanity. We can imagine that she found great comfort and inspiration in Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ unparalleled eloquence, concomitant with his emotive and efficacious use of language.

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Rather than discuss the better-known jihadi and anti-colonial Muslim movements of the more recent past, this paper focuses on the lesser-known but perhaps more enthralling history of the first Muslims in West Africa. This history uncovers nascent yet committed Muslim communities throughout West Africa that predate any state-led or quasi-state-led proselytizing efforts in the region. Simply put, Islam spread in West Africa more than a millennium ago much as it spread in the West today: through ordinary human interactions and through the charisma and piety of extraordinary individuals. Ahmad Baba (d. 1627), the renowned scholar of Timbuktu, is quoted by Uthman dan Fodio as saying "[Black Africans] accepted Islam without being conquered by anybody."[1]

Her life

Nana Asma'u enjoyed the privileges of high birth in a Fulani clan in what would become northern Nigeria. Her title, "Nana," is a colloquialism given to female religious teachers, and indicates her role in public life. The 'u' customarily

religious teachers, and indicates her role in public life. The 'u' customarily present at the end of her name is indicative of a local pronunciation and can double as a form of endearment; in parts of West Africa one will hear 'Muhammadu' and 'Fatimatu.' Her family was of the scholarly class, and her father was a charismatic and learned teacher who attracted students from beyond his community. Such was Uthman dan Fodio's popularity that the sultan of the nearby state of Gobir attempted to hinder his preaching and stifle the community by disallowing conversion into Islam and outlawing distinctive Muslim dress. Later, the state of Gobir made an unsuccessful attempt on the shaykh's life, which forced Uthman dan Fodio to migrate with his community. Evidently, the state of Gobir and the Muslims could not live separately in peace, and years of warfare ensued, concluding with the establishment of the Sokoto caliphate under the rule of Shaykh Uthman. Most of Asma'u's life was lived after her father established his rule over the region. Born into her father's Qadiriyya Sufi path, she exemplified discipline in worship and inner piety, doubling down on her gifts as an inheritor and disseminator of knowledge.

Asma'u was likely named after the daughter of Abū Bakr (RA), who famously carried supplies to the Prophet ﷺ and her father during the hijra despite being pregnant and in great personal danger. Like her namesake, she was determined and indefatigable. Like her father, she was intelligent and a quick learner. By the age of ten she had memorized the Qur'an, and, due to her willingness and the opportunities afforded her, continued her education seemingly without obstacles.

Stories of her early life can be found in *Rawḍ al-Jinān* (The Gardens of Paradise), a biography of her father written by her husband Gidado with her assistance. Gidado was an affectionate nickname, meaning "beloved," which Uthman b. Abubakr Sambo Laima carried his whole life. Although not publicly known for Islamic scholarship, he was a gifted Arabist,[2] recognized for his strength of character, trustworthiness, and the weight of his responsibilities as *wazir* of the state. Gidado's father was a scholar and his mother was a distant relative of Uthman dan Fodio. Before marrying Asma'u, he was closely acquainted with her brother Muhammad Bello, as the two would travel long distances together to buy books. Scottish commander and explorer Hugh Clapperton visited Sokoto in 1824, where he met numerous high-ranking members of the Sokoto caliphate including Gidado, whom he describes as "excessively polite," "excellent," and extremely well-spoken in Arabic.[3]

Rawḍ al-Jinān recalls episodes of Asma'u's zeal for knowledge even when young, her inquisitiveness, and her close relationship with her father. Gidado recounts a story in which Asma'u's father tests his young daughter on her Tamajek, a Tuareg language that was good for general knowledge but hardly required for her education.[4] After stumbling on a couple of questions, she confesses that she only acquired her proficiency through eavesdropping on conversations. Shaykh

Uthman dan Fodio advises her that if she wants to learn Tamajek, she will need to suspend her covert tactics and find a teacher. She would eventually become fluent in Arabic, Fulfulde, and Hausa, and conversant in Tamajek. Arabic was

the language of the scholarly class, Fulfulde the language of her people, Hausa the language of her neighbors (who became subjects of the caliphate), and Tamajek the language of the nomadic Tuareg.

Asma'u was not alone in being a highly educated woman of the Fodiyo clan. Her education and that of others of her ilk supported the energetic *da'wa* efforts of the state to usher non-Muslims into the fold of Islam and support the religious growth of Muslims. After the passing of her father, she was responsible for collecting and cataloging all of the shaykh's work, an essential task for preserving his legacy and entrenching his ideas in the new state. The Fulani signal the significance of this task by harkening back to the collection of the Qur'an after the passing of the Prophet ﷺ.

There are several written exchanges between Nana Asma'u and male scholars and bureaucrats in the region. One such Mauritanian scholar, by the name of Al-Ḥājjī Aḥmad b. Muḥammad al-Shinqīṭī, wrote to Asma'u upon arriving in Sokoto on his way to *hajj*. In response, she crafted an Arabic poem welcoming him, praising him for embarking upon the *hajj,* and calling him her brother. The outpouring of glowing commendations from Asma'u toward al-Shinqīṭī and vice-versa suggests their acquaintance before his arrival. Her network likely extended even wider. Oludamini Ogunnaike describes how, through the pilgrimage to Mecca, "scholars of Timbuktu, Djenne, Borno, Kano, Katsina, Agadez, Pir Saniokhor, and Walata were also connected to and had intellectual and spiritual exchanges" with scholars of Cairo and Damascus such as Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī and Muḥammad al-Bakrī throughout the centuries.[5] Likewise, several West African scholars feature in the hagiographies and histories of the scholars of Damascus.[6] In another written exchange, (yet another) Mauritanian scholar boasted to Asma'u—as if to gain her commendation—about how his community also had women who attain the

highest levels of Islamic education.

Her thought and work

As a gifted and prolific writer, Asma'u's surviving works give a great deal of insight into the values, socio-political circumstances, and prevailing sentiments of her time. In their *Collected Works of Nana Asma'u,* Jean Boyd and Beverly B. Mack highlight the paucity of literature in Asma'u's community: "Most of the Hausa poetic materials available in print are those written by men, and mainly works that date in the mid to late twentieth century. Evidence of the rich scholarly tradition of the nineteenth century northern Nigeria is only suggested by occasional academic studies or rare reproductions of one of the Shehu's (Uthman dan Fodio) works."[7] As a result, we must rely heavily on Asma'u's extant works to craft an understanding of her people. Her Hausa and Fulfulde (the language of the Fulani) works were written in Arabic script, which was the standard until its replacement with the Latin alphabet in the colonial period. The usage of Fulfulde in Arabic script, also known as Ajami, has declined so dramatically in the region Asma'u used to call home that it is rare to find people today who can decipher pre-colonial Fulfulde texts. Despite this, Fulfulde poems are still recited in cultural and religious life today—an indication that this West African poetry tradition stretches back at least hundreds of years.

Asma'u began her teaching career at the age of 14,[8] having memorized the Qur'an some four years prior.[9] This seems to have also been the same year she married Gidado, with whom she had six children. Asma'u's surviving works are almost entirely lyrical poems, so we might assume this to be her primary form of public writing. Perhaps she privileged poetry as a form of communication because of its ability to convey meaning persuasively and musically and also for its ease of memorization. It enchants while it informs. When a Bedouin recited poetry to the Prophet ﷺ, he responded: "There is magic in eloquence and wisdom in poetry."[10] The power of persuasive speech to change minds and

hearts coupled with the hypnotic musicality of poetry were potent tools in Asma'u's capable hands.

Nana Asma'u's scholarly community, while literate, still prized the hallmarks of an oral-based culture, such as rhythmical exposition, cadence, parallelism, and repetition in the service of memorization. This dexterity in verbal expression was not only useful for communicating with the masses. It was also a tool for the scholar wishing to scaffold his or her knowledge through advanced mnemonic devices. All around were skilled poets and Arabists, including Asma'u's father Uthman dan Fodio and her brother Muhammad Bello. They produced more than 300 prose works and dozens of poems.[11] John Hunwick emphasizes that in West Africa, the ability to compose Arabic verse was "a hallmark of the accomplished scholar."[12] In Nigeria specifically, the history of Arabic writing stretches as far back as the 12th or 13th century to the first known writer: grammarian and poet Abu Ishaq Ibrahim al-Kanemi (d. 1212).[13] The fact that al-Kanemi was a grammarian in Arabic suggests that he was among others in his community to achieve advanced competency in Arabic, which in turn indicates that there must have been an audience for such a work.

A plea to saintly women

Nana Asma'u wrote "*Tawassul Ga Mata Masu Albarka*" (A Plea to Saintly Women) in 1837 in Fulfulde and Hausa, two great houses of poetry, though only fragments of the Fulfulde version are extant. Between 1810 and 1835, the principal years of Sokoto's expansion, large numbers of non-Muslim women came under Muslim rule, some becoming additional wives and concubines to Muslim men. As new members of this Muslim civilization, these women lost religious and cultural connections to the lives they had led before, not to mention changes in their day-to-day existence living under Muslim governance. Many Muslim women came under Fodio rule, some from non-Fulani tribes like the Hausa, whom Shaykh Uthman had been involved in teaching before he was

exiled from Hausa territory in 1802.

In 1836, Muhammad Bello, Asma'u's brother and the caliph after their father, produced *Kitāb al-Naṣīḥa* (Book of Counsel), based on the texts at his disposal like Ibn al-Jawzī's (d. 1201) *Ṣifat al-Ṣafwa* (Attributes of the Exemplary) which in turn had relied upon the earlier work *Dhikr al-Niswa al-Mutaʿabbidāt al-Sufiyyāt* (Commemoration of Pious Sufi Women) by ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Sulamī (d.1021).[14] In *Kitāb al-Naṣīḥa,* Bello instructs the new female members of Sokoto on society's expectations for women. He opens the text with concerns over women's values moving away from restraint toward materialism. He then proceeds to tell stories of exemplary pious women. Bello asked Asma'u to translate and versify the work, presumably so that its content would have a broader reach.

Asma'u translated and versified the work, but she also recast it, accessing the same sources as Bello and choosing to focus solely on women's potential. Asma'u was already a poet at this time, and she regularly translated her own works to aid her teaching efforts. By embracing the Hausa language as a medium for teaching religion and morality, she showed a willingness to reach beyond her social and cultural circle, showing that Islam was not so foreign as to be incommunicable in the language of the people she hoped to serve. "*Tawassul*" would have been recited orally to mesmerize, foster community, and instruct. As has been noted by western scholars, there is little evidence of Islamic themes in Hausa poetry before the jihad led by Uthman dan Fodiyo, that is, prior to the beginning of the nineteenth century. Few Muslims, including scholars, knew how to write Arabic in Hausaland before the jihad, so written materials would have been hard to reproduce.[15] While Bello's work is titled with plain language, Asma'u's title is powerfully evocative. "A Plea to Saintly Women" belies a simple literary reading; rather, Asma'u meant that it be experienced as a prayer. She believed the women mentioned in the work are not just exemplars, but intimate teachers whose poetic memorialization brings them to life. Nana

Asma'u hoped to activate wonder in her listeners and thereby inspire them to pursue formal and spiritual education. When that inspiration came, at the ready

were Asma'u's legions of women teachers trained by her to impart foundational knowledge to the eager.

Around the time Nana Asma'u wrote "A Plea to Saintly Women," she was in her mid-40s, highly energetic, and a skilled rider. She enjoyed freedom as a person of rank in the caliphate. In 1840, Asma'u initiated a cadre of women teachers called the Yan Taru and devoted herself to teaching them the Qur'an and Islamic morality so they could teach the female masses. State leadership recognized that ordinary people were entangled in old traditions of superstition and their family structures were extremely hierarchical.[16] *Da'wa* efforts like those of Asma'u's itinerant women teachers sought to bring to women the purity of *tawḥīd* and all the social benefits that came with adopting a Muslim way of life. These teachers —equipped with numerous rhyming stories of the *awliyā',* companions, and messengers—were charged with teaching the basics of Islam. While women in the Fodio clan certainly had access to higher levels of learning than others,[17] Asma'u's initiation of the Yan Taru indicates that she perceived significant gaps in women's access to knowledge and teachers.

Asma'u wasn't alone in this perception. In Shaykh Uthman dan Fodio's writing, he affirms the right of women to education and chastises husbands who neither teach their wives themselves nor allow them to seek knowledge from others. He wrote in *Nūr al-Albāb* (Light of the Intellect):

...most of the ulama leave their wives, daughters and slaves neglected like animals without teaching them what Allah enjoins on them regarding their articles of faith, their ablution, their prayers and other things which Allah commands that they should be taught. Among these are the things permitted to them in their business transactions and the like...they treat their wives, daughters and slaves like household implements which are

used until they are broken and then thrown onto the rubbish heap. Alas! How can they abandon their wives, daughters and slaves in perpetual darkness of ignorance while they daily impart knowledge to their students. This is nothing but error because they are instructing their students in the manner out of sheer egotism and hypocrisy. This is a grievous mistake.[18]

It must be noted that a woman such as Asma'u had unparalleled access to knowledge: she was the daughter of the most respected and well-connected learned man of her clan, and he expected her to inherit Islamic knowledge and serve as the head female teacher of women. However, as is clear from Shaykh Uthman's own words, it was not common practice for the male *ulama* of his locality to prioritize educating their daughters. Shaykh Uthman's family included well-educated women like his mother and great-grandmother. Though not much is known about the education of his wife, Nana Asma'u's mother Maymuna, she was known as a free spirit with a great deal of mobility and access,[19] which undoubtedly left an impression on Asma'u. Perhaps in her interactions with everyday women through her various roles, she realized that many women were not uneducated for lack of will but rather a lack of resources. Part of that lack was "misguided" male figures, according to Asma'u's father, who said unequivocally:

O Muslim women, do not listen to the words of the misguided ones who seek to lead you astray by ordering you to obey your husbands instead of telling you to obey Allah and His Messenger. They tell you that a woman's happiness lies in obeying her husband. This is no more than a camouflage to make you satisfy their needs. They impose on you duties which neither Allah nor His Messenger imposed on you. They make you cook, wash clothes and do other things which they desire while they fail to teach you that which Allah and His apostle have prescribed for you. Neither Allah nor his apostle charges you with such duties.[20]

Shaykh Uthman openly faced criticism from *ulama* who differed in their views on women's education, reasoning that women attending religious lessons risked harmful mixing with men. However, he argued that the certain evil of ignorance was worse than the potential evil that might come from gender-inclusive gatherings.[21] Shaykh Uthman's lessons were widely attended by men and women alike. Part of what made Shaykh Uthman such an effective leader was the fact that he was a visionary: he imagined what society could be like if men and women prioritized Islamic education and spiritual development. No wonder Nana Asma'u formally took charge of women's education in Sokoto, and records still exist of those whom she formally taught and the villages in which she spent time teaching.[22]

Through education, the Yan Taru organization could incorporate women into the larger community—making them more adept stakeholders in society and empowering them as the first teachers of their children. A teacher, known as *jaji,* wore a distinctive hijab called a *malfa,*[23] a highly visible mark of education that reaffirmed the central importance of knowledge in the Sokoto administration. By raising a cadre of educated women, Asma'u circumvented the critics of female education. Women could now learn from other women in the privacy of each other's homes, which handily removed a perceived obstacle to female education. After women achieved fluency in reciting poems, they were taught to write them in the Arabic script. Learning Arabic script was a gateway to the Arabic language and the Qur'an, and regular recitation of didactic poetry imparted to women tools for understanding and self-expression. Among Nana Asma'u's extant poetic works, "*Qasida fi Munaja*" (Instructional Poem), written in Arabic, Fulfulde, and Hausa, utilizes mnemonic devices to teach the name of every *surah* in the Qur'an. This poem serves as an introduction to Qur'anic memorization, functioning as memory pegs for students.

Warning for the negligent and reminder for the

In a succinct Arabic manual, titled "*Warning for the Negligent and Reminder for the Intelligent Regarding the Ways of the Pious*" (see an example of Nana's poetry below),[24] Asma'u delineates pertinent guidance for the believer hoping for felicity. She begins with "that which stands between man and paradise." Her framing addresses readers of two different levels of spiritual maturity: those who are in need of warning due to frequently succumbing to neglect and sloth and those who are in need of reminder due to having developed a spiritual practice. Asma'u manages to infuse the work with language that speaks to the internal state of both groups. For the neglectful, she empathizes with their fear and teaches them how to overcome that fear at every stage. For the intelligent, she bolsters their hope by recasting every cataclysm—death, the grave, the final judgment—as rites of passage on the path to felicity in the next life. This reframing harkens back to her introductory language: "That which stands between man and paradise." Asma'u thus addresses the weariness that sometimes arrests the internal dynamism of the righteous and drains their zeal for a righteous life.

Asmau then lists eight habits destructive of the neglectful and the intelligent alike, though to different degrees. These are both habits of the heart and habits of action. Some people may be actively engaged in acts of greed, whereas others may suffer from hearts that harbor feelings of greed without acting on them. Asma'u mentions antagonism toward others, pointless argumentation, greed, unfettered materialism, boastfulness, consulting with diviners and believing what they foretell, harmful association with *jinn,* and witchcraft. She goes on to mention eight redeeming habits, among them repentance, scrupulousness in worship, frequent remembrance of Allah, charity, fasting, patience, and maintaining good family relations. In this work she follows the method of *takhallī* and then *tajallī,* purifying the heart from negativity and adorning it with beautiful traits. She devotes the lengthiest treatment to the distinguishing characteristics of those who follow the Sunnah.

Among the signs of those who follow the *sunnah* of the Messenger of God, may God bless him and grant him peace, is belief in and adherence to everything he brought, a commitment to loving him by imitating him in speech, action, character and sincere intention in all of these. Among the signs that one loves the Messenger ﷺ are following his commands, shunning his prohibitions, preference for his *sunnah,* avoiding innovation (*bid'a*) in religion and cultural customs that contravene his *sunnah,* striving to recite the Qur'an, understand it and act according to it, compassion for and striving to protect the Muslim community from harm, detachment from worldly affairs and preference for the hereafter,

reverence when the Prophet ﷺ is mentioned (or concentration when making remembrance [*dhikr*] of the Prophet), may God bless him and grant him peace, honoring his family and companions, his places Mecca and Medina, longing to visit them, copious prayers upon him, adopting his character by doing what pleases God, opposing whoever opposes God's religion even if it be one's own father or son, compassion, forbearance, and forgiveness and patience with one's own soul in that which it dislikes.[25]

She describes these distinguished people as having "faith in everything he has brought forth; obedience to him in these things; obligation to loving him by imitating him in speech, action, and manners; and behaving this way with sincerity of intention." Whereas before she addressed fear and hope, in this section she speaks to love and describes those who savor following the example of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. Among the signs that one has truly embraced the Prophet ﷺ is a preference, in all circumstances, for his Sunnah—humility, generosity, moderation, taking refuge in God, and zeal that endeavors by any means to purify one's faith. While fear of God remains critical for the pious, Asma'u places special emphasis on zeal for God which is rooted in love and attraction towards Him. For her, this motivation better aligns with prophetic practice and promises a greater spiritual return. Joy and zeal for worship are also remedies for the spiritual apathy that threatens to settle into the believer. When one feels lost, fidelity to one's religious commitments is the rope that leads forward.

Asma'u's conviction, as is evident in this work and others, is that learning ought to be a transformative experience. A purely academic pursuit for the sake of acquiring information alone passes up the opportunity to attain the ethical and spiritual demeanor concomitant with studying the Islamic sciences. Shaykh Ahmadu Bamba of neighboring Senegal put it this way in various poems:

Everyone who acts without knowledge is like a speck of dust in the wind

And he who acquires knowledge without practicing it is a loaded donkey.
...
If your progress in knowledge does not lead to spiritual growth and

detachment from worldly things
You are regressing and harming yourself because you are distancing yourself from God Most High.
...
The only useful knowledge is that which one learns and teaches only for the love
of God, Most High[26]

Poetic elegies: Reminder, transformation, and community

Poetic elegies make up a significant portion of Asma'u's composed works. While commonly thought of as straightforward memorialization of great individuals, they served a more dynamic purpose for Asma'u and her community. Asma'u delights in the person she describes and relishes in being a means for the listener to vividly envision the praised one. The people she memorializes embody the heights of human potential and their lives are instructive for her and her listeners. In "Plea to Saintly Women," she makes explicit the communal value of remembering the merits of those passed. She is especially effective in that panegyric by weaving together stories of women around the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, women throughout the centuries, and women who had passed during her lifetime. Through this method, she illustrates how these women learned from the memory of prior exemplars, and she sets the stage for her contemporaries to do the same. The many poetic elegies left behind indicate Asma'u's role as an orator for her people, for elegies serve a communal function and were intended for recitation aloud. The subjects of these praise poems are the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, prominent family members, and also members of

the community whom Asma'u spotlighted for reasons always of their character and piety.

Nana Asma'u remembered in death

In 1978, Alhaji Muhammadu Magaji, a Nigerian Islamic scholar, heard a woman by the name of Yarbuga singing an elaborate, lengthy elegy to the memory of Asma'u. Magaji collected and translated into Hausa the works of Asma'u and other Fulani scholars.[27] Given the address of the speaker, it was thought to have been composed by Asma'u's brother, Isa, a century prior, around the time of her passing. In the poem, Isa describes going to see where Asma'u's body lay at her home with her husband Gidado, and barely being able to get through the crowd of people gathered around it. Everywhere were scenes of restless emotion. "Men were crying, no one was left unmoved, not even the animals." These remarks suggest the overwhelming reception of Asma'u by her community. Seemingly out of reverence, Isa never addresses Asma'u by her first name, but rather calls her "Nana" and "Inji," the former title given for her authority in public matters like teaching and administration and the latter for her authority in spiritual matters.[28] The title Nana was held by other women scholars in Timbuktu,[29] though its origins are unclear and early Arabic manuscripts of her work omit the title, instead referring to her with honorifics like *saliha* (righteous), *waliya* (saintly), and *zahida* (ascetic) and always as the daughter of Shaykh Uthman. He writes that after their father, Uthman dan Fodio, the children followed Asma'u's leadership. He compares her "light" to lightning that illuminates and arouses hearts from heedlessness. He describes her generosity to men and women alike, her care for orphans, her craft at reconciling affairs, and the mutual love between her and her family.

Note on the poem: Jean Boyd and Beverly Mack translated this Hausa/Fulfulde poem in the *Collected Works of Nana Asma'u.* I recast their translation to capture the style and rhyme of the original because rhyming poetry was an important teaching medium for Asma'u and a central tool in the scholarly tradition she

drew from. I also attended to elevating religious language beyond perfunctory phrases, opting for language that reflected the deep well of spiritual knowledge Asma'u drew from. Due to the transmogrification of Arabic names when written in Fulfulde and Hausa, it appears Boyd and Mack were unable to trace the identity of some of the individuals mentioned in the poem. I compared the names in Asma'u's poem to two well-known biographical dictionaries of pious figures that appear to have been used by Asma'u and her ilk: Abd al-Rahman al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-muta'abbidat al-sufiyyāt* and Ibn al-Jawzī's *Ṣifat al-Ṣafwa.* Lastly, some lines were subsumed into others or left out for clarity and concision.

A Plea to Saintly Women

Nana Asma'u

Dear God, receive our praise and thanks
And bless Muhammad ﷺ of the utmost rank
Benedictions to his family and his friends
And those who follow him 'til time's end

In this poem I will tell you about the pious
Toward whom I admit I am biased
I am mindful of them while I am still alive
May they remember me on the Day my soul is revived

The ascetic women are all sanctified
For their piety, all are magnified
For deliverance, they prayed ceaselessly
Friends, don't forget this so easily

I wrote this poem to assuage my heart
And remind you how they pined for God
The perfume of their yearning for God permeates

In every line of this poem I create

Of the Prophet's close ones I first shall speak:
Aisha, the noble daughter of the nobleman al-Siddiq

Friends, remember the name Zaynab bint Jahsh
She reignites the embers of my heart from ash
She exceeded in piety, according to Aisha
Loved and esteemed by the Prophet of *rahma*

Fātima al-Zahra al-Batul
Above all servants of Allah she holds rule
She possessed all the qualities of a flower in full bloom
Spun from the threads of Muhammad and Khadija's loom

Umm Hārūn[30] shown so bright
Habiba Adawiya[31] recited the Names[32] morning and night

Of Rabiʿa ʿAdawiyya's[33] piety I speak
Her fame is still at its peak
The Lady from Basra who saw what others could not
Brilliance of mind and heart, set apart

Rabiʿa's prayer was a thousand prostrations
By day and by night in the throes of lamentations
Pleasing the Prophet ﷺ was her sole consideration
On the Day of Understanding you will give her congratulations

Umm Dardā',[34] Mu'aza,[35] and Ruqayya of Mosul[36]
Umm Ayyūb,[37] Sha'wana,[38] and Rayḥāna al-Majnūn[39]

Rabiʿa bint Ismail[40] of Damascus, the student of Hukayma[41]

Her husband who worshiped with the best said none could match her

Amrah the ascetic,[42] Aisha bint Ja'far,[43] Atika Ghanuyah[44]
Ubayda bint Abi Kulaib,[45] the wife of Abu Imran,[46] and Maryam of Basra[47]
Mu'aza bint Abdullah,[48] Maymuna Majnuna,[49] and Maymuna Sa'uda[50]

The Nishapuri Fatima[51] was zealous even to those enraptured[52]
Nafisa bint Hassan,[53] by love of the Qur'an caged and captured
Cycling through the Qur'an in the trench of her grave
Which was dug by her hands for her own soul to save[54]
Born in Mecca, living in Medina, like her grandfather the Prophet
The ground of Egypt blessed by her ultimate deposit
For what might come from nearness to her come the prayerful and the profligate

I return to Fatima[55] the preacher, the teacher, daughter of Abbas Saiha
Mounting the steps of the mosque, her voice bellowed over the crowd
Enlivening the hearts they repented out loud
When shyness struck her she kept her efforts on the ground
But a shaykh dreamt of the Messenger telling her to reignite the crowd

I pray for their overflowing gifts to grace me
O God, make my repentance sincere and save me!
Let me not recite their names only to forsake me
I believe in Your promise and ask that You grace me

Perhaps by their piety, You will purify a sinning servant like me
And in the hereafter erase these wrongdoings of mine
How I've wronged myself! Only I know where I've crossed the line
With child-like hope, I beg forgiveness from the Divine
Now I turn to the women in this community of mine
Those who've died and those still alive

My father Shaykh dan Fodio[56] I must first remember

Hawa[57] and Ayesha, ascetic wives and good-natured

Habiba burdened herself educating many women
A commanding presence, respected now and back then
Joda Kowuuri's knowledge of the Qur'an availed her everywhere
Biada's reclusiveness kept her secret near
The scholar Yar Hindu judged by the Qur'an
These are but a sampling from the Shaykh's clan

Many of our women committed the Qur'an to heart
Neither from piety nor preaching did they part
They were many and this poem is but an indication
As I near the end, consider this an affirmation
Of your potential should you have the aspiration
To achieve lofty stations and secure salvation

May we be reunited with those who have passed on
—all the special ones I mentioned in this psalm
With mother and father and all Muslims

Deliver us to splendor, O Lord of many gifts
For the sake of our Messenger ﷺ, without whom we're adrift
You who hears, I end my rhyme with this
Salutations on Ahmad or I'd be remiss
The companions and the faithful, grant them every bliss.

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30 From Damascus, Umm Hārūn was known as someone of exceptional piety among the notable scholars of her time, such as Abū Sulaiymān al-Dārānī. She made a habit of traveling from her home in Damascus to Palestine by foot, seeking remote locations for spiritual retreat. We don't know her birth and death date, but, given her association with al-Dārānī, we can assume she lived in the late eighth and early ninth centuries CE. See Abd al-Rahman al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyyāt* (Cairo: Maktaba Khānajī, 1993), 64.

31 Habiba Adawiya was a native of Basra, who likely lived in the generation after the better-known Rabiʿa al-Adawiya. She was known for keeping night prayer on the roof of her house. Rkia E. Cornell, *Early Sufi Women* (Louisville: Fons Vitae, 1999), 202.

32 The Names of Allah.

33 Perhaps one of the pious women with the most name recognition after the wives of the Prophet, she is the only woman mentioned by name in Abū Bakr al-Kalābādhī's *Kitāb al-taʿarruf*, one of the earliest treatises on Sufi individuals in the tenth century CE. She was a teacher of Sufyan al-Thawri, who referred to her as *mu'addiba* and sought her wisdom in spiritual and religious matters. Her students and admirers have related copious wisdom from her. Ibn Jawzi claims to have written an entire book on her. Cornell, *Early Sufi Women*, 282.

34 An orphan under the care of an Abu Dardā who used to sit in the circles of learning as a young girl, Umm Dardā' eventually became a teacher of *hadith* and *fiqh* and was known for keeping company with the scholars and teaching male and female students in Damascus. Muhammad Akram Nadwi, *Al-Muhaddithat: The Women Scholars in Islam* (Oxford: Interface Publications, 2006) 81.

35 I could not determine the identity of this individual.

36 Sifat al-Safwa mentions one of the sayings she was known for. Al-Jawzi, *Sifat al-Safwa,* (Dar al-Hadith, Cairo: 2000) vol.2, 358.

37 I could not determine the identity of this individual.

38 She was from a port city called al-Ubulla in Persia. She gave exhortations and recited the Qur'an as a teacher. Given her association with al-Fudayl ibn Iyad (d. 187/803), we presume she died in the eighth century CE. Al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyya*, 44.

39 Al-Sulamī records her as Rayhana al-Waaliha. She lived in the eighth century CE in Basra. Al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyya*, 38.

40 Rabiʿa's husband, Ahmad ibn Abi Hawārī (d. 845), relates many stories of her sainthood and the sainthood of other Syrian women, from which al-Sulamī compiled his own work. Rabiʿa was independently wealthy and financed many students and aspirants. Hawārī reports that she would ceaselessly fast and pray and that he was moved to richer faith just by the sight of her. Cornell, *Early Sufi Women*, 314.

41 Al-Sulamī describes her as a teacher or initiator of women into specialized knowledge, such as Rabiʿa bint Ismail. She lived in Damascus and was in communication with al-Dārānī. Al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyya*, 53.

42 Possibly Amra al-Farghana from Khurasan who lived in the tenth century CE. Al-Sulamī describes her as someone with impeccable character, presence, and insight. Asma'u also mentions a Mu'aza of Mosul and Majida who shared in this quality of asceticism; however, I could not locate these individuals. Al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyya*, 87.

43 Presumably the daughter of Ja'far al-Sadiq. She would have lived in the eighth century CE.

44 I could not determine the identity of this individual.

45 From Tufawa, near Basra, a contemporary of Malik ibn Dinar. Al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyya*, 57.

46 Boyd and Mack transliterate the name as "Ahhiratu Umratu" and identify her as "Amrah wife of Habibu." However, I believe this entry could be referring to the wife of Abi 'Umran al-Juni (*imra'a abi umran al-juni*), who has an entry in *Sifat al-Safwa*. In that entry, her son is recorded as having seen his mother tie her legs together with rags to prolong her nighttime prayers.

47 A student of Rabiʿa Adawiya. Like her teacher, she was known for her *tawakkul*, strict adherence to night prayer, and emphasis on cultivating love for Allah. Al-Sulamī, *Dhikr al-niswa al-mutaʿabbidat al-sufiyya*, 33.

48 Perhaps the first initiator of women into a spiritual sorority in Basra a century before Rabiʿa Adawiya. Known for sober and vigorous spirituality, she stressed asceticism, prayer, fasting, and night prayer. Cornell, *Early Sufi Women*, 61.

49 The sister of Ibrāhīm al-Khawwāṣ, who was a companion of al-Junayd. She and her brother seem to have had a close relationship, which afforded her the opportunity to

converse with men of a similar spiritual bent as her. She lived in Baghdad in the ninth century CE. Cornell, *Early Sufi Women*, 216.

50 Unclear attribution. In this section of the poem, Asma'u lists a number of names without much detail about their character. The authors of *Collected Works of Nana Asma'u* acknowledge that parts of this poem are missing. This may explain the lack of descriptions for these women. However, it is also possible that Asma'u simply wanted to show her knowledge of these women and acknowledge that they are deserving of mention without lengthening the poem.

51 Fātima of Nishapur is quoted anonymously in Kalābādhī's *Kitāb al-taʿarruf* and resurfaces in al-Sulamī's work with her statement properly attributed to her. Kalābādhī uses her words to confidently describe spiritual wayfaring (*sulūk)*. She instructed Bayazid al-Bistami and Dhu al-Nun al-Misri, so she must have lived in the ninth century CE. She frequented Mecca for *umrah* and general devotional purposes, and indeed ultimately died on her way to make *umrah*. Al-Misri relates wisdom from her and testimonies of her saintliness. Cornell, *Early Sufi Women*, 144.

52 Even those enraptured by the love of Allah considered her zealous.

53 Nafisa (d. c. 824) is a well-known descendant of the Prophet ﷺ and probably the best-known female scholar of hadith in Egypt. She is connected to Imam al-Shafiʿi (d. 820), who received hadith from her and sought her out for prayer, and it seems that before his passing, he requested that his body be carried to her home so that she might say a final prayer over him. See Nadwi, *Al-Muhaddithat*, 268. The Sayida Nafisa Mosque in Cairo is her burial place and is considered a place of spiritual refuge by many.

54 To keep the remembrance of death near, she dug a grave and worshiped in it.

55 Perhaps Asma'u returns to Fātima of Nishapur because she admires her especially. Fātima's entry in al-Sulamī's work is one of the longest, and she enjoys similar appreciation in Asma'u's poem. Fātima enjoyed wealth and independence—qualities that would have resonated with Asma'u.

56 Such is Asma'u's reverence and appreciation for her father that she mentions him here. Perhaps this also serves as an acknowledgment and reminder that Uthman dan Fodio facilitated educational opportunities for women that allowed some to flourish.

57 In this section of the poem, Asma'u turns her attention to memorializing women in her

community who passed during her lifetime. Hawa was Asma'u's maternal grandmother and was likely a Qur'an teacher. The little that we know about these particular women is mentioned here and in other elegies Asma'u penned. In a sense, she offers an appendix to the work of al-Sulamī by adding these women to the names of those he mentioned 800 years prior, much as Ibn al-Jawzi used al-Sulamī's work two centuries later to write his own and include others who lived after al-Sulamī died.

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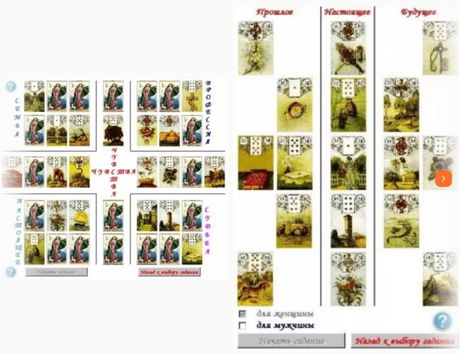

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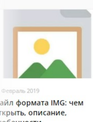

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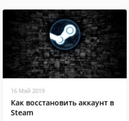

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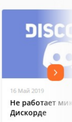

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Лучше этого не потреблять: какие продукты разрушат ваш мозг

Диетологи назвали продукты, способные разрушить человеческий мозг, вызвав обморок и слабоумие.

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Специалисты отмечают, что для того, чтобы избежать обморока и слабоумия, необходимо исключить из своего рациона вредную пищу. Ведь есть продукты, которые способны повредить наш мозг.

По данным Всемирной федерации неврологии, здоровье мозга влияет на способность человека общаться и принимать обдуманные решения. Так что ряд факторов способствуют здоровью этого органа, главным из которых является питание.

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По словам американских диетологов, существуют конкретные продукты, которые необходимо исключить из своего рациона, чтобы оставаться здоровым.

Какие продукты разрушают наш мозг:

1. Сахар. Следует отметить, что работа мозга напрямую зависит от уровня сахара в крови, поскольку глюкоза является основным топливом для органа. В то же время, опасность этого продукта заключается в том, что чрезмерное употребление сладостей способствует выбросу инсулина, который блокирует доступ к мозгу большинства полезных аминокислот.

Однако не только чрезмерное употребление сахара, но и полный отказ от него все равно плохо сказываются на здоровье вашего мозга. Из-за недостатка глюкозы уровень сахара в крови становится нестабильным, а это может вызвать приступы гипогликемии, спутанность сознания и обмороки.

Объясняется, что большое количество алкоголя оказывает влияние на способность мозга функционировать. В частности, на уровень нейротрансмиттеров в организме, а они являются химическими посредниками, помогающими клеткам мозга взаимодействовать.

Кроме того, следует обратить внимание на такие распространенные ошибки, как пропуск приема пищи и игнорирование контроля уровня витамина B12 в организме. По словам ученых, мозг использует 20% энергии, получаемой вместе с каждым приемом пищи, поэтому он первым и будет страдать при пропусках.

Напомним, если нужна медицинская помощь, а мобильная связь отсутствует: в Минздраве подсказали, что делать

Как сообщал "Знай.ua", в Украине запретили одну из популярных традиций на Новый год: нарушителей будут наказывать строго

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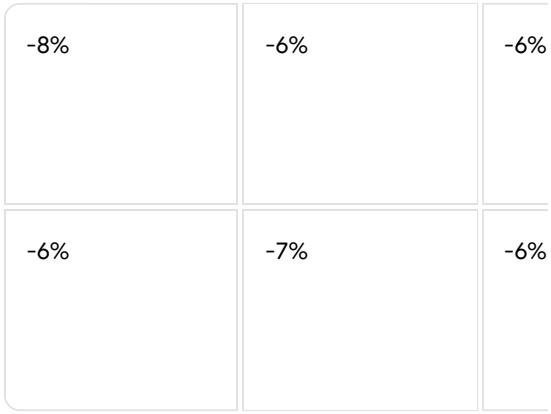

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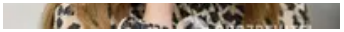
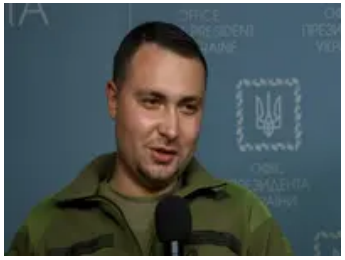
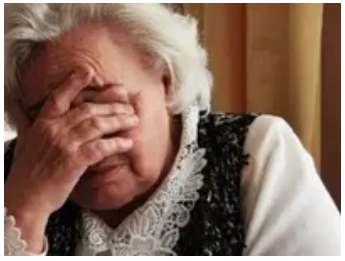




Победа будет в 2023 году, но потом произойдут неожиданные события

Що відомо про хлопців, які знущалися з дівчат

"Почнеться щось серйозне і наша армія рухне як картковий будинок"



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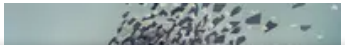

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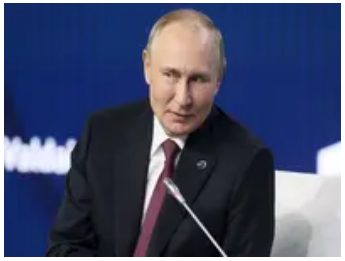

Росіяни накинулися на Путіна з критикою після новин про танки

Юлію Тимошенко спіймали на віллі в Дубаї під час війни (відео)

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Свеча не понадобится: 7 способов осветить помещение при выключении электричества

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Как избавиться от изжоги, если под рукой нет лекарств: эффективные методы, которые помогут забыть о дискомфорт

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Почему яйца не стоит хранить в холодильнике: простые причины, о которых никто не знал

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Многие даже не смотрят в их сторону, а зря: названы продукты, помогающие уберечь здоровье сердца

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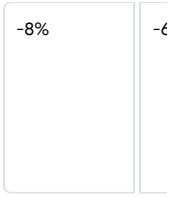

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Совместимость	Windows 7, Windows 10
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Сайт	i-am-student.narod.ru

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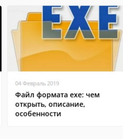

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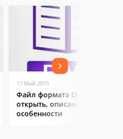

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Ядовитые пигменты: Самые смертоносные цвета истории

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На протяжении всей истории древние цивилизации изобретали всевозможные способы создания пигментов для окраски одежды, предметов и даже зданий. Хотя некоторые пигменты были поистине великолепны и поразительны, многие из них были также смертельно опасны.

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До начала современного периода большинство пигментов получали из природных источников, органического или неорганического происхождения. С приходом научной и промышленной революций ассортимент синтетических пигментов значительно расширился.

Яркий, но смертельный: Свинцовый белый

Одним из наиболее часто используемых пигментов, представляющих угрозу для здоровья человека, являются свинцовые белила (также известные как белый свинец), которые можно отследить как минимум на 2 500 лет назад, что делает их одними из самых ранних синтетических пигментов, произведенных человеком.

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Этот цвет упоминается философом IV-III веков до н.э. Теофрастом Эресским, который в своей работе “О камнях” утверждает, что свинцовые белила можно получить, смешав металлический свинец с уксусом.

Этот рецепт повторяют и другие классические авторы, в том числе Плиний, который в своем труде “Естественная история” дал следующее описание:

“Его получают из очень мелкой стружки свинца, помещенной в сосуд, наполненный крепким уксусом; таким образом опилки растворяются. То, что попадает в уксус, сначала высушивают, затем толкут и просеивают, после чего снова смешивают с уксусом, делят на плитки и сушат на солнце в течение лета”.

Примерно в то же время, т.е. в IV веке до н.э., аналогичная процедура для получения свинцовых белил использовалась и китайцами .

Хотя свинцовые белила были любимы европейскими живописцами, более трагично то, что они использовались древними египтянами, греками и римлянами для приготовления мазей и косметики, что приводило к ужасным последствиям.

Свинцовые белила с формулой $2PbCO_3$-$Pb(OH)_2$ чрезвычайно вреден для людей и животных и может попасть в организм одним из трех способов – вдыханием, впитыванием кожей и проглатыванием.

Симптомы отравления свинцом (называемого также “малярными коликами” или “плюмбизмом”) различаются в зависимости от возрастной группы. Например, взрослые, подвергшиеся воздействию свинца, могут испытывать головные боли, боли в животе, боли в суставах и мышцах, а также повышенное кровяное давление, в то время как дети могут страдать от задержек в развитии, трудностей в обучении и потери веса.

Venetian ceruse — косметическое средство 16-го века, используемое для отбеливания кожи. В нем использовался белый свинец в качестве пигмента, вызывающего отравление свинцом, повреждение кожи и выпадение волос.

Свинцовые белила использовались европейскими художниками далеко за пределами классического периода. О важности этого пигмента свидетельствует тот факт, что вплоть до XIX века свинцовые белила были единственным белым пигментом, используемым в европейской станковой живописи. Только в XX веке художникам стал доступен альтернативный белый пигмент – белила из диоксида титана.

По сравнению со свинцовыми белилами этот новый пигмент нетоксичен. Тем не менее, свинцовые белила имеют определенные преимущества перед своим титановым аналогом.

Например, свинцовые белила более теплые и мягкие, чем титановые, а это значит, что они больше подходят для рисования телесных тонов. Поэтому свинцовые белила используются и по сей день. Но, соблюдая необходимые меры предосторожности, художник может избежать отравления при использовании этого пигмента.

Ужас красного свинца

Свинцовые белила – не единственный пигмент, содержащий свинец. Другой пигмент с этим химическим элементом – красный свинец, химическая формула которого Pb_3O_4. Этот пигмент также известен как сурик, который происходит от реки Миний на северо-западе Испании.

Именно там в древности добывали минерал сурик природного происхождения. Использование натурального свинцово-красного цвета прекратилось после того, как была случайно открыта синтетическая форма этого пигмента.

Древнеримский архитектор и механик Витрувий сообщал, что красный свинец был обнаружен случайно, когда в огонь бросили свинцовые белила, и отмечал, что синтетический продукт был намного лучше натурального. Синтетический красный свинец производился в Китае уже во времена династии Хань, и нет никаких свидетельств того, что там когда-либо использовалась натуральная форма этого пигмента.

Самый ранний пример прямого использования красного свинца (в отличие от упоминания в литературных источниках) происходит из Египта. Этот пигмент был нанесен на портреты мумий из Фаюма, которые датируются II-IV веками нашей эры. Использование красного свинца было обнаружено и на востоке, например, на настенных росписях в центральном Китае (между V и IX веками нашей эры), а также на буддийских настенных росписях в Афганистане (VI век нашей эры).

Красный свинец также широко использовался в средневековых рукописях, а слово “миниатюра” связано с “суриком” через латинский глагол “miniare”, что означает “писать суриком”. В древние времена красный свинец часто использовался для подделки киновари, другого смертельно опасного пигмента, о котором мы поговорим позже.

Кодекс дель Эскориал (1272-1284) из Испании. Средневековые рукописи часто использовали красно-оранжевый пигмент сурик в буквах текста и для небольших иллюстраций, называемых миниатюрами.

Никогда не используйте неаполитанский желтый

Еще один опасный пигмент, в котором присутствует свинец, – желтый антимонат свинца, известный также как неаполитанский желтый. Этот пигмент имеет следующую химическую формулу – $Pb_3(SbO_4)_2$ и представляет собой соль двух высокотоксичных металлов, свинца и сурьмы, и поэтому является чрезвычайно ядовитым.

Неаполитанский желтый был первоначально использован в Древнем Египте и Месопотамии в качестве желтого красителя и опакового вещества в стеклах и глазурях.

В отличие от некоторых других пигментов, желтый антимонит свинца терялся и вновь обнаруживался несколько раз на протяжении истории, достигнув пика своей популярности в европейском искусстве между 1750 и 1850 годами, и в это время он был доминирующим желтым пигментом, используемым художниками-пейзажистами. После этого периода желтый антимонитный свинец был постепенно вытеснен сначала хромовым, а затем кадмиевым желтым.

Римский стеклянный кубок второй половины IV века. Желтый пигмент получают из антимоната свинца.

Токсичная ртуть в вермилионе

Свинец – не единственный химический элемент, опасный для человека. Ртуть – еще один элемент, известный сегодня своей смертоносностью, он содержится в киновари, минерале, который в древности использовался для производства ярко-красного/алого пигмента, известного как вермилион.

Ртуть существует в трех формах – элементарной, органической и неорганической. Ртуть, содержащаяся в киновари, является неорганической и наименее опасной из трех форм. Тем не менее, она все равно ядовита и может попасть в организм такими же путями, как и свинец, то есть при вдыхании, впитывании кожей и проглатывании.

Симптомы отравления ртутью у взрослых включают мышечную слабость, нарушение координации, трудности с речью и слухом. А дети и младенцы, подвергшиеся воздействию высоких уровней ртути, могут страдать от задержек в развитии речи и языка, познании и визуально-пространственном восприятии.

Несмотря на свою токсичность, киноварь с древних времен использовалась как самостоятельный минерал, так и для производства киновари. Например, говорят, что молотая киноварь использовалась в ранних китайских захоронениях.

Во времена династий Шан и Чжоу, т.е. во II и I тысячелетиях до н.э., молотую киноварь рассыпали в могилах, поскольку считалось, что она способна сохранять тела умерших. Киноварь также была важным минералом в древнекитайской алхимии и являлась одним из ингредиентов, необходимых для изготовления легендарного философского камня.

Красный пигмент киновари был использован в этой китайской резной лаковой посуде поздней династии Цин.

Киноварь была известна и древним римлянам. Витрувий, например, писал о процессе получения вермилиона из киновари. По словам древнего автора, добытый минерал сначала высушивают и измельчают. После этого его промывают и многократно нагревают, чтобы удалить примеси и придать цвет.

Когда пигмент готов, его можно использовать для окрашивания полированной штукатурки внутренних стен, поскольку пигмент устойчив, пока не подвергается воздействию солнечного света. Воздействие солнечного света вызывает химическую реакцию в пигменте, которая приводит к потере цвета. Поэтому были случаи, когда вермилион со временем менял свой первоначальный ярко-красный цвет на коричневый, черный или серый.

Синтетический вермилион появился в VIII веке нашей эры, и считается, что этот процесс был открыт китайцами. Вероятно, эти знания были принесены на Запад арабами. В последующие века после открытия синтетический вермилион широко использовался западными художниками в качестве пигмента.

Среди западных произведений искусства, в которых использовался вермилион, можно назвать “Мадонну с младенцем” Тициана (1570-е годы), “Сошествие с креста” Рубенса (XVII век) в Антверпенском соборе и “Распятие” Рафаэля (1503 год). Вермилион использовался не только западными художниками, применение этого пигмента можно встретить и на азиатских произведениях искусства. К ним относятся индийские настенные росписи эпохи Великих Моголов XVII века, а также различные китайские и японские картины на бумаге и шелке (датируемые между XIII и XIX веками).

Зеленые пигменты-убийцы мышьяка

В отличие от других пигментов, упомянутых до сих пор, следующий смертоносный пигмент не существовал в древнем мире и был изобретен только в XVIII веке. Зеленый цвет Шееле был назван в честь его изобретателя, Карла Вильгельма Шееле, шведского химика, который в то время проводил исследования мышьяка.

Впервые Шееле произвел этот синтетический зеленый пигмент в 1775 году, добавив оксид мышьяка (As_2O_3) в нагретый карбонат натрия (Na_2CO_3). Затем смесь перемешивалась до полного растворения, в результате чего получался раствор арсенита натрия ($NaAsO_2$). Наконец, добавляется сульфат меди ($CuSO_4$), чтобы получить ярко-зеленый цвет, которым известен этот пигмент. Таким образом, химическая формула зелени Шееле – $AsCuHO_3$.

До изобретения зелени Шееле зеленый цвет получали из пигментов карбоната меди, включая вердигрис и малахит. Однако по сравнению с зеленью Шееле эти зеленые пигменты более тусклые и менее стойкие. Кроме того, зеленый пигмент Шееле лучше имитировал зеленый цвет листвы, чем его старые аналоги.

Наконец, зелень Шееле была дешевой и простой в изготовлении. Поэтому вскоре после открытия зелень Шееле заменила более старые зеленые пигменты. Этот новый зеленый пигмент использовался не только в живописи, но и в производстве различных товаров повседневного спроса, включая обои, ткани и даже некоторые детские игрушки.

Повреждение, вызванное использованием зеленого мышьяка, 1859 г., из зеленого пигмента Шееле.

Однако популярность зелени Шееле длилась недолго. Это было связано не с тем, что она оказалась ядовитой, а с изобретением другого зеленого пигмента – изумрудно-зеленого, известного также как парижская зелень. Этот пигмент был изобретен в 1808 году и должен был стать усовершенствованием зелени Шееле.

И действительно, он быстро вытеснил зелень Шееле, когда стал доступен в продаже в 1814 году. Как и зелень Шееле, изумрудная зелень была насыщена мышьяком, и поэтому с точки зрения безопасности для здоровья не была лучше своей предшественницы.

Неизвестно, когда именно прекратилось использование зелени Шееле, в то время как изумрудная зелень продолжала использоваться в качестве пигмента вплоть до 1960-х годов в Европе и США. Хотя изумрудная зелень больше не использовалась в качестве пигмента, она применялась как инсектицид до начала 1980-х годов.

Тот факт, что и зелень Шееле, и изумрудная зелень использовались в повседневных товарах, означал, что множество людей подвергались риску отравления. Это касалось не только тех, кто использовал эти продукты с мышьяком, но и тех, кто занимался их производством.

Смерть Матильды Шейрер, лондонского производителя цветов XIX века, получила широкую огласку и подчеркнула опасность мышьяка в этих зеленых пигментах. В то время в моде были искусственные цветы, и искусственные листья обильно посыпали зеленым порошком, чтобы придать им более естественный и реалистичный вид.

Поэтому работники таких фабрик подвергались воздействию мышьяка, который попадал в их организм при вдыхании. Вскрытие Шейрер показало, что мышьяк, который она вдыхала, достиг ее внутренних органов, то есть желудка, печени и легких, и разрушил ее изнутри.

Предполагается, что смерть Наполеона была вызвана мышьяком из зеленого пигмента на обоях и краске в его комнате.

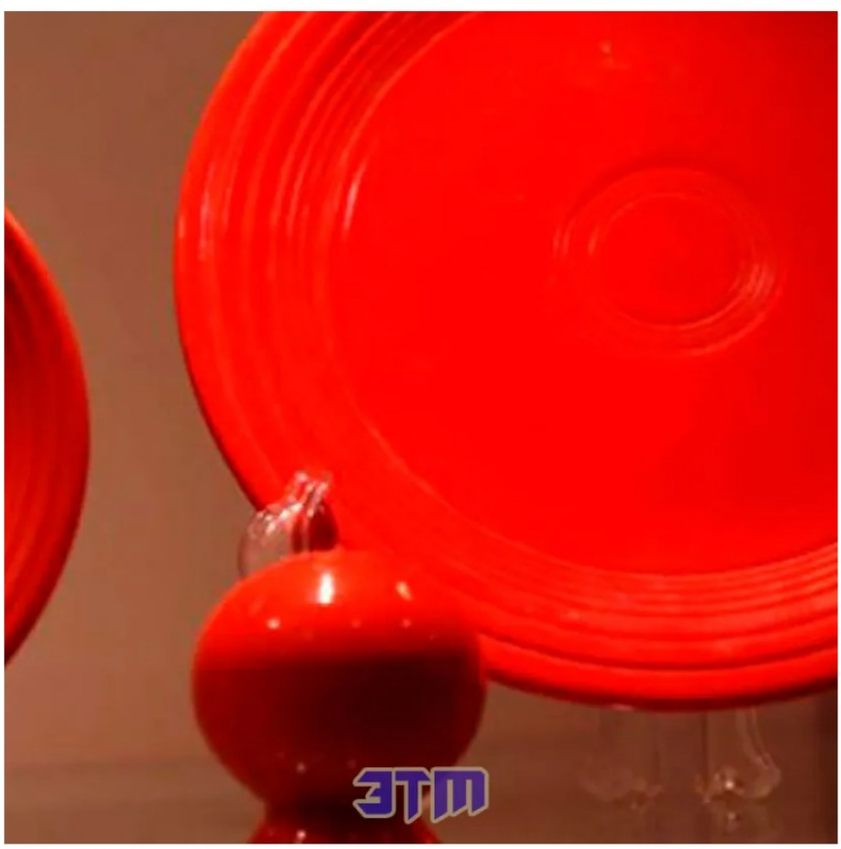
Другой возможной жертвой "зелени Шееле" / изумрудной зелени мог стать Наполеон Бонапарт. После поражения в битве при Ватерлоо в 1815 году французский император был сослан на остров Святой Елены, расположенный в южной части Атлантического океана, где он жил в комнате, выкрашенной в зеленый цвет.

Некоторые предполагают, что причиной его смерти стал мышьяк, содержащийся в обоях. Хотя анализ волос Наполеона выявил значительное количество мышьяка, анализ обоев показал, что содержание мышьяка в них было достаточно для того, чтобы максимум вызвать болезнь, но не смерть.

Урановый оранжевый: радиоактивный пигмент

Последний смертоносный пигмент в этой статье – урановый оранжевый, который является продуктом XX века. В отличие от остальных пигментов в этой статье, урановый оранжевый использовался не художниками, а специально в качестве керамической глазури.

В 1936 году в США была представлена линия глазурованной керамической посуды, известная как Fiesta. Оригинальная Fiesta выпускалась в пяти цветах – красном, синем, зеленом, слоновой кости и желтом, причем красный цвет был самым популярным. Чтобы получить этот красный цвет, в глазурь добавляли оксид урана.



Посуда Fiesta была впервые изготовлена в 1936 году. Для придания яркого цвета в глазурь добавляли оксид урана.

С начала производства и до 1943 года использовался природный уран. Во время Второй мировой войны запасы урана были конфискованы правительством, так как он был необходим для производства ядерного оружия. А когда производство возобновилось в 1959 году, то стали использовать обедненный уран.

Нет нужды говорить, что уран – радиоактивный элемент, и употребление пищи на тарелке с глазурью на основе урана повышает риск развития опухолей или рака, особенно в желудочно-кишечном тракте. Современная посуда Fiesta, к счастью, не радиоактивна, поскольку обедненный уран использовался в керамической глазури только до 1972 года.

Хотя наука продолжает открывать, что многие химические вещества, которые мы сегодня используем в косметике, бытовых товарах и даже продуктах питания, вредны, но на данный момент, похоже, мы избавились от опасности смертельных пигментов.

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The Black Guard Battalion "Al-Haras Al-Aswad" was an elite force in the army of the Almoravid dynasty, led by the Moroccan Muslim prince "Youssef Ibn Tachfine" (may Allah have mercy on him). This elite force of black warriors were among the first-class heroes, and they only fought with daggers and spears, and they pledged full allegiance to Ibn Tachfine. The battalion consisted of 4000 fighters, and in the Battle of Zallaqa, the bravery and dedication of this part of the great Almoravid army appeared, as they played a major role, after Allah, in crushing the army of Alfonso VI, known as "Adfonsh."

After the Islamic armies attacked Alfonso's army and set fire to their rear camp, Alfonso tried to retreat to save his camp. Ibn Tachfine launched his forces for a rapid intervention to settle the situation, and he succeeded in doing so. Alfonso found himself face-to-face with the Black Guard battalion, and this terrifying battalion was able to crush the Crusaders' army and end any resistance from them. Moreover, one of them was able to stab Alfonso in the thigh with a dagger, and he remained limping thereafter.

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Yes, there is literature available about the Black Guard or Al-Haras Al-Soud in the context of Moroccan history and the Almohad dynasty. Some examples of literature on this topic include:

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"Yusuf b. Tashfin: The Berber Who Saved Islam" by Aisha Bewley. This book focuses on the life and achievements of Yusuf b. Tashfin, the leader of the Almohad dynasty and the commander of the Black Guard.

"The Almohads: The Rise of an Islamic Empire" by Michael Brett. This book provides an overview of the Almohad dynasty, including their military strategies and the role of the Black Guard in their success.

"The Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa: The Almohad Caliphate vs. the Spanish Kingdoms" by David Nicolle. This book focuses on the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa in 1212, which was a major victory for the Spanish kingdoms against the Almohads and their Black Guard.

There are many other sources of literature on this topic, including academic articles, historical texts, and primary sources.

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The Black Guard Battalion was a paramilitary organization in Germany during the early 1920s. While there may be limited information on this specific organization, there are books on the broader historical context of paramilitary organizations in Germany during that time period. Here are some books

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The Black Guard Battalion, also known as the Zanata Stone Slings, was an elite unit of the Almohad Caliphate. Here are some books that you may find useful:

"The Almohads: The Rise of an Islamic Empire" by Roger Allen - This book covers the history of the Almohad Caliphate, including the formation and role of the Black Guard Battalion.

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I hope you find these book recommendations helpful in your research on the Black Guard Battalion of the Almohad Caliphate.

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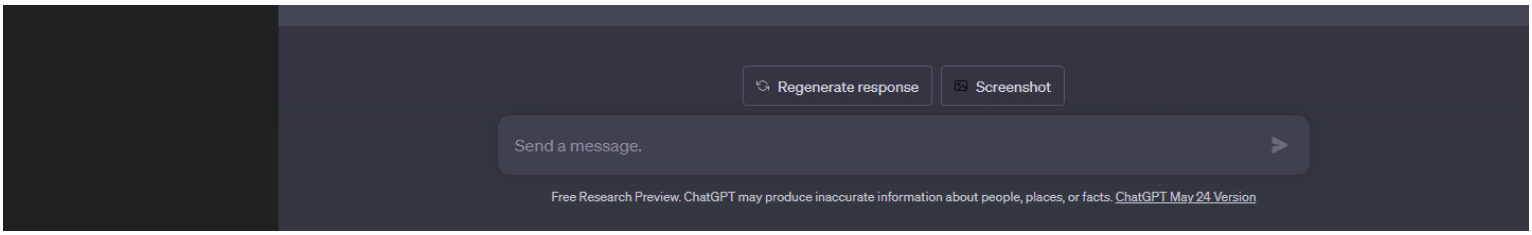
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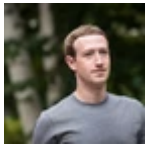

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Ekpe society

The Ekpe is a secret society that lives mostly in Nigeria and whose members are typically law enforcers and politicians. They are well respected agents of wealth distribution in the community. It is a male-only society, and members are bound by secrecy.

The society is somewhat akin to a free mason group and does some unofficial law enforcement. Residents in Ekpe villages often go to the group to help them seek justice when they've been wronged.

Ogboni

The Ogboni is a fraternity indigenous to Nigeria, Benin and Togo. To be a member, one must be a part of Yoruba nobility. The Ogboni fraternity is said to have a strong affiliation to royalty, gerontological system of governance and the law enforcement of the community.

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The Neegee or Crocodile Society is considered evil by the Poro and Sande groups.

human flesh, they gain the ability to transform into a crocodile.

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Abakua

Abakua is an Afro-Cuban men's secret society related to the Ekpe. The group is a mutual aid society known for elaborate street dances and very high

expectations of the members to prioritize the group over their own families. The group has managed to stay mostly hidden for over more than 100 years.

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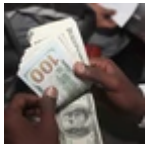

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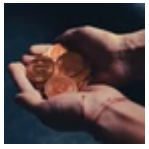

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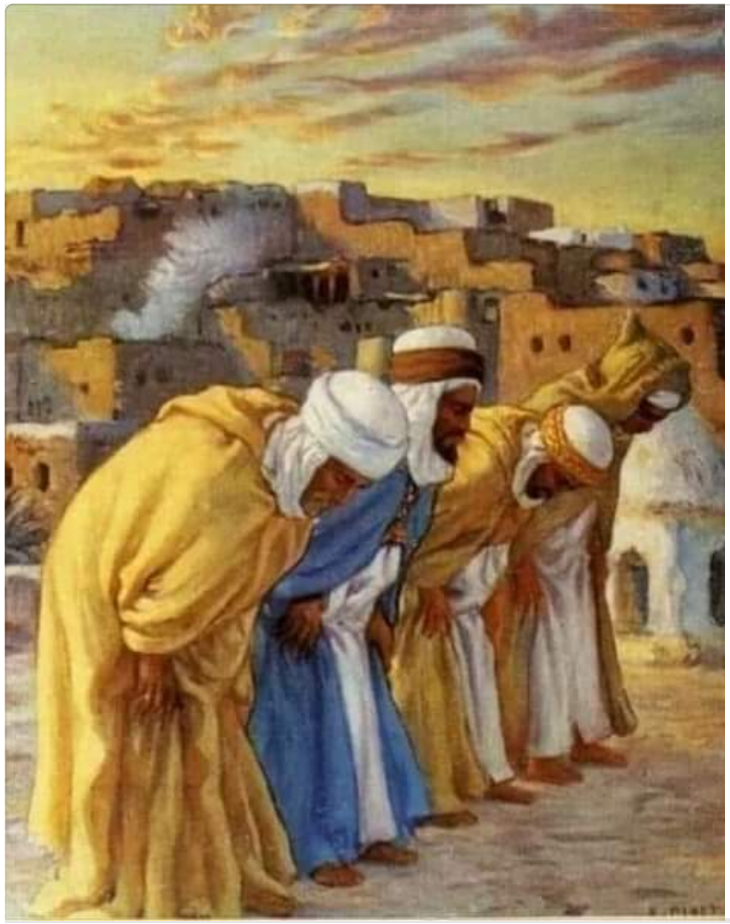

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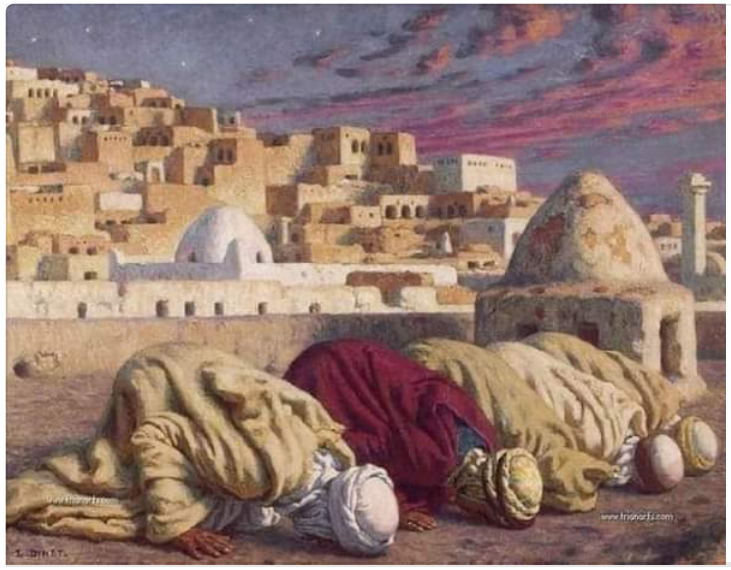

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La France et ses esclaves

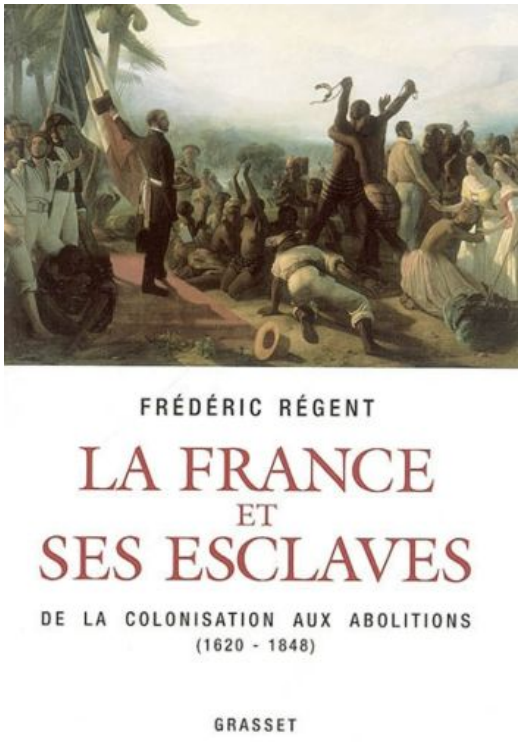
de la colonisation aux abolitions
(1620-1848)

Frédéric Regent

Sous la domination coloniale française, quatre millions d'esclaves ont vécu ou survécu dans les territoires suivants: Gorée, Grenade, Guadeloupe, Guyane, Ile Bourbon (Réunion), Ile de France (Ile Maurice), Louisiane, Marie-Galante, Martinique, Nouvelle-France, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Christophe, Sainte-Croix, Saint-Domingue, Saint-Louis du Sénégal, Sainte-Lucie, Saint-Martin, les Seychelles, Tobago.

Il existe des histoires de la colonisation française, des histoires de chaque colonie ou ensemble régional colonial, des histoires très générales de l'esclavage, mais il n'existe aucune histoire croisée de l'esclavage dans les colonies françaises sur toute la période coloniale. Ce livre est donc une première. Il s'adresse à un public large, désirant apprendre ce qui s'est passé durant les deux siècles de la période esclavagiste de la France, dans un souci de vérité et de clarté.

La France et ses esclaves raconte cette histoire, loin du manichéisme habituel, elle décrit les relations complexes, entre Blancs, Noirs, Amérindiens, les métissages et les transformations.



La France et ses esclaves: de la colonisation aux abolitions (1620-1848), Frédéric Regent • Editeur Grasset, Paris • 368 p. • 2007 • ISBN 978-2-246-70211-5 • 19,50 €.

Ce livre, qui couvre une période allant des débuts de la colonisation à la seconde abolition de 1848, utilise des documents jusque là méconnus. Il permet de comprendre à tout lecteur ce que fut l'esclavage sous la domination française - un pan mal connu et peu enseigné de notre histoire.

Né en 1969, Frédéric Régent est originaire de Guadeloupe, il est docteur en histoire de l'Université Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne. Auteur de différents articles sur l'expédition d'Egypte, l'esclavage et la Guadeloupe pendant la Révolution, co-auteur avec Jacques Adélaïde-Merlande et René Bélénus de /La rébellion de la Guadeloupe 1801-1802/ (Archives départementales de la Guadeloupe, 2002), il enseigne aujourd'hui l'histoire à l'Université des Antilles et de la Guyane. Il est l'auteur, chez Grasset en 2004, de Esclavage, métissage, liberté (/La révolution française en Guadeloupe, 1789-1802/), aujourd'hui reconnu comme un livre de référence.

La France et ses esclaves

Interview parue dans la revue Enjeux, n°199, mai 2008

La journée commémorative du souvenir de l'esclavage et de son abolition (10 mai) est une bonne occasion pour revenir sur le livre consacré à l'esclavage de Frédéric Régent qui enseigne à l'Université des Antilles et de la Guyane.
Voici un ouvrage qui présente de façon claire et efficace, en même temps avec une rare précision les acquis les plus récents de l'historiographie de la colonisation française et du fonctionnement des sociétés esclavagistes dans les colonies.

Le refus des explications simplistes, des idées reçues, n'est pas le moindre es mérites de ce travail sur un sujet fortement marqué par des enjeux de mémoire.

Refusant de verser dans le registre de l'émotion ou de l'indignation, l'auteur nous livre une analyse complète et rigoureuse, souvent subtile qui ne recule jamais devant la description de réalités sociales bien plus complexes qu'on ne le croit souvent.

Bref, une synthèse magistrale, première en son genre à embrasser ces deux siècles, des premières installations de colons au décret du 27 avril 1848, durant lesquels des terres françaises portèrent quatre millions d'esclaves. Nous remercions l'auteur d'avoir bien voulu éclairer quelques uns des aspects principaux de son livre en répondant à nos questions.

Fabrice Giovanazzi : *Comment la France en vient-elle à choisir l'esclavage et à subventionner la traite négrière pour exploiter ses colonies?*

Frédéric Régent: De 1628 à 1642, des marins français capturent des esclaves sur les bateaux négriers étrangers et les introduisent dans les colonies françaises. Des colons français achètent également des esclaves aux navires négriers étrangers. La traite négrière est légalisée par le roi de France Louis XIII en 1642. Hostile au départ, il se laisse convaincre par le fait que la traite négrière lui est présentée comme le meilleur moyen de christianiser les Africains. Son successeur Louis XIV encourage la traite négrière en donnant une subvention pour chaque esclave introduit dans les colonies en 1672. Le commerce des esclaves sera ainsi subventionné jusqu'en 1793. Si dans un premier temps, la monarchie française a encouragé un peuplement français des colonies, très rapidement, elle se rend compte de son échec. Les Français ont du mal à survivre car ils sont davantage victimes des maladies tropicales que les Africains. De plus, avec le développement de la production sucrière, il est plus rentable pour les

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propriétaires de plantation d'acheter des esclaves que de payer le voyage de serviteurs français, travaillant gratuitement pendant trois ans. La monarchie française se rend compte que la prospérité des îles passe par le développement de l'esclavage. Elle encourage donc la traite négrière, puis codifie l'esclavage avec l'Edit de mars 1685, un des textes fondamentaux du Code Noir. C'est donc la recherche du plus grand profit qui entraîne le choix de l'esclavage et de la traite négrière par la monarchie française, nonobstant toute attitude humanitariste.

Dans ton livre tu mets beaucoup l'accent sur les rapports sociaux très complexes qui s'établissent dans les sociétés coloniales...

En effet, les rapports entre maîtres et esclaves sont très complexes. L'esclavage c'est d'abord un régime de violence. Fouets, chaînes, cachots, mutilations, humiliations font partie de l'arsenal de la terreur dont disposent les maîtres pour dominer les esclaves, souvent 10 fois plus nombreux qu'eux. L'esclave est le bien mobilier de son maître qui peut le vendre, le louer, l'échanger, le donner et aussi l'affranchir. Si le maître ne possède pas le droit de vie et de mort sur son esclave, il est rarement condamné lorsqu'il le tue. L'esclave réduit à l'état de bien mobilier est tout de même baptisé. C'est donc que les maîtres lui reconnaissent une âme. L'Église enseigne la soumission des esclaves à leurs propriétaires. Les colons sont d'ailleurs tout à fait conscients de traiter inhumainement des êtres humains, mais ils considèrent que ces êtres humains sont d'une nature différente. Ce qui ne les empêche pas d'ailleurs d'avoir très fréquemment des relations sexuelles avec des femmes esclaves. Il faut préciser que les Français qui vivent dans les colonies sont dans une proportion écrasante des hommes. Entre 1635 et 1715, les départs de La Rochelle pour les colonies françaises des Antilles font état de 40 femmes sur 6.200 engagés, soit une femme pour 154 hommes. De nombreux colons fréquentent et parfois se marient avec des femmes esclaves amérindiennes, africaines, malgaches ou indiennes. En se mariant avec leur maître ces femmes et leurs enfants deviennent libres. Dans le recensement de la Réunion en 1690, 67% des couples (29 sur 43) sont composés d'un homme français et d'une femme malgache ou indienne. Même lorsqu'elles sont extraconjugales (lorsque le maître est marié avec une femme d'origine européenne fréquente des femmes de couleur), ces relations aboutissent fréquemment à des affranchissements. Certains maîtres gratifient de la liberté les esclaves dont ils ont apprécié le comportement et le travail. Ces esclaves affranchis et leurs descendants forment la catégorie des libres de couleur, eux-mêmes propriétaires d'esclaves. A la fin du XVIIIe siècle, les libres de couleur possèdent environ 20% des esclaves à Saint-Domingue et 5% en Guadeloupe. La quasi-totalité des propriétaires d'esclaves de la Réunion ont une ancestralité mêlée d'Européens, de Malgaches et d'Indiennes.

L'abolition de l'esclavage en 1848, après le précédent avorté de la Révolution française, est à mettre à l'honneur de la IIe République. Tu montres cependant que « le mouvement d'émancipation des esclaves est un processus de longue durée ». Peux-tu nous en dire plus sur ce qui y contribue ?

La première abolition de l'esclavage en 1794 est loin d'être un échec complet. En effet, sur les 600.000 esclaves (Saint-Domingue, Guadeloupe, Guyane) qui bénéficient de l'émancipation, 500.000 (ceux de Saint-Domingue) restent libres. Le rétablissement de l'esclavage est donc partiel. L'exemple de Saint-Domingue qui devient indépendant sous le nom d'Haïti en 1804 entraîne des départs d'esclaves des colonies restées françaises (Guadeloupe, Martinique) vers ce nouvel état. C'est surtout l'abolition de l'esclavage dans les colonies britanniques appliquée à partir du 1er janvier 1834 qui va entraîner de forts mouvements de désertions d'esclaves des colonies françaises vers les îles voisines connaissant la liberté.

En France, des abolitionnistes comme Schœlcher exigent l'abolition immédiate de l'esclavage. Ils ne l'obtiennent qu'à la chute de la Monarchie de Juillet en 1848. Le 27 avril 1848, l'esclavage est aboli dans les colonies françaises. Il faut noter que par deux fois la République abolit l'esclavage, le 4 février 1794 et le 27 avril 1848. Nous pouvons nous étonner de l'écart entre la proclamation de la Première République, le 22 septembre 1792 et la première abolition, 16 mois plus tard. Ce délai s'explique par le fait que les Républicains sont au départ favorable à une abolition immédiate de la traite, mais graduelle en ce qui concerne l'esclavage. D'autre part, Saint-Domingue est alors secouée par une grande insurrection d'esclaves instrumentalisée au départ par les royalistes de l'île et Robespierre considère cette révolte comme une seconde «Vendée». Les Républicains refusent alors de récompenser par la liberté, des esclaves qu'ils croient insurgés contre eux. Lorsqu'en août 1793, l'envoyé de la République Sonthonax abolit l'esclavage à Saint-Domingue, pour rallier les esclaves, à la cause de la République ce qu'il parvient à faire, les Républicains de Paris proclament l'abolition. Le processus d'abolition est lent et combine à la fois l'action des esclaves et des philanthropes. D'ailleurs, les esclaves se nourrissent des écrits abolitionnistes pour comploter ou se révolter de la fin du XVIIIe siècle à 1848.

Alors que sur ce sujet de l'esclavage et de sa mémoire, les polémiques se sont déchaînées ces dernières années, sans toujours hésiter devant l'instrumentalisation, comment situes-tu ton travail et ta réflexion par rapport à ce débat qui a resurgi ces dernières années sur le passé esclavagiste de la France? Dans ce cadre, quel est l'intérêt du 10 mai, "journée commémorative du souvenir de l'esclavage et de son abolition"?

Je situe d'abord mon travail sur le terrain de l'histoire. Les faits historiques déplaisent toujours à ceux qui veulent les instrumentaliser. La connaissance historique évolue sans cesse, il ne peut donc y avoir de mémoire figée des événements du passé. La monarchie française a été esclavagiste. Plutôt que de parler de passé esclavagiste de la France, je préfère évoquer le passé esclavagiste de certaines élites économiques françaises que l'on peut aujourd'hui identifier. En effet, le système esclavagiste crée des entreprises de négoce à échelle internationale. Il participe au développement même de l'esprit du capitalisme au XVIIIe siècle. Il rend indispensable la consommation croissante de denrées non vitales (café, tabac, cacao) produites aux dépens du sang et de la sueur des esclaves, alors que la majorité de la population du royaume n'a pas toujours en quantité suffisante l'aliment de base qu'est le pain. Ce mode de production et de commercialisation est rentable pour quelques milliers de propriétaires de grandes habitations et quelques centaines de négociants. Des deux côtés des océans, ce système profite à des élites aux dépens des masses populaires qu'elles soient serviles, paysannes ou ouvrières. L'approvisionnement en sucre, café, tabac, denrées consommées essentiellement par les élites de la société, se fait au prix du sang et de la sueur des esclaves. Le maintien des colonies esclavagiste nécessite un puissant soutien militaire et financier, payé par le sang et les impôts du petit peuple. Ce dernier est de plus en plus écrasé d'impôts dans les campagnes, exploité dans les manufactures et enrôlés souvent de force dans l'armée ou sur les navires de guerre dans les ports. Le petit peuple du royaume de France paye le prix fort des guerres très coûteuses (guerre de Sept Ans et Guerre d'Indépendance américaine) qui permettent la conservation des colonies esclavagistes La dette publique, creusée par ces conflits, oblige bientôt le roi de France a convoqué les Etats Généraux à la fin de 1788 ce qui débouche sur la Révolution française.

Il y a donc une histoire partagée de la souffrance et de l'exploitation des masses populaires. C'est cette histoire là qui devrait être portée à la connaissance de tous et nourrir la mémoire de ce crime contre l'humanité qui n'a profité qu'à un petit nombre. Jusqu'à aujourd'hui, les commémorations du 10 mai n'ont pas été à la hauteur des enjeux historiques de l'esclavage. Jusqu'à maintenant, les représentants de l'État se sont contentés de célébrer quelques abolitionnistes et de verser une petite larme compassionnée sur le triste sort des esclaves. Il ne s'agit pas de culpabiliser l'ensemble du des Français ce qui serait historiquement faux ou de dire aux descendants d'esclaves oubliez tout, on repart sur des bases nouvelles. Ce qui est nécessaire, c'est un véritable enseignement de la question de l'esclavage dans toute sa complexité. Par ailleurs, la mémoire de l'esclavage dérange parfois, car elle constitue une condamnation sans appel d'une des premières formes de mondialisation capitaliste qu'a été le commerce triangulaire. Cette première phase de globalisation ne s'est pas développée uniquement sur les bases

d'une hiérarchie raciale (les noirs=esclaves). Certes, elle a contribué au développement de stéréotypes et d'idéologies racistes, mais elle a provoqué l'enrichissement des catégories sociales aisées en Europe, en Afrique et en Amérique. Il est étonnant de constater que la traite et l'esclavage ne sont souvent questionnés que sous l'angle de la question raciale et non dans ses aspects économiques et financiers. Aujourd'hui encore, les discriminations sont bien plus souvent sociales que raciales. La discrimination raciale étant souvent le fruit de la représentation sociale que l'on se fait de l'autre.

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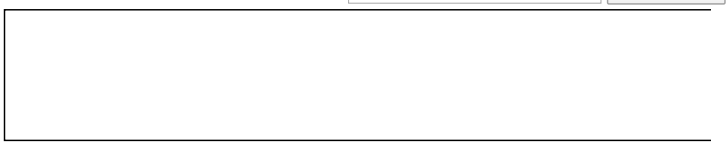

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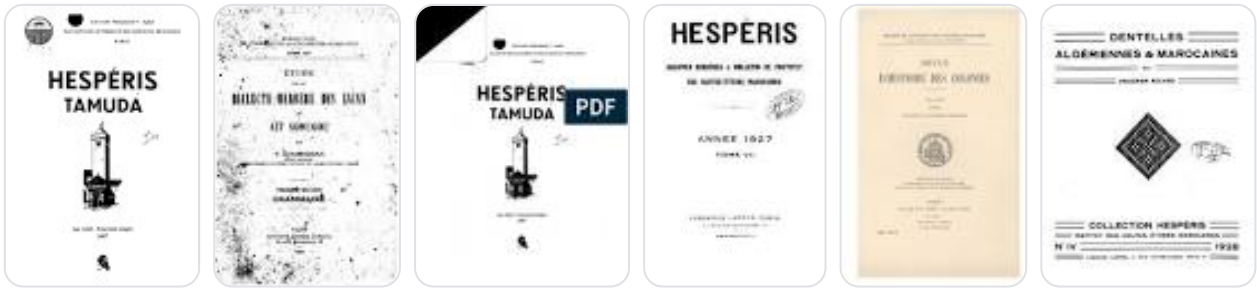

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Les Béni Ghaniya(بني غانية), princes almoravides des îles Baléares:

Beaucoup connaissent le règne glorieux des Almoravides(1056-1147), maîtres d'un vaste empire avec Marrakech pour capitale.
Apres 91ans de règne les Almoravides sont supplantés à la tête de l'empire par les Almohades issus des montagnes du Haut-Atlas.Alors que Marrakech est prise en 1147 et les représentants de la lignée almoravide massacrés, une famille almoravide, appelée Bani Ghaniya, originaire de la tribu saharienne de Messoufa continuait à gouverner les Îles Baléares.Il convient alors de faire connaissance avec ces îles de la Méditerranée occidentale, appelées par les auteurs arabes «Jouzour Charq al-Andalous». Parmi elles: Palma de Majorque, dite par les Arabes «Madinat Mallorca» dont le poète du XIe siècle Ben Al-Labbana Al-Andaloussi vantait ainsi les mérites: «C'est un pays auquel la colombe a prêté son collier,Et que le Paon a revêtu de sa robe de plumes,On dirait que les cours d'eau y sont vin,et que les patios des maisons sont des coupes… »Autre île d'importance: Minorque (Madinat Manorka) louée pour sa fertilité notamment par le géographe Al-Zuhri au XIIe siècle. Comment ne pas citer également la célèbre Ibiza (La Yabisa des Arabes) décrite notamment par le géographe Al-Idrissi dans sa Nuzhat Al-Mushtaq. Ainsi que d'autres îles comme Fromentera, Cabrera, Dragonera, …Vu leur position stratégique en Méditerranée, les Îles Baléares ont connu successivement la conquête phénicienne, romaine, vandale, byzantine et musulmane.
les îles Baléares ont été conquises en 1115 par le roi almoravide Ali Ben Youssef Ben Tachfine. Cet événement survient à la suite de l'expédition dirigée par une coalition de Pisans et de Catalans contre Majorque dans le but de libérer des prisonniers chrétiens tombés entre les mains des pirates des Baléares débouchant sur huit mois de siège devant Majorque et l'appel à l'aide lancé par les populations musulmanes.L'archipel est ensuite confié aux représentants Béni Ghaniya qui tiennent leur nom de leur mère, parente du sultan Youssef Ben Tachfine et épouse de Ali Ben Youssef Al-Messoufı.
De leur union sont issus Yahya Ben Ghaniya, commandant des forces almoravides en Espagne, mort en 1149 lors du siège de Grenade par les Almohades et Mohammed Ben Ghaniya nommé en 1126 gouverneur des Baléares. Il est succédé par son propre fils Ishaq, puis par le fils de ce dernier Mohammed qui est révoqué en 1184 après avoir reconnu la suzeraineté des Almohades. C'est ainsi qu'il est remplacé par son frère Ali qui déplaça la rébellion contre les Almohades en Afrique du Nord en alliance avec les turcomans de Tripolitaine et avec les bédouins Béni Hilal qui furent d'ailleurs déportés pour cette raison dans les plaines atlantiques par les sultans almohades. Les villes de Bougie, Gafsa, Alger

Miliana sont ainsi prises avant que Ali Ben Ghaniya ne soit assassiné en 1188 près de Tozeur. Son frère et successeur Yahya poursuivra longuement le combat mais ne saura résister à la reconquête almohade des Baléares menée en 1203 par le sultan Muhammad an-Nasir.Ceci dit, la mainmise almohade sera de courte durée. En 1228, dans le cadre de la Reconquista, une expédition de 15.000 hommes et de 1500 chevaux est organisée conjointement entre les chevaliers aragonais et les chevaliers catalans avec à leur tête, Jacques Ier, roi d'Aragon, comte de Barcelone et seigneur de Montpellier. Palma de Majorque est prise d'assaut en 1229 et ses habitants massacrés, alors que l'autre patrie fut réduite en esclavage ou prit le chemin de l'exil en Afrique du Nord, comme plus tard le reste de la population de l'archipel, laissant la voie à une immigration principalement catalane. La légende rapporte que le grand nombre de cadavres jeté à l'air libre provoqua une épidémie qui ravagea l'armée victorieuse en proie à des querelles concernant la répartition du butin. Après Majorque, Ibiza est prise en 1235, Minorque où régnait le clan du Raïss Qaraqouch est soumise à son tour en 1287 et tout l'archipel réuni à la couronne d'Aragon en 1343, mettant fin à plusieurs siècles de présence musulmane dont on peut encore contempler les vestiges…

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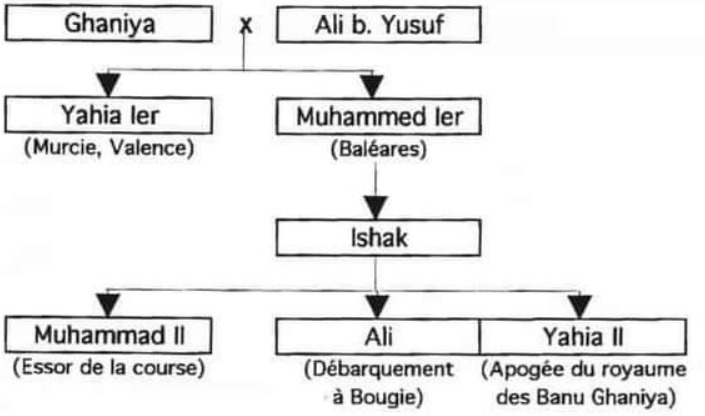

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Les deux filles noires de Louis XIV :

la Mauresse de Moret et Dorothée

Dans son excellent petit ouvrage, publié en 2012, consacré à la religieuse métisse communément appelée *La Mauresse de M*oret, Serge Bilé laisse le lecteur libre d'arrêter son jugement personnel sur son ascendance, après une étourdissante promenade dans le dédale des archives et des témoignages littéraires du XVIIIe et du XIXe siècles. Cependant le dernier chapitre du livre, très riche sur les soins que Louis XIV apporta à cette religieuse noire, nous laisse croire que ceux qui continuent à voir en elle la fille de la reine Marie-Thérèse se trompent ou veulent nous tromper.

Certes, dans la culture collective – sauf dans celle de quelques rares irréductibles, comme nous le verrons plus loin – Marie-Thérèse, l'épouse du roi Louis XIV, a mis au monde une fille métisse en novembre 1664. Les petites histoires sur l'excessive consommation du chocolat ou le simple regard d'une personne noire qui produirait des enfants noirs, inventées par son médecin et ses soutiens, n'ont pas suffi pour la laver de son adultère. Et même si la mort de la fille de la reine et la disparition de son père nègre n'ont pas clairement été établies, leur existence fait partie de l'Histoire de France depuis des siècles.

Si malgré cela la polémique autour de la religieuse noire, qui vécut et mourut au couvent des bénédictines de la ville de Moret, ressurgit aujourd'hui et passionne de nouveau les historiens, c'est parce que les archives semblent montrer que l'adultère de la reine Marie-Thérèse – ou son prétendu adultère – était destiné à nier le fruit des relations sexuelles que Louis XIV aurait eues avec une négresse. La question que l'on se pose désormais est donc celle-ci : la Mauresse de Moret, la sœur Louise-Marie de Sainte Thérèse, est-elle la fille – déclarée morte à la naissance – de la reine Marie-Thérèse ou la fille adultérine de Louis XIV ?

Pour celui qui lit attentivement son livre, le récit de Serge Bilé ne peut longtemps entretenir le trouble dans son esprit. Il contient les éléments nécessaires pour donner la ferme conviction que cette religieuse noire était bien la fille de Louis XIV. Ce ne sont pas les affirmations de Saint-Simon et de Voltaire – selon ce dernier, la Mauresse est le fidèle portrait du roi – ni même les contradictions des historiens et de Victor Hugo qui peuvent aider en cela. Au contraire, ce qui nous ouvre les yeux, c'est la ferme négation de l'existence des

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filles adultérines de Louis XIV, et particulièrement celle des historiens comme Alain Decaux qui – ignorant à la fois la vie sexuelle du roi et son comportement à l'égard de la Mauresse – refusent de croire que le roi ait pu folâtrer avec une négresse.

Que dit l'Histoire de la vie sexuelle de Louis XIV ? En 1919, balayant les scrupules de tous ceux qui ne voulaient pas voir en la religieuse noire la fille du Roi Soleil, l'archiviste Jules Mathorez rappelait en ces termes l'idée que les précédents siècles avaient laissé de lui : « Lorsqu'on se souvient que, pour Louis XIV jeune, tout était bon, pourvu que ce fussent des femmes, et qu'il aima la Beauvais (femme de chambre borgne de la reine mère), des filles de jardiniers, et d'autres personnes de modeste condition, rien ne s'oppose à ce que, vers 1656, Louis XIV ait eu une héritière noire qu'il aurait fait conduire au couvent de Moret ».

L'évidente conviction raciste qui anime Alain Decaux et certains historiens et les pousse à nier la paternité du roi ne peut constituer un argument. Serait-il inconcevable qu'un roi de France ait eu des relations sexuelles avec une Noire ? Le fait d'être roi n'empêchait pas Louis XIV d'être homme. Et comme il avait plus de droit que les autres hommes – sinon tous les droits – il couchait avec qui il voulait. Oui, la réputation de Louis XIV était connue : ses conquêtes ne se limitaient pas aux femmes et aux filles des nobles de sa cour. Pauvre ou riche, négresse ou pas, qu'importait la condition : un joli minois condamnait une belle dame à ses rets !

Plutôt que de se laisser enfermer pour des raisons racistes dans la négation pure et simple de cette filiation entre Louis XIV et la religieuse noire de Moret, tout lecteur attentif sera contraint de se poser cette question déjà formulée par Jules Mathorez en 1919 : « Comment expliquer [sans cette filiation] l'intérêt porté par la cour à cette négresse ? »

Ce sont en effet les soins particuliers, que le roi prit à la formation de cette religieuse noire mais aussi pour lui garantir une existence commode, qui étonnent. Les documents d'archives consultés par Serge Bilé attestent que cette attention n'a jamais faibli jusqu'à la mort de Louis XIV. C'est dire combien ceux qui continuent à croire que la religieuse noire Louise-Marie de Sainte Thérèse – annoncée morte et réapparue après une vingtaine d'années de silence ! – est la fille de la reine et du nain noir Nabo, ne sont absolument pas crédibles.

Personne ne peut croire que Louis XIV, cocufié par la reine, se soit ardemment transformé en beau-père attentif et généreux au point de faire de cette jeune femme noire la prunelle de ses yeux et céder à ses volontés que Madame de Maintenon – sa dernière compagne – qualifiait de caprices. Signalons que la sœur Louise-Marie de Sainte Thérèse exigea et obtint en effet que le roi assistât à sa prise de voile le 30 septembre 1695. Elle avait alors trente-et-un ans.

Non, personne ne peut croire qu'un cocu publiquement humilié – l'accouchement d'une reine se faisant toujours en public – se plie aux caprices du fruit de l'adultère de sa femme ! Non, un cocu ne multiplierait pas les visites à la fille dont la naissance a souillé sa réputation devant la cour entière. Seules les femmes sont capables de ce dépassement ; pas les hommes, à moins que le cocufiage ne soit pas connu de tous. Il est certain que le défilé des princes de la cour au couvent de Moret s'explique par le fait que la négresse Louise-Marie de Sainte Thérèse était bien la fille naturelle du Roi Soleil. Nous pouvons dire, après l'abbé Pougeois qui fut curé à Moret, que « ce n'était sans doute pas fortuitement que la Mauresse portait en religion le nom de Louise-Marie de sainte Thérèse, c'est-à-dire les noms mêlés du roi et de la reine »

Louis XIV, père de deux filles noires !

Il nous a suffi de pousser un peu plus loin notre curiosité hors du livre de Serge Bilé, qui nous a permis de forger notre conviction, pour découvrir que selon Serge Aroles, « l'énigme de la fille noire de Louis XIV (est) résolue par les archives ». Oui, Serges Aroles montre clairement lui aussi, à travers les archives, que Louise-Marie de Sainte Thérèse – avec sa « triple dénomination alors rarissime, relevant quasi exclusivement de la haute noblesse » – est la fille de Louis XIV et non point celle de la reine Marie-Thérèse. Non seulement l'auteur affirme et démontre que la négresse de Moret est la fille du roi de France, mais aussi que celui-ci – toujours selon les archives – a eu une deuxième fille du nom de Dorothée, qu'il n'avait cessé de voir en cachette.

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Voici l'introduction de son court texte : « Les archives sont souveraines : elles dédisent formellement trois siècles de littérature, qui n'ont point fait usage d'elles mais qui veulent que la fameuse « mauresse de Moret » eût été une fille que la reine de France aurait eue en 1664 d'un amant noir. Et les archives stupéfient. Il est une autre fille que Louis XIV protège de tous ses soins, mais tant secrètement qu'elle est restée inconnue jusqu'à nos jours : Dorothée, précieuse petite créature que le roi fait escorter de Paris à Orléans par son trésorier général de l'Artillerie ». Quand Dorothée, placée chez les Ursulines d'Orléans devait rejoindre un couvent proche de Paris pour y rencontrer le roi, elle jouissait d'une protection quasi militaire, fait remarquer Serge Aroles.

Autre détail de l'histoire qui tend à confirmer cette double paternité de Louis XIV, c'est que le luxueux carton sensé contenir les documents personnels de Louise-Marie de Sainte Thérèse nous est parvenu vide ; et quant à Dorothée, on a aussi pris soin d'effacer toute trace d'elle. Après leur mort, le vide trop soigneusement créé autour de ces deux femmes noires tend à confirmer leur lien de parenté avec le roi de France. Trop de « documents volés. Sans équivalent est l'absence de toute mention d'un acte de baptême [...] pour une religieuse bénédictine », fait remarquer Serge Aroles qui croit à une volonté délibérée d'effacer toutes les traces qui conduiraient à l'affirmation d'un quelconque lien de parenté entre les filles noires et Louis XIV. Il ne nous reste aujourd'hui, dans les archives, que peu de chose des enregistrements, au XVIIIe siècle, des minutes notariales disparues. Toutefois, « Louise et Dorothée, apparaissent […] – et avec quelle force pour cette dernière ! – dans les archives de la Maison du Roi. Que l'une ou l'autre eût été une enfant de la souveraine, elle apparaîtrait dans les comptes de la Maison de la Reine ». Ce dernier complément d'information lave la reine du soupçon de tout lien de sang avec l'une ou l'autre des deux femmes métisses.

Qui serait la mère de ces deux filles métisses ? Sont-elles sœurs ou demi-sœurs ? Sur ce chapitre, aucune certitude, selon Serge Aroles. Comme il n'y avait aucune servante noire, tant dans la « Maison du Roi » que dans la « Maison de la Reine », il émet l'hypothèse que ces filles seraient issues de « la petite noire vendue, jeune enfant, au premier comédien de Louis XIII, pour jouer les rôles de *sauvage* » que Louis XIV, amateur de théâtre, n'aura pas manqué de remarquer. Et, ajoute-t-il, si ces deux filles sont issues de la même femme, c'est qu'il y a eu relation amoureuse entre le roi et leur mère et non point une relation de passage. Logique !

Mais là où Serge Aroles surprend tout le monde, c'est quand il soutient – contre toutes les rumeurs du XVIIIe siècle – que la reine Marie-Thérèse n'a jamais accouché d'une fille noire. Selon lui, aucune correspondance entre les royaumes d'Europe (Autriche, Espagne, Grande-Bretagne, Vatican) ne mentionne ce fait. Or, ajoute-t-il, « malgré les alliances matrimoniales, ces puissances restaient ennemies de la France », et l'absence de pudeur et de retenue qui caractérisaient les lettres secrètes de l'époque n'auraient pas fait l'économie de l'information.

L'on peut donc dire que si l'enfant de la reine, né en novembre 1664, n'avait nullement la peau noire, c'est que cette histoire a été inventée comme un contre-feu aux naissances des enfants de Louis XIV. Oui, on peut imaginer que pour détourner l'attention de la cour et du peuple de ce qui lui arrivait, l'entourage du roi a propagé une nouvelle absolument fallacieuse. Et comme l'enfant de la reine est mort quelque temps après sa naissance, le public n'a pu, à l'époque, savoir la véracité de l'histoire.

Cette lecture de l'Histoire que fait Serge Aroles lave non seulement la reine de la calomnie qui la couvre depuis des siècles, mais confirme aussi le fait que Marie-Thérèse ne pouvait en aucune façon être la mère de la religieuse noire de Moret qu'elle n'a d'ailleurs pas souvent visitée. Cette présentation tend plutôt à montrer que ses zélés calomniateurs ne cherchaient et ne cherchent qu'à protéger l'honneur de Louis XIV. En juillet 2014, un article publié sur le site internet du journal *Paris Match* était ainsi intitulé : « *Scandale à la cour : la reine Marie-Thérèse accouche d'un bébé noir* ». Un article apparemment écrit pour dire que le déshonneur du roi de France est venu de l'Espagne, le pays de naissance de la reine. Son auteur ne tient aucun compte des documents d'archives et tend plutôt à déformer l'histoire quand il dit que le roi allait voir la négresse de Moret parce qu'il avait entendu dire que celle-ci avait des dons pour l'occultisme et aussi parce que « le roi, bon père pour tous ses enfants, ne se résignait peut-être pas à abandonner la fille de Marie-Thérèse, victime avec Nabo

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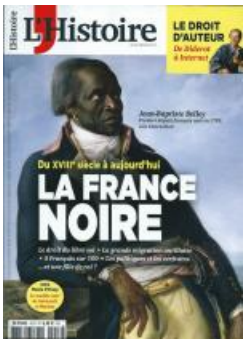
d'une faiblesse passagère à laquelle lui-même, des années durant, n'avait cessé de s'abandonner ». Ces lignes montrent de manière éclatante que la grossière tentative de falsification de l'Histoire poursuit son cours parmi nous. Mais cette fois, elle est devenue plus que ridicule ; elle est risible !

Raphaël ADJOBI

° Serge Bilé : La Mauresse de Moret, la religieuse au sang bleu ; édit. Pascal Galodé, 2012.

° Serge Aroles, L'énigme de la fille noire de Louis XIV résolue par les archives ? (sur Internet).

4 ans et demi après !



Dans la revue ***L'Histoire*** de mars 2019, c'est-à-dire quatre ans et demi après moi, un petit article (p.43) signé *Joël Cornette* fait la même analyse avec les mêmes éléments sans me citer ! Alors que jamais, avant moi, personne n'avait fait mention de Serges Aroles. Il finit son billet par une pirouette qui voudrait entretenir le négationnisme sans se rendre compte que son sentiment est aussi risible que celui de Paris Match : «*Aucun document cependant ne permet d'étayer ces hypothèses. Le dossier Boinet 89 aux archives de la bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève porte la mention manuscrite : "La Moresque Fille de Louis 14". Mais le dossier... est vide*», affirme-t-il. Si le seul fait que le dossier est vide annule tous les indices qui trahissent la vérité, on peut conclure que peu de récits de l'histoire de France mériteraient d'entrer dans les livres d'histoire et dans les manuels scolaires. Le grand soin pris pour faire disparaître le dossier trouvé dans les affaires du roi est la preuve même que cette femme est la fille de Louis XIV ; le sentiment de *Joël Cornette* n'y change rien ! Joël Cornette aurait dû se poser cette question essentielle et élémentaire avant de conclure son article : pourquoi le dossier (même vide) d'une négresse se trouvait-il dans les affaires du roi de France ? Pourquoi n'a-t-on trouvé aucun document de cette fille dans les affaires de la reine ?

Serge Aroles a cité le livre de Serge Bilé sur son site Internet, par probité, parce que celui-ci a été le premier à aller très loin dans les recherches pour affirmer que la Mauresse de Moret n'est pas la fille de la reine. Suite à mon article, Serges Aroles m'a adressé des documents relatifs à "l'Homme au masque de fer" en me suggérant de les exploiter pour un travail équivalent à celui que je venais d'accomplir.

Posté par St_Ralph à 16:49 - Histoire - Commentaires [6] - Permalien [#]

Commentaires

- Merci St Ralph pour ce billet qui prend à contre pied l'article de paris match. Thomas Jefferson, à l'image de louis XIV, 3em président des États-Unis et principal rédacteur de la constitution américaine eut des enfants noirs avec l'une de ses esclaves. La falsification de l'histoire des nations se poursuit de nos jours, comme en Côte d'Ivoire, où les criminels sont présentés comme de parfaits démocrates. Merci encore de nous éclairer, au dela de l'histoire officielle.

  Posté par Xada, 09 septembre 2014 à 20:35

- Mon cher Xada, ton commentaire traduit exactement la réalité des faits. Partout, on tente par tous les moyens de donner un autre visage au fait pour donner un autre sens à l'Histoire. Seule la vigilance est l'ennemi des falsificateurs. Si nous baisons la garde et nous nous taisons, ils ont raison

et leur point de vue fait l'Histoire. Si nous nous montrons présents, ils se font tout petits et le public les regarde avec mépris.

Posté par St-Ralph, 09 septembre 2014 à 22:31

- La falsification de l'histoire est une spécialité bien occidentale. Très belle démonstration de Serge Bilé. Merci St Ralph

  Posté par Xada, 08 avril 2017 à 11:50

- **La Falsification de l'histoire ? ?**

  Que d'efforts pour démontrer que la Moresse et la fille de L14 et non de Marie-Thèrèse ! On oublie de citer Mme de Montpensier "la reine avait fait une mine. la fille dont elle était accouchée ressemblait un petit maure que M. de Beaufort avait amené, qui était fort joli, qui était toujours avec la reine; quand on s'était souvenu que son enfant y pourrait ressembler on l'avait ôté mais qu'il n'était plus temps" (Tome 4, p14, Ed. G Charpentier et Cie). Mme de Montpensier venait de recueillir ces nouvelles de Monsieur, frère du roi. Que la Princesse dise vrai ou non, ce qu'il est impossible de vérifier, ne pas la citer pourrait bien faire partie aussi des "falsifications de l'histoire".

  Posté par CLAUDE, 04 juillet 2017 à 13:05

- Cher Claude,

  Ils ont très nombreux tous ceux qui ont raconté leur petite histoire sur la prétendue fille noire de la reine. Bein sûr que la reine a eu une fille... noire, il n'est nullement certain. Mais ce n'est pas d'elle dont parle mon billet. Mon billet parle précisément de la religieuse de Moret et non de la fille que la reine a mise au monde.
  Une chose est sûre, la fille de la reine n'est pas la religieuse de Moret ! Voilà ce que démontre mon billet à travers les archives.
  Mme de Montpensier que vous citez ne nous dit nulle part que la religieuse de Moret est la fille de la reine ! A vous d'en faire la démonstration. On ne va citer toutes les âneries qui ont été racontées sur l'enfant de la reine. Mme Montpensier ne dit pas l'avoir vue ! "Son enfant y pourrait ressembler..." Attention à la formulation des phrases, aux temps des verbes !

  Posté par St-Ralph, 04 juillet 2017 à 16:09

- Merci de votre réponse
  Je fais attention à la formulation, puisque loin de prétendre que Mme de Montpensier a vu l'enfant je précise qu'elle tient ses informations de Monsieur, qui a assisté à la naissance.
  Vous dites que « le défilé des princes de la cour au couvent de Moret démontre que la moresse était bien la fille naturelle du roi. N'est il pas également possible que le roi ait voulu, par cette attitude, convaincre que tel était le cas ?
  Il aurait tout aussi bien pu faire en sorte que (presque) personne ne soit informé de l'existence de la Moresse. Pourquoi ne l'a-t-il pas fait ? C'est cela qui me surprend..
  La disparition des papiers du carton censé contenir les documents personnels de la Moresse marquerait selon Serge Alores, une volonté délibérée d'effacer toutes les traces qui conduiraient à l'affirmation d'un quelconque lien de parenté entre les filles noires et Louis XIV. Mais alors pourquoi ce « le défilé des princes de la cour au couvent de Moret » ?
  Vous évoquez « l'évidente conviction raciste qui anime Alain Decaux », .
  Je suis allé sur Wikipédia et lis : « Alain Decaux, né le 23 juillet 1925 à Lille et mort le 27 mars 2016 à Paris, est un écrivain, ... Il est membre du comité d'honneur du Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (MRAP) ».

  Posté par CLAUDE, 05 juillet 2017 à 16:53

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Ferdinand de Magellan et la Bataille d'Azemmour/1513/(الرحالة ماجلان ومعركة ازمور):
En 1505, Ferdinand embarque sur l'un des vingt-deux navires d'une importante flotte commandée par Francisco De Almeida, en partance de Lisbonne pour les îles de la Sonde, par la route maritime portugaise des Indes orientales, jalonnée de ports fortifiés établis sur les îles. Il passe sept années à maintenir par la force la mainmise portugaise sur les « îles des Épices », passant d'un comptoir commercial à un autre, d'une bataille à la suivante. Il survit à de multiples blessures et il apprend ce qui lui sera fort utile pour la suite : rester en vie dans un environnement hostile.
De retour à Lisbonne, toujours aussi ambitieux, Magellan entame une nouvelle carrière militaire comme officier de cavalerie. Il s'engage dans la lutte menée par le Portugal pour dominer l'Afrique du Nord. En 1513, il trouve une occasion idéale de démontrer sa loyauté et son utilité quand l'autorité marocaine de la ville d'Azemmour refuse tout net de payer son tribut annuel au Portugal. Le gouverneur Moulay Zayam, de la dynastie des Wattassides, déploie autour de la ville une puissante armée. Le roi Manuel 1er, répond en dépêchant vers la cité la plus grande flotte navale ayant jamais navigué sous la bannière de son petit pays. Son neveu, le Duc de Bragança, commande une Armada de 500 navires de type Caravelle ayant à bord 2000 cavaliers, 13 000 fantassins et une importante artillerie. Le 29 août 1513, le corps expéditionnaire débarque à Mazagan, puis marche sur Azemmour pour l'assiéger et la soumettre. Le 2 septembre 1513, après d'intenses et nombreux combats, la cité tombe, les Portugais l'occupent, la fortifient et y installent une garnison. Magellan participe à la riposte aux escarmouches livrées par les Marocains qui sortent régulièrement du bled pour harceler les soldats chargés de défendre la ville. Il fait preuve d'un grand courage en s'engageant dans des luttes au corps à corps. Un coup de lance dans le genou gauche atteint l'articulation et sa jambe restera pour toujours à demi ankylosés.
Un témoin oculaire : ElHassane Ibn Mohamed El Wazzane connu sous le nom de Léon l'Africain a assisté à ce combat entre les troupes du Sultan Wattassi et les troupes portugaises d'Azemmour et Safi « Je me trouvais sur cette route, étant présent à ce combat …, mais je m'en tenais le plus loin qu'il m'était possible, pour ne pas courir de danger, contempler cet horrible spectacle, sur une jument fort légère et agile, car je me dirigeais vers Marrakech, pour aviser le gouverneur de cette cité, que mon seigneur le roi de Fès n'attendait que l'heure pour que son frère dût arriver à Doukkala, pour attaquer les portugais. »
C'était la première guerre entre une armée menée par les Beni Wattas et les conquérants portugais dans la province de Doukkala.
- Après l'occupation d'Azemmour, la chasse au butin humain à l'intérieur de Doukkala.
Suite à la conquête d'Azemmour au mois de Septembre 1513 et la soumission des villages voisins. Emmanuel fût offert par le Pape Léon X, au début de l'année 1514 , "le tiers et le sixième des revenus de toutes les églises et de tous les

monastères de son royaume pour tout le temps qu'il ferait la guerre aux marocains'' . L'ordre de la guerre contre les Marocains fut donné ; Rui Barreto Capitaine de la place d'Azemmour voulait suivre une politique d'apprivoisement entretenue par le système d'otages, pour soumettre les habitants de l'intérieur de Doukkala . L'année 1514 passa pour lui et pour Joâo (Joam) de Meneses capitaine de la région avec des alternatives de succès et de revers. D'après les récits de Marmol et de De Goes, un jour du mois de février à l'aube l'armée portugaise d'Azemmour avait attaqué deux Cités situées au pied de Jbel Lakhdar, nommées Bencafis et Tafuf. Les portugais n'avaient laissé à leur retour à Azemmour avec 200 captifs (des enfants, des femmes et des vieillards) et un butin constitué essentiellement de bétail, deux places ruinées et incendiées. Plusieurs citoyens étaient tués par les armes, sous les décombres ou noyés en voulant traverser vers la rive droite de l'oued El Faregh en crue. Un tel acte contre des citoyens pacifiques que Marmol nomma « Guerre sainte » ne peut être désigné aujourd'hui que par le terme de « Terrorisme ».
Magellan avec Ses états de services au combat et ses blessures de guerre lui valent le respect et une promotion au rang de « maître de manœuvre ». Ce grade lui permet de partager les prises de guerre.
Il décide de récompenser certaines tribus alliées en leur donnant une partie des animaux pillés . Après cette transaction, Magellan est accusé d'avoir secrètement revendu 400 chèvres au Marocains et d'avoir gardé les bénéfices pour lui. L'accusation est en soi scandaleuse puisque en tant que maître de manœuvre, il a effectivement droit à sa part de butin. Refusant de se défendre sur place, il quitte Azemmour sans autorisation pour Lisbonne où il surgit devant le roi. Il ne présente aucune excuse pour sa conduite et exige en revanche une augmentation de sa maradia, une pension qu'il perçoit en tant que membre de la maison royale. Il rappelle au souverain qu'il est un noble ayant voué sa vie au service de la couronne, ce dont témoignent ses blessures. Le monarque est cinglant : Magellan sujet aussi insolent que stupide, doit immédiatement retourner à Azemmour, répondre des accusations de trahison, de corruption et de désertion. Après enquête sur les faits, le tribunal le lave de tout soupçon et il revient à Lisbonne muni d'une lettre de recommandation de son officier supérieur. Avec un entêtement hors norme, Magellan retourne voir son altesse et exige l'augmentation de sa moradia avec plus de véhémence que jamais. Bien évidemment le roi refuse.
Après la bataille d'Azemmour, les Portugais quitteront définitivement la ville en 1549. Mazagan sera la dernière ville forteresse portugaise du littoral marocain à résister jusqu'au traité de paix signé avec le sultan Mohammed III. Le 10 mars 1769, les occupants évacuèrent définitivement les fortifications par la Porte de la mer , après avoir miné l'entrée principale du fort qui explosa lorsque les Marocains pénétrèrent, ce qui provoqua la destruction du bastion du gouverneur et d'une grande partie du rempart. La ville resta inhabitée pendant près d'un demi-siècle et fut appelée Al-Mahdouma (la ruinée).

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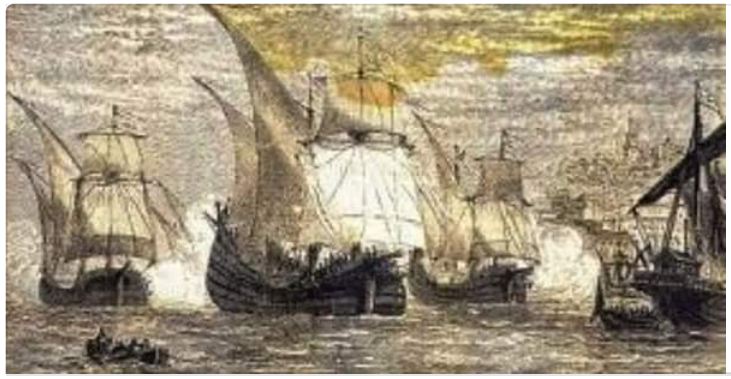

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Marabout

A **marabout** (Arabic: مُرابِط, romanized: *murābiṭ*, lit. 'one who is attached/garrisoned') is a Muslim religious leader and teacher[1] in West Africa, and (historically) in the Maghreb. The marabout is often a scholar of the Qur'an, or religious teacher. Others may be wandering holy men who survive on alms, Sufi Murshids ("Guides"), or leaders of religious communities.

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West Africa

Muslim religious teachers

Muslim religious brotherhoods (Tariqah in the Sufi tradition) are one of the main organizing forms of West African Islam, and with the spread of Sufi ideas into the area, the marabout's role combined with local practices throughout Senegambia, the Niger river valley, and the Futa Jallon. Here, Sufi believers follow a marabout, elsewhere known as a Murshid ("*Guide*"). Marabout was also adopted by French colonial officials, and applied to most any imam, Muslim teacher, or secular leader who appealed to Islamic tradition.

Picture of a marabout in Upper Volta (modern Burkina Faso) around 1970

Today marabouts can be traveling holy men who survive on alms, religious teachers who take in young talibes at Qur'anic schools, or distinguished religious leaders and scholars, both in and out of the Sufi brotherhoods which dominate spiritual life in Senegambia.[2]

In the Muslim brotherhoods of Senegal, marabouts are organized in elaborate hierarchies; the highest marabout of the Mourides, for example, has been elevated to the status of a Caliph or ruler of the faithful (Amir al-Mu'minin). Older, North African based traditions such as the Tijaniyyah and the Qadiriyyah base their structures on respect for teachers and religious leaders who, south of the Sahara, often are called marabouts. Those who devote themselves to prayer or study, either based in

communities, religious centers, or wandering in the larger society, are named marabouts. In Senegal and Mali, these Marabouts rely on donations to live. Often there is a traditional bond to support a specific marabout that has accumulated over generations within a family. Marabouts normally dress in traditional West African robes and live a simple, ascetic life.

Syncretic spiritualists

The spread in sub-Saharan Africa of the marabout's role from the 8th through 13th centuries created in some places a mixture of roles with pre-Islamic priests and divines. Thus many fortune tellers and self-styled spiritual guides take the name "marabout" (something rejected by more orthodox Muslims and Sufi brotherhoods alike). The recent diaspora of West Africans (to Paris in particular) has brought this tradition to Europe and North America, where some marabouts advertise their services as fortune tellers. An Exu of Quimbanda, Marabô, is believed to have carried this esoteric and shamanic role into Brazil. Contemporary marabouts in Senegal advertise on television and have hot lines.[3]

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Political influence

Pre-French colonization

Marabouts have been prominent members of Wolof society since the arrival of Sufi brotherhoods from the Maghreb in the 15th century. Their advanced knowledge of the Quran and esteemed reputation have often allowed them to act as traders, priests, judges, or magicians in conjunction with their roles of community religious leaders.[5] Additionally, because of their ability to read and write, village chiefs would frequently appoint marabouts as secretaries or advisers as a means to communicate with neighboring rulers.[5]

The marabouts' expanding influence in politics paired with their unique allegiance of the Muslim community eventually posed a real threat to the chiefs who had appointed them. In 1683, rising tensions between chiefs and the Muslim population led to a Muslim revolt in the Wolof kingdom of *Cayor*, which concluded with the installation of a marabout as *Damel*..[5] In the years following the revolt, relations between marabouts and Wolof chiefs remained relatively calm until a period of militant Islam in the Wolof states in the middle of the 19th century. Militant marabouts primarily of Tukulor(l origin, called "warrior marabouts," completely rejected the authority of local chiefs and sought to install a theocratic Muslim state. As the authority of chiefs and royal armies were undermined by propaganda and military force used by the warrior marabouts, Muslim resistors turned to local marabouts for guidance and protection from their oppressors. After three decades of war and conflict, the warrior marabouts were gradually ousted from the Wolof states as French colonists began to take a tighter hold on the region. As confidence in the leadership abilities of chiefs and rulers declined as a result of the conflict, marabouts emerged as the most trusted and revered source of leadership in Wolof communities.[5]

Post-French colonization

French colonizers had difficulties adjusting to ruling over Muslim societies. Particularly in West Africa, constructing institutions of colonial rule that didn't favor certain constituencies while neglecting others proved to be a tricky task. The French opted for forms of indirect rule through the local aristocracy in an effort to maintain order and keep administrative costs down, but found that many subjects detested these colonial chiefs and rulers and tended to gravitate towards their local marabouts. Marabouts were admired for their transparency and righteousness as they were known to renounce political powers, while ensuring economic, social, and religious stability within their communities.[6] Since the judgment of marabouts is so influential, the success or failure of a politician would be almost entirely contingent on the support of more prominent marabouts. Because of this, politicians would try to appease marabouts by agreeing to promote their Sufi brotherhood's best interests in turn for their endorsement, with some politicians believing that winning an election would be impossible without the support of a marabout.[5] This political dynamic, based on patronage and exchanges, would lead to a somewhat of an alliance between marabouts and the French colonizers.[7] Along with endorsing certain politicians in exchange for favors, French colonial administrators sought out marabouts and heads of Sufi brotherhoods to act as intermediaries between colonial administrators and West African Muslims to ensure appropriate allocation of power and resources to avoid any potential conflict.[8]

Post-independence

After Senegal gained its independence from France in 1960, marabouts and leaders of Sufi Brotherhoods (also marabouts), or the *Khalife-Général*, have continued to play influential roles in Senegalese politics. Some have questioned the utility of having clientelist relationships between marabouts and government officials in a modern democracy.[9] The new "grandson" generation of marabouts has cultivated a more independent and secular political outlook and have proven that they are willing to question the authority of their predecessors. In Senegal's 1988 presidential election, *Khalife-Général* Abdou Lahatte Mbakke supported Abdou Diouf for reelection. Both as public endorsement and as a reward for installing new roads and street lamps in Touba while in office, the *Khalife-Général* declared a *ndiggël* (a binding command issued by the *Khalife-Général* to all members of the Mouride Brotherhood) that proclaimed that all men must vote for Diouf. Although multiple *Khalife-Général* have issued '*ndiggël politique*' in support of a presidential candidate in previous elections, several marabouts of the "grandson" generation openly rejected the command by voting for the opposition instead.[10] These marabouts believed that the *ndiggël* violated their secular political rights, which was a sentiment shared among many other Mourides in Touba.[9]

In 1997, a rural council of Touba Mosquée in Senegal issued a set of new taxes meant to fund an ambitions development project in the holy city. City merchants promptly voiced their displeasure of the new taxes and threatened to kick the rural council, whose members were all appointed by the Mouride *Khalife-Général,* out of the city. Although tax revolts are not uncommon elsewhere, this incident was particularly noteworthy as the merchants' blatant refusal exhibited a departure from typical state-society relations in Senegal. Declining economic performance in Senegal may lead to more taxes in the future, which means political actors may have to adjust or fundamentally alter their clientelist relationships with marabouts and *Khalife-Général*.[9]

The Maghreb

The term Marabout appears during the Muslim conquest of North Africa. It is derived from the Arabic word "*Mourabit*" or "*mrabet*" (*one who is garrisoned*):[11] religious students and military volunteers who manned the Ribats at the time of the conquest.[12] Today marabout means "Saint" in the Berber language, and refers to Sufi Muslim teachers who head a lodge or school called a zaouïa, associated with a specific school or tradition, called a Tariqah (**طريقه** *Ṭarīqah*: "way", "path").

Marabout's tomb, southern Morocco

The pronunciation of that word varies according to the spoken Berber dialect. For example, it is pronounced "Amrabadh" in the Riff dialect. The "marabout" is known as "Sayyed" (سيد) to Arabic speaking Maghribians. Many cities in Morocco got their names from local marabouts, and the name of those cities usually begins with "Sidi" (سيدي) followed by the name of the local marabout. The standard Arabic for "saint" is "Waliy" (ولي).

A marabout may also refer to a tomb (Arabic: قُبّة [qubba]) of a venerated saint, and such places have become holy centers and places of pious reflection.

The roots of this tradition can be traced back to ancient times when the Berbers believed in the polytheistic religions. Herodotus mentioned the tradition too, when he has spoke of the Nasamones bringing animal sacrifices to the tombs of holy men.

Some Zawiyas linked with specific marabouts

Note that these are not places of formal pilgrimage (limited in Islam to religious pilgrimages of the Hadj and Jerusalem), but are rather places of reflection and inspiration for the pious.

- Morocco
  - Sidi Ali el Goumi
  - Sidi Rhaj Amar (Arabda)
  - Sidi Allal el Behraoui
  - Sidi Abdelah ben Hassoun
  - Sidi Moulay Idriss
  - Sidi fath
  - Sidi el Arbi ben sayyeh
  - Sidi Ahmed Tijani
  - Sidi Moulay Ali sherif
  - Sidi Hajj Hamza Qadiri Boutchichi
  - Sidi Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani
  - Sidi Abdel Kader el Alami
  - Sidi Moulay Ibrahim
  - Sidi Mohammed Ben Aissa
  - Sidi Ahmed Ben Idris Al-Fassi (Idrissiya and Sanoussiya)
  - Sidi Ahmed Oumoussa
  - Sidi Abu Lhcen Shadili
  - Sidi Moulay Abdeslam ibn Mchich Alami (Jbala)
  - Sidi Muhammad al-Arabi al-Darqawi
  - Sidi Muhammad ibn Sulayman al-Jazuli al-Simlali
  - Sidi Abu Abdallah Mohammed Amghar
  - Sidi Abu Abdallah al-Qaim bi Amrillah
  - Sidi Muhammad ben Issa al-Barnusi al-Fasi Zarruq
  - Sidi Moulay Outman (Khaldy-yeen, Beni Arouse), Morocco
  - Sidi Mbarek (Khaldy-yeen, Beni Arouse), Morocco
  - Sidi Heddi (Khaldy-yeen, Beni Arouse), Morocco
  - (alternatively) Zawiyas:

- Zaouïa Naciria
- Zaouïa Cherqaouia
- Zaouia Aïssaouia
- Zaouia Tidjaniya
- Zaouia Idrissiya
- Zaouia Sanoussiya
- Zaouia Al Qadiriya
- Zaouia Al Alamiya
- Zaouia Jazouliya semlaliya
- Zaouia Hamdouchia
- Zaouia Sidi Outman (khaldyeen, Beni Arouse),Morocco

- Algeria
  - Sidi Ahmed Tidjani of 'Ainou Mahdi, around Laguouate founder of Tidjaniya
  - Sidi Ahmed ou Saïd du hameau Mestiga, village of Adeni in Kabylia (between Tizi Ouzou and L'Arbaâ Nath Irathen)
  - Sidi M'hamed Bou Qobrine Founder of the Rahmaniya (Algiers and Bounouh)
  - Sidi Abder Rahman El Thaelebi, founder of the Thaalibiya (Algiers)
  - Sidi M'hend oumalek (Tifrit nait oumalek)
  - Sidi Moh'Ali oulhadj (Tifrit n'Aït el Hadj)
  - Sidi Harrat Benaissa El Idrissi (Zemmora, Relizane)
  - Sidi Abd-Allah ben Mançour
  - Sidi Abdelkader djilali (tizi-ouzou)
  - Sidi Abid Echerrif (Guentis)
  - Sidi Abou AbdAllah Ech Choudi El Halloui
  - Sidi A'hmed el Mejdoub
  - Sidi Bel Abbes (namesake of Sidi Bel Abbès)
  - Sidi Ben-Ali (Aïn el Hout - Tlemcen)
  - Sidi Ben-Ali (Nédromah)
  - Sidi Ben-Azzouz (Borj Ben Azzouz)
  - Sidi Bicinti el basco
  - Sidi Bou Adjami
  - Sidi Boudarga
  - Sidi Boudjemaa
  - Sidi Brahim
  - Sidi Daoudi
  - Sioud anta' El-Eubbad es-Saffi
  - Sidi En-Naceur
  - Sidi Et Toumi
  - Sidi Hamadouche
  - Sî ibn 'Alî Sharîf (Akbou)
  - Sidi Mohammed Ben Omar El Houari
  - Sidi Mohammed bou Semah'a,
  - Sidi Moh'amed Ou'l Il'afian.
  - Sidi Moulebhar

A toucouleur marabout, (1853)

- Sidi Qadir
- Sidi Bel-Ezrag
- Sidi Serhane
- Sidi ghiles (tipaza)
- Sidi Soumeymane Ben Abdallah
- Zaouia de Sidi Benamar (Fillaoussenne)
- Sidi-Wahhab
- Sidi Yahia el Aidly (Akbou)
- Sidi Yakkout
- Oulad bel Kacem [13]

- Tunisia
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  - Zaouïa de Sidi Salah Zlaoui. Béja
  - Zaouïa de Sidi Abdelkader. Béja
  - Zaouïa de Sidi Bou Arba. Béja
  - Zaouïa de Sidi Taieb. Béja
  - Zaouïa de Sidi Baba Ali Smadhi. Béja
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- Murid
- Berber beliefs

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Экспедиция Ханса Нильзера:
17 января 1901. Невероятно! Этого просто не может быть! В греческом тексте я нашел ясные указания на то, что жрецы египетского бога Амона и первые иерархи нашей Святой Церкви принадлежали к одному и тому же тайному сообществу! Неужели таких людей Господь избрал для того, чтобы нести людям свет Своей истины? Нет, нет, я не хочу в это верить...
22 февраля 1901. По-моему, старший библиотекарь что-то заподозрил. По крайней мере, чувствую за собой слежку, поэтому прекратил работу с секретными фондами...

Поскольку жрецы Амона - это прямые предшественники современного масонства, я естественно с большим вниманием отнесся к содержанию папируса.

Согласно древнему тексту, первые жрецы Амона появились еще в IV тысячелетии до нашей эры. Именно они в значительной степени способствовали объединению страны и оказывали большое влияние на фараонов. В папирусе с большой гордостью рассказывается о том, как цари считали жрецов своей главной опорой, как они во всем следовали советам священнослужителей. А дальше я наткнулся на довольно интересный фрагмент, который имеет смысл процитировать здесь целиком.

Жрецы - носители знаний

В древнеегипетской цивилизации возник сложный аппарат государственной власти, тесно сращенный с сакральным аппаратом жрецов.

Знания существовали в религиозно мистической форме.

Жрецы накапливают знания в области математики, химии, медицины, фармакологии, психологии, они хорошо владеют гипнозом.

Древние египтяне занимались только теми математическими операциями, которые были необходимы для их непосредственных хозяйственных нужд, но никогда они не занимались созданием теорий - одним из важнейших признаков научного знания.

Также считалось, что фараоны появляются от брака царицы, жены фараона с каким-либо божеством. Родство в династии фараонов велось по материнской линии. Правили не только мужчины-фараоны. В истории известна царица Хатшепсут. В всех египетских храмах живого фараона воспевали, как бога, молились за его здравие и благополучие. С молитвами к богам обращался и сам фараон. В представлении самих египтян фараон представлялся как богочеловек. Считалось, что между Согласно нему боги даровали фараону долголетие, личное благополучие и процветание государства, а фараон со своей стороны обеспечивал богам соблюдение культа, строительство храмов и тому подобное. Единственный из смертных он имел доступ к богам. Иногда фараон лично участвовал в начале земледельческих работ, что носило священный характер. Он бросил в Нил свиток с приказом начать разлив, он начинает подготовку почвы для посева, первым срезает первый сноп на празднике жатвы и возносит благодарственную жертву богине урожая Ренену т. В Египте постоянно велась борьба за престол Верхнего и Нижнего Египта. Важную роль в ней играли жрецы. Иногда они основывали новую династию фараонов. Часто фараоны были марионетками в руках верховного жреца. Борьба шла почти без перерыва. При ослаблении государства сразу подымали голову сепаратистские настроения в различных областях Египта.

Статуя Рамзеса II богами и фараонами существовал нерушимый договор.

Золотая маска Тутанхамона

Экспедиция Ханса Нильзера

Хансе Нильзер, загадочный исследователель из Германии. Именно его публикация в «Аугсбургском христианском ежемесячнике, натолкнула на мысль о ведущей роли апостола Павла в со здании христианской религии. Если рассказывать кратко (кто хочет подробностей, пусть читает «Ключ Соломона»), то родился Нильзер в 1849 году многодетной бюргерской семье и был ревностным католиком. С детства родители готовили его к принятию сана, да и сам мальчик питал большую любовь к религии. Ему несказанно повезло: епископ заметил его способности и отправил способного юношу к папскому двору. Поскольку Ханс блистал талантами, в первую очередь в области истории Церкви, его направили в архивы Ватикана. Не сразу и не вдруг, но Нильзер получил доступ в святая святых папского престола.

Как известно, в Риме существует несколько чело век, допущенных к самым сокровенным тайнам Ва тиканских библиотек. Даже папа порой не знает, какие сокровища хранятся там, абсолютный контроль над библиотекой и входящими в ее состав архивами.

На просторах русского интернета появилась статья под названием «Дневники Ханса Нильзера или что скрывает Ватикан»? В ней пишеться о том, что некий ревностный католик из Германии из многодетной бюргерской семьи по имени Ханс Нильзер работал в библиотеке Ватикана и после этого оставил свой дневник, в котором очень подробно описал всё, с чем ему там удалось соприкоснуться и увидеть. Ниже приводиться дневник Ханса Нильзера по годам с датами.

«12 апреля 1899 г. Сегодня старший архивариус показал мне несколько фондов, о которых я не имел никакого представления. Естественно, сам я тоже должен буду молчать о том, что увидел. С благоговейным трепетом смотрел я на эти полки, на которых храняться документы, относящиеся к самым ранним периодам нашей Церкви. Подумать только: все эти бумаги - свидетели жизни и деяний святых апостолов, а может быть, и Спасителя! Моя задача на ближайшие несколько месяцев - сверить, уточнить и дополнить каталоги, касающиеся этих фондов. Сами каталоги помещены в нише в стене, замаскированной столь остроумно, что я ни за что не догадался бы об их существовании.

28 апреля 1899 г. Работаю по 16-17 часов в сутки. Старший библиотекарь хвалит меня и с улыбкой предупреждает, что при таком темпе я за год переберу все ватиканские фонды. На самом деле проблемы со здоровьем уже дают о себе знать - здесь, в подземелье, поддерживается температура и влажность, оптимальная для книг, но губительная для человека. Однако, в конце концов, я занимаюсь делом, угодным Господу! Тем не менее мой исповедник уговорил меня подниматься на поверхность каждые два часа хотя бы на десять минут.

18 мая 1899 г. Не устаю удивляться тем сокровищам, которые содержаться в этом фонде. Здесь столько материалов, неизвестных даже мне, усердно изучавшему ту эпоху! Почему мы храним их в тайне, вместо того чтобы сделать доступными для богословов? Очевидно, материалисты, социалисты и клеветники могут извратить эти тексты, нанеся непоправимый ущерб нашему святому делу. Этого, конечно же, допустить нельзя. И всё же...

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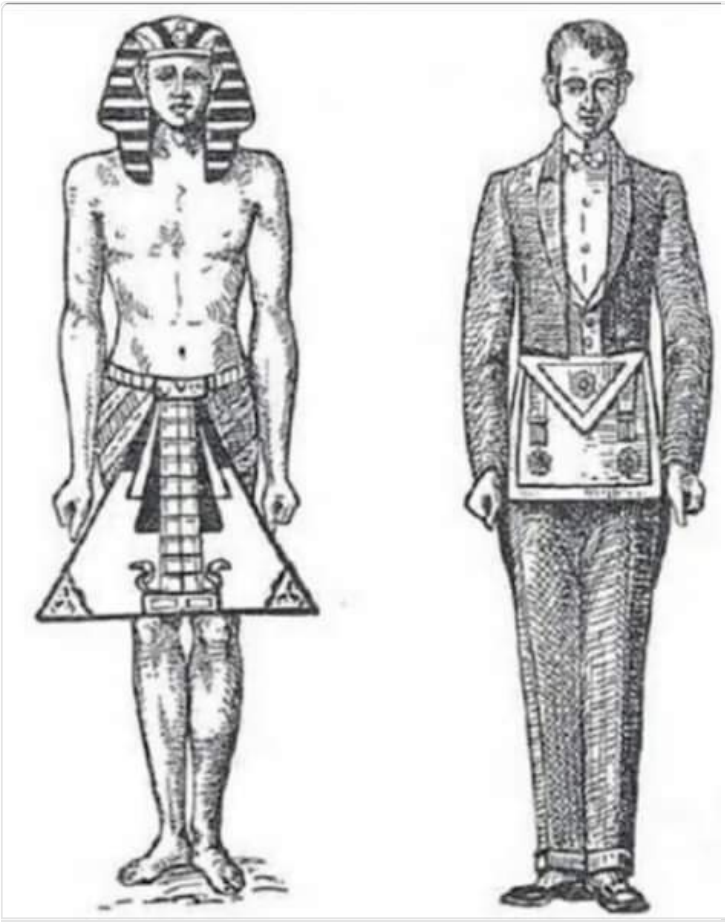

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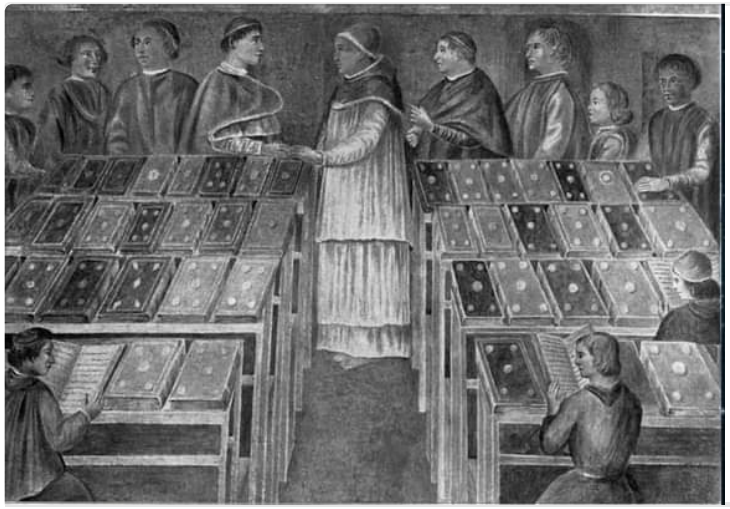

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Unfortunately, everyone is not parent material, I don't care about money, how about Morals 52

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Musa MrHerc Masilela
She raised him for helself. 29

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Not sure what the hell is going on here! This is
NOT NORMAL!!!!! 15

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Something about her and this seems wrong…she gives me grooming vibes. 36

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Grooming 42

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Sun my ass. She raised him up to raise him up. 43

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Sadly she has corrupted this young African soul. 38

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Ba Am

Africa leaders must stop adoption of kids bringing to other continents.How he has developed himself is not the idea of cultural backgrounds.Nightmare 25

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Charles Mal

I'm not sure what's happening here.
But the fact that I have questions about these images is disturbing, since it's supposed be of a mother and her adopted son. 2

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Crystal Corporal

Let people live their lives. 10

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Tamara Pierce replied · 5 replies

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The American or western influence is bad for our African culture 32

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Nelson Amfo-Kw... replied · 8 replies

Alicia Scales
Oh shoot he's wearing pink eyeshadow ....ok I'm getting Woody Allen vibes here.
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Gerreld Lodovica replied · 6 replies

Muhamed Gobal
I thought this is her daughter 7

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Sampa Mutale
She surely had a very long term plan for the adopted son with benefits. 33

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Tracey Anderson-Tellado
I thought that was her boyfriend 10

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Kwesi ZA
It hurts how they turn this vulnerable kids into their LGB..etc, The community is growing bigger and bigger 4

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Batseba Seleba... replied · 1 reply

Positive Chris
Why would a Mom sexualize her Son like that . See how they do us when they adopt us. 8

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Hassan Sanni

Hope this son isn't piping his adopted mom 15

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She's freaking him. I promise you that smh 4

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Woody Allen definitely did it 6

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Kgothatso Ethel

She probably sleep with these kids 10

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Chichi Devayne replied · 1 reply

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I see grooming 9

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Got him looking like RODMAN 4

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She freaking on him I bet.... 10

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Rasta_adventur... replied · 3 replies

Regine Ndibuka
Let's me sit down read the comments 6

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And she turned him into something else 6

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Mozart Philidor
Her and Woody Allen yo 10

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Eze Nmuo Ifeanyichukwu
Painfull. 3

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Dewayne Hale-clark Junior
So no such thing as grooming huh 19

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Tiffoni Noir replied · 3 replies

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Jealous !

Good on her ,,,, haha,,,,, (he's not complaining,,, if it's not broke don't fix it) 4

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Taipan Dave Wa... replied · 2 replies

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Souleymane Diawara
L’ origine de l’empire du Ghana

Le Ghana était un royaume d’Afrique qui a existé du 6ème au 13ème siècle de notre ère. Il se situe au sud du désert du Sahara et au nord-ouest du fleuve Niger, en Mauritanie et au Mali.

Grâce à l’introduction du chameau dans le Sahara , à sa disponibilité et à son utilisation croissantes à l’époque romaine, au cours des premiers siècles de notre ère, des routes commerciales transsahariennes (nord-sud) devinrent possibles, permettant aux sociétés africaines du Sahel d’accéder aux marchés de la Mer Méditerranée: à mesure que ces routes devenaient plus rentables, des villes telles que Djenné et Gao ont vu le jour et, avec le temps, des États territoriaux plus

complexes et plus puissants, dont le Ghana, ont été les premiers.

Les personnes qui ont formé le royaume du Ghana étaient les Soninkés, un sous-groupe de la famille mandé. Ils ont appelé leur royaume Wagadu, mais nous l'appelons aujourd'hui ,Ghana, le nom que les Arabes lui ont donné. L'âge d'or du royaume a commencé vers l'an 800 et a duré près de trois siècles. La capitale du Ghana a changé plusieurs fois mais la dernière et la plus célèbre d'entre elles est Kumbi (ou Koumbi Saleh), une ville fondée au IVe siècle de notre ère. Elle devint la plus grande ville au sud du Sahara avec environ 15 000 habitants à son apogée.

Les activités commerciales qui constituaient l'épine dorsale de l'économie du Ghana étaient la vente d'or, de noix de cola (le dernier «ingrédient secret» du Coca-Cola) et d'ivoire aux villes de la Méditerranée, en échange de sel. Les Soninkés étaient des intermédiaires, car ils ne contrôlaient pas les sources de la plupart de ces produits, venus du sud, tandis que le transport proprement dit des marchandises au nord était assuré par des Berbères nomades chevauchant des chameaux.

LE SONINKE APPELAIT LEUR ROYAUME WAGADU, MAIS NOUS LE CONNAISONS EN TANT QUE GHANA, LE NOM QUE LES ARABES LUI DONNENT.

La prospérité du Ghana repose en grande partie sur les caravanes berbères, qui sont organisées indépendamment par des chefs et des marchands berbères: elles constituent le seul lien avec le monde extérieur.

Cependant, à mesure que le Ghana s'enrichissait et élargissait sa base territoriale, les tensions avec diverses tribus de marchands berbères s'intensifiaient également. Les Berbères voyaient d'un muvais oeil le pouvoir croissant des villes commerçantes, dominées par les Soninkés. Avec la conquête par le Ghana de l'importante ville-État d'Audaghost (Mauritanie actuelle), les relations sont devenues beaucoup plus hostiles. À l'aube du XIe siècle, les Berbères, qui étaient les maîtres du commerce d'Audaghost, ont tenté à plusieurs reprises de libérer la ville du contrôle du Ghana.

Vers le milieu du XIe siècle, la dynastie des Almoravides du Maroc (1040-1147) a commencé à attirer un grand nombre de Berbères, offrant ainsi une forme d'organisation et une unité plus solides aux clans berbères, par ailleurs en conflit. Les Almoravides sont devenus assez puissants pour lancer des campagnes de conquête à l'étranger. Au nord, ils envahirent l'Espagne (Al-Andalus) en battant le califat de Cordoue (r. 929-1031 de notre ère). Au sud, les Almoravides firent des ravages au Ghana, conquérant même la capitale, Kumbi, en 1076 de notre ère. Bien que le Ghana ait finalement réussi à expulser les envahisseurs, les dégâts étaient énormes. Les réseaux de commerce du Ghana ont été perturbés (Audaghost a rapidement perdu toute importance, par exemple), mais l'introduction des troupeaux de pâturages berbères sur ce qui était autrefois des terres agricoles a été à l'origine d'un terrible processus de désertification.

Le Ghana ne retrouvera pas son ancienne gloire et les décennies suivantes verront un déclin supplémentaire à mesure que les peuples sujets se libéreront du contrôle du royaume. En 1203 de notre ère, Kumbi a été prise par l'un de leurs anciens peuples sujets: les Susu. En 1240, le royaume s'effondra lorsque Kumbi fut à nouveau dévasté et le cœur du Ghana fut annexé par l'empire naissant du Mali (vers 1230-1600).

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Mtre Fousseni Doucouré

Pour ce passage, "Les personnes qui ont formé le royaume du Ghana étaient les Soninkés, un sous-groupe de la famille mandé." Il faut savoir que le Mandé est plus ressens que le Ghana. Les Sonikés viennent de l'Égypte, précisément de Assouane (assouankaou transformer en soniké).

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Yvan Hobel

Je ne suis pas historien et ne connais pas le passé de l'Afrique. Mais en lisant les nombreux commentaires qui se contredisent (je ne parle même pas des insultes de la part de ceux qui sont convaincus d'être plus intelligents que les autres), j'en viens à poser une question toute bête : L'Histoire de l'Afrique est-elle écrite ? Si oui, il n'y a pas à tergiverser. Si non, pourquoi les historiens africains (je parle des universitaires érudits et non des experts Facebook) ne l'ont-ils pas encore écrite? Manque de documents écrits?
Quelqu'un parle de la grandeur de l'Afrique à un moment où l'Europe était plongée dans la barbarie (de quelle période s'agit-il ?): même les périodes les plus sombres de notre Histoire sont précieusement documentées.
Les légendes et croyances n'ont aucune valeur d'Histoire (chez nous il y en a plein également que les historiens démontent facilement: Jeanne d'Arc, par exemple, ou le Bon Roi Henri IV ou encore la prospérité sous Louis XIV...
Si cette Histoire africaine n'est pas établie, qu'enseigne-on à l'école? Je pense aux énormes conneries commises par les premiers colons qui appliquaient le programme français, anglais ou allemand (nos ancêtres les Gaulois !! -- d'où les Christs en beaux blonds aux cheveux bouclés et aux Vierges blondes évanescentes.)

Dans mes discussions avec des amis sénégalais, je vous que leurs connaissances de leur Histoire sont totalement biaisées et faussées. Par exemple le rôle joué par les Arabes et les chefs de villages dans les razzias de " récolte" d'esclaves contre de l'or ou des armes est totalement occulté.
L'Histoire ne s'écrit pas avec du ressenti, de la haine ou des croyances , elle se base sur des faits avérés, réels et connus . 2

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Jessie Gertrude

C'est bien de connaître l'histoire Africane. Merci

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Lassana Drame

Merci pour la pression d l'histoire 1

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Koffi N'Guettia

Qui parmi vous qui critiquez a vécu ce temps. Il n'est pas poli de dire à quelqu'un qui émet une idée qu'il ment. Chacun écrit et c'est la synthèse qui nous donne la vraie version de l'histoire. 7

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Koffi N'Guettia replied · 6 replies

Sekou Fofana

Mandé et malinké est différent.
Mandé qui veut dire Mandêh regroupons nous .On ne peut séparer Le Mandé et l'empire de Ghana..
Le mot Guana ou Nguana c'est un mot Malinké.C'est un regroupement de plusieurs chefferie et vaisseaux unifié.
Je vous conseille de lire Les Colines du Souvenir Auteur Sekou FOFANA Éditions Les Collones 2021 12

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Mtre Fousseni... replied · 3 replies

Rodrigue Arnaud Tagnan

Les Mandenka résultent d'une dynamique entre groupes Soninké et Kakolo. Les Soninké sont antérieurs au Mandenka. De même que les Kakolo.

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Rodrigue Arnau... replied · 6 replies

Ch Al

A la croisade des cultures africaines.vive l'Afrique !! 1

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Abou Kangouté

C'était un empire bien organisé dirigé par l'empereur KAYA MANGAH CISSÉ.

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Adamou Pallo

On s'en fout on n'ai pas ghanéen ok même si le Ghana disparaît n'a smm burkina 1

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Suleyman Pacha replied · 1 reply

Tounkara Modibo

L,empire du Ghana ,le père de la civilisation africains premier état de l, Afrique (de 3èmee Siècle jusqu,a son apposé en 13ème ciècle de notre ère , Soso actuel Guinée,tekrou actuel Sénégal,c'est tellement important cette histoire!

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Youssouf Kassa... replied · 3 replies

Youssouf Kassambra

Le premier royaume est celui de Do .Bien avant celui de Ouagadougou, Ghana, Mandingue.

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Sidi Bouna Gaouad
Les almoravides sont venus de la mauritanie et leur expension a pris deux directions, l'une au sud et l'autre au nord vers le maroc et l'espagne. 2

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Da L'Hocine replied · 6 replies

Ron Ali Johnson Maiga
P.S: Koumbi Saleh est située en Mauritanie, une commune du département de Timbedra dans le Hodh Echargui. 7

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Elmaharouf Ousmane
Le nom Ghana est en Soninké (N'Ghana)
En bambara homme plein ou homme fort

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Sidi Cisse
L'empire du ghana cette royaume ce pour le sonnike dinasitique de Cisse li vin de Égypte précisément asoint 6

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Brahim Cisse replied · 9 replies

Taf Taf
Et les mossis qui vient du Ghana on peut me dire s'il ya un lien avec toute cette histoire . Je veux juste savoir 1

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Mamakone Beni
Donc , c'est là ! On comprend nettement que le berceau de l'humanité n'est pas le mali actuel qu'on veut nous faire croire... 9

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Chacool Doombia replied · 25 replies

Youssouf Zie Cisse
Il a été du groupe senoufo par sonike 1

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Dianko Camara
Mon DIAWARA, je te remercie vivement vivement tes et je t'encourage à persévérer dans la noble mission historique que ta conscience t'a assignée.
Longue vie et bonne santé à toi 1

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Naf Naf Dramane
Merci pour l'éclairage mais le fondateur c'est qui ?

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Saikou Oumar Bah
Les Soninkés ne font pas partie de Mandé celà est contredit par beaucoup d'historiens 7

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Amadou Diallo replied · 23 replies

Serge Bokola
L'empire ashanti est descendant des pharaons regardez bien les attributs ostentatoires de l'empereur du Ghana et comparez les aux pharaons. 2

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Aboubacar Cisse replied · 9 replies

Assmane Nabirni

Merci beaucoup du partage

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Moctar Sakho

Quel est le liens entre thierno souleymane baal et l'empire du Ghana? 2

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Mouidini Gneda

L'historien même ne peut donner son propre histoire soit Dieu

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M'banan Richard Kone

Vraiment merci pour une fois de plus pour le bagage intellectuel que vous venez de nous offrir

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Domingos Antonio Moreira Edu

En kimbundu, une langue angolaise Nghana signifie Senheur, roi.

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Principal Daf

l'Afrique est le continent le plus riche en histoire, l'évolution de l'humanité prenait son envol pendant que l'europe était plongé dans la barbarie de toutes sortes.

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Harouna Sangaré

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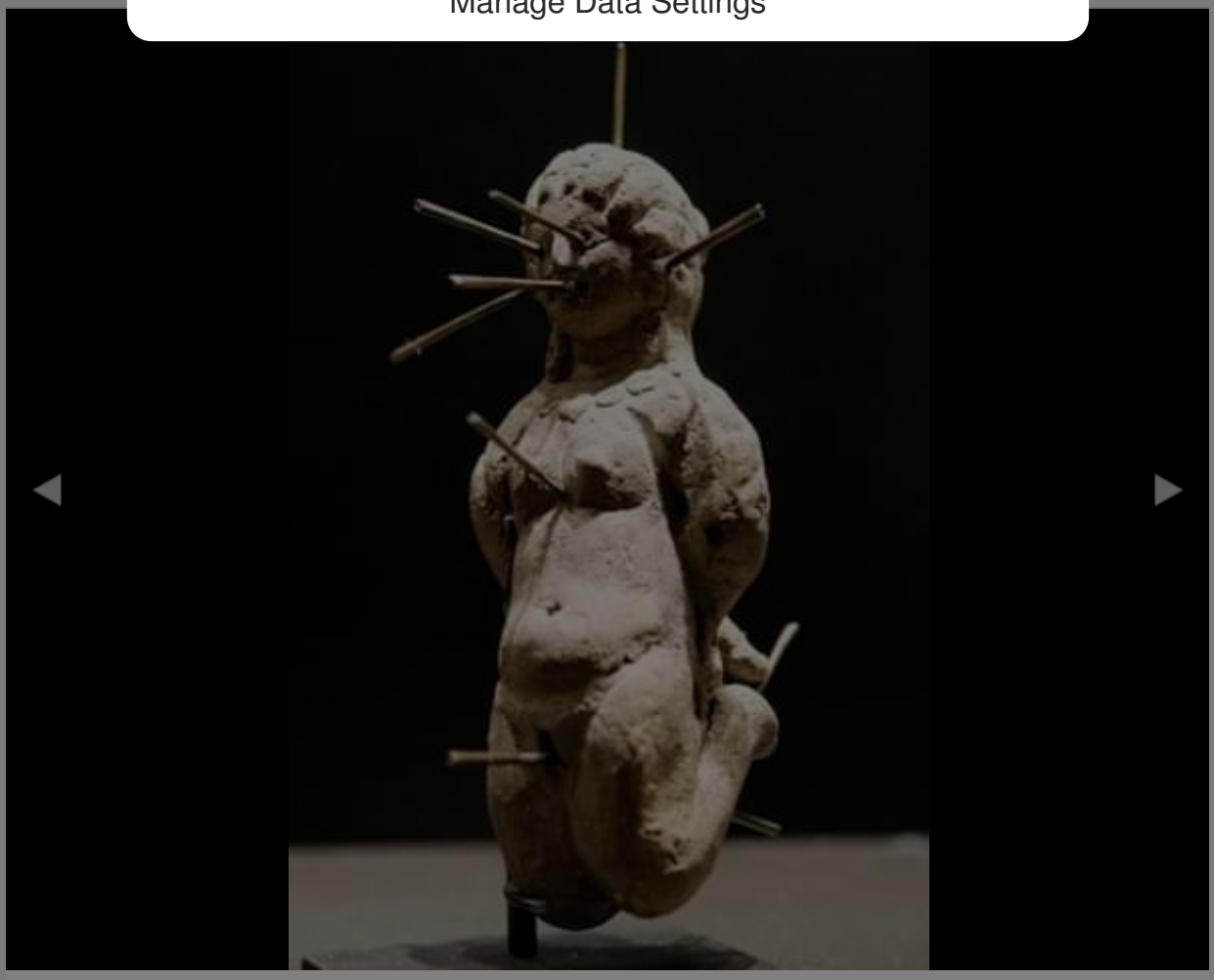

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السحر في مصر القديمه

عرفت مصر القديمه منذ أقدم العصور بالسحر والذي كان يسمي باللغه المصريه "حكا" ، وقد لعب السحر دوراً بارزاً عند كافه فئات الشعب من العامه إلي الملوك المصريين ، كما أرتبطت العقيده الدينيه ارتباطاً وثيقاً بالسحر كأستناد بعض الكتب الدينية في أفكارها على السحر في بعض الأفكار والنصوص، ووجود بعض الأرباب الذين ترتبط قدراتهم بالسحر كإلالهه الشهيره أيزيس وأختها نفتيس واللتان لقبتا بلقب
"ورتي حكاو" أي عظيمتان السحر وكانتا تلعبان دوراً كبيراً وهاما في الأساطير السحريه وخاصة أيزيس ، كما أرتبط الإله حورس أبن أيزيس بالسحر كوجود لوحات شهيره سحريه لإبعاد السحر وطرد الارواح الشريره تسمي لوحات «حور شد» ... بالسحر ، وكان بجانب أيزيس ونفتيس الآلهتان "سركت" و "نيث" وكان الأربعه يرسمون على الجوانب الأربعة للتوابيت والمقبره بهدف حمايه المتوفي من الأرواح الشريره ، كما أرتبطت الإلهه "سخمت" التي تمثل على هيئه اللبؤه والتي كان يخاف منها الناس والكهنة ويصلون ويرتلون التعاويذ من أجل رد شرها وتحويلها للصوره الطيبه "باستت"

، كان السحر في مصر القديمه مشهوراً جدا كما أشتهر أيضاً في بابل وبعض الحضارات الآخرى

ومن البراهين الداله على قوه السحر في مصر أرسال الله للنبي "موسى" عليه السلام وأنزال معجزه العصا ليبارز السحره المصريين وكان من المعهود إرسال الانبياء والمعجزات الخاصه بهم إلي الاقوام التي أشتهرت بها تلك الأمور ،

كما أشاد الإغريق بسحر مصر وخاصة "أفلاطون" الفيسلوف الشهير وقد أشاد بقدره المصريين على السحر وقد أنبهر بهم انبهارًا

شديداً وقال إن سحر المصريين يعتمد على التعاويذ والتعازيم أي إلقاء كلمات مبهمه لها قدرات خارقه للشفاء مثلاً او دفع الخطر ،وقال أيضاً إن هذه الكلمات سريه ولا يعرفها إلا طبقه خاصه وهم كبار السحره والذيين كانوا يأخذون وظائف في الكهنوت وكان الكاهن الموكل بمثل هذه المهام هو الكاهن المرتل والذي كان يسمي باللغه المصريه "غري حبت"

فكان مسئول عن إلقاء التعاويذ وصنع التمائم الحاميه ومسئولا أيضاً عن عمليات طرد الأرواح الشريره التي كانت تتلبس أو تمس المريض ومن ضمن الطقوس التي كانت تجرى أثناء عمليه طرد الأرواح الشريره مثل عمليات طرد أرواح المتوفيين الأشرار والتي كانت تعد النوع الاقوى والأخطر من الأرواح الشريره ، ومن طقوس السحر وطرد الأرواح تذكر النقوش أن كانت تطهي نوعاً معيناً من أنواع السمك وكان يملى فمها بنوعا من أنواع البخور وكانت تؤكل قبل النوم من قبل الشخص الذي تتلبسه تلك الأرواح لرد شرها ، وكان أيضاً يلف ويعقد عقد للأتقاء من شرهم ويعلق العقد حول عنق الشخص لحمايته من تلك الأرواح الملعونه وكان يكتب مثلا على العقد تهديداً لتلك الروح يقول

" إذا لم تسحب سمومك منه فسوف ابعدك عن الموتى السعداء"

وكان يهدد الكاهن بأن أذ لم تنسحب أيضاً تلك الروح فسيدمر مقبره الميت الشرير هذا وقد ذكرت لنا برديه ليدن أيضا شئ عن تلك الطقوس وهو دهان طبي يدهن على جسد المريض لشفاءه وإبعاد تلك الارواح والإشباح الشريره عنه ، ومن ضمن الطقوس التي ظلت متبعه إلي وقتنا هذا هو عمل تمثال من الشمع او الفخار للعدو أو ورق البردي ويكون بنفس صوره وشكل العدو الحقيقي ويقوم الشخص بوخزه بالأبر لإبعاد شره وحسده ، وكان يقام في العصور المتأخرة شي من هذا القبيل حيث يقوم الكاهن بعمل تمثال من الشمع او الفخار للكائن الشرير الثعبان "عبب" والذي كان يعيق شروق الشمس "رع" ويهدف لدمار العالم حيث كان يقوم بصنع تمثال من الشمع على شكل عبب وذبحه في المعبد لكي يقضي ويدمر عليه وقد ظلت هذه العاده متوراثه في تراثنا

ومازال بعض الأهالي في القرى يقوموا بعمل شئ يسمي "العروسه" من الورق للشخص المحسود وتعمل على شكل الحاسد وتوخز بالأبر ، كانت أيضاً تعتمد الكتب الدينيه مثل "كتاب الموتى"

والذي كان كتابا مساعدا المتوفي في أجتياز مصاعب العالم الآخر والذي كان من ضمنها تعرض بعض الأرواح الشريره له والتي تعرضه للفناء وعدم البعث فكانت تكتب بعض التعاويذ لحمايته من تلك الأرواح ، وكان هناك فصلا يجب فيه على المتوفي أجتياز البوابات الخاصه بالعالم الاخر ومعرفه اسماء حراسها بالتعاويذ السحريه لكي يدخل مملكه أوزير "الجنه"

كما ذكر في كتاب البوابات بعض المرده الذيين يجلسون على بوبات عددها ١٢ بوابه تمثل ١٢ ساعه من ساعات الليل وكان يركب رب الشمس على مركبه لمرور تلك البوبات ومرور ساعات الليل والشروق من جديد ويصاحبه إلهين للسحر يساميان "سيا" و "حكا"

وكان يجب معرفه أسامي المرده السحريه لكي يمر رب الشمس بسلام بالأثنى عشر ساعه ليله والشروق من جديد ... وهناك الكثير من الكتب المماثله والتي تعتمد في افكارها على القدره السحريه لحمايه المتوفي أو ورب الشمس في رحلته ، كما أشتهرت بعض الالواح السحريه كألواح "حور شد" وهو الإله حورس وهو ممسك ببعض الحيوانات المفترسه وكان يكتب عليها التعاويذ والتي هدفها شفاء المتوفي، وأشتهرت ايضا التمائم والعصيان السحريه والتي كان يرسم عليها بعض أرباب الحمايه من الشرور والأرواح والحيوانات المفترسه في البحر والبر وكما نرى فأن السحر في مصر القديمه هدفه الحمايه ودفع المخاطر وليس كما أشيع أنه أستخدم لبناء الحضاره او المباني العملاقه مثل ما قال بعض الجاهلين بحضارتنا العريقه .

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تلك القصه تاريخيا ومن خلال دراسه اعمار الانبياء يرجح لها مابين ٨ الى ١٠ الاف عام .
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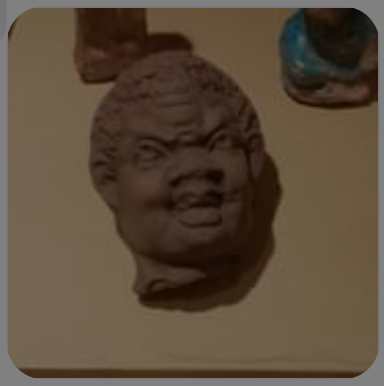

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وبقى الفرق من منظور الدين هو ان الظاهرة السحرية هي من انجاز شيطاني عكس المعجزة التي هي انجاز رباني ولاحتواء الظاهرة السحرية من طرف الدين يقدم تفسيرا لها بكون الانجازات السحرية هي لها أصل سماوي راجع إلى كون الشياطين يسرقون بعض العبارات من افواه الملائكة حينما تكون مجتمعة في الجنة تتبادل اطراف الحديث هذه الكلمات تسرقها الشياطين وتمد بها الكهنة وهؤلاء يوظفونها في طقوسهم كتعازيم للتحكم في الشياطين لقضاء اغراضهم(واتبعوا ما تتلوا الشياطين على ملك سليمان...) اما من الناحية التاريخية فقد تبين مع انتروبولوجيا الاديان وتاريخ الاديان ان الممارسة السحرية هي مرتبطة بطبيعة وعي البداءي بذاته هذا الوعي الذي بدأ وعيا احياءيا. انيميا يسقط الحياة على اشياء الطبيعة وظواهرها. لكون البداءي يعتقد ان كل شيء له روح وبالتالي يمكن اتقاء شر هذه الروح او التودد لها بتقديم ما تشتهيه من ناكل وبخور وطقوس فيها محاكاة. وبحكم

هذا الاعتقاد والطاقة النفسية التي ترتبط به وتفاعل اللاشعور الفردي والجماعي(يونج) معه تنتج الظاهرة السحرية عبر الطقس الذي يمارس لانتاجها مثلما تخلق تلك الطاقات (الارواح) التي تتولى الإشراف على تنفيد الامر السحري الذي تم إصداره عبر الطقس السحري لذلك قال ادموند دوتي بان الطقس يخلق الجني . لكن رغم اننا لانتفق مع دوتي الى حد معين فإن هذا القول يجد ما يبرره في كون الفعالية السحرية مرتبطة بالطاقة النفسية المستثمرة في الطقس السحري وعلى هذا الاساس يمكن القول ان السحر هو اقدم ممارسة عرفها الانسان وقد مارسته المرأة قبل الرجل لان المرءة هي التي كانت تمارس التطبيب واستشراف المستقبل داخل الأسرة البداءية والتي كانت أسرة اميسية اما الرجل فقد كان مهمته هي الصيد في البداية وبعد ذلك تحول إلى الزراعة ولم يكن السحر ضارا كما اصبح ينظر له في العصور المتأخرة. بل كان كاسلوب علاجي وكنوع من الحكمة ..وكلمة حكيم تعني الطبيب وتعني الروحاني اي الساحر والحكمة معرفة شمولية تشمل معرفة ما هو مادي وما هو روحي لذلك استعمل السحر في تنظيم النسل وعلاج العقم والاسنان وحماية بكارة الفتاة وحماية الحقول من الطيور لكي لاتاكل الغلة بل وتوقيف امتداد وزحف بعض الأمراض كالبرص وكذلك استعمل لتغيير المشاعر وقلب المعادلة داخل العلاقة الزوجية لصالح من قام بالعمل السحري. بل واستعمال كاسلوب للسيطرة والتحكم بل وهزم الشريك الانتقام منه.وهذه هي المظاهر اللااخلاقية للسحر ووو.

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الى ابناء الغاااهرات اصحاب (سينغالين خوتنا) اقرا المنشور يا ابن الغغاااهرة

ساليگان الاسم القديم لمركز مگارطو

معنى ماكارطو : هو اسم لمركز جماعة ماكارطو الموجود بدائرة ابن أحمد إقليم السطات

و يعني المرتزقة السينيغاليون المتميزون بالطربوش الأحمر ، Sénégal مركز مگارطو التابع لدائرة ابن أحمد إقليم السطات كان يسمى " ساليگان" نسبة ل الذين جاءت بهم فرنسا من السنغال لكي يحاربوا في صفوفها ، في إطار ما كان يسميه المؤرخون ب"فتح المغرب" وبالنسبة للشاوية ما سمي بـــــ" تهدين الشاوية Pacification de la Chaouïa.

هؤلاء السينغاليون كانوا منظمين من طرف فرنسا منذ سنة 1831 في إطار مجموعات مستقلة و كانوا مرفوقين بزوجاتهم ، وسبق لفرنسا أن استخدمتهم في السودان وجنوب إفريقيا.

و عندما قامت فرنسا بالتوغل في المغرب جندتهم و أدخلتهم إلى المغرب منذ بداية من 1907 في الشاوية ، وفي معركة مگارطو 8 مارس 1908 ، فخربوا و أحرقوا و قتلوا ، كما فعلوا في الدار البيضاء بما يعرف بمجزرة عين الشق الذي تسبب و شارك فيها فرقة من الجنود السينغاليين بأوامر فرنسية .

وبالمناسبة الجيش الفرنسي الذي دخل المغرب أو الشاوية أو مگارطو كان مشكلا من مرتزقة من عدة بلدان بمن فيهم الجزائريين والتونسيين ، وفيهم حتى إخواننا من المغاربة المجندين الذين كانوا متعاونين في إطار الجندية النظامية للفيلق الأجنبي مع الفرنسيين و كانوا يحملون اسم " Les gommiers " و هي مشتقة من كلمة قوم العربية ، و قد شاركوا في مختلف الحروب مع فرنسا ، وكما هو معروف شاركوا في الحرب العالمية الثانية ومن بعد الاستقلال أدمجوا في الجيش

اخوك الحقيقي هو المغربي يا ابن الغاااهرة#

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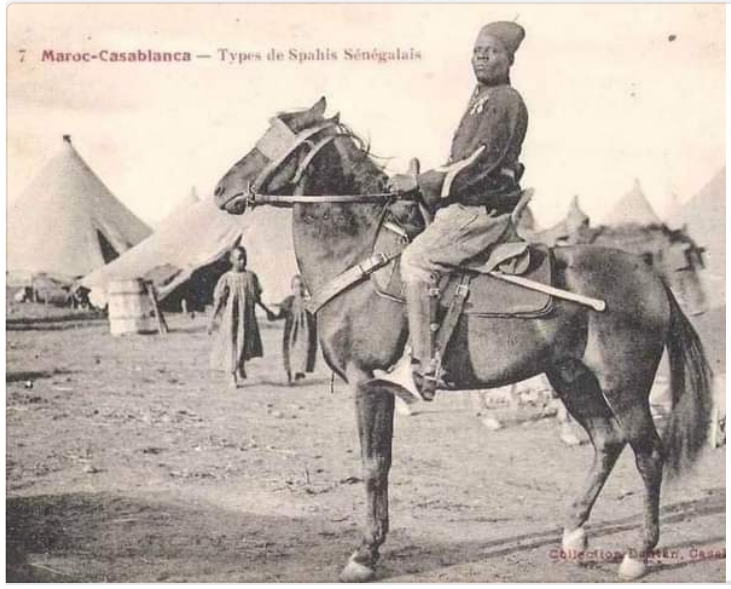

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Stories of Mushrooms is feeling surprised.
20 September at 08:14 ·

One of the most famous fungi in the world is the “zombie ant fungus”. It takes over the mind of an ant, causing it to climb up a branch and cling to the underside of a leaf before mummification. Once locked in place, the mushroom-like fruiting body of the cordyceps sprouts from the ant and eventually releases its spores.

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Kristy Mullins
I'm sure the government is already working on how to make a bio weapon out of it.

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Cyrille Rck replied · 130 replies

Mary Wilson Craig-Brown
For those saying this is t cordyceps :

Cordyceps is a genus of ascomycete fungi that includes about 600 species. Most Cordyceps species are endoparasitoids, parasitic mainly on insects and other arthropods;
There is a variety of them and a variety of insects they feed on

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Dane Gregory replied · 2 replies

Katherine Macchiavello
The movie Gaia 23

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Cicero Dawnstar replied · 5 replies

AC Braddock
This was an X-FILES episode with people being the spore bed. 8

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[illegible]
Mmmm bite size mushroom snacks 16

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Ariyana Reiner... replied · 2 replies

Raimundo Sepúlveda Vásquez
Hello... Interesting picture. I discovered by accident this mushroom reading some books and looking photos. I think this one isn't in my country... What a pity. Congratulations to photographer!!! 5

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Justin Reddeer Cruz
The mushrooms are like ha ha humans are next 43

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Shea Siegel replied · 10 replies

Holger Kast
How is the flash when eating ant and the shroom?
Asking for a friend 8

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Al P Gino replied · 1 reply

Devin Dotson
Does this mean you shouldn't eat the mushrooms 1

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Salvador O Sanchez Hernandez
Does it turn ants into meat bees to lol 29

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Kate Nicole replied · 2 replies

Robin Simonds
These do not look like ants. They look like yellow jacket wasps. 22

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Elaine Larson replied · 1 reply

Saroj Earl
Cordyceps? That's the big one used in Chinese medicine, but that's kinda gross. 2

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George Fyfe
They're wasps. 26

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Scottie Elton... replied · 5 replies

Niek Damen
Fun fact, this is the fungi that the whole story of the last of us (and part 2) is based upon. Man i love that game. 31

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Bowen McCollum replied · 8 replies

Cassandra Harrington Sotelo
Any one else think that those " ants" look like wasps not ants 37

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Crystal Davidson replied · 13 replies

Angela Chomenchuk
those aren't ant, they look like wasps. 6

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David Spragge replied · 5 replies

Claire Maunder
The Maze Runner 2. With the people taken over by the "virus" reminds me every time of cordyceps - how I imagine it would be if they could infect humans. 4

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Steve Lochert replied · 2 replies

Courtney Jones
Watch fantastic fungi, talks about it there. Mushrooms are fascinating cc 11

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George TracyMayfield
When those who were vaccinated start climbing trees, we need to worry!!!!

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Leslie Borgnino
Will this work on fire ants? Bring it! 2

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Bianca Carboni
So cool right!!! **Scarlett Hu** theres another kind that turns cicadas into some kind of freak sex zombie, mushrooms are totally aliens! 3

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Scarlett Hu replied · 1 reply

Karen Haberland
Nature is truly amazing, we can't even imagine all of her secrets!! This is astounding!
Crystal Falls, Michigan (upper Peninsula) has a fungus festival every year!! The largest underground fungus ever found? (I must google this!)

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Leanne Robinson
Read a fantastic scifi/medical/horror book about this fungus called "Cold Storage" by David Koepp. Excellent book! 8

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Mellisa Bee replied · 2 replies

Charles P. Holtz
Engineered in Wuhan lab? 11

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Scottie Elton... replied · 2 replies

Bill Cole
Incredible. Just amazing that an ecosystem can be so detailed and specific.

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Matt Aurala
There's all kinds of different corticept fungi , they are species specific so no one species of insects numbers become too large

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Nicole Tracy
Those are not ants, and those fungi don't look like cordyceps. Great photo though xx

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Rama Mondal
Yes, it's
Ophiocordyceps unilateralis. Mainly found in warm temperate forests 8

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Rama Mondal replied · 2 replies

Pir Pir O Shan
Any special properties like the cordyceps from Tibet
Valued 135 000 $ a kg that is almost 2 1/2 time gold/kg

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Patrizia Pellizzari

Those ants look Dangerous, Huge .. does Anyone know the name of this Ant?
Have never seen them in documentaries or books

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Ae Foster replied · 13 replies

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ILYASAH SHABAZZ
Feb 6

Thank you for sharing! **#indigenous #firstworld #Asian**

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...all the areas of Myanma (Burma)-Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapour, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Japan and Korea were inhabited first by Blacks. While many of these Black tribes still visually exist mainly in Southeast Asia. Many became partly absorbed by the Mongolian element that we see in contemporary times.

There is so much we do not know about the role Black indigenous inhabitants played in building the powerful dynasties of Asia that were stolen by the 'yellow' tribes of today. The book 'Paekche's Principle - The Secret of Asia' by Bayemy Biyick tackles this history and the relationship between these black and yellow tribes of Asia head on. Check it out at:
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Montrell Jerrard
Those may be AI, but these aren't.

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Hickman Broshay replied · 66 replies

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Simon Williams
It's time to make a black Chinese Kung Fu flick 18

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Obadiah Ben Israel

Deuteronomy 4:27
[27]And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

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Christina Palmer replied · 1 reply

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Arnita Traylor

When your inheritance has been hidden and stolen, you would look mean (or appear to look mean), too. All the while being wide awake to the plot, plan and scheme of thieves.
Don't criticize what you have no knowledge of.

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Autumn Durbin

Whether it's ai or not. If you research enough you will see that all people came from deeply melanated people. They were and still are all over the world. Go to Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, the Americas you will see the original people who are still there but have been pushed aside and forgotten or hidden. This has been done purposely. They call us minorities but when you look all over the world you see us everywhere. We the descendants of the original people. Whether people want to know it or not. I've done my research so I'm aware of the deception. Even my grandmother always told me we are indigenous to America. Yet I was so brainwashed I still started my research in Africa and was led right back to the Americas. My point is melanated peoples have been all over and still are. I want to point out we been here in the Americas too. Research that slave trade story more indepth. They telling it reverse. They need to tell the truth about how whites especially Irish and Scottish were enslaved by the British and forced to work in the colonies in America when they came to conquer America.

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Splendor Morocco-Abel Adam
Jan 12

Les Wattassides/الوطاسيون
(1471-1554):

C’est dans un contexte politiquement et économiquement difficile, qu’une nouvelle dynastie apparaît au Maroc, celle des Beni Wattas, Berbères du groupe Zénète proche des Beni Merine. cette tribu était établie dans le Rif, au bord de la Méditerranée. De leur forteresse de Tazouta, entre Melilla et la Moulouya, les Beni Wattas ont peu à peu étendu leur puissance aux dépens de la famille régnante mérinide.
les Mérinides ont recruté de nombreux vizirs chez les Wattassides. Les vizirs wattassides s'imposent peu à peu au pouvoir. Le dernier sultan mérinide est détrôné en 1465. Il s'ensuit une période de confusion qui dure jusqu'en 1472. Le Maroc se trouve coupé en deux avec, au sud, une dynastie émergente, les Saadiens, et au nord un sultanat wattasside déclinant.
Ils ne s’installent pas au pouvoir à la suite de conquêtes, étant à la base régents exerçant la réalité du pouvoir. Mais à partir de 1471, Mohammed al-Cheikh (1471-1504), ayant échappé au massacre des Wattassides par le dernier sultan mérinide Abdelhak (1458-1465), devient le premier sultan de la dynastie des Wattassides. Elle fut impuissante à enrayer la décadence marocaine, à rétablir la paix et l’unité et à mettre un terme à la conquête portugaise.
Mohammed al-Cheikh, premier souverain wattasside innove : pouvoir, sa garde et son armée sont tous arabes. Malgré une tentative d’imposer des réformes nécessaires, une politique matrimoniale habile et tous leurs efforts pour s’attirer la sympathie des tribus arabes et des chorfas, les Wattassides ne parviennent pas à obtenir leur adhésion. Marqués par leurs origines et leur parenté Mérinide et Zénète, il leur manque l’indispensable prestige religieux. Les Wattassides lient leur échec à maîtriser la féodalité et à rassembler les terres éparpillées du royaume à cette absence de prestige religieux. Aussi, au lieu de lutter contre les Portugais, ils développent la guerre civile. Inquiets des progrès des chorfas Saadiens dans le Sud, ils cherchent un appui chez les Turcs. La chute de Grenade, événement extérieur que les Wattassides sont incapables d’empêcher, augmente leur impopularité.
Un des facteurs déterminants de cette incapacité venait du fait que le Détroit était aux mains des Portugais qui occupaient les trois principaux ports de la côte marocaine, à savoir Ceuta (prise en 1415), Tanger (prise en 1471) et El-Ksar al-Seghir (prise en 1458). Après la victoire de Grenade en 1492 par les troupes des « Rois Catholiques », Ferdinand d’Aragon et Isabelle de Castille, les Andalous sont expulsés de la péninsule ibérique. Ils s'installent à Tétouan, Fès ou Salé. Mais le malaise s'étend. En effet, les Andalous ont conscience d’être mal accueillis, de ne pas être choisis pour participer au pouvoir wattasside. Ils vont néanmoins contribuer par leur présence et leur ingéniosité à redonner une certaine vigueur

à l’art marocain, en particulier dans le domaine de l’hydraulique.
Sous le règne de Mohammed al-Cheikh, le Maroc souffre d’un démembrement et de la dissociation territoriale. Au Nord, des régions toutes entières entrées en dissidence refusent l’autorité du sultan Wattasside alors qu’au Sud, la région de Marrakech se rend indépendante. Au même moment, les Portugais s’implantent de plus en plus largement sur le littoral atlantique.
Les règnes des quatre autres sultans wattassides - Mohammed al-Bortougali « le Portugais » (1505-1524), Ahmed al Wattassi (1524-1548 ; puis 1548-1550), An Nasir al-Qasri (1548) et Bou Hassoun (1554) - furent une succession d’échecs aussi bien face aux Portugais qu’ils combattaient par instants ou avec lesquels ils concluaient de longues trêves que face au démembrement du Maroc. Au Nord, les émirs de Tétouan et de Chechaouen deviennent quasiment indépendants du Sultan. De plus, étant en première ligne face aux Portugais, ils deviennent chefs de guerre sainte, défenseurs de l’Islam.
Au Sud, la montée en puissance de la famille Saadienne, maîtresse de Marrakech depuis 1522, représente une véritable menace pour le pouvoir Wattasside. Les Saadiens reconnus comme "chorfas" jouissaient d'un immense prestige surtout depuis que l'un des leurs, Abou Abdallah, avait, dans le Souss, pris la tête de la résistance contre les Portugais. Ils réussirent à arracher Agadir aux Chrétiens en 1541 et les forcèrent à évacuer Safi et Azemmour qu'ils avaient prises en 1481 et 1486. Ils apparaissent comme les champions de l’Islam alors que les Wattassides avaient conclu une courte trêve avec les Portugais afin de pouvoir combattre sur un seul front, celui du Sud, celui des Saadiens. Lutte qui se solda par la chute des Wattassides et la victoire des Saadiens.
Les Wattassides affaiblis donnent finalement le pouvoir au Saadiens en 1554.

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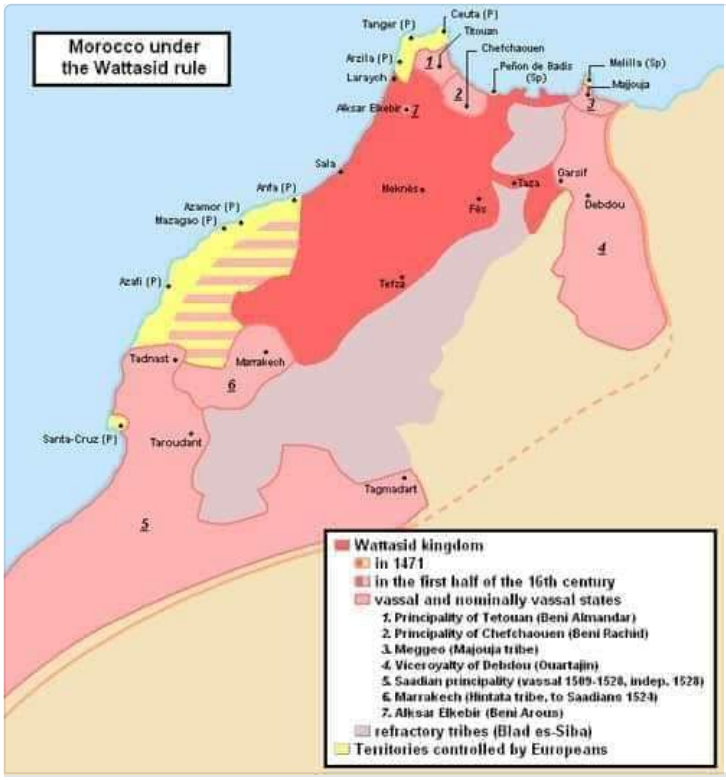

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الأحبار السرية

مقدمة
يتطلب العمل الجهادي المنظم دقة ونظام وسرية في إصدار الأوامر الخاصة وتعاملات الأفراد لإجراء العمليات العسكرية الناجحة ضد أفراد العدو ومن أجل ذلك رأينا أن نقدم هذا الجهد المتواضع (دورة الأحبار السرية) من أجل رفع راية لا اله إلا الله محمد رسول الله، ونسأل الله العظيم رب العرش العظيم القبول والتوفيق وحسن الخاتمة.

تعريف الحبر السري وأقسامه

الحبر السري هو أي مادة تصلح للكتابة بدون لون أو رائحة عند جفافها ويمكن إعادتها للظهور بشكلها الواضح بطريقة معينة ويمكن تقسيم أنواع الأحبار التي سوف ترد في هذا البحث إلى عدة أنواع:
1-أحبار الامونيا: وهي الأحبار التي أما تحتوى على امونيا أو الامونيا هي التي تظهرها.
2-أحبار التفاعلات الكيمائية: وهي الأحبار التي تظهر الكتابة عند تفاعلها مع مادة أخرى تستعمل ككاشف.
3- الأحبار السرية الجلدية: وهي الأحبار التي يمكن كتابتها وكشفها على الجلد.
4-أحبار الأشعة فوق البنفسجية :وهي الأحبار التي يمكن كشفها عند تعرضها للأشعة فوق البنفسجية.
5-الأحبار الحساسة للحرارة: وهي الأحبار التي تظهر عند تعرضها لدرجات حرارة مختلفة.
6- الأحبار المائية: وهي الأحبار التي تظهر عند غمرها في الماء.
7-الأحبار البخارية: وهي الأحبار التي تظهر عند تعرضها لأبخرة المواد الأخرى.
8-الأحبار المتلاشية: وهي الأحبار التي تختفي بعد مرور زمن معين.
9-الأحبار السامة : وهي الأحبار التي يمكن استخدامها في عملية القتل.
10-الأحبار الحرارية الحارقة: وهي الأحبار التي يمكن استخدامها في عملية الحرق.
11-أحبار الألعاب السحرية: وهي الأحبار التي يمكن استخدامها في بعض الحيل والألعاب المسلية.

الأدوات المستخدمة في الكتابة

1- الورق:
أ- يجب أن يكون من النوع الماص الأملس.
ب-ان لا يكون من النوع الذي يفشي عليه الحبر.

2-وسيلة الكتابة: قلم حبر فارغ ونظيف، ريشة، قلم ذو رأس كروي، قطعة خشبية مدببة.

- هذا ويمكن الكتابة على الحرير والقماش الأبيض أو الأسود وعلى الملابس من الداخل وبطانة الجاكيت.
- ويتم حفظ مواد الكتابة في أوعية طبيعية (مواد تجميل، مواد طبية، داخل كبسولات الدواء وغيره).
- وتتم الكتابة بين الأسطر العادية وعلى الهامش وفي الفراغ أعلى الصفحة وأسفلها وعلى الظرف من الداخل وفي الصحف والمجلات في صفحات وأماكن معينة متفق عليها.

بعض الطرق العامة لكشف الحبر السري

1. استعمال أبخرة اليود.
2. التعريض للحرارة بالكي (عن طريق المكواه).

استعمال محاليل كيميائية: عن طريق ربط عدة فراشي عرضي ويتم غمسها في محاليل كيميائية مختلفة وتمرر بشكل قطري على الرسالة لإظهار أي رد فعل كيميائي في المكتوب ولنبدأ الآن في توضيح أقسام الأحبار السرية المختلفة.

أحبار الامونيا

غاز الامونيا غاز عديم اللون له رائحة نفاذة رمزه (NH_3) وهو يذوب في الماء ليكون هيدروكسيد الامونيا (NH_4OH) ودرجة ذوبان هذا الغاز في الماء عالية جدا. وللعلم فان محلول الامونيا في متناول الأيدي وفي الأسواق حيث تستعمل في صباغة الشعر وفي تنظيف زجاج السيارات وغيرها من الاستخدامات والأحبار السرية في هذا الباب أما ان تحتوى على الامونيا أو الامونيا هي التي تظهرها.

1-الحبر السري الأزرق

يتكون من مياه الامونيا القوية التي تستخدم كما هي في الكتابة وعندما تجف يختفي ولإظهار الكتابة نمسحها بقطنة مبللة بمحلول نترات الكوبالت(2جم في 25 مل من الماء) وسوف تظهر الكتابة باللون الأزرق.
ملاحظات:

1. هذا الحبر متوسط الفاعلية لأنه لا يظهر بوضوح ويختفي بسرعة وإذا أردت ان تظهره على الـدوام امسـحة بقطنـة مبللـة بمحلـول كربونات الصوديوم 16%.
2. الأفضل ان تكتب بنترات الكوبلت وتظهر الكتابة عندما تمسحها بقطن مبللة بالامونيا مرة واحدة وفي اتجاه واحد تظهر الكتابة في هذه الحالة بلون برتقالي.

2- الحبر السري الصيني الأحمر*:*

يتكون من جزء (وزن) من كل من فنيول فيثالين والجلسرين والكحول الاثيلي ورابع كلوريد الكربون وعندما يجف سوف يختفى، وعنـد مسحة بقطنة مبللة بمحلول الامونيا يظهر بلون أحمر قاتم ولإظهاره على الدوام (وهذه قاعدة عامـة بالنسـبة لأحبـار الامونيـا) يمسـح بواسطة قطنة مبللة بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم.

- ملاحظة: هذا الحبر يعتبر من الأحبار الممتازة في أحبار الامونيا حيث أنه عند كتابته لا يظهر وعند كشفه يكون واضح لكن يجب غلق زجاجته المحفوظ فيها جيدا حيث أنه يتطاير.

3- الحبر السري التركي الأسود

يتكون من ثمانين جرام من كبريتات الحديدوز في لتر من الماء المقطرة (يمكن استخدام الماء العادي عند عدم وجـود المـاء المقطـر وهذه ايضا قاعدة عامة) ، أضف بضع قطرات من حامض الكبريتيك المركز، عندما يجف الحبر سـوف يختفـى وعنـدما يعامـل بالامونيـا يظهر بلون أسود فاتح (أو بني فاتح).

ملاحظات:

1. يعد هذا الحبر ايضا من الأحبار الجيدة ويمكن إظهاره بلون أزرق ولا يختفي بواسطة محلول من حديد و سـيانيد البوتاسـيوم (2جـم في 25مل من الماء وهذا قاعدة عامة في هذا البحث عند ذكر كلمة محلول).
2. يمكن الكتابة بواسطة محلول كربونات الصوديوم 16% وتظهر بالحبر التركي بلون مائل الى البرتقالي ولا يختفى والعكس أفضـل بلون مائل الى الأسود الفاتح.

4- الحبر السري الأحمر الدموي (الألماني)

يتركب هذا الحبر بإذابة 350 مل من الأستون في 640 مل من المـاء المقطـر زائـد 4 جـم مـن هيدروكسـيد الصـوديوم + 4 جـم مـن الفنيول فيثالين وعند الجفاف يختفى الحبر ويظهر بلون أحمر دموي عند معاملته بالامونيا.

ملاحظات:

1- بعد الكتابة بهذا الحبر تظهر بعض الحروف ولا تختفي عند ذلك أمسحه بقطنة مبللة بالامونيا فسوف يظهر بوضوح ثم يختفي تمامـا عند الجفاف.
2- يمكن الكتابة بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم ونمسح بالحبر فيظهر أيضا ولا يختفى.
3- عموما فان هذا الحبر يعد من الأحبار الممتازة للأمونيا .

5- الحبر السري الإسرائيلي الأزرق الفاتح رقم *(1):*

يتكون هذا الحبر من إذابة 8 جرام من كبريتات النحاس في 472 مل من الماء المقطر مـع وضـع قليـل مـن الصـمغ أو السـكر ليجعـل الحبر له قوام وعندما يجف الحبر يختفى، وعند معاملته مع محلول الامونيا يظهر بلون ازرق فاتح.

ملاحظات:

1. لابد أن يجف الحبر (وهذه قاعدة عامة) قبل أن يعامل مع الامونيا.
2. يمكن إظهار الحبر بوضوح عند تعرضه لغاز الامونيا من أسفل الورثة تحت الكتابة.

6- الحبر السري الإسرائيلي الأزرق الفاتح رقم *(2):*

يتكون من إذابة 124 جم كبريتات النحاس في لتر من الماء المقطر المضاف اليه 8 نقطة من حامض الكبريتيـك (أو حـامض) المركـز وعندما يجف الحبر يختفى ويمكن إظهاره عند معاملته مع الامونيا بلون ازرق فاتح ثم يختفى عند الجفاف.

ملاحظات:

1- عند تعريض الورقة من أسفل لغاز الامونيا تحت الكتابة يظهر الحبر بشكل واضح ولا يختفـي بسـرعة ويعـد هـذا الحـبر مـن الأحبـار الجيدة للأمونيا.
2- عند الكتابة بمحلول من حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم ثم نظهـر الكتابـة بـالحبر الإسـرائيلي تظهـر الكتابـة بلـون بنـي واضـح ويبقـى ولا يختفى.

7- الحبر السري الأخضر الغامق*:*

لعمل هذا الحبر نذيب 73 جم من نترات الكوبالت في 4 لتر من الماء المقطر وكاشف هذا الحبر سـيكون محلـول مركـز مـن الامونيـا وستظهر الكتابة باللون الأخضر الغامق.

ملاحظة: يمكن تعريض الورقة من أسفل لغاز الامونيا فتظهر الكتابة بشكل واضح.

أحبار التفاعلات الكيميائية

وهي الأحبار التي تظهر الكتابة عند تفاعلها مع مادة أخرى تستعمل ككاشف.

*1-*الحبر السري الأزرق رقم *(1):*

يتكون هذا الحبر من 53 جم من حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم مذابة في لتر من الماء المقطر وكاشفة يكون محلـول مـن كبريتـات الحديـد المخفف بواسطة قطنة مبلله به وبعد الجفاف تظهر الكتابة باللون الأزرق والعكس صحيح.

ملاحظات:

1. اذا الحبر من الأحبار الجيدة حيث لا يظهر حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم بالامونيا أو بالحرارة العادية.
2. يمكن تحضير محلول كبريتات الحديد المخفف بإذابة 50 جم منها في لتر من الماء المقطر.

2- الحبر السري الأزرق رقم (2):

يكتب بمحلول كبريتات الحديد (3 جم لكل 50 مل ماء) زائد قطرتين من حامض الكبريتيك المركز وكاشفة يكون محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم.
ملاحظات:
1. يمكن استخدام الحبر التركي بدلا من هذا الحبر حيث أنه له نفس التركيب.
2. يمكن إجراء التجربة بالعكس وهو الأفضل.

3- الحبر السري البني رقم (1):

يتكون هذا الحبر من محلول كبريتات النحاس (8 جم لكل 50 مل ماء) وكاشفة محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم (3 جم لكل 25مل ماء).
ملاحظة:
يمكن إجراء التجربة بالعكس ويظهر بنفس اللون ولكن أخف.

4-الحبر السري البني رقم (2):

عبارة عن محلول من 62 جم من كبريتات النحاس في لتر من الماء المقطر وكاشفة 53 جم من حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم مذابة في لتر من الماء المقطر والعكس صحيح.

5-الحبر السري الأخضر:

يكتب بمحلول كبريتات النحاس 6.2 جم لكل 100 مل ماء مقطر وكاشفة محلول كربونات الصوديوم 15.9% والعكس صحيح بلون أخضر مزرق وهو الأفضل لكن يجب الانتظار حتى الجفاف .
ملاحظة: هذا الحبر يعتبر من الأحبار الشعبية لأن مواده متوفرة في كل مكان.

6- الحبر السري الأخضر الفاتح (اليمني):

يتكون هذا الحبر من 73 جم من نترات الكوبالت مذابة في لتر من الماء المقطر وكاشفة محلول مكون من 53 جم من حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم في لتر من الماء والعكس أفضل.
ملاحظة: عند المسح بالقطنة تمسح مسحة خفيفة.

7-الحبر السري الأحمر الغامق رقم (1)

يتكون هذا الحبر من 68 جم من كلوريد الزئبق في لتر من الماء وبعد جفاف الكتابة تختفي وتظهر بعد معاملتها بمحلول مكون من 83 جم من يوديد البوتاسيوم المذابة في لتر من الماء والعكس صحيح بلون برتقالي وهو الأفضل.
- 0 ملاحظة: عند مسح الكتابة مرة واحدة يظهر الحبر وعند مسحه مرة ثانية بيوديد البوتاسيوم يعطى لون أحمر حول الكتابة التي تختفي ويمكن أن تظهرها مرة أخرى بالمسح بقطنة مبللة بمحلول كلوريد الزئبق بلون أحمر.

8- الحبر السري الأحمر الغامق رقم (2):

يكتب بمحلول كلوريد النحاس (8 جم لكل 100 مل ماء) وكاشفة محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم 03 جم لكل 50 مل ماء) والعكس صحيح ويظهر بلون أحمر.

ملاحظة: يمكن تخفيف محلول أي حبر حتى لا يظهر أثناء الكتابة وهذه قاعدة عامة.

9- الحبر السري البني الغامق:

يكتب بمحلول مكون من 27 جم من كلوريد النحاس في لتر من الماء المقطر وتظهر الكتابة بواسطة محلول من كبروسيانات الصوديوم (2.4 جم لكل 25مل ماء) والعكس أفضل يظهر بلون بني مسود.
ملاحظة: الأصل يظهر ويختفي والعكس يظهر ولا يختفى.

10- الحبر السري الأحمر الخفيف:

لعمل هذا الحبر نذيب 1 جم من مادة فنيول فيثالين مع 50 مل من الكحول الإثيلي و 50 مل من الماء المقطر. وكاشفه يتكون من 150 جم من كربونات الصوديوم مذابة في لتر من الماء المقطر ويمكن استخدام الكاشف كحبر والحبر ككاشف.
ملاحظات:
1. العكس أوضح من الأصل واكثر احمرارا.
2. كلما ازداد تركيز الكربونات كلما زاد وضوح ولون الحبر.
3. يمكن استخدام Metlylatedspirit (سبيرتو رخيص الثمن متداول في الأسواق ويستخدم في التطهير للجروح) بدلا من الكحول الاثيلي.
4. يعتبر هذا الحبر من الأحبار الهامة حيث أنه لا يظهر بالحرارة ويظهر فقط بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم ويمكن إظهار الكتابة جيدا بعملية التسخين بعد عملية المسح.

11-الحبر السري الأصفر:

تتم الكتابة بواسطة محلول من 68 جم من كلوريد الزئبق مذابة في لتر من الماء المقطر وكاشفه محلول مكون من 1 جم من هيدروكسيد الصوديوم في لتر من الماء المقطر.
ملاحظة: عند تجربة العكس ظهر بلون بني فاتح وكان أفضل وضوحا من الأصل.

الحبر المشفر:

يعرف بأنه الحبر الذي لايمكن إظهاره إلا بعد إجراء عدة عمليات معينة لا يعرفها آلا من قام بها . وتتم الكتابة بواسطة محلول مخفف جدا من نترات الكوبالت (والتي لا تظهر بالحرارة وذلك بعد التخفيف) وللاظهار نجرى هذه الخطوات:

1. نمسح الكتابة بمحلول الامونيا.
2. نمسح بمحلول كبريتات الحديد (2جم لكل 25مل ماء).
3. نمسح بمحلول حديد و سيانيد البوتاسيوم ثم نجفف بالتسخين.
4. نمسح بمحلول البلتش فتظهر الكتابة بلون أسود رصاصي بعد التجفيف بالحرارة.

ملاحظة: يمكن أن نمسح بالامونيا ثم بكبريتات الحديد ثم بمحلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم ثم بمحلول البلتش ثم نجفف ثم بالبلتش فتظهر الكتابة.

12- الحبر السري الأبيض: *(يمكن تشفيره)*

تتم الكتابة على ورق أسود أو ازرق مسود بواسطة محلول مكون من 61 جم من كلوريد الباريوم مذابة في لتر من الماء والكاشف عبارة عن محلول مخفف من حامض الكبريتيك (2 مل لكل 12 مل من الماء المقطر).

ملاحظات:

1- يمكن أن تتم الكتابة على ورق أبيض وبطريقة عكسية ثم تمسح بمحلول حامض الكبريتيك ثم تمسح من خلف الكتابة بمحلول مخفف من برمنجنات البوتاسيوم (أو جم لكل 10 مل ماء) فتظهر الكتابة صحيحة وبعد هذا الحبر من الأحبار المهمة حيث أنه لا يمكن كشفه بالحرارة.
2- يمكن الكتابة بمحلول كلوريد الباريوم ثم تمسح بمحلول حامض لكبريتيك ثم تسخن الورق فتظهر الكتابة بيضاء وما حولها يسود.
3- يكتب بمحلول كلوريد الباريوم 1 جم الى 10 مل ماء ثم نخففه ثم نمسح بحبر حامض الكبريتيك مع السكر مع الماء بنسبة (2ـ 1: 50) (حبر رقم 6 من الأحبار الحساسة للحرارة) ثم نسخن على النار حتى تظهر الكتابة بلون أسود واضح وسط اللون الأسود المغطى للصفحة بفعل حامض الكبريتيك.
4- لابد من رفع الورقة بسرعة من على الموقد عند وضوح الكتابة وإلا تحترق.

14- الحبر السري الأزرق البحر:

تتم الكتابة بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم (15 جم لكل 50 مل ماء) ويمسح بمحلول كلوريد النحاس (2.7 جم لكل 100 مل ماء) والعكس صحيح.

ملاحظة: يعتبر هذا الحبر من الأحبار الشعبية لان كربونات الصوديوم شائعة ومتداولة في الأسواق.

15- الحبر السري الأسود الفحمي:

يتكون من إذابة 4.1 جم من حامض الجليك زائد بضع قطرات من الصمغ مذابة في 170 مل من الماء المقطر (يجب أن يكون لونه أغمق من لون القش بقليل وكاشف هذا الحبر يتكون من 2جم من كبريتات الحديد مذابة في 226.4 مل من الماء المقطر.

ملاحظات:

1- عند إضافة قطرات من حامض الكبريتيك الى الكاشف يظهر اكثر (يمكن استخدام الحبر التركي).
2- يمكن إظهار هذا الحبر بواسطة محلول من كبريتات حديد والأمونيوم وبلون رصاص والعكس صحيح.
3- العكس صحيح وبلون اسود محمر ويمكن إظهاره بالامونيا بلون اصفر باهت وبالحرارة بلون بني.
4- يمكن تخفيف الحبر جدا حتى يكون 4, جم من حامض الجليك يذاب في 80 مل من الماء حتى لا يظهر بالحرارة أو الامونيا ويكون الكشف بواسطة الحبر التركي.

16- الحبر السري الأسود المطبخي

يتكون من محلول الشاي المركز وكاشفة محلول من كبريتيك حديدو الأمونيوم والعكس أفضل.

ملاحظات:

1. يمكن إظهار الكتابة بالحرارة بلون رصاص.
2. يمكن استخدام محلول حامض التانيك بدلا من الشاي في الكتابة (يمكن الحصول على حامض التانيك بعد ترشيح وتبخير محلول مركز من الشاي). وهذا الحبر يعتبر من الأحبار الشعبية.

17- الحبر السري البنفسجي الخافت

تتم الكتابة بواسطة محلول مخفف من الفينول (2جم فينول في 20 مل من الماء) وكاشفة عبارة عن 3 جم من كلوريد الحديد مذابة في 50 مل من الماء ويظهر الحبر بلون خافت.

ملاحظات:

1. لا يظهر الفينول بالحرارة العادية.
2. يعد هذا الحبر من الأحبار الشعبية.

الأحبار السرية الجلدية

وهي الأحبار التي يمكن كتابتها وكشفها على جلد الإنسان فيمكن الكتابة مثلا على جلد الرأس بعد الحلاقة التامة ثم ترك الشعر لينمو ويحلق عند الوصول. في مكان آمن وعموما يمكن الكتابة على أي جزء من جسم الإنسان.

*1-*الحبر السري الأسود الجلدي:

يتكون هذا الحبر من محلول حامض التانيك وكاشفة محلول من كبريتات الحديد وتظهر الكتابة بلون اسود.

ملاحظات:

1. عند استخدام الحبر التركي ككاشف ظهر الحبر بوضوح كبير.
2. بعد الكتابة تم غسل المكان بالماء ثم التجفيف ورغم ذلك ظهرت الكتابة بعد الكشف عليها بوضوح.

3. عند المسح على الكتابة بعد الإظهار بمحلول البلتش تتضح اكثر وقد اتضح ان العكس صحيح ايضا ويعد هذا الحبر من الأحبار الشعبية ايضا.

2- الحبر السري الأحمر الجلدي

يتكون هذا الحبر من محلول من كبروسيانات (فيما يستخدم) الصوديوم (2جم لكل 25 مل من الماء) وكاشفة محلول من كلوريد الحديد (3 جم لكل 50 جم من الماء) ويظهر بلون بني قهوة.
ملاحظات:
1. يمكن إدراج هذا الحبر في الأحبار الكيميائية لأنه يمكن أن يكتب به على الورق ايضا لكن مع مراعاة ان يكون المسح خفيف عند الإظهار.
2. عند محاولة الكتابة بالعكس لا تختفي الكتابة تماما بل يظهر اثر الصفرة على الجلد والكتابة بمحلول كبروسيانات الصوديوم لا تظهر بالحرارة .

أحبار الأشعة فوق البنفسجية

وهي الأحبار التي يمكن كشفها عند تعرضها للأشعة فوق البنفسجية.
وللعلم فأن الأشعة فوق البنفسجية تأتينا عبر الشمس وتكون كميتها كبيرة في فترة ما بين الساعة التاسعة الى الثانية عشرة وما بين الرابعة الى الغروب ويمكن الحصول عليها ايضا من خلال لمبة تباع في الأسواق للعلاج الطبيعي لكن يجب الحذر حيث أن هذه الأشعة وخاصة الصادرة عن اللمبة مضرة للعين ومن الأفضل أن توضع هذه اللمبة داخل صندوق خشبي مقفول من جميع الجهات وله فتحة صغيرة تدخل منها الرسالة المراد كشفها وتخرج بعد عدة دقائق للقراءة.

1- الحبر السري لنترات الفضة

نستخدم للكتابة محلول 10% من نترات الفضة ثم تعرض الورقة بعد الجفاف للأشعة فوق البنفسجية (من اللمبة) التي تكشف الكتابة في بضع ثوان.
ملاحظات:
1. يمكن للشمس ان تظهر الكتابة لكن تأخذ وقت أتطول.
2. تظهر الكتابة باللون البني وحتى لو تركت في الضوء العادي لذلك يجب ان تحفظ في مكان مظلم.
3. تظهر نترات الفضة بالحرارة البسيطة بلون بني فاتح وتظهر مع يوديد البوتاسيوم بلون بنفسجي والعكس يظهر بلون أخضر فاتح.
4. يمكن كشف هذا الحبر بالحبر التركي ويعطى لون زيتي اللون مع التسخين قليلا والعكس يظهر بلون بني مسود.

2- الحبر السري اللامع المخضر (السعودي)

يتكون من إذابة نصف جرام نترات يورانيوم مع 50 مل من الماء المقطر وتعريض الكتابة للأشعة فوق البنفسجية عن طريق اللمبة يظهر باللون الأصفر اللامع المخضر.
ملاحظات:
1. يجب الحذر من هذا الحبر حيث أنه سام ومشع.
2. يمكن إظهار الكتابة في أشعة الشمس ايضا لكن بعد فترة طويلة.

3- الحبر السري البولي

يكتب بواسطة البول على أنواع معينة من الورق حتى لا تظهر الكتابة ويكشف عليها بالتعريض للأشعة فوق البنفسجية.

الأحبار الحساسة للحرارة

تظهر بعض المحاليل ألوان مختلفة عند درجات الحرارة المختلفة وهذه هي نظرية الأحبار السرية الحساسة للحرارة . والطريقة المثلى لظهور هذه الأحبار هي تعريضها لفرن هوائي منتظم ومدرج حراريا للتحكم في درجات الحرارة المختلفة ويمكن استخدام الحديد المسخن مثل المكواه والسخان الكهربي وفي بعض الحالات تظهر الكتابة بكمية قليلة من الحرارة من عود الكبريت أو ضوء اللمبة الكهربائية أو غيرها.

1-الحبر السري الأصفر الذهبي

يتكون من 1 جم من بروميد البوتاسيوم مع 1 جم من كبريتات النحاس مذابة في 100 مل من الماء وعند تعرض الكتابة للحرارة ستظهر باللون الأصفر الذهبي.
ملاحظات:
1. يظهر الحبر بلون خافت وعند مسحه بقطنة مبللة بنفس الحبر يختفي ويعود للظهور بالتسخين.
2. عند تعرضه لغاز الامونيا يظهر بلون ازرق ثم يختفي.
3. عند مسحه بقطنة مبللة بمحلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم يظهر باللون الأحمر والعكس صحيح.
4. عند مسحة بيوديد البوتاسيوم (محلول) يظهر بلون أسود.

2-الحبر السري لكربونات الصوديوم

تكتب بمحلول 5% كربونات الصوديوم وبالتسخين يظهر بلون بني فاتح وبزيادة التسخين يتحول الى بني مسود.

3-الحبر السري الأخضر الغامق:

يتكون من 1 جم من كلوريد النحاس مذابة في 20 مل من الماء ومضاف إليها محلول مكون من 1.4 جم من كلوريد الكوبالت في 20 مل من الماء وبالتسخين تظهر الكتابة بلون أخضر غامق.

ملاحظة: يظهر هذا الحبر بواسطة محلون البليتش بلون بني محمر والعكس يظهر بلون بني غامق وهذا من الأحبار الشعبية.

4-الحبر السري الأسود

يتكون من محلول مخفف جدا من نترات الزئبق (1 جم لكل 20 مل ماء) وتظهر الكتابة باللون الأسود عند تعرضها للحرارة.

- 0 ملاحظة: يمكن تحضير نترات الزئبق وذلك بإذابة 1.5 جم من الزئبق مع 11 مل من حامض النتريك وبتبخير الخليط الناتج تتبقى في الكأس بلورات نترات الزئبق البيضاء.

5-الحبر السري الأزرق المخضر

يتكون من محلول كلوريد الكوبلت تركيز من 4-5% تظهر الكتابة باللون الأزرق المخضر عند تعريضها للحرارة اختفي بعد فترة من ظهورها عند ما تبرد.
ملاحظة: كلوريد الكوبالت يظهر بالكلوركس (البلتش)بلون بني محمر والعكس يظهر بلون بني غامق.

6-الحبر السري الأسود:

يتكون من 1 جم من السكر مذاب في 50 جم من الماء المضاف اليه 3 مل من حامض الكبريتيك وستظهر الكتابة بعد تعرضها للحرارة باللون الأسود.
ملاحظات

1. عندما مسحنا عليه بالحبر الحراري رقم (1) (بروميد البوتاسيوم + كبريتات النحاس) فظهر بلون رصاص.
2. هذا الحبر من الأحبار الشعبية.

7- الحبر السري البني رقم (1)

أخلط كلوريد الامونيوم مع الماء بنسبة 1 كلوريد الى 15 ماء تظهر الكتابة باللون الأسود عند تعرضه للحرارة ولا يتلاشى.
ملاحظات

1. يظهر هذا الحبر بعد تعرضه للحرارة بفترة بسيطة.
2. يظهر هذا الحبر بلون بنفسجي عند الكشف عليه بواسطة محلول يوديد البوتاسيوم.

8-الحبر السري البني رقم (2):

يتكون من عصائر الفواكه وخاصة عصير العنب وعصير الليمون وكذلك من اللبن وكل على حده يكتب به ثم بواسطة التسخين أو باللهب تظهر الكتابة باللون البني.
ملاحظة: يمكن استبدال عصير الليمون باستخدام حامض الليمون (Citric acid) بنسبة 1 جم من الحامض الى 25مل من الماء.

9-الحبر السري البني رقم (3):

يتكون من الخل ويظهر بواسطة التسخين.
ملاحظة: يتكون من 3 مل من الخل مع 15 مل من الماء.

10- الحبر السري البني رقم (4):

يتكون من محلول قوي من كبريتات الامونيوم (1 جم - 10 مل ماء) وتظهر الكتابة بالتسخين.

11- /الحبر السري البني رقم (5):

يتكون من محلول كلورات البوتاسيوم أو الصوديوم (1 جم-15 مل ماء) وتظهر الكتابة بالتسخين أو باللهب المباشر.
ملاحظات:

1. يمكن الكتابة بواسطة محلول مكون من خليط كلورات البوتاسيوم أو الصوديوم مع السكر بنسبة 1:1 وتظهر الكتابة باللون البني بواسطة حرارة بسيطة.
2. يمكن الكتابة بمحلول السكر وتظهر الكتابة بعد التسخين بلون اسود محمر.

12- الحبر السري البني رقم (6):

يتكون بإضافة 40% من محلول فورمالدهيد الى عصير الليمون بكمية وافرة ستظهر الكتابة بعد تعرضها للحرارة الشديدة.
ملاحظة: وضعنا 4 جم من الفورمالدهيد مع 6 مل من الماء مع 1 جم من حامض الليمون وظهرت الكتابة بعد فترة من تعرضها للتسخين.

13- /الحبر السري البني المحمر الغامق:

يتكون من عصير البصل عند تعرضه يظهر باللون المذكور.

14-الحبر السري الوردي:

يكتب بمحلول مخفف من نترات الكوبلت سيعطى لون وردي عند أول التسخين ثم يتحول الى بني ثم الى بني غامق بزيادة التسخين.
ملاحظات

1. تم عمل الحبر بوضع 1 جم من النترات مع 50 مل من الماء.
2. يظهر الحبر بواسطة محلول البليتش بلون بني محمر والعكس يظهر بلون بني غامق.
3. عند التبريد تختفي الكتابة وبالتسخين تعود مرة اخرى.

15-الحبر السري الأسود الواضح:

جهز محلولين الأول يتكون من إذابة 30 جم من كبريتات النحاس في 100 مل من الماء المقطر والمحلول الثاني يتكـون مـن 30 جـم من (85 جم من كلوريد الامونيوم مذابة في لتر من الماء) ثم نخلط المحلولين مع بعضهما وبعد الكتابة والتسخين تظهر الكتابة باللون الأسود الواضح.

- ملاحظة: تم إذابة 3 جم من كبريتات النحاس في 10 مل من الماء ثم أذبنا 9, جم من كلوريـد الامونيـوم فـي 9.1 مـل مـن المـاء أخذنا منهم وزن 3 جم وأضفناه للمحلول الأول.

16-الحبر السري للأطفال

يتكون من 5 جم من الخل مع 10 جم من محلول مشبع من ملح الطعام (3 جم من الملح مع 7 مل من المـاء) وهـذا الحـبر غيـر سـام ويظهر بالتسخين باللون البني المحمر.

17-الحبر السري الأسود

يكتب بواسطة محلول حامض الكبريتيـك (مـاء البطاريـة بنسـبة 1 مـل حـامض الـى 50 مـل مـاء) باسـتخدام قلـم لا يتـأثر بالأحمـاض وبالتسخين تظهر الكتابة باللون الأسود.

18- الحبر السري المتحول والذي لا يختفى بالتبريد

هذا الحبر يسمى الحبر الكاشف للتلاعب فانك اذا أردت ان تعرف انه لو كان شخص غير مرغوب فيه قد قـرأ رسـالتك بـالحرارة تصـنع علامة من هذا الحبر داخل الرسالة وتبقى هذه العلامة بعد التسخين ولا تختفي بالتبريد ويتكون هذا الحبر من 0.1 جم مـن ريزسـينول (Recinol) +0.1 جم من باراتوليدين (Paratoludin) + 8 قطرات من الماء + 6 قطرات من حامض الكبريتيك هـذا الحـبر سـوف يظهـر باللون الأحمر الباهت أو الأصفر ويتحول الى اللون الأسود أو البني عند التسخين ويبقى ولا يختفى.
ملاحظة: يمكن لهذا الحبر ان يظهر بتعريض للشمس فترة طويلة.

الأحبار المائية

وهي الأحبار التي تظهر عند غمرها في الماء ومنها:-

1-الحبر السري لعصير الليمون:

يتكون من 1 جم من حامض الليمون ومذاب في 25مل من الماء بعد الكتابة والجفاف ووضع الورقة داخل الماء تظهـر الكتابـة بـاللون الرصاصي.

2-الحبر الاسبريني السري:

احضر حبتين أسبرين واطحنهم وضع عليهم 15 مل من الكحول الاثيلي (السبيرتو) وقلب حتى الـذوبان ثـم ترشـح وتكتـب بـالمحلول الناتج وتجفف الورقة وتضعها في الماء فتظهر الكتابة بلون رصاص وعند الجفاف تختفي ولأظهرها مرة تضعها في الماء.

الأحبار البخارية

تظهر بعض الأحبار بتعريضها لأبخرة بعض المواد الأخرى التي تتفاعل معها وتظهرها ومن أمثلة ذلك:

1-الحبر السري البخاري لغاز كبريتد الهيدروجين:

يتكون من محلول خلات الرصاص 10% وستظهر الكتابة بعد تعرضها لأبخرة غاز كبريتد الهيدروجين بلون بني محمر.
ملاحظات:

1- يمكن إستخدام كبريتد الامونيوم السائل بدلا من كبريتد الصوديوم وتم استخدام الغاز المتصاعد من الزجاجة مباشرة فظهر الحبر.
2- يحضر غاز كبريتد الهيدروجين عن طريق وضع 5 مل من حامض الكبريتيك على 2جم مـن بلـورات كبريتـد الصـوديوم المطحونـة أو بوضع 2 مل من حامض الكبريتيك على 2 مل من سائل كبريتد الامونيوم.

2-الحبر السري البخاري لليود:

أ-عند الكتابة بالماء والتجفيف ثم التعرض لأبخرة اليود ثم المسح بقطن مبللة بالماء تظهر الكتابة باللون الأسود .
ب-وعند الكتابة بمحلول حامض الليمون 1 جم في 10 مل ماء والتجفيف ثم التعرض لأبخرة اليود ثم البلل بواسطة قطن تظهر الكتابة بلون بنفسجي واضح .
ملاحظة:

- هناك طريقة أخرى لإظهار الكتابة: أولا تتم الكتابة بالماء أو حامض الليمون وتجفف ثم نبلل بالماء ثم نعـرض لأبخـرة اليـود فتظهـر الكتابة.

الأحبار المتلاشية

بعض الأحبار تختفي وتتلاشى بعد مرور فترات زمنية واليك بعض الأمثلة:

1-الحبر المختفي البرتقالي

ضع 3 جم من حامض التانيك مع 6 مل من حامض النيتريك ثم أضف إليهم 4 مل من حامض الكبريتيك ثم أضف 20 مل أخرين من حامض النيتريك ثم أضف بعض الصمغ السائل عند التبريد وعند الكتابة بهذا الحبر سوف يتلاشى تماما في بضع أيام.

2-طريقة عامة لعمل حبر متلاشي

لو خلطت أي حبر عادي مع حامض الكبريتيك بنسبة 1:1 سوف تتآكل الورقة في خلال شهر.

3-الحبر السري لليود المتلاشي

يتكون هذا الحبر من 1.5 جم من يوديد البوتاسيوم مع 12 جزء من الصمغ السائل مع 50 مل من الماء وطريقة صنعه تكون بإذابة يوديد البوتاسيوم في نصف الماء الموجود وبعد ذلك أذب اليود ثم أضف باقي الماء واخلط الصمغ .

ملاحظات:

1. بدأ الحبر في التلاشي بعد 18 ساعة.
2. بعد أن وضعنا 0.5 جم يوديد بوتاسيوم في 0.5 الماء الموجود ثم وضعنا 0.5جم اليود وقبل ان نذيبه وضعنا باقي الماء وسخنا على الموقد الكهربي وذلك لأن اليود لم يذب فلما وقع الكأس على الموقد الكهربي أخرج غاز مسيل للدموع بطريقة شديدة.

4- الحبر الأحمر المتلاشي

يتكون هذا الحبر من 1 جم من الفنيول فثالين مع 50 مل من الامونيا سوف يتلاشى هذا الحبر عندما يتعرض للهواء مباشرة وعند مسح الكتابة بواسطة محلول كربونات الصوديوم تبقى الكتابة ولا تختفي.

ملاحظة:

- 0تم وضع 0.5 جم (فنيول فثالين) Ph-ph مع 25مل أمونيا مع 3, جم NaOH فلم تختفى الكتابة إلا بعد 15 دقيقة وهكذا كلما زادت نسبة هيدروكسيد الصوديوم تزيد مدة بقاء الكتابة.

الأحبار السامة

وهي الأحبار التي يمكن استخدامها في عمليات القتل.

1-الحبر الروسي القاتل بالسكتة القلبية:

يتكون من حامض الهيدروسيانيك بتركيز 100% يوضع في القلم ويرش على وجه الضحية فيموت على الفور.

ملاحظة:

1. يمكن استخدام قلم حبر الذي عند فتحه يخرج منه غاز سيانيد الهيدروجين المتطاير من الحامض المركز وهي تؤثر على الأوعية الدموية وتسبب سكتة قلبية لحظية ثم تعود الأوعية الدموية للعمل بعد بضع دقائق فلا يدرى أحد كيف قتل هذا الإنسان والدليل الوحيد على هذه العملية هي رائحة اللوز الناتجة عن الغاز والتي تختفي ايضا بعد فترة قلية.
2. يمكن استخدام قلم له ثقب وموجه نحو وجه الضحية وبداخله يحدث تفاعل بين حامض الكبريتيك وسيانيد البوتاسيوم ليخرج الغاز القاتل ومن خواص مادة DMSO إنها مادة قابلة للنفاذ الى داخل جسم الإنسان بسرعة وهي تقبل كثير من السموم لتحملها الى تيار الدم إلا تلك السموم التي هي عبارة عن أملاح لمعادن صاحبة الوزن الجزئي الكبير وتستخدم هذه المادة الى جانب ما ذكر في علاج مرض الهربز).

2-الحبر السري القاتل اللحظي:

يتكون من إذابة 33جم من سيانيد البوتاسيوم في لتر من الماء وعندما تقدم شراب للضحية تصب فيه بضع قطرات من القلم الحبر الشخصي.

ملاحظة:يمكن زيادة تركيز السيانيد في المحلول ليكون شديد الفاعلية.

3-الرسالة السامة:

تحضير الرسالة السامة:

يمكن كتابة رسالة مشوقة وبها أخبار تهم الشخص المطلوب قتله ثم نضع هذه الرسالة في محلول مكون من ثنائي مثيل أكسيد الكبريت(DI-methlylsulphoxideوتكتب باختصار Dmso وهذه المادة متوفرة في الصيدليات حيث تدخل في تركيب مراهم الروماتيزم وأمراض العيون والبواسير وأمراض الأسنان وتوجد ايضا عند الذين يعملون في تربية الخيول وعند صيدلية العلاج البيطري حيث يتم مسح جسد الخيل بها قبل دخوله السباق ليسخن وتدخل في صناعة كريمات البشرة ومن أهم خواصها أنها سريعة النفاذ الى جسم الإنسان حامله معها ما نريد ومن سم يذوب معه بأكبر نسبة مثل سم السيانيد وسم الرسين أو جرثومة بتولونيوم أو غيره من السموم المناسبة لحالة الشخص واليك مثال على تحضير الرسالة : نأخذ كمية مناسبة (حوالي 10 مل) من DMSO كافية لغمس الرسالة في طبق ونطحن كمية من السيانيد طحنا جيدا ونزن حوالي 6 جم من السيانيد ونضعه في الطبق الموجود فيه DMSO وٍ ذوبه جيدا حتى يصير مثل الماء نغمر الرسالة الآن في هذا المحلول ثم نخرجها ونتركها حتى تجف لتعور الى حالتها الطبيعية ولابد من استخدام القفاز والكمامة في هذه العملية وضع الرسالة الآن داخل ظرف مجهز بغلاف بلاستيكي داخلي ونرسلها الى الشخص المطلوب الذي بدوره حينما يلمسها ويأخذ في قراءة أخبارها المشوقة ربما لا يستطيع ان يكمل قراءته.

- 0ملاحظة: يمكن ان تدهن الغلاف من الداخل (للظرف) بمادة تسمى.(Silicone sealant)التي تستخدم في رهان الأحذية الشمواه التي لا تتأثر بالماء وتستخدم خاصة في الشتاء (وهذا بالطبع حتى لا تقتل ساعي البريد) وهذه الطريقة تعوضك عن استخدام كيس بلاستك كغلاف للرسالة.

الأحبار الحرارية الحارقة

وهي الأحبار التي يمكن استخدامها في عمليات الحرق.

1-قلم الحبر السري الناري:-

شكل هذا القلم عادي ويمكن ان تهديه الى الضحية أو تتركه على مكتبه وبعد فترة معينة يحرق المكان خصوصا ان كان الى جانبه بعض الأشياء التي تساعد على الاحتراق وفي داخل هذا القلم تضع بـدلا مـن الحـبر خليـط مـن كلـورات البوتاسـيوم مـع السـكر بنسـبة 3-1 وموضع في الجانب الآخر من القلم حامض كبريتيك مركـز ومفصـول بينهمـا بقطعـة بلاسـتك أو ورق مسـتوى محسـوب وقـت اخـتراق الحامض لها وبعد هذه الفترة الزمينة سوف يصل الحامض للخليط ويحدث اشتعال بانفجار حيث أن الأنبوبة مغلقة جيدا.

2- الزجاجة السرية الحارقة

تتكون من إذابة 1 جم يود مع 20 مل من الامونيا(NH_4NO_3) مع 1 مل حامض نيتريك داخل زجاجة مقفولة بسداد مثقوب لكي تتبخـر منه الامونيا الزائدة وتبقى المادة المتفجرة المتكونة داخل الزجاجة والـتي لـو وضـعت فـي محـرك السـيارة أو فـي أي مكـان سـاخن للتفجير وكذلك يمكن تفجير العبوة بالتحريك أو بالاهتزاز ولو بسيط.

ملاحظة : يمكن وضع هذا الخليط في قلم مجهز لهذا الغرض.

أحبار الألعاب السحرية

وهي الأحبار التي يمكن استخدامها في بعض الحيل والألعاب المسلية.

1- حبر الشعلة المتصلة

يتكون من 1 جم من نترات البوتاسيوم مذابة في 15 مل من الماء المقطر . قلب جيدا مع التسخين لتمام الذوبان ثم اكتب بهذا الحـبر على ورقة غير ناعمة وبعد جفاف الحبر والتأكد انه متصل تماما أشعل أوله ولاحظ ان الشرارة تشتعل حسب الكتابة الموجـودة والـتي تظهر سوداء.

2- حبر سري يظهر بالأكسدة

يتكون من 4 جم من كبريتات الحديدوز مع 0.5جم من حامض التانيك مذابة في 50 مل من الماء وعند خلط هذه المواد تترسـب مـواد سوداء. أضف ألان بضع قطرات من حامض الهيدروكلوريك وحامض الكبريتيك حتى تذوب الرواسب تماما عند الكتابـة سـيتحول الحـبر الى اللون الأسود بواسطة الأكسجين الموجود في الهواء.

ملاحظات:
1- يظهر الحبر بعد ساعة ونصف تقريبا بلون الرصاص.
2- يجب حفظ هذا الحبر بعيداً عن الهواء الجوي.

3- الحبر السري المتحول اللون

يتكون من 1 جم من كلوريد الكوبالت المذاب في 10 مل من الماء ، اغمر ورقة في هذا المحلول ثـم جففهـا بقليـل مـن الحـرارة مـن موقد كحولي أو غاز سيتحول لونها الى اللون الأزرق وبعد ان تقفل يدك عليها أو تبردها يتحول اللون الى الرمادي الخفيف.

ملاحظات وقواعد عامة في البحث:

1. لابد من التأكد من نقاء المواد الداخلة في تصنيع الأحبار حيث ان الشوائب قد تسبب فشل الحبر.
2. الأفضل استخدام الماء المقطر في تحضير الأحبار لكن عند انعدامه يمكن استعمال العادي.
3. في هذا البحث عندما ترد كلمة محلول بدون تفصيل معني ذلك ان المحلول يتكون من 2جم من المادة مذابة 25 مل من الماء.
4. لابد من جفاف الحبر قبل الكشف علية.
5. الأحبار التي يدخل في تركيبها مادة كربونات الصوديوم تختفي بعد فترة زمنية معينة كذلك الأحبار التي تظهرها هذه المادة.
6. يمكن تثبيت أحماض الامونيا لفترة زمنية محدودة بمسحها بقطنة مبللة بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم.
7. كثير من الأحبار تظهر بالحرارة لذلك يجب تخفيفها بقدر المستطاع ومحاولة تشفيرها حتى لا نظهر بسهولة.
8. عند تعرض الأحبار عموما لغاز اليود تظهر وتثبت حتى الأحبار التي تختفي بمجرد الكتابة مثلا أحبار الامونيا.
9. يمكن استخدام محلول كلوريد النحاس ومحلول كلوريد الكوبالت أحدهما لمسح الأخر بعد كتابته وإظهاره بالحرارة.
10. يمكن ان تكتب ملح سيوسيانات الصوديوم (NaSCN) أو تكتب ملح كبروسينات الصوديوم والأولى افضل.

ملحق الأحبار السرية

يمكنك الأن التدرب بصناعة هذه الأحبار بعد ان انتهيت من الدورة التاسيسية وللعلم قد يكون بعضها قد تكرر من قبل.

أولا تجارب محول كربونات الصوديوم.

1- حبر احمر يكتب بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم وكاشفه محلول فينول فثالين.
2- حبر احمر بني يكتب بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم وكاشفه محلول كلوريد الزئبق.
3- حبر بني يكتب بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم وكاشفه محلول كبريتات حديدو امونيوم.

4- حبر بني محمر يكتب بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم وكاشفه محلول حامض الجاليك.
5- حبر بني يكتب بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم وكاشفه الحبر التركي.
6- حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول كربونات الصوديوم وكاشفه الحبر الأزرق الإسرائيلي.

ثانيا تجارب حلول كلوريد النحاس:

1- حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول كلوريد النحاس وكاشفه محلول يوديد البوتاسيوم.
2- حبر بني يكتب بمحلول كلوريد النحاس وكاشفه محلول حامض الجاليك أو التانك.
3- حبر اصفر يكتب بمحلول كلوريد النحاس وكاشفه محلول حديدو سيانيد البوتاسيوم.
4- حبر اسود باهت يكتب بمحلول كلوريد النحاس وكاشفه محلول سيوسيانات الصوديوم.

ثالثا تجارب محلول حامض التانيك:

1- حبر ازرق باهت يكتب بمحلول حامض التانيك وكاشفة الحبر التركي.
2- حبر ازرق باهت(2) يكتب بمحلول حامض التانيك وكاشفة محلول كبريتات حديدو امونيوم.
3- حبر بني باهت يكتب بمحلول حامض التانيك وكاشفة كلوريد النحاس.

رابعا تجارب محلول حديدو سيانيد البوتاسيوم:-

1. حبر ازرق واضح يكتب بمحلول حديدو سيانيد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه الحبر التركي.
2. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول الحبر الإسرائيلي.
3. حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول كبريتات حديدو امونيوم.
4. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول نترات الكوبالت.
5. حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول كلوريد الحديد.

خامسا تجارب محلول يوديد البوتاسيوم:-

1. حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه الحبر الإسرائيلي.
2. حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول كبريتات النحاس.
3. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول نترات الكوبلت.
4. حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه كلوريد الحديد.
5. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه الحبر الألماني.
6. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه حامض الجاليك.
7. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول يوديد البوتاسيوم وكاشفه محلول فينول فثالين.

سادسا تجارب محلول سيوسينات الصوديوم:-

1. حبر ازرق يكتب بمحلول سيوسينات الصوديوم وكاشفه محلول كلوريد النحاس.
2. حبر بني فاتح يكتب بمحلول سيوسينات الصوديوم وكاشفه الحبر التركي.
3. حبر اسود يكتب بمحلول سيوسينات الصوديوم وكاشفه الحبر الإسرائيلي.
4. حبر بني يكتب بمحلول سيوسينات الصوديوم وكاشفه محلول كلوريد الحديد.

سابعا تجارب الحبر التركي:-

1- حبر ازرق تكتب بالحبر التركي وكاشفه حامض الجاليك.
2- حبر ازرق يكتب بالحبر التركي وكاشفه محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم.

ثامنا تجارب الحبر الإسرائيلي:-

1. حبر بني مصفر يكتب بالحبر الإسرائيلي وكاشفه حامض التانيك
2. حبر بني يكتب بالحبر الإسرائيلي وكاشفه حامض الجليك.
3. حبر بني فاتح يكتب بالحبر الإسرائيلي وكاشفه محلول يوديد البوتاسيوم.
4. حبر بني فاتح يكتب بالحبر الإسرائيلي وكاشفه محلول حديد و سياتيد البوتاسيوم.
5. حبر بني فاتح يكتب بالحبر الإسرائيلي وكاشفه سيوسينات الصوديوم.

تاسعا تجارب حامض الجاليك:-

1- حبر اخضر مصفر يكتب بمحلول حامض الجاليك كاشفه م كبريتات النحاس.
2- حبر ازرق مسود يكتب بمحلول حامض الجاليك كاشفه م كبريتات الحديد.
3- حبر اخضر مصفر يكتب بمحلول حامض الجاليك كاشفه م كربونات الصوديوم.

عاشراً تجارب محلول تافينول فثالين:

1. حبر أحمر يكتب بمحلول الفينول فثالين كاشفه محلول كربونات الصوديوم.
2. حبر احمر يكتب بمحلول الفينول فثالينو كاشفه محلول الامونيا (يظهر ويختفي.

أحد عشر تجارب محلول البليتش

1- حبر ابيض مؤقت يكتب بالبلتش وكاشفه الحبر للإلماني.
2- حبر اصفر مؤقت يكتب بالبلتش وكاشفه محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم.
3- حبر بني مسود يكتب بالبلتش وكاشفه محلول نترات الكوبالت.

ثاني عشر تجارب محلول كلوريد الحديد:

1. حبر اسود يكتب بمحلول كلوريد الحديد وكاشفه محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم.
2. حبر بني فاتح يكتب بمحلول كلوريد الحديد وكاشفه محلول يوديد البوتاسيوم.
3. حبر ازرق باهت يكتب بمحلول كلوريد الحديد وكاشفه محلول حامض الجليك.
4. حبر اصفر يكتب بمحلول كلوريد الحديد وكاشفه محلول كلوريد الامونيوم.
5. حبر ازرق مسود يكتب بمحلول كلوريد الحديد وكاشفه محلول حامض التانيك.

تجارب اخرى

1- حبر ابيض مؤقت يكتب بمحلول كبريتات حديدو امونيوم وكاشفه الحبر الألماني.
2- حبر بني يكتب بمحلول كبريتات الحديد وكاشفه حامض التانيك.
3- حبر إلماني + حبر صيني + امونيا بنسبة (2 :2 :1) وكاشفه محلول حديدوسيانيد البوتاسيوم.

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الرقم	الاسم بالعربي	الاسم بالإنجليزي	الرمز	ملاحظات
1	هيدروكسيد الامونيا	Amonium hydroxide	NH4OH	يستخدم في صناعة الشعر-تنظيف الزجاج-في الصيدليات
2	نترات الكوبالت	Cobalt nitrate	CO(NO3)2	يحضر من تفاعل الكوبالت مع حامض النيتريك
3	فينول فثالين	Phenol Phathaline	Ph-Ph	يستخدم كاشف في عمليات المعايرة
4	رابع كلوريد الكربون	Carbon tetra chloride	CCl4	السائل الموجود في طفايات الحريق
5	الجلسرين	Glycerine	C3H5(OH)3	في الصيدليات و أثناء تصنيع الصابون
6	كبريتات النحاس	Cupper sulphate	CuSO4	تفاعل برادة النحاس مع حم الكبريتيك
7	كلوريد النحاس	Cupper chlorid	CuCl2	تفاعل النحاس مع حامض الهيدروكلوريك المركز
8	سيوسينات الصوديوم	Soadium Ulphocyante	NaSCN	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
9	كبريتات حديدو الامونيوم	AMMONIUOM FERROSULPHATE	NH4Fe(SO4)2	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
10	حامض الجاليك	GALLIC ACID	C7H6O5	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
11	الفينول	CARBOLIC ACID	C6H5OH	في الصيدليات ومن الأسبرين
12	بروميد البوتاسيوم	POTASSIUM BROMIDE	KBR	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
13	حامض التانيك	TAUNIC ACID		تستخرج من الشاي
14	كلوريد الكوبالت	COBALT CHLORIDE	CoCl2	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
15	فورمالدهايد	FORMLDHYDE	HcHO	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
16	حامض الليمون	CITRIC ACID	C3H4(COOH)3	يستخرج من الليمون -البقالات
17	نترات الفضة	SILVER NITRATE	AgNO3	من تفاعل الفضة مع حامض النيتريك
18	انثراين	Anthracene	C6H4CHC6H4CH	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
19	نترات اليورانيوم	Uranuim nitrate	UNO3	من تفاعل اليورانيوم مع حامض النيتريك
20	خلات الرصاص	Lead acetate	CaCooph	من تفاعل الرصاص مع حامض الخلليك
21	كبريتيد الصوديوم	Soadium suphide	NaS	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
22	كبريتيد الامونيوم	Ammonium sulphide	NH4)2S)	في محلات المواد الكيماوية
23	يوديد البوتاسيوم	Potassium iodide	KIN	في محلات المواد الكيماوية أو تبخير صبغة اليود
24	اليود	Iodine	I	تستخدم في محلات طلاء معادن
25	حديدو سيانيد البوتاسيوم	Potassium Ferrocyanide	K4Fe(CN)6	محلات زينة النساء
26	الأسيتون	Acetone	C3H6O	يستخدم في إزالة طلاء الأظافر
27	كبريتات الحديد	ferrous suphate	FeSO4	تفاعل برادة الحديد مع حامض الكبريتيك
28	حامض النيتريك	Nitric acid	HNO3	تفاعل حامض الكبريتيك مع النترات

29	حامض الكبريتيك	Sulphoric acid	H2SO4	تركيز ماء البطارية

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حفلات التعذيب الرهيبة في مملكة آشور

تفاخرَ الآشوريون بحملات الإعدام الكبرى التي كان جنودهم ينفذونها في الساحات العامة بحق أسرى العدو، وبحق كل من يخالفهم من الشعوب المهزومة في القتال. الإعدام كان يتم أحيانا بالخوازيق الصدرية الظاهرة في الصورة، حيث يدخل الخازوق من محالب الانسان وليس من مؤخرته ويبقى ملاصقاً لأضلاعه ليموت بطيئا على مدى يومين أو ثلاثة.

أما الأمراء والقادة من الأسرى فكانوا يغمرونهم في براميل ماء موثقين إلى قعر البراميل ولكن رؤوسهم تبقى طافية فوق الماء، ثم تدهن رؤوسهم بالعسل والحليب مراراً على مدى النهار والليل، ويجبرون على الأكل فيقضون حاجاتهم في برميل الماء، وهكذا تكون وجوههم ورؤوسهم عرضة للحشرات والطيور تأكل منها ما تشاء، فيما تدب الحشرات والجراثيم لتلتهم أجسادهم الغارقة بالفضلات. ويستغرق موتهم أسبوعا إلى أسبوعين في عذاب شديد.

أما ملوك الأعداء فكانوا يجبرونهم على تحطيم عظام ابناءهم بالقضبان كما تظهر الصورة، ثم يودعونهم السجن ليقضوا باقي عمرهم محطمي النفس إلى ابد، ويضمنون أيضا أن نسل ملوك الأعداء قد انقطع، وانقرض الأحياء منهم.

*لا بد من التنبيه إلى أنّ هذه الوقائع تخص تاريخ انقضى قبل آلاف السنين، ونسل الآشوريين الذين يعيشون في العراق والعالم اليوم مسالم ينبذ العنف. كما نلفت الانتباه إلى أن حروب اليوم تشهد فظائع اشد من هذه، ويبدو ان روح الأنتقام تعمي الناس وتنزع عنهم انسانيتهم

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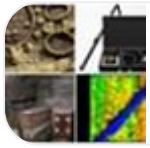

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A HISTORIOGRAPHY ON THE MOROCCAN GNAWA BROTHERHOOD

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"*Kings brought those people* {the Gnawas} *from everywhere and redistributed them in palaces, and noble families, where they remained. This is how it happened for slaves. The slaves were subjugated by the kings to work in the palaces, under the Caïd or the chorfa* {nobles}, *but all the slaves were part of the Tagnawite. There are two sorts of Gnawa : ones are the children of lalla Krima and the others are Sidni Bilal's*"[1]. Al Ayachi, Moqqadem in Marrakech[2], here tells the story of the Gnawas, how they got to Morocco, why they stayed there and what they became.

The *Gnawa* are a muslim brotherhood located in Algeria and Morocco[3]. In this paper we will focus on historiography concerning Gnawas in Morocco. The kingdom of Morocco, with a population of 34 millions[4], is a constitutional monarchy with an elected parliament and is ruled by Mohammed VI since 1999. It is located in the Maghreb region of North Africa. The official languages are Arabic and Amazigh (Berber) but the majority of the population speaks *darija*, a dialect derived from Arabic. The dominant approach of Islam in Morocco is *sunni* and follows the Maliki school[5] of law.

The term gnawa refers to black people from West Africa but also to their mystic religious order and musical style. They were mainly brought as slaves under the reigns of the sultans Ahmed Al Mansour (1578-1603) and especially Moulay Ismaïl (1666-1727) to build an army. Slavery ended progressively in Morocco under the influence of the French protectorate (1912-1956). However, the former slaves, residing in the country since the sixteenth century, remained there, adopted Moroccan culture and converted to Islam, even though most of them were muslims even before being brought to Morocco.

The first articles of research that we are in possession of do not directly tackle the Gnawas specifically but mostly the black brotherhoods present in Morocco. This knowledge originates from ancient testimonies of travelers such as Ibn Battuta in the 14th century. However, the first ethnographic studies date from the beginning of the 20th century with Westermarck's *Ritual and Belief in Morocco*[6]. Numerous articles and chapters in books are dedicated to Gnawas, with the ethnographer Emile Dermenghem[7] as the first author dedicating a full volume to black brotherhoods in the Maghreb

[1] From French : "*Les Rois ont ramené ces gens d'un peu partout et ils les ont distribués, dans les Palais, dans les familles nobles, où il sont restés. Ça s'est passé comme cela pour les esclaves. Les esclaves ont été soumis par les Rois, pour travailler au palais, chez les Caïd ou les Chorfa (les nobles), mais tous les esclaves dépendaient de la Tagnawite. (...) Il y a deux sortes de Gnawa : d'une part, ...les enfants de Lalla Krima, c'est-à-dire de Lalla Mimouna. Les autres, ce sont ... ceux de Sidna Bilal.*"
[2] interviewed in 1988 by Jacques Willemont
[3] We will focus here on the Moroccan Gnawi
[4] http://www.hcp.ma/glossary/Recensement-General-de-la-Population-et-de-l-Habitat_gw115.html
[5] School of law attributed to Malik ibn Anas al-Asbahi in the eighth century in the Arabian Peninsula. Originally referred to as the School of Hejaz or the School of Medina. Predominant in North Africa and significantly present in Upper Egypt, Sudan, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait. Characterized by strong emphasis on hadith; many doctrines are attributed to early Muslims such as Muhammad 's wives, relatives, and Companions. A distinguishing feature of the Maliki school is its reliance on the practice of the Companions in Medina as a source of law. *The Oxford Dictionary of Islam*
[6] Edward Westermarck, *Ritual and Belief in Morocco*, 1926, Londres: Macmillan
[7] Emile Dermenghem, *Le culte des saints dans l'Islam Maghrébin*, 1954, Gallimard

(1953). In the second half of the 20th century, Gnawa trance and music gained popularity amongst jazz and rock-and-roll musicians[8], writers and travellers[9] as well as anthropologists and ethnomusicologists. The psycho-sociologue Georges Lapassade began researching the Gnawa in the 1970's[10]. Viviana Pâques is a French anthropologue focusing on the Gnawa with a symbolistic approach[11] of their musical rituals. In continuation of Pâques' research, we can cite Deborah Kapchan[12] and Bertrand Hell[13]. Chouki El Hamel is also an important scholar on the topic and focuses mainly on the slave and racial history of the Gnawa[14].

This paper aims at offering a succinct overview of research carried out on the analysis of the Gnawa culture and history. For that purpose, we will first concentrate on ethnographic and anthropological studies that focused on the Gnawa cult, and especially on the religious ritual they execute. In a second part, research on the history of the Gnawa, their slave lineage and their "blackness" in an Arab and Berber country, will be presented. Lastly, and in a more contemporary approach to the Gnawa, we will emphasise studies concerning how Gnawa situate themselves in a globalised world. Through this paper, I hope to display the evolution of scholars' understanding of the Gnawa; it seems indeed that the analytic key shifted from "Gnawas as former African slaves and their trance rituals" to "Gnawa music and the *fetish of trance* in globalisation".

The authors discussed here are unfortunately mostly Westerners, with the exception of Chouki El Hamel[15], Abdelhafid Chlyeh[16] and Zineb Majdouli[17], who nonetheless received a western academic education. The debate whether research has to be performed by insiders or outsiders remains unsettled but I believe both situations have their perks and disadvantages. Translation from Moroccan Arabic is yet another limitation in this field of research as scholars do not all use the same retranscription models for words in *darija*, especially between anglophone and francophone scholars.

[8] Randy Weston, *The spirit of our ancestors* (music album), 1991 ; Robert Plant & Jimmy Page, "*Yallah"*, "*City don't cry"* and "*Wah wah"* in *No Quarter*, 1994
[9] Paul Bowles, *Music of Morocco* (music album)
[10] Lapassade Georges, *Les gnaoua d'Essaouira : Les rites de possession des anciens esclaves noirs au Maghreb, hier et aujourd'hui*, L'Homme et la société, N. 39-40, 1976, pp. 191-215
[11] Viviana Pâques "Le Tiers Caché du Monde dans la conception des Gnawa du Maroc", *Journal de La Société des Africanistes, 1975* ; *Le monde des Gnawa*, in Jean Poirier and François Raveau, 1976 ; "Contenu Cosmogonique des Danses de Possession chez les Gnawa du Sud Marocain" ; *La Religion des Esclaves: Recherches sur la Confrérie Marocaine des Gnawa*. Bergamo: Moretti e Vitali, 1991
[12] Deborah Kapchan, *Traveling Spirit Masters : Moroccan Gnawa Trance and Music in the Global Marketplace* (Middletown, Wesleyan University Press, 2007); "The Festive Sacred and the Fetish of Trance", *Gradhiva*, 7 | 2008
[13] B. Hell, *Les tourbillons des génies : au Maroc avec les Gnawa*, Paris Flammarion, 2002
[14] Chouki El Hamel, *Constructing a Diasporic Identity: Tracing the Origins of the Gnawa Spiritual Group in Morocco*, The Journal of African History, Vol. 49, No. 2, 2008 ; *Black Morocco : A history of slavery, Race and Islam*, Cambridge University Press, 2013
[15] ibid
[16] Abdelhafid Chlyeh, *Les Gnaoua du Maroc*, La Pensée sauvage, 1997
[17] Majdouli Zineb, *Trajectoires des Musiciens Gnawa : Approche Ethnographique des Cérémonies Domestiques et des Festivals de Musiques du Monde*, 2007, Paris, L'Harmattan

THE FIRST WAVE OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH 1970-2000

The first research carried out specifically on the Gnawa, mostly by anthropologists or sociologists, originally concentrated on their religious rituals. The *lîla*[18], also known as *derdeba*, is an important healing ceremony that happens at least once a year. The *lîla* takes place at night inside a house where people from the guild gather to summon healing spirits, dance to specific music and go into trance. The ceremony is inaugurated by an animal sacrifice.

Viviana Pâques was a French anthropologist, a researcher at the CNRS under Griaule and Lévi-Strauss and director of the Institute of Ethnology in the University of Strasbourg. She is one of the most famous scholars on the study of the Gnawa. Her studies are based on thorough field research; she was instructed for twenty years by the Marrakchi moqaddem Layashi Qemshish[19]. Pâques offers a symbolistic approach of the brotherhood and focuses on their metaphysical and cosmogonic conception of the world:

"*The lyrics of the songs, seemingly seldom explicit, the dancing steps, the tempo of the music, everything is loaded with meaning, everything is codified, everything is a reference to a cosmogonic order (...)*"[20].

Georges Lapassade[21] was a French psycho-sociologue and ethnologue who introduced ethnomethodology in France. From the 1970's onward he began research among the Gnawas of Essaouira[22]. He believed that personality was subdivided between divine and evil, but that, through the Gnawa trance ritual, this repressed aspect of one's personality could be publicly displayed[23] :

"*In the phenomenon of {trance} possession, in its psychological root, there is a division within the personality (...)*"[24].

[18] Literally "night" in Arabic.

[19] *Les Gnaouas du Maroc, intercesseurs de la différence ?* Jean Pouchelon doctorate thesis, 2014, Montréal University and Université Paris Ouest Nanterre, p.25

[20] "*Les paroles des chants, apparemment peu explicites, les pas des danses, les tempi de la musique, tout est chargé de signification, tout est code, tout est référence à un ordre cosmique et au drame qui donna naissance à l'univers et assure la réincarnation infinie des âmes jusqu'à la fin des temps*" Viviana Pâques, *La Religion des Esclaves: Recherches sur la Confrérie Marocaine des Gnawa*, 1991, p.79

[21] Colin Lucette & Hess Rémi, « *Georges Lapassade (1924-2008) : cinquante ans de psychosociologie* », Bulletin de psychologie, 2009/2 (Numéro 500), p. 191-193

[22] Georges Lapassade, "Recherche sur la situation des Gnawas et des Religions Populaires Extatiques en Afrique du Nord", *Bulletin d'Études Berbères 11*, 1977 ; "Les Gnaoua d'Essaouira, thérapeutes de la différence", *Africultures*, 1998

[23]Georges Lapassade, "Transes et dissociations", 2000, In Abdelhafid Chlyeh, *La transe,* Marsam Editions, pp. 73-102

[24] ibid : from the French "Dans le phénomène de la possession, à sa racine psychologique, il y a une division de la personnalité (...)"

Abdelhafid Chlyeh, in *Les Gnaouas du Maroc* (1997) follows Lapassade's psycho-sociological approach of the Gnawa brotherhood and maintains the focus on trance and possession by spirits.

The importance given to the sacrificial aspect[25] and the trance ritual is representative of a specific approach of the Gnawa brotherhood. It is generally the case with anthropologists and sociologists from the last half of the twentieth century. This type of research has offered a lot to scholarly research on the Gnawa, especially since it is the first wave of study. Nonetheless, in my opinion, its approach of the religious ritual could benefit from a more Islamic centered perspective - Gnawa present themselves as proud heirs of Islam - rather than a "pagan" cult. Analysis and comparisons with Sufis, as Cynthia Becker[26] has done for example, could help situate them more within the muslim world.

THE HISTORIAN'S NARRATIVE

Another important wave of research on Gnawas examines their past heritage as slaves and their "blackness" in an Arab and Berber country. Indeed, the word "gnawa" itself relates to their black ancestry and a lot of researchers have attempted to analyse the etymology of the term "gnawa" in order to obtain its true meaning. If Pâques and Lesage[27] believed that the term "gnawa" came from medieval Ghana (Sahelian kingdom north of Mali from the eighth to the twelfth century), Chouki El Hamel argues that it seems unlikely because of the way "g" sound, that doesn't exist in the Arabic alphabet, is transliterated in Arabic[28]. Rather, this denomination would come from the Berber word "gnawi" which means "black man"[29].

Chouki El Hamel, despite the few Moroccan written sources examining the slave history and because of the reluctance of the natives to discuss issues of slavery as a result of Islamic pride (argument that prejudices and oppression are absent in Islam), still managed to find important primary sources in records of libraries and archives of Morocco in Rabat. His work is considerable concerning writings on the history of slavery of Gnawas[30].

[25] Review by Azam Torab : *Sacrifices en Islam. Espaces et temps d'un rituel* by Pierre Bonte, Anne- Marie Brisebarre and Altan Gokalp, Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Vol. 64, No. 2, 2001, pp. 274-276

[26] Cynthia Becker, *Hunters, Sufis, soldiers, and minstrels : The diaspora aesthetics of the Moroccan Gnawa*, Anthropology and Aesthetics, No 59/60 (spring /autumn 2011), pp. 132-136

[27] Jean-Marie Lesage, *La confrérie religieuse des Gnawa au Maroc : approche linguistique*, thesis presented in 1999

[28] Chouki El Hamel, *Constructing a Diasporic Identity: Tracing the Origins of the Gnawa Spiritual Group in Morocco*, The Journal of African History, Vol. 49, No. 2 (2008), pp. 245-246

[29] ibid, p. 245

[30] Review by Ellen Amster : Chouki El Hamel, *Black Morocco: A History of Slavery, Race, and Islam*, American Historical Review, June 2015

Moreover, the emphasis on oral tradition by the Gnawa could be a cause of there being so few written source. Through their songs, they tell and recreate their history as well as their original myth[31]. Chouki gives an example of songs where Gnawa tell their story[32] :

They brought from the Suda
The nobles of this country brought us
They brought us to serve them
They brought us to bow to them
They brought us Oh there is no God but God
We believe in God's justice

THE SECOND WAVE : CONTINUATION AND REFINING (2000 onwards)

The last important wave of research, corresponding historically to the beginning of the twenty first century, focuses on the Gnawas' place in the globalised world and their adjustment to it, as well as a deeper focus on the ethnomusical approach. Deborah Kapchan[33], in her book *Travelling Spirit Masters : Moroccan Gnawa and Music in the Global Marketplace*, aims at examining the specificity of Gnawa trance as well as its transcultural potential. She additionally tackles the popularity Gnawa music gained during the last fifty years and Gnawas' involvement in music festivals such as Essaouira's[34]. She believes it created a transnational notion of the sacred :

"*The phenomenon of the sacred music festival draws on the religious sentiment evoked by ritual music in order to create a transnational (thus mobile) notion of the sacred, what I call the "festive sacred," that is in many ways a counterpoint to the specificity and ideology of more orthodox forms of religious practice."*[35]

Zineb Majdouli[36] is another contemporary researcher focusing on the transformations of Gnawa music. Her work presents the displacement of the Gnawa and their music from a local and ritualised environment towards the World Music stage. Her aim is to show that the Gnawa evolve in a complex process which represents the tension between tradition and modernity in Morocco.

[31] As the heirs of Bilal, the muezzin and companion of the Prophet. Also see chap. 2 of *The Call of Bilal : Islam in the African Diaspora* by Edward E. Curtis IV, 2014
[32] Translation from al-Asiri '*Alam at-Tuqus* by Chouki El Hamel in *Black Morocco: A History of Slavery, Race and Islam, p.290*
[33] Deborah Kapchan, *Traveling Spirit Masters : Moroccan Gnawa Trance and Music in the Global Marketplace*, Middletown, Conn.:Wesleyan University Press, 2007; *The Festive Sacred and the Fetish of Trance*, *Gradhiva*, 7 | 2008
[34] http://festival-gnaoua.net/fr/
[35]Deborah Kapchan, *The Festive Sacred and the Fetish of Trance*, *Gradhiva*, 7 | 2008, p.54
[36] Zineb Majdouli, *Trajectoires des Musiciens Gnawa : Approche Ethnographique des Cérémonies Domestiques et des Festivals de Musiques du Monde*. Paris, L'Harmattan, 2007

Indeed, with the interest that international musicians have given to Gnawa music, as well as the process of globalisation of the world, the traditional aspect of the brotherhood seems to have evolved into a more commercialised activity. The music that used to be played for religious trance rituals also became a proper profession.

Furthermore, in the twenty first century, ethnomusicology is given more space by researchers like Maisie Sum[37], Jean Pouchelon[38], but also Deborah Kapchan. In the past, very little attention was given to music itself in the analysis of musical processes and gesturing body in sacred ceremonies. Mostly, it was limited to brief or aesthetic descriptions of the instruments, melodies and percussions. Sum presents precisely and accurately the musical structure of the *lîla* rituals while also making herself understable to music amateurs : "*Elements essential to Gnawa music include the evocative melodies of the guembri and entraining rhythm of the qraqab that continue in an unending series of pieces for up to an hour.*" Pouchelon, in his thesis, proposes a very complete description; from poetic analysis of the songs to dance choreographies, including a thorough description of the instruments as well as the different melodies and rhythms.

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Through this paper we have seen that the study of the Moroccan Gnawa brotherhood has had different waves of limelight. Indeed, from the sixties and the seventies onwards, anthropological study began focusing on this specific guild. Pâques and Lapassade were pioneers in the anthropological and sociological description of the Gnawa rituals. Before the seventies, very little scholarly information was accessible on the Gnawa. There was however some research by Westermarck (1968) and also broad analyses on black brotherhoods in the Maghreb.

Thereupon, we focused on the place of historians in the research process on the Gnawa. Unfortunately, little place has been taken by historians, maybe as a result of the undocumented origins of the Gnawas. Not a lot of written sources are at our disposal and it is delicate to ask questions about the Gnawa's slave origins due to the ethical rejection of slavery by Islam. Furthermore, the Gnawas transmitted their history orally through their songs. They are the wardens of their history, hence the importance of anthropologists and sociologists in this field.

In a third and last part, I presented what we could name as the second wave of anthropological research. Developed mostly in the twenty-first century, the interest is centered on the Gnawa and their music in the global world. A distinction is made

[37]Maisie Sum "Analysis of Sonic Structure in Gnawa Music", *First International Conference On Analytical Approaches To World Music 2010*. University of Massachusetts : Amherst, 2010; "Staging the Sacred : Musical Structure and Processes of the Gnawa Lila in Morocco", *Ethnomusicology 55*(1), 2011, pp. 77-111
[38] Jean Pouchelon, *Les Gnawas du Maroc : intercesseurs de la différence ?* doctorate thesis, 2014, Montréal University and Université Paris Ouest Nanterre

between the "authentic" Gnawas and the "show performing" (concerning the trance ritual as much as the music) Gnawas. Tradition and modernity are questioned.

There seems to have been an hindsight between the first generation and second generation of anthropologists and ethnomusicologists on the question of Gnawa; Gnawa rituals are less perceived as a distant and unknown pagan cult. Maybe Edward Said's *Orientalism* had something to do with it? Let's not forget that most of the researchers in this field are Westerners. Nonetheless, in the last decades, more scholars of Moroccan origins are studying the Gnawas, even if they remain westerners in their way of thinking and researching.

To put an end to this analysis of the interpretation of the Moroccan Gnawa brotherhood I would like to point out the lack of secondary sources on the muslim aspect of the brotherhood. I believe a deeper analysis of the importance of Islam for the Gnawa could beneficiate this field of research.

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Few political pundits believed that Donald J. Trump would defeat a political giant like Hillary R. Clinton in the 2016 American elections. The mere image of Trump, a reality-television personality who found huge and unquestionable support among Christian evangelicals, in the White House excited derision in many liberal and conservative circles during the early days of the Republican nomination process. Like many, I had my doubts, although I also partly believed that Trump could win by riding the popular anger of many Americans, especially given his savvy populist messaging and familiarity with the television industry. Yet a number of Orthodox Jewish Moroccan informants with whom I spoke during and after the campaign never doubted that Trump would win the election. That the most significant Jewish support for Trump came from followers of the Shas Party in Israel, Chabad Lubavitch, and Orthodox and Hasidic Jews stirred my intellectual curiosity throughout both the primary and the national phases of the election. I wanted to understand why many

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Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Moroccan Jews supported Trump as a candidate.

One of my Moroccan Jewish informants, Mordachai (informants' names are pseudonyms), a member of Shuva Israel (Return Israel; see below), noted that in Ashdod and other Moroccan ultra-Orthodox communities in Jerusalem it was widely believed that a miracle would cause Trump to win.[1] The popular opinion was that a well-respected rebbe had predicted Hillary Clinton's defeat.[2] In the end, the miracle of President Trump happened, and miracle-working rabbis associated with Jared Kushner, the president's Orthodox Jewish son-in-law, wasted no time claiming that they had had something to do with it. Rabbi David Pinto[3] and Rabbi Yoshiyahu Pinto,[4] two descendants of a long line of North African rabbis, are thought to have been among those miracle workers.[5] The Pinto Torah institutions are part of a global Jewish network led by members of the Pinto family to disseminate Torah in Israel (Ashdod and Jerusalem), France (Lyon and Paris), the United States (New York and Los Angeles), and Argentina (Buenos Aires).[6] Another of their followers, Yosef, told me that "the election of Trump does not only mean that there will be Shabbat candles every Friday night at the White House, but that Moroccan mystic kabbalists will bless the White House from Ashdod every Shabbat."[7]

On November 6, 2016, two days before the election, Ivanka Trump and Kushner, her husband, visited the Ohel, the grave of Menachem Mendel Schneerson located in the Old Montefiore Cemetery in Queens.[8] Since the unexpected death of the Lubavitcher rebbe in 1994, his grave has been a major destination for many Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Jews, who come there seeking his blessing. Ivanka Trump converted to Orthodox Judaism before her marriage to Jared Kushner, and it is widely believed that she has maintained an Orthodox Jewish lifestyle since her conversion. In this short commentary essay, I reflect on the reasons that have driven Kushner, a Modern Orthodox American Jew, to seek a blessing at the Ohel without being an openly declared follower follower of the Lubavitch movement and its mystical version of Judaism and a believer that miracles happen through prayers mediated through a rebbe. I also discuss the larger religious context that makes it possible for a modern Jewish New Yorker like Kushner to believe in modern Jewish Orthodox theology and at the same time support Jewish mystics such as David Pinto, a descendant of Rabbi Haim Pinto of Essaouira, Morocco, in return for their blessings (see figure 1).[9] (I acknowledge that there is a historical tension and division among Ashkenazi and non-Ashkenazi Jews about secularism and belief in amulets and the power of tzaddiks, a clash that became obvious in the context of Israeli society.) Finally, I provide a tentative

theoretical argument that helps us understand the comfortable attitude of Kushner and his family toward mystical folklore, folk magic, and beliefs that have long been ridiculed by Ashkenazi Jews as a phenomenon of the poor and "primitive" Jews of the Middle East, especially in the early years of Israel.

Between the early 1950s and the late 1970s, a large population of Moroccan Jews settled in Israeli development towns, or *ayarot pituah* (many originating as *ma'abarot*, transit or refugee camps). These communities brought with them their traditional beliefs and religious customs, including kabbalist and mystical rituals. Moroccan communities were strongly attached to the *Zohar*.[10] Moroccan and Ashkenazi Hasidic Jews have always been the largest group of pilgrims to the shrine of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai on Mount Meron, near Safed, and during the annual commemoration of his death, known as *hilloula*. Yoram Bilu posits that the contrasting cultural traditions of Moroccan and Hasidic Ashkenazi communities and their shared mystical beliefs

Figure 1. Photograph of Rabbi Haim Pinto of Essaouira, 1940. Courtesy of the Dahan-Hirsch Collection, Brussels, Belgium.

make their gathering during the pilgrimage a Turnerian moment of "binding diversities" and "overcoming cleavages."[11] Aaron Tapper argues that one dramatic transformation of Hasidism as an Ashkenazi practice is its adoption by Moroccans, creating what is known as Moroccan Hasidism. Tapper notes that "during the twentieth century a Hasidic rabbi (who was Ashkenazi) named a Moroccan Jew his successor—thus birthing a new, non-Ashkenazi lineage of Hasidism."[12] It should be noted that despite their differences, North African beliefs and Hasidic hagiolatric traditions are imbricated in a complex of traditions that incorporate local and mystical teachings that Rabbi Isaac Luria preached throughout the Ottoman Empire. As a popular Jewish mystical tradition, Hasidism became one of the largest mystical movements. One of the most important aspects of both Moroccan and Hasidic Jewish traditions in terms of acceptance of religious beliefs is that they revolve around a charismatic figure. In addition, the intimate relationship with God is not only central but is the primary purpose of life.

In Israel, following years of discrimination and marginalization in politics and society, Moroccan Jews began to gain political relevance after they shifted their political allegiance and became regular voters for Likud beginning in 1977.[13] The founding of Shas in 1984, just before a Knesset election, was primarily a protest against meager Sephardi representation in Agudath Yisrael, which represented Orthodox Polish Jews before it became the party of Haredi Jews in Israel. Led by the Sephardi rabbi Ovadiah Yosef and also known as the Worldwide Sephardic Association of Torah Guardians, Shas was intended to be a counterweight to the Ashkenazi political and religious establishment. Shas also introduced its own government-funded network of religious schools, known as Ma'ayan Ha-hinukh Ha-torani (Wellspring of Torah Education), in 1988, to address the needs of Orthodox Israeli Sephardi families. Despite its early moderate views toward the Palestine-Israel conflict, Shas has shifted to the right not only in terms of settlements but also in its view of Zionism, which culminated with its joining the World Zionist Organization in 2010. In addition, members of the movement opted to internationalize their message, especially in the United States. In December 2011, an American affiliate group known as the American Friends of Shas was established in Brooklyn.[14]

Shas was able to mobilize and enlist thousands of poor and disenfranchised North African Jews for *teshuvah*, the return to strict religious practice.[15] Many schools and yeshivas started serving North African and Middle Eastern Israelis through governmental subsidies.

At the same time, intellectual and ritual exchanges began to take place between North African Shasniks and Orthodox Ashkenazis, including Hasidim. Ashkenazi Judaism in Israel began to benefit from the recruitment of Moroccan students, who were trained to adapt to European and American schools of Judaism and Zionism. It is in this context that Yoshiyahu Pinto emerged in Ashdod before moving to New York, where he fostered connections with Kushner's family.

Born in 1973, Yoshiyahu Pinto is the great-grandson of Israel Abuhatzeira[16] and a descendant of Haim Pinto,[17] making him the scion of two Moroccan rabbinic lines. Abuhatzeira, born in 1889 in Tafilalt, in southeastern Morocco, was believed to be a *ba'al mofet*, working miracles through prayer. After his death in 1984, his tomb in Netivot became one of the most important Jewish pilgrimage sites in Israel. Haim Pinto (1748–1845), also renowned for his miracles,[18] was a respected leader and venerated rabbinical judge in the Jewish community of the coastal city of Essaouira, where a synagogue still bears his name. Pinto's paternal descent is traceable to the sixteenth-century kabbalist Rabbi Haim Vital, a student of Isaac Luria. A four-day annual celebration of Haim Pinto, at his shrine (see figure 2), continues to attract thousands of Moroccan Jews from all over the world. Yet despite this Moroccan rabbinic heritage, Yoshiyahu Pinto veered away from Moroccan Jewish traditions and turned to Satmar Hasidism, one of the great Hungarian Hasidic sects that was all but destroyed by the Holocaust and reestablished in New York after World War II to

Figure 2. Shrine of Haim Pinto, Essaouira, Morocco, 2014. Photo by the author.

become one of the largest Hasidic movements in the world. As a graduate of Haredi and Lithuanian yeshivas in Ashdod and Jerusalem,[19] Pinto, who is also a tsadik, became one of the most important rabbis of the American Israeli community. His rabbinical "brand" was linked to circles in Ashdod and New York, where he established many connections with Israeli and American political, business, and sports celebrities, including members of the Kushner family.

After he moved to New York, Pinto expanded his Ashdod yeshiva into a larger institutional network called Shuva Israel, which includes a network of Jewish institutions, yeshivas, synagogues, and community institutions. In Manhattan, Pinto gained numerous followers among members of the business community, who saw him as a "spiritual guide who makes wise judgments about business and the modern world, … advises them, endows them with 'energies,' and serves as a 'father figure,' along with giving their actions significance."[20] In the early stages of his residence in New York, Pinto mediated a multimillion-dollar business dispute between Charles Kushner, Jared's father, and his brother Murray Kushner. Pinto was also known to have offered services to many followers in the fields of business, politics, and sports, including the American professional basketball player Lebron James,[21] former Republican Congressman Michael Grimm, Israeli business magnate Yitzhak Tshuva, American entrepreneur Jay Schottenstein, Israeli businessman Nochi Dankner, and former Israeli foreign minister Tzipi Livni.

The veneration of a person like Yoshiyahu Pinto as a tsadik is not unusual among Jewish spiritualist traditions. However, it is rare to see Moroccan Jews breaking away from their own orthodox tradition of tsadikim to adopt versions deriving from Ashkenazi Hasidism. In North Africa, the celebration of Jewish saints takes place around the shrine of the deceased, whose spiritual power survives death. The Hasidic tsadik is a living pious man who "leads the community of adherents which assembles around him. The tsadik communicates with God through mysticism and can perform various miracles."[22] The tsadik bears the title *admor* (rabbi teacher), and charismatic authority is transferred from father to son over generations.

The relationship between Morocco and the Lubavitch movement began when Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson sent his first emissary, Rabbi Michael Lipsker, to expand the movement among Moroccan Jewish communities in the 1950s.[23] The late King Hassan II (1929–99) allowed the movement to continue its services by maintaining networks of religious, educational, and charitable institutions in Morocco. In 1990, the Moroccan ambassador to the United Nations

was received by Schneerson, who prayed for Hassan II's health in recognition of his support for Lubavitch institutions in Morocco. Today, images of the Lubavitcher rebbe are widely circulated among Jewish communities in Morocco. Though they maintain many cultural aspects of Moroccan Judaism, Moroccan Jews have also been influenced by Chabad to adopt Hasidic hats (*borsalinos*) and long coats (*kapotot/kapotes*). Furthermore, Moroccan Jewish thought shares certain beliefs with Chabad, in particular the concept of the rebbe as a miracle worker. Pinto, however, illustrates a more complex transformation within some circles of Moroccan Jews over the last decades, largely due to their interaction with Hasidism and other Ashkenazi schools of thought.

The European Ashkenazi community in Israel and the United States accepted Pinto because he appropriated and combined European and North African Jewish traditions, merging them into a kind of North African Ashkenazi Orthodox Hasidic Judaism. The Chevrot Pinto study center in the Upper West Side has received an annual contribution of between $10,000 and $50,000 from the Kushner Family Foundation since 2004. The Marisa and Richard Stadtmauer Family Foundation, run by Jared Kushner's aunt and uncle, has also donated about $529,000 to Pinto's institutions since 2009. These charitable connections highlight larger transformations and globalized networks underlying Jewish experiences in a secular world. The blending of Moroccan mystical beliefs, Hasidic rituals, and Lithuanian Orthodoxy has allowed Pinto's ministry to appeal to Jews in Israel and the United States.

According to Bilu, the interest in miracle-working rabbis among wealthy and politically minded Jews reflects a broad transformation among secular and religious people, who consult charismatic figures on personal issues. The casual visit and monetary donation to the rebbe provide people like Jared Kushner with an "instant redemption." [24] Equally important, Bilu contends, is the marketing of the rebbe as a miracle worker with supernatural powers, which are linked to a larger social and political anxiety in modern Israeli and American society, where politicians and business people "operate in a very stressful, unpredictable environment, and the whole society is in a permanent state of emergency."[25] At the same time, the broad support for Trump among Orthodox Jewish voters is widely linked to the powerful image of the strong leader and savior, which dominates Jewish communal belief. According to Yosef, my informant on Pinto, "Jews do not need to check if Trump's assertions are trustworthy or not, just like the rebbe's followers would never question his direct relationship

to God. It is a matter of faith."[26] "How do you explain the support for Trump among Hasidic Jews?" I asked during a Skype exchange. With no hesitation, Yosef proceeded, "Trump has been blessed by our spiritual leaders. He might not be Jewish, but the fact that his daughter and her husband are Jewish is enough for us to trust that he will be surrounded with and blessed by the spiritual guidance of the rebbe." Weeks after the election, I asked Yosef to explain the rise of antisemitic incidents within the United States. Yosef did not show any concern over anti-Jewish incidents, claiming that when bad people have tried to hurt Jews in the past, miracle workers have ended up defeating them. "If Trump could win over the most powerful established bureaucracies," he stated, "the rebbe would not allow the powers of antisemitism to hurt Jews as well."

In his work on saint reverence among the Jews of Aleppo in Jerusalem in the early 1960s, Walter Zenner argued that belief in what William James called "piecemeal supernaturalism," according to which "the supernatural, or the divine, produces immediate effects in the natural world,"[27] among Hasidic and Sephardi Jews dominated Israelis' image of non-European Jews; even secularized Sephardim were prone to piecemeal supernaturalism.[28] The fact that many believers felt embarrassment and skepticism about these religious traditions, Zenner concluded, indicated that Sephardi supernatural mysticism was in decline.

Support for Trump among Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Jews demonstrates the relevance of Jewish mysticism in the 2016 election. The election of Donald Trump was due in part to broad international support among Orthodox Jewish communities influenced by a growing body of spiritual leaders who can call on their followers to cast their votes for the politicians they believe promise a better financial and spiritual world. Our efforts to make sense of this phenomenon might usefully begin from a sense that people seek religious counseling to meet psychological needs in times of suffering and misfortune. The Kushner family's reliance on Jewish charismatics and kabbalists like Pinto may be a manifestation of this Weberian salvation: Pinto is "believed to possess supernatural abilities, such as the power to bless, to work miracles, to observe the invisible, and to predict the future."[29] The authoritative status and charismatic role of the tsadik is especially significant in times when people believe that the world is chaotic and in dire need of ordering.

During my conversations with many Moroccan Jewish followers and supporters of Pinto and Trump about the 2016 election, I was introduced to numerous examples of the mystical powers of David Pinto.

For instance, an informant named Moshe told me that Pinto played a key role in Ivanka Trump's marriage to Jared Kushner, after the couple struggled in the early years of their relationships. Ivanka maintained a close relationship with Pinto and adhered to Orthodox Jewish rules. In addition, during the early weeks of the general-election campaign, it was reported that Jared Kushner sought the advice of David Pinto in New York, as Donald Trump's campaign was struggling. Rabbi Pinto advised him to replace Corey Lewandowski as Trump's campaign manager; Lewandowski was fired and replaced by Kellyanne Conway.[30]

However, though many of Pinto's followers highlighted the Pinto-Kushner relationship, they were silent about a meeting between Hillary Clinton and Pinto that Pinto acknowledged in 2014. According to *Kooker*, a Haredi online newspaper, the former first lady had heard of Pinto and his miracles and paid a surprise visit to his home. Pinto described the encounter in his own words:

> I stood up and paced around the room and thought surely I would bless her, but why did she really come to me for blessings, as a Jewish rabbi? I asked her: "How do you want the blessings, orally or in writing?" She replied: "both orally and written so I will be able to preserve the written blessing." I did so and said, "May you have high standing in the White House, and you shall love the [people] of Israel [i.e. the Jews] and protect them."[31]

In 2014, Yoshiyahu Pinto was convicted and sentenced to a year in prison for bribery. Yet neither his stature nor the stature of other Pinto-family rabbis in France, Israel, the United States, or Argentina have been significantly damaged. For many Hasidic Moroccan Orthodox Jews, Trump and Pinto are strong political and moral leaders, regardless of any political lapses. If anything, these lapses ensure greater fervor and counterinterpretation of facts among believers. Just as Trump promises miraculous solutions to a perceived broken and failing society, Pinto not only foresees these miracles but is believed to be a force that will make them happen.

As a child growing up in southeastern Morocco, I was taught like many other local children to believe in the power of saints to save individuals and communities. In the 1970s, there were at least six shrines just in my village; one of them was believed to be to a Jewish saint. As children, we were cautioned never to disturb the shrine or desecrate it for fear of being punished or inflicting damage on the community. My mother once told me that Jewish saints could intervene for the purpose of making the world a better place and protecting children

from disease and death. As my work on the Jews of southern Morocco has shown,[32] the power of saints is believed to be central to the protection and safety of local Jewish communities. This belief has remained an integral part of Moroccan Judaism today. One of the most poignant dimensions of the Pinto-Kushner-Clinton story is not only the globalization of Moroccan Jewish mysticism but also its growing connections to neoliberal capitalist networks and political establishments. The story of Pinto's family and its religious connections to Moroccan, Israeli, and now American politics highlights this globalization of a localized North African brand of Jewish mysticism from Essaouira to Ashdod and finally to New York.

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Affaire Epstein: Ghislaine Maxwell, la dérive perverse d’une riche héritière

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Ghislaine Maxwell (ici, en janvier 2015, à New York) a été arrêtée par le FBI l'été dernier dans une luxueuse propriété du New Hampshire, où elle vivait discrètement depuis la mort du milliardaire et prédateur sexuel Jeffrey Epstein. *New York Daily News Archive/NY Daily News via Getty Images*

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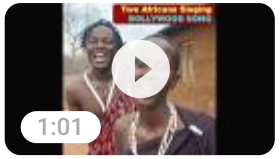

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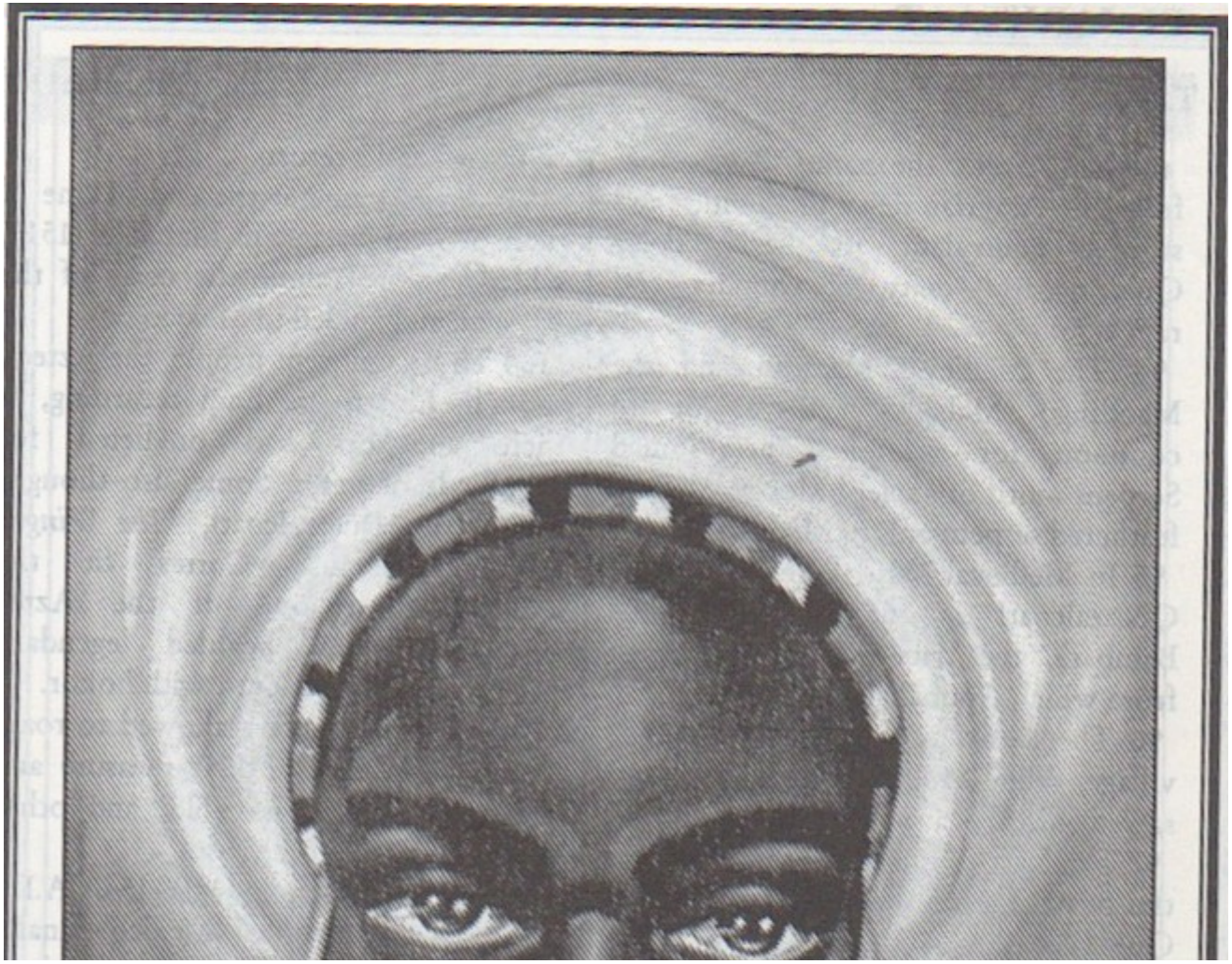
Two large journeys across the Atlantic Ocean preceding the Columbus, referencing the book written by the renowned Egyptian scholar, Ibn Fadi Al-Umari, in 1342. One man, Abubakari, or to give him his full title, Mansa (King) Abubakari II, pioneered both expeditions.



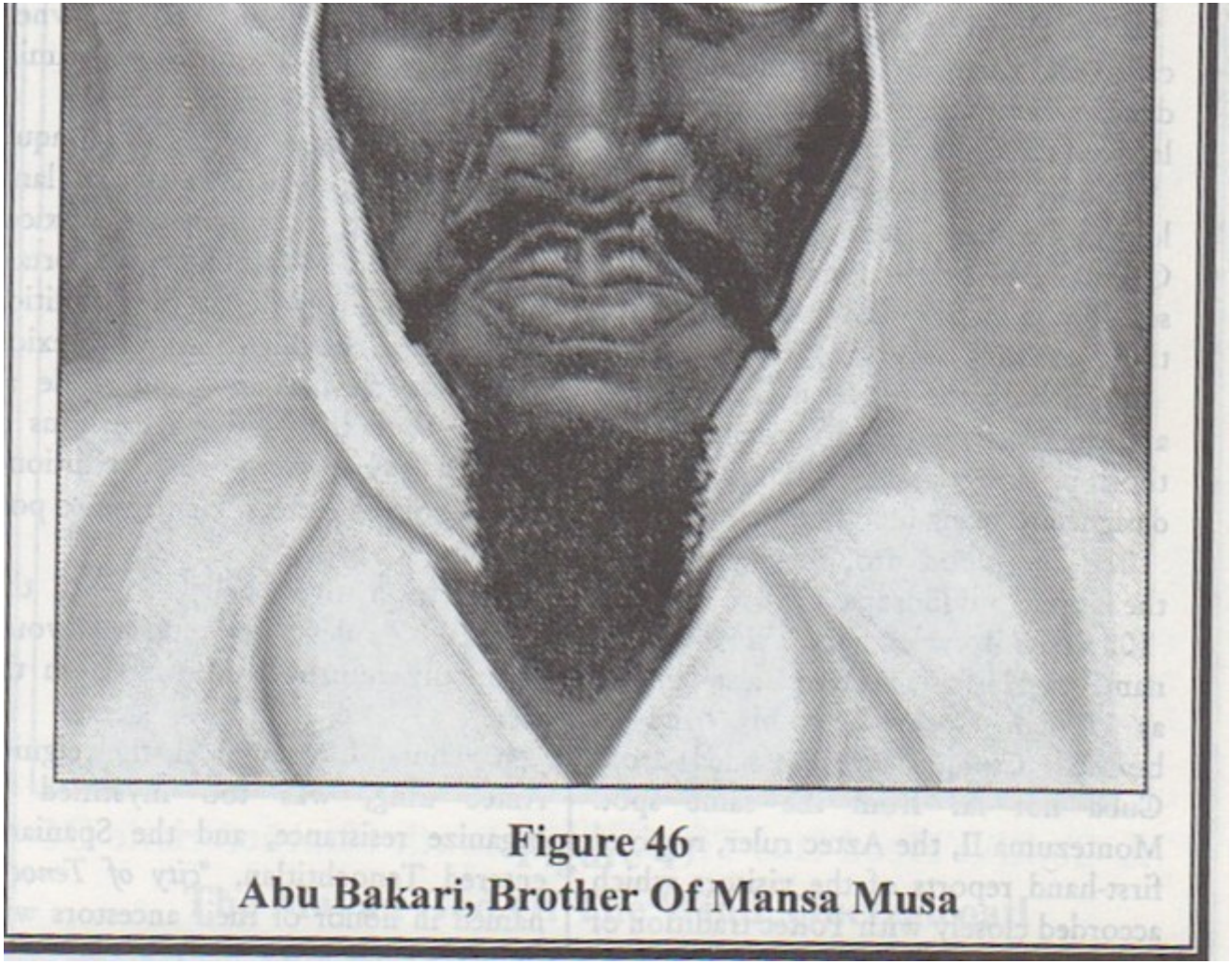


Figure 46
Abu Bakari, Brother Of Mansa Musa

The general conception was at the time of the Malian Empire that the end of the world was at the other end of the Atlantic. From the then primitive Europe this delusion took hold. On the other side, Abubakari was far from convinced. The Atlantic Ocean must stop as the population lives along its banks if the Niger begins and stops. He also thought that this could be Mecca's sea root.

Abubakari sent 200 ships out with the search for information burning in him. Their obligation was to sail across the Atlantic, in order to find out what lay beyond. Just one of the ships returned, it was stated. When

he saw the other ships vanish into the wild seas, his captain claimed to have turned around.

Abubakari wasn't convinced by the testimony of the captain. This further intensified his desire to find out what was lying on the other side of the ocean.

In Abubakari's time, Mali was a center of excellence in the 13th century, while it reached its height after its age when Timbuktu had the second oldest university at that time with more students than the University of New York.

In Timbuktu, courses such as mathematics, geography , history, astronomy, chemistry and Islamic studies had flourished. Mali was also a trading center, an exact place to meet anyone who made the world spin.

Abubakari designed ships off the coast of Senegambia with the assistance of ship builders from Egypt and Mali. In number, his ships were 2000. He was supposed to use it to explore the end of the ocean. Abubakari had been no coward. He requested that the ships be escorted across the ocean.

In 1311, Abubakari abdicated his throne to Mansa Musa. Not his son (especially in comparison to contemporary literature). Abubakari equipped the finest men, sorcerers, doctors, sailors, and navigators with 1000 of his ships. Every ship was attached to a supply ship. The number of ships amounted to 2000.

In order to last his team for 2 years, the other 1000 ships were filled with food, medicines, fruit and drinks. Abubakari was thought to have arrived in the year 1312 at the other end of the Atlantic. As the Malians renamed places after themselves, evidence of the Malian expedition can be noted in the names given to places in Haiti. Mandinga Port, Mandinga Bay and Sierre de Mali are examples of this.

A lot of other facts abounds and even more continue to unfold. There is also a folktale from Mali that gives reference to this great exploration.

How could this in Abubakari ‘s time be possible? The Atlantic is controlled from a scientific point of view by 2 currents, which typically remain the same regardless of month or season. These are the Canary Current and the Guinea Current. They both have currents that are strong enough to drag a ship from the West African coast to the Americas. You see the signs of a Negroid presence in the Americas at the end of these currents.

Therefore, Columbus would be accused of using similar knowledge of the currents of the Atlantic to sail across to the Americas. This could only have been possible with the assistance of someone who was familiar with the road. Therefore, it is more credible to speculate that Columbus was accompanied by an African, Pedro Alonso Nino, who helped him navigate the Atlantic. The fact that Columbus reported seeing blacks in America must be made clear.

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He also documented seeing a mosque-like building. The Malians were Muslims and there is also a chance that Malians may have erected the mosque. Columbus also reported seeing a ship loaded with goods just leaving the Guinean coast and heading toward America.

In addition to the above, the words of Mansa Musa, the successor to the throne, are another evidence of this voyage. Upon his arrival in Egypt, it was clear that the Egyptians were awaiting the Hajj to see Abubakari. Mansa Musa was quoted while arriving in Egypt as describing how the throne of Mali ascended. Again, citing the manner in which King Abubakari gave up his throne to contribute to worldwide understanding. A trait lacking in the African rulers of today.

Thus, the presence of the Malians on American soil may be the cause, to name a few, for the presence of African crops such as banana plants and mango.

For all black educators, this incredible history of Abubakari ‘s adventure should be a great area of interest, particularly in rewriting world history that has concentrated on enforcing Eurocentric perspectives. Anything short of this will rob not only the black youth of true heritage, but the entire world.

Prior to drawing the curtains, we must add that this article is not intended to scorn Columbus. To date, Columbus ranks among the greatest explorers of all time. Christopher Columbus was fine, but King Abubakari II was responsible for the discovery of the Americas.

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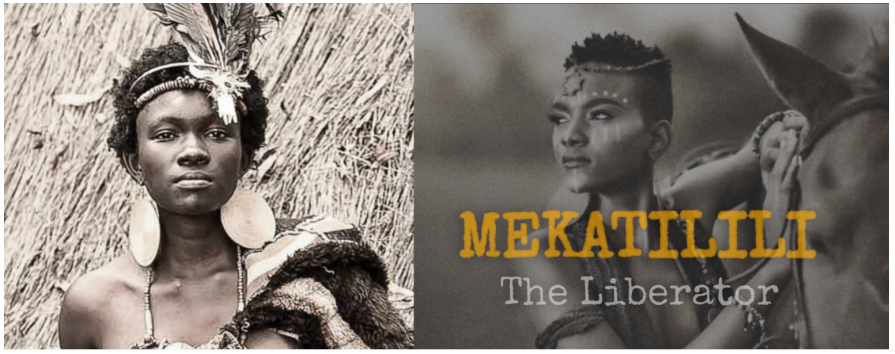

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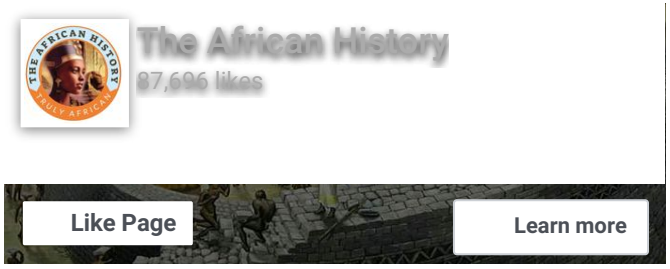

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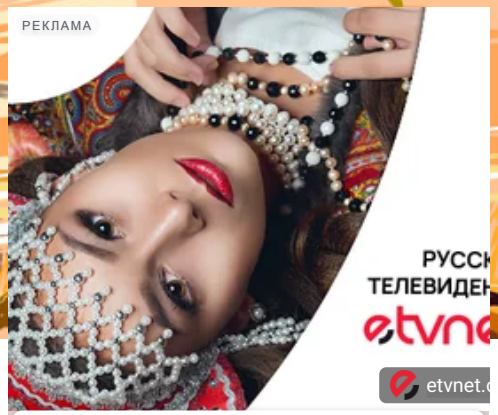

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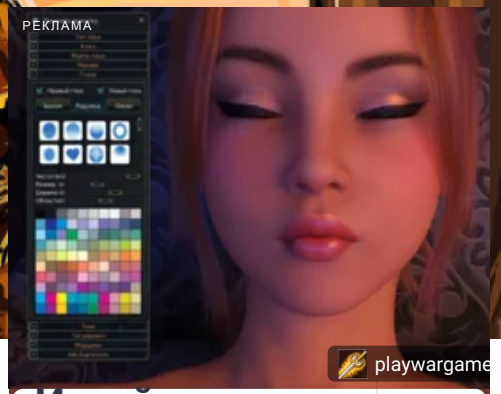

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Город Бенин, столица государства, был окружен высоким земляным валом и глубоким рвом, опоясывавшими территорию довольно правильной прямоугольной формы, шириною около пяти километров. Через весь город, от одних городских ворот к другим, тянулись пересекавшиеся под прямым углом широкие, прямые улицы, обрамленные аккуратными рядами домов характерного архитектурного стиля. Дома эти строились из местного краснозема. Их внутренние стены образовывали открытый прямоугольный внутренний двор, посредине которого находилась впадина для стока воды в период обильных дождей. Кровля дома из пальмовых листьев со всех сторон нависала над двором, образуя своеобразную открытую веранду.

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занимаемой владельцем дома. Среди божеств Бенина были главный бог, бог моря, бог железа, бог медицины, бог смерти, богиня плодородия и бог пророчества.

Индивидуальный характер религии бини выражался в том, что в каждом доме имелся алтарь, посвященный духам предков хозяина дома, с которыми советовались и которых глубоко почитали; чтобы умилостивить этих духов, совершались ежедневные обряды.

Чем влиятельнее был человек, тем обширнее был его дом. Например, жилище крупного сановника могло состоять из целого ряда зданий, обнесенных одной стеной, но всегда выстроенных по единому плану. Дворец оба, стоявший особняком от остальных домов, был самым большим и сложным зданием во всем городе. Он состоял из нескольких очень больших внутренних дворов, окруженных высокими стенами и галереями. В каждый двор вели ворота с высокой двускатной крышей, крытой дранкой и увенчанной большим бронзовым изображением змеи.

В помещениях, расположенных вокруг дворов, жили придворные чиновники, слуги и стража, охранявшая оба. Вокруг одного из дворов были расположены конюшни для царских лошадей, а в центре дворца находились недосягаемые для большинства посетителей покои оба и комнаты, где размещался его гарем. Значительное место во дворце занимали многочисленные святилища и алтари для совершения обрядов в честь богов и предков царя. Они были пышно украшены резными слоновыми бивнями и великолепно выполненными головами и фигурами из бронзы. Бронзовые барельефы, рассказывавшие о подвигах царей и героев, украшали также деревянные стены и колонны дворца.

Производство изделий из бронзы и железа, резьба по слоновой кости и дереву, обработка кожи, ткачество — все эти и многие иные ремесла были монополией специалистов, объединенных в высокоорганизованные цехи, каждый из которых располагался на отдельной улице. Цех имел свою особую иерархию званий, свою систему обучения и собственное общинное святилище. Некоторые из них, особенно цехи литейщиков и резчиков по кости, работали почти исключительно на оба и нескольких важных сановников. Таким образом, значительная часть населения города Бенина обслуживала нужды дворца.

Основой экономики Бенина являлись тяжелые налоги, которые оба взимал с подданных; кроме того, высокоцентрализованное управление требовало непрерывного притока рабов. Потребность в рабах, так же как и стремление к расширению государственных границ, была причиной постоянных войн Бенина с его соседями. Путем военной экспансии Бенин достиг вершины своего могущества. Еще в XVI веке оба сами возглавляли войско и руководили военными действиями. Позднее оба более строго соблюдали правило, предписывавшее им лишь в редчайших случаях покидать стены дворца, и ведение войны перешло в руки вельмож.

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Бенинские воины, изображенные в бронзовой скульптуре, вооружены мечами, копьями и щитами. В начале XVI века один сильно теснимый врагами оба, поддавшись соблазну добыть огнестрельное оружие, направил своих послов в Португалию. Но так как папа запрещал католикам снабжать оружием неверных, оба был вынужден допустить в Бенин христианских миссионеров. В короткое время различным католическим миссиям, по-видимому, удалось обратить в христианство царевичей и сыновей вельмож и даже начать строительство церкви. Но потом оба либо перестал испытывать нужду в португальском оружии, либо начал опасаться, что переход к новой религии может подорвать веру в его сверхъестественную силу; во всяком случае, миссионеры были вынуждены покинуть Бенин.

Следует отметить, что период наибольшей экспансии Бенина совпадает с использованием португальского огнестрельного оружия в годы царствования Озолуа, Эсиге и Орхоба. Озолуа захватил обширные территории в районах Агбор, Кукуруку, Ора и Экити. Армия оба заняла такие отдаленные друг от друга пункты, как Идах, Лагос, Акотогбо, Икале и Агенебоде и подчинила эти области Бенину. Из сообщений португальских миссионеров известно, что они сопровождали оба в походе во время войны с Идахом в 1515—1516 годах. Группы бенинских эмигрантов, бежавших от притеснений на родине, селились в различных местах Южной Нигерии. Например, королевство Варри было основано бенинским царевичем Гинува во время царствования оба Олуа. Согласно бенинским преданиям, некоторые поселения в дельте Нигера и стране Урхобо были также основаны переселенцами из Бенина.

В течение ста лет после прихода первых европейцев к португальским торговцам присоединились французы, англичане и голландцы, скупавшие тысячи рабов для

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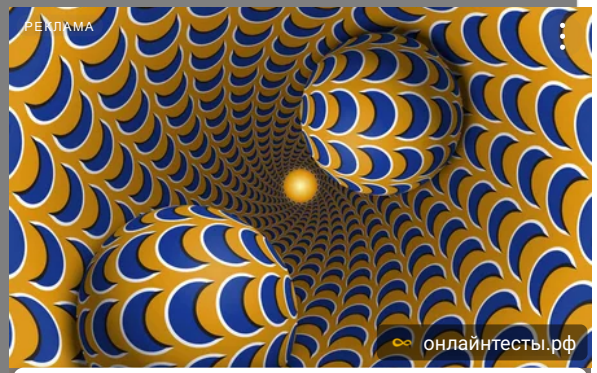

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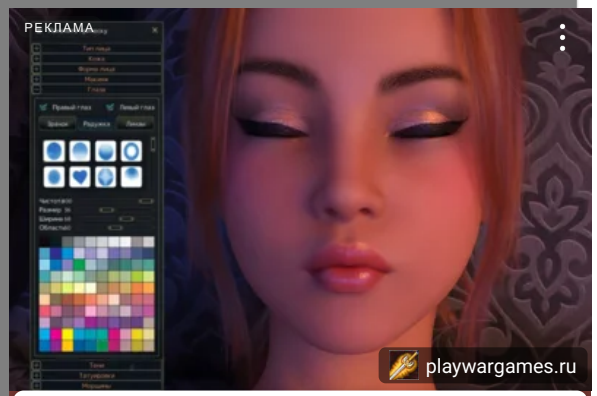

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американских плантаций, перец и слоновую кость. Стремление оба удовлетворить растущий спрос невольничьего рынка и конкуренция со стороны других государств Западной Африки привели, по-видимому, к тому, что в конце XVI века могущество Бенина стало клониться к упадку. Безусловно, это сказалось и в вырождении искусства, о чем можно судить по резко ухудшившемуся качеству изделий из бронзы. Да и сам город не раз превращался в руины в результате гражданских войн.

Хотя могущество Бенина, по-видимому, заметно ослабело в последнее столетие его независимости, он сумел сохранить почти в нетронутом виде древние обычаи и культуру вплоть до своего окончательного падения. Эти обычаи и культура заслуживают внимательного изучения, ибо они подробно повествуют о самобытной цивилизации народов тропической Африки, которые, несмотря на неблагоприятные условия природного окружения, создали развитый политический и социальный строй, основанный на власти царя-жреца, чье господство распространялось на обширные территории. Эта культура заслуживает нашего внимания и потому, что лучшие произведения мастеров Бенина являются вдохновенным воплощением тех духовных ценностей, на которые опиралась их цивилизация.

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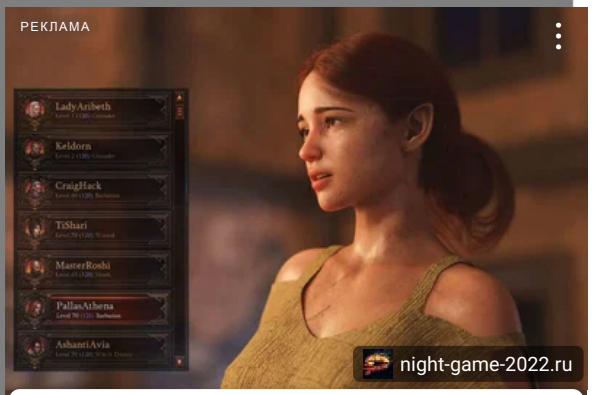

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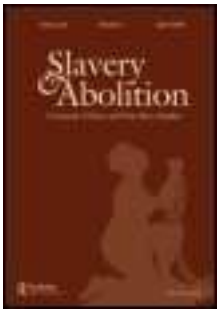

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Africa in the Reinvention of Nineteenth-Century Afro-Bahian Identity

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Over the course of the nineteenth century, the history of the capital city of Salvador was inextricably bound to dramatic demographic shifts in its Afro-Bahian population. West Africa, particularly the Bight of Benin, played a unique role in Salvador's history during this period. It was the source of a massive influx of captives early in the century that reinvigorated African-based *nações* (ethnic 'nations'). Out of these nações came the major slave-conspiracy of Islamic Africans in 1835, and the rebirth of new adaptations of religious traditions known collectively as Candomblé. Africa took on deep symbolic meaning by mid-century for both elites and the enslaved. For elites, Africa represented an 'other' against which a new national identity took shape as Brazil moved towards autonomy from Portugal and, eventually, an independent republic. For the enslaved, Africa became reference and authenticator for new identities as they moved into the rapidly growing free population of colour. The symbolic role of Africa in the shaping of new Bahian identities crystallized by the turn of the twentieth century, despite decreasing personal contacts between the two coasts, and the virtual disappearance of African-born persons in the capital's population.

This article examines how Africa was used by Bahians in the negotiation of power and prerogative that accompanied the dismantling of slavery. It points out that reality and historical accuracy were at times less important than the strategic manipulation of Africa as symbol and signifier. Focusing on the Afro-Bahian uses of Africa, it traces the processes by which Africa became the source of new post-emancipation identities. This was not the case elsewhere in Brazil, where new identities centred on colour and race rather than a distinct African cultural heritage.

In Bahia, Candomblé became an important vehicle and metaphor for shifting sociocultural relationships in the nineteenth century. By the turn of the twentieth century, Candomblé had gone from insular communities based on nação-specific African retentions, to a reinvented and institutionalized form. The leaders of the modern Candomblé proclaimed themselves to be preservers of authentic African traditions, especially those of the Ketu/Yoruba. Yet contemporary Candomblé did not result simply from direct African retentions, as is often portrayed by adherents and scholars

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alike. Rather, it may be better understood as a series of renegotiations of social power both in Brazil and in Africa. In Brazil it also served as an expression of self-determination in the post-abolition era. Through Candomblé, Afro-Brazilians claimed their right to embrace African culture despite overwhelming pressures from the elite to move towards cultural and genetic 'whitening', part of Brazil's prescription for its progress into modern civilization.

Africa and the Shaping of Elite Identity

Beginning in the eighteenth century, the rise of Positivism and the prospect of national independence led Brazilian elites into an extended and unsparing era of self-criticism and recommendations for improving Brazil's prospects for joining the international community of progressive societies. The intellectual currents of Positivism, social Darwinism, environmental and biological determinism, and Freemasonry flowed into Brazil to ignite the imaginations of its upper classes, primarily through the vehicle of fraternal organizations known as 'academias' and, later, Masonic lodges.[1] Two elements of European intellectualism particularly interested Brazilians. The first was an integrated theory of natural sciences permitting greater control and utilization of the physical environment. Brazilians had become acutely aware of the wealth of their vast land and its potential for development. Second, these new sciences dethroned divine agency, thus offering justification for creole elites to envision themselves in leadership roles. These two dimensions became critical components of an incipient republican nationalism in Brazil, as in other Latin American nations.

There was, however, an inescapable third component that held ominous implications for Brazil's elites. The evolutionary notion of progress maintained that humankind was progressing from African primitivism to European civility. Related to this was the concept of biological and environmental determinism, which held that the natural environment played a significant role in shaping distinct 'types' of people. By those standards, a predominantly *mestizo* (mixed-race) nation in the tropics could never hope for admission to the community of modern civilizations. Rubbing salt into the wounds of the elite's inferiority crisis, Count Arthur de Gobineau, French ambassador to Brazil and one of the most vocal advocates of social Darwinism, publicly dismissed Brazil as a backward nation. In 1869, he described Brazilians as 'a completely mulatto population, of polluted blood and spirit, and frighteningly ugly'. Noting that 'not a single Brazilian is of pure blood', he concluded that 'all this has produced, from the lower to the upper classes, a most sad state of degeneration'.[2] Such public ridicule exacerbated a crisis of national identity and a preoccupation with the

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prospect of social engineering in order to produce a population conducive to Brazilian progress as defined by European standards.

Optimism and faith in their power to change society marked the Brazilian elite's social philosophy of the nineteenth century. One of the hallmarks of Brazilian national identity was its conceptualization as a dynamic process subject to change, and not a fixed reality. Most contemporary writers referred to Brazilians as a people still in the formative stage, which implied that actions could yet be taken to direct the nation's evolutionary development.

These ideological trends resonated especially deeply in Bahia, where all indicators seemed to bear out the damning implications of being a tropical nation peopled overwhelmingly by descendants of the 'darker races'. Bahia, once the political and economic centre of Brazil, was rapidly sinking to backwater status with the concentration of government in Rio and the rise of the coffee and industrial barons in the central and southern provinces. The late eighteenth-century revival of the sugar industry, which lasted until the early 1820s, had led to a massive influx of African slaves who now constituted the majority of Bahia's population. The white population of the capital and the surrounding sugar zone was estimated at one-third of the total in 1798, but it had declined to 22 per cent by 1824.[3] To make matters worse for slaveholders, the newly arrived Africans were especially prone to organized revolts. A major conspiracy in 1807 was followed by numerous others, the most threatening of which was the attempted revolt of the Malês in 1835, led by slaves from the Bight of Benin.[4]

The official response to the uncovered conspiracy of 1835 revealed the shift amongst Bahian elites towards a perception of Africans and Africanisms as an encroaching presence in Bahian culture. Bahian historian João Reis notes the remarkable extent to which

> Africans and their cultures challenged the world-view, the daily habits, and even the psychological stability of many Bahians. The so-called African customs, which before had seemed so typically Bahian, suddenly emerge in the documents as alien and subversive and in need of prohibition and, if possible, extinction.[5]

Throughout the nineteenth century, and into the early twentieth century, Bahia's elites aimed to purge themselves of the African elements of Bahian cultural life. A record number of passports were issued to Africans 'returning' to the Bight of Benin in the wake of the 1835 revolt, and hundreds more made the journey until the early twentieth century.[6] However, in Bahia, the drive towards *embranquecimento* ('whitening') was articulated largely along cultural lines. The most notable fronts of these culture wars were popular festivals and the sites of worship for the Afro-

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Brazilian houses of Candomblé. The image of Africa, as well as African people themselves, became the 'other' against which Bahian elite identity shaped itself.

Candomblé presented a conundrum for those who wished to remove manifestations of African culture from Bahia. Long after the abolition of slavery and the precipitous decline of the African-born population, candomblés were providing an infrastructure for the re-creation of African identity. Raymundo Nina Rodrigues, a pioneer in Afro-Brazilian studies, documented a religious community in the 1890s that was flourishing despite decades of prohibition and police persecution. Banned instruments, songs, and vestments of Candomblé hung on with remarkable tenacity, appearing at Catholic festivals such as the Lavagem do Bomfim, popular festivals such as Carnaval, and public spaces such as the Elevador Lacerda.[7] By the 1990s, 100 years after Nina Rodrigues' observations, African-based culture had become Bahia's public persona and a central feature of its tourism industry. This article takes a closer look at how Afro-Bahians used Candomblé and, by extension, the image and concept of Africa, as an instrument of self-determination struggles in the African diaspora.

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The Evolution of Nações

As late as the nineteenth century, the African community in Bahia was subdivided into ethnic groups known as nações, based on regions of origin in Africa. Other bases of identity played important roles in shaping Bahia's cultural landscape: Brazilian nationality *vis-à-vis* Africans or Europeans, colour distinctions between browns and blacks, and varying levels of acculturation all informed social and organizational life. Yet within the African-born community, nações were a primary basis of identity.[8] Although nominally specific, Afro-Brazilian nações were, in fact, regional clusters of people. The most prominent of these during the height of the Bight of Benin trade were Jêjes (Ewe/Fon), Nagôs (Yoruba), Tapas (Nupes), and Hausas, although Bahia also had a sizeable Central African contingent throughout the history of slavery.[9] It is important to recognize that the Brazilian incarnation of nações did not represent simple transfers paralleling African cultures. One of the oldest surviving Jêje communities, the Zoogodo Bogum Malê Rundo, describes its early composition as 'Fon (Jêje) peoples of old Dahomey, now the Republic of Benin, descendants of the cities of Mahis and Dassa', acknowledging that Jêjes were, in fact, a collective of people of distinct African origins.[10] Yoruba-speakers sometimes organized themselves along kingdom-specific lines, as exemplified by the Boa Morte sodality, which restricted its membership to people from Ketu.[11]

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The Bight of Benin trade to Bahia created a confluence of two patterns of cultural reorganization in the diaspora. African diaspora communities tended towards ethnic insularity as long as they continued to be replenished with new arrivals but, once the slave-trade ended, they moved towards more pan-ethnic identities.[12] In Bahia, the influx of Africans from the Bight of Benin in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries sharpened the articulation of West African nações within the slave community at a time when they might otherwise have been moving towards diffusion. Their experience may be contrasted with that of Central Africans. Early in the nineteenth century, some organizations continued to use the appellation 'Angola', but distinct nação identifications were less common in Salvador than in cities where the slave-trade continued to bring in new arrivals from Central Africa. One such city was Rio de Janeiro, where specific nação references such as Ambaca, Cabundá (Mbundu), Cassange, Loanda, Quissama, and Rebolo appeared in contemporary documents.[13] Thus, in Bahia, a 'new African' community dominated by young people from the Bight of Benin coexisted with an older African–Bahian population that was moving towards increased creolization. Of interest here is that, in Salvador, nações remained an integral part of Afro-Bahian identity in the early-nineteenth century, but their relevance was disproportionately centred on West African identities.

Nacões ultimately went from the imposed identities of enslavement to the assumed identities of diaspora. Diasporan identities involve ethno-nationalism of communities whose territories have little to do with physical space. This detachment allows for a remarkable tenacity depending on how that nation is constructed in the diasporan mind. The story of Ketu illustrates this point. Caught between the warring empires of Dahomey and Oyo in the nineteenth century, the kingdom of Ketu was eventually destroyed in 1885.[14] Yet the nação of Ketu in Salvador survived and flourished. The concept of belonging to the 'nation' of Ketu had undergone a fundamental shift in the diaspora. Whereas nações denoted an individual's approximate region of origin in Africa at the start of the nineteenth century, by the end of that century nação identity had come to indicate religious affiliation independent of actual birthplace. The salience of the religious component of nacão identity was especially significant, and was influenced in part by ongoing events in Africa. At the time of the Bight of Benin trade, conversion to Islam had begun to dissociate religion from cultural heritage. A Nagô in Bahia could thus be Muslim, Catholic, animist, or a follower of a combination of several spiritual traditions. As evident in the emergence of the Malês as a nação category, religion became increasingly important in reconceptualizing Afro-Bahian 'nationality'. This paved the way for nações to reorganize on the basis of religion as opposed to birthplace, which, in turn, helped to enable

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candomblés to survive. Candomblés became the primary vehicle for the continuity of Africanisms as a vital part of Bahian culture.

The Reinvention of Bahian Candomblé

In the latter half of the nineteenth century, Bahian Candomblé moved from what I have termed its 'African' phase to its modern Brazilian form. In its earliest incarnation, 'African' candomblés reflected the variations of remembered traditions as transferred by the individual members of specific communities. This was the essence of the nação. 'Brazilian' candomblés, on the other hand, were not the simple accumulation of cultural practices inherited from the days of slavery. They were characterized by a transition from predominantly African to predominantly Brazilian membership, and reflected the conscious choice of the Brazilian-born to maintain African culture as a source of moral and spiritual support.

The pivotal impetus for the change in Candomblé was the cessation of the transatlantic slave-trade and, with it, new arrivals to revitalize African traditions practised in Salvador. Once the trade ended, religious communities became the principal repositories of African cultural traditions. What enabled them to flourish was the fact that Candomblé provided an institutional basis for African-based culture and, thereby, continuity and formalization of its cultural components.

The establishment of the Ilê Iyá Nassô spiritual community around 1830 serves as a convenient marker for the beginning of Candomblé's shift to its modern form, although, in its earliest years, it was most likely typical of contemporary nação groups.[15] Known also as Engenho Velho or Casa Branca, it was a candomblé founded and led by women who assumed the mission of faithfully recreating, in a modern Brazilian capital, the traditions of the African nation of Ketu. Their focus on institution-building eventually established 'standard' elements of Candomblé by which others were measured, and which were imitated to varying degrees throughout Salvador.

Although Engenho Velho (one of the names by which the Ilê Iyá Nassô was popularly known) was the pioneer of this phase of Candomblé history, two offshoot congregations, Gantois and Opô Afonjá, influenced to an even greater degree the changes occurring in Candomblé as it moved into the twentieth century. They institutionalized modern forms of 'Ketu' Candomblé, based upon the traditions established at Engenho Velho. Though there are conflicting accounts of its early history, it appears that Engenho Velho was founded by African-born women from the nation of Ketu, perhaps with the assistance of a man named Baba Assiká. It is likely that the women were also members of the Boa Morte sisterhood, based in the Barroquinha parish church, one of hundreds of lay Catholic

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confraternities, and the only form of association to which Africans could legally belong until the late nineteenth century. The candomblé first functioned near this site.[16] Important elements in this history have yet to be clarified, such as the date(s) of their departure from Ketu, and whether the founders were free or enslaved.

It should be noted here that although the traditions set forth by the three principal Nagô houses (Engenho Velho, Gantois and Opô Afonjá) are popularly called 'Ketu', the priestesses of Gantois claim a blood lineage directly from Abeokuta, founded around 1830 by predominantly Egba and Owu peoples. Also, the name of Opô Afonjá suggests a link with Afonjá, an Oyo dissident who led the unsuccessful mutiny that touched off the Islamic *jihad* and the eventual destruction of Oyo Ilê.[17] The naming of a specific set of cultural practices as Ketu despite these references to other peoples and places suggests that the evolution of nação identity in Bahia followed principles other than actual state-formation on the African continent.

Other candomblés surfaced and flourished in the late nineteenth century. The Ketu house of Alaketu and the Jêje house of Bogum claim origins dating as far back as the seventeenth century. Houses from other traditions, including Kongo-Angola (Central African) and the *candomblé do caboclo* (syncretized with indigenous spirits), also became established and grew stronger towards the end of the nineteenth century and continuing into the twentieth. There were still a few Muslim congregations when Nina Rodrigues did his research, although their influence was limited. However, none engaged in as ambitious an effort to reinterpret African tradition in a Brazilian context as did the houses of Engenho Velho, Gantois and Opô Afonjá.

The degree to which Engenho Velho departed from earlier practices is unclear. The religious ritual itself, a matter restricted to the initiated priesthood, will not be discussed in detail here, but some features of the cultural transfer and reinterpretation are important to note. As senior priestesses, women were to play a pivotal role in the reshaping of Bahian Candomblé. Women's command of administrative and ritual power within the pre-eminent Candomblé houses established the perception in Salvador that the priesthood was traditionally women's domain. In Engenho Velho, the highest administrative and religious office was that of the Iyalorixa, who was assisted by several titled officers in the Candomblé hierarchy. These were lifelong positions restricted to women, and subject to confirmation through the Ifá divination system. Women's influence was further strengthened by their financial autonomy. African women had access to cash through their work as vendors and traders; domestic workers sometimes received gifts of jewellery, which could be pawned. Successful black businesswomen parlayed their resources into positions of philanthropy and patronage of Afro-Brazilian religious institutions, both Catholic and Candomblé. The

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women who secured the land for the three leading terreiros ensured themselves an institutional base for their own power and, because of their influence, set standards copied by other terreiros. Although men headed Candomblé houses, were initiated for possession rituals, and retained the exclusivity of the role of babalawô (Ifá diviner), they frequently faced charges of homosexuality for their exercise of what was coming to be viewed as a woman's role. Further research remains to be done on the institutionalization of women's power within Candomblé.

Second, Bahian Candomblé modified the concept of the African family by combining two central principles of social organization. In Yoruba tradition, the circumstances of birth determined many spiritual relationships and commitments. Also, prior to the advent of modern Candomblé, Africanity in Bahia referred exclusively to those born on the continent. The new Brazilian model combined and restructured these two principles through Candomblé's system of religious kinship. An initiate, regardless of his or her natal ethnicity, was 'born' into the Candomblé community. The subsequent relationships involved the initiate as a 'child' of both a specific orixá (deity) and a spiritual family. The initiating priestess became the 'mother' (*iyá* in Yoruba, *mãe* in Portuguese), the initiates became 'daughters' or 'sons', hence, siblings to each other. The initiation ritual entailed other spiritual relationships, such as those with assisting priests or with initiates of the same deity. Within the Candomblé, age was based upon the date of initiation and superseded chronological age in the determination of seniority. With such a structure in place, Engenho Velho began as a nuclear family. As its children matured and began creating their own spiritual families, it became a larger clan of interrelated units.

Internal differences within Engenho Velho led to the creation of two other pioneering candomblés, Gantois and Opô Afonjá. The process helped institutionalize new conventions. Gantois was founded as a result of a dispute over rules of succession, a debate that illustrated the trend toward the establishment of fixed procedures within Bahian Candomblés. At Gantois, Maria Julia da Conceição Nazareth restricted the title of Iyalorixa (senior priestess) to female blood relatives. She trained her daughter Pulcheria to succeed her upon her death in 1900.[18] In 1903, another member of Engenho Velho, Eugenia Anna dos Santos, left to create Opô Afonjá. Mãe Aninha, as she was best known, was born in 1869 to African parents of the Gurunsi nation, but had been initiated into the Nagô tradition at Engenho Velho.[19] It is significant that although she never disavowed her natal ethnicity, Aninha had assumed Nagô as a spiritual ethnicity. The parameters of ethnicity had been redefined such that one could become an African of a given nation by initiation into its cultural world. This helped Bahian Candomblés attract devotees of diverse backgrounds.

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Another salient feature distinguishing this era of Brazilianization and adaptation of Candomblé was the reconceptualization of the candomblé as the institutional basis of an alternative culture. This phenomenon was significantly different from the perpetuation of African culture by African-born persons for whom it was their primary world-view. The Brazilian-born, and even Africans who had spent considerable time in Brazil, were sufficiently cognizant of Euro-Brazilian culture to choose between the two. Assimilation could bring measurable rewards – greater possibilities of upward mobility, social acceptance, more lucrative employment and, while slavery existed, even manumission. Yet succeeding generations not only opted for maintaining a distinct African cultural reference, they also moved in ever-increasing numbers towards the creation of alternative cultural spaces throughout the post-abolition period.

The terreiro embodied this trend, becoming a recreated African homeland in microcosm. Terreiros began as sacred spaces for specific ceremonies. As late as the 1890s, Nina Rodrigues commented that the use of terreiros was still largely restricted to special observances, noting: '[t]hey have, on the outskirts of the cities, special temples (terreiros) for the great annual festivals, and small oratorios or chapels in private homes for regular ceremonies and prayers throughout the year.'[20] Candomblé leaders of the post-abolition era (approximately 1888 through the 1930s) transformed the terreiro into an alternative cultural enclave, evolving, by the mid-twentieth century, into a multifaceted world in which one could live with only limited contact with mainstream Brazilian culture.

The terreiro was thus transformed from the groves and unclaimed spaces where the faithful gathered for special ceremonies to a new form as modern *quilombos* (maroon communities), where fugitives from the mainstream society could find sanctuary in a society of their own creation. In order to do this, the Candomblé had to move from a primary location of private homes to parcels of land devoted explicitly to this purpose. A terreiro typically included spaces for regular ceremonies and areas consecrated to specific deities. The larger terreiros even included houses where a small number of devotees lived on a permanent basis.[21] This new role was made possible only with the increasing financial security of the candomblé community. Although the majority of devotees had limited means, resources could be pooled once someone was able to make an initial investment of capital. Women such as Aninha were uniquely positioned to assume leadership roles in this regard. In Bahia, there existed a small number of women with sufficient disposable income to become critically important financial supporters of Afro-Brazilian organizations. Aninha, a businesswoman, was part of this group. She was a retailer of imported African products at the Mercado Modelo on the docks. Since the nineteenth

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century, Africans had been involved in commercial trade with Nigeria. She lived in the 'upper city', not far from the Mercado, on the Ladeira da Praça.[22] Later, she moved next door to the Church of the Rosário in Pelourinho, using her home as a retail outlet. By 1909, she had accumulated sufficient funds to purchase land in an outlying district named São Gonçalo do Retiro on which she would build Opô Afonjá. Aninha's story also sheds light on the means by which some Africans and their descendants on both sides of the Atlantic were able to break into, and profit from, the lucrative retail trade in goods between Salvador and the Bight of Benin. While the extent of Afro-Bahian commercial activity has yet to be fully documented, it is clear that profits from the Bight of Benin trade contributed to some extent towards the purchase and expansion of Candomblé terreiros.

Major principles of Yoruba culture informed developments within Bahian Candomblé. One of these was the importance of maintaining the cults of all the deities of the pantheon. Because certain towns and special sites, such as sacred rivers, had patron orixá, their cults were concentrated in diverse areas of the Oyo Empire. An empire of conquest, Oyo permitted tributary states to maintain their patron deities and often adopted them into their own pantheon. A consolidation of sorts was undertaken in Oyo when the relocated capital was divided into districts dedicated to various deities. Although the Alafin, and by extension Oyo itself, had its royal patron deity, the principal orixás of the empire enjoyed specially consecrated areas of the capital. Because of this specialization of ritual knowledge based on location, as well as the individual's devotion to specific orixás, it seems likely that the ability to reconstitute the full spectrum of Yoruba cosmology in the diaspora would have been greatly dependent on the particular knowledge and skills of individuals in a given community.[23] For example, the *egungun* ancestral rites and the babalawô priesthood represented specialized ritual knowledge reserved for men. It might be expected that those institutions would be lost in women-dominated terreiros. However, the terreiro founders dedicated themselves to creating as complete a Yoruba world as possible, incorporating both ancestor worship and divination in modern candomblés, even if their traditional institutional forms were sometimes modified. The terreiro thus became a world of spiritual harmony in the context of African cosmology.

Interestingly, it was Aninha, a Brazilian-born woman of Gurunsi descent, who went further than any other priestess in recreating Yoruba traditions, although it is unclear whether her terreiro specifically traced its lineage to either Oyo or Ketu. Although Aninha was not a Nagô by birth, she was, nevertheless, well grounded in Oyo language and history as a result of her collaboration over many years with Martiniano Eliseu de Bomfim. As an adolescent, Bomfim was sent by his parents to Nigeria, where he was

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educated in Yoruba language, philosophy and religion. When he returned to Brazil, he served as the principal consultant for Nina Rodrigues in the preparation of *L'Animisme Fétichiste*.[24] Over the course of several visits to Nigeria, Bomfim was initiated as a babalawô, becoming one of few Brazilians fully trained in the Ifa divination system. Together, Aninha and Bomfin set out to make Opô Afonjá an African village to the fullest extent possible. Aninha declared that Yoruba would be the official language of the terreiro, and all her initiates received instruction.[25]

The processes by which Opô Afonjá created its institutions demonstrate that the new candomblés did not evolve directly from remembered traditions. Mãe Aninha and Martiniano do Bomfim established a council called the Obas of Xango, which is among the clearest examples of the reinvention of African tradition in the diaspora. Martiniano do Bomfim himself explained the origin of the tradition at Opô Afonjá in a paper submitted to the Afro-Brazilian Congress of 1937. According to Bomfim, Xango was a praise-name of the third Alafin to succeed Abiodun, who ruled in the late eighteenth century.[26] A power struggle with two military officers prompted Xango to leave the world of humans and transform himself into a deity. Sometime later, a council comprised of the twelve ministers who had served him on earth was organized to maintain the cult of Xango on earth. 'Because of this', he wrote,

> in the Centro Cruz Santa do Ache de Opô Afonjá, in São Gonçalo do Retiro, this year was carried out the festival enthroning the twelve ministers of Xango, chosen from among the eldest and most prestigious *ogans* [male officers] of the candomblé. This candomblé, erected in honour of Xango, is the only one in Bahia, and perhaps Brazil, to realize this festival, which brings back such good memories for the spiritual children of the African continent.[27]

Bomfim's understanding of this particular institution was probably based on his experiences in early twentieth century Nigeria. There is no reference to a ministerial council of Xango in Oyo's state structure (although it may refer to an exclusively religious priesthood structure), but its Brazilian version embodied important principles of Oyo's civil organization. Administrative councils were important in the cults of each deity, the *egungun* cult of the dead, and in state government through such structures as the Oyo Mesi and the Ogboni council in New Oyo. Using another Yoruba principle, the Ministers of Xango at Opô Afonjá were divided into those of the Left and those of the Right. From the earliest days of the Yoruba, lineages grouped themselves into a triadic pattern of Ono (the centre), Otun (the Right) and Ohi (the Left).[28] As had been the case with African-themed carnival groups

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in the 1890s, Afro-Brazilians were reaching to African history to establish an identity for themselves in modern Brazil.[29]

A key component of their sense of Africa was the concept that they were restoring traditional institutions, as opposed to reinterpreting traditional principles. In the assessment of Deoscóredes M. dos Santos, an initiate of Opô Afonjá: 'the re-establishment of the ancient tradition of the Obas de Xango gave still more prestige to Opô Afonjá and demonstrated the competence and knowledge of Iyalorixa Aninha Obá Biyi.'[30] On both sides of the Atlantic at this juncture, descendants of the Oyo Empire were claiming legitimacy based on tradition. The Yoruba in Africa were seeking to legitimize claims to leadership positions under British colonial government. These concerns, along with the proclivity of British observers to perceive all traditions as ancient, unchanging practice, would most likely have set a synchronic tone for Martiniano's instruction that resonated with the needs of Afro-Brazilians. In the quote above, dos Santos described the council as a 're-establishment'. Similarly, Martiniano do Bomfim was quoted as saying '[Aninha] really tried to study our ancient religion and reestablish it in its African purity'.[31] For Afro-Brazilians, this connection with an ancient past provided an anchor for a 'neo-African' ethnic identity via the candomblé. The accuracy with which they recreated African institutions is less relevant here than the effort itself, and the degree to which African *principles* were reinterpreted for a Brazilian context.

In fact, it appears that many Africans regarded the Brazilian candomblés with skepticism. In her travels to Bahia in 1939, Ruth Landes reported a conversation with Martiniano do Bomfim, who complained of the degree to which new candomblés diverged from African traditions:

> I can't bear to see it. Take Maximiana ... She's head of the oldest temple in Brazil, Engenho Velho – it must be nearly a hundred and fifty years old. Yet she gets everything wrong, and worst of all she tries to call the souls of the dead [*egungun*] into her temple! Now that's sacrilegious! ... Only men should look at the dead. But at Engenho Velho *women* look at the dead – and ask them questions! So I left.[32]

Nina Rodrigues noted that the Brazilian terreiros, through their incomplete understanding of African language and religion, had lost their 'primitive purity'. Even though some houses worked assiduously to be faithful to tradition, they failed to receive full acceptance by Africans. Nina Rodrigues recalled that

> [o]ne day I asked an old African woman watching the sacred dances at Gantois from afar whether she had made *santo* [been initiated] and

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> why she didn't dance. She replied that her *terreiro* was of *gente da Costa* (Africans) and was located in Santo Antonio; that the *terreiro* of Gantois was of *gente da terra* (creoles and mulattoes).[33]

The divergence between the 'remembered' culture of the Africans and the 'reconstituted' culture of the Brazilians had clearly become evident by the turn of the twentieth century. Africans and Brazilians continued to interact in candomblés, not only as visitors, but also as the Brazilian-born children of African terreiros and the African forebears at Brazilian candomblés. However, whereas people could become initiated into a Brazilian terreiro, they could not be born into an African nação in its older guise.

The Brazilian candomblés flourished. They successfully cultivated an image of authenticity, which helped their stature within the Afro-Brazilian community. In addition, the Bahian candomblés seemed to share an ability to address the spiritual and social needs of the broad Afro-Bahian community. Though many were nominally West or Central African, or *caboclo* blends of African and indigenous traditions, they were open to all, and the interpretation of cosmological constructs was not as rigidly linked to specific nations as in the early-nineteenth century communities of recent African arrivals. The political strategies of Candomblé leaders were equally important in ensuring their survival in spite of the police repression that continued into the 1930s. Structural changes within Candomblé administrative bodies enabled priestesses and priests to cultivate strategic ties with influential people able to intercede with officials.[34]

The second Afro-Brazilian Congress, held in Salvador in 1937, may well be considered the final step in the transition to modern Candomblé. The Congress had several direct effects upon the Candomblé community. It helped give the struggle for religious and cultural freedom an ideological base by valorizing African culture. Its presentations favoured a synchronic conceptualization of African cultural traditions, promoting an emphasis on 'authenticity' as a means of legitimization amongst the houses. This coincided with the desire of cultural researchers to investigate 'primitive' cultures in their purest forms, thus providing the rationale for the sanctioning of the Candomblé houses. Another side effect of the Congress was the pre-eminence of Nagô culture. Carneiro persuaded Iyalorixa Aninha and Martiniano do Bomfim to host most of the Congress sessions at Opô Afonjá, and to present papers. This was the first time a Bahian terreiro, especially one of such prestige, had been placed on display to the international community. It led to important research by such scholars as Carneiro and American Donald Pierson undertaken at Opô Afonjá, and to a subsequent emphasis on Nagô traditions in the academic literature.[35]

A third repercussion of the Congress was the creation of the União das Seitas Afro-Brasileiras (Union of Afro-Brazilian Sects) in September 1937.

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The Union was the brainchild of Edison Carneiro, who enlisted Martiniano do Bomfim to serve as its president. Sixty-seven candomblés of various nations enrolled in the organization, whose stated purpose was to 'fight for black people's religious freedom'.[36] The Candomblé leaders were each asked to identify their nação, and their responses are a testament to the fluidity and diversity of ethnic identity within the context of Candomblé (see Table 1). It is important to note that despite the subsequent pre-eminence of the Ketu/Nagô houses, 56 per cent of the União's membership was non-Yoruba in 1937. In Carneiro's estimation, the many designations were misleading. Observing the degree of cultural borrowing between supposedly distinct 'nations', he described the Amerindian *caboclos* as 'degraded forms of Jêje–Nagô candomblés' and noted in the Angolan candomblés only minor differences of dances, rhythms, and language, in what was essentially Jêje–Nagô ritual.[37] Thus, there existed an interesting counterpoint between increasing cultural similarities as more candomblés tended to assimilate a Yoruba-derived ritual on the one hand and, on the other, a resistance to homogenization as reflected in the diversity of self-described nações.

A possible reason for the proliferation of 'new' Candomblé nations was the potential for men to assume leadership roles outside the Jêje–Nagô

TABLE 1
MEMBERSHIP BY NAÇÃO, UNION OF AFRO-BRAZILIAN SECTS, 1937

Nação	Number
Angola	15
Caboclo	15
Ketu	10
Jêje	8
Ijêxá	4
Congo	3
Ilú-Ijêxá	2
Alaketo	1
Muçurumim (Malê)	1
Nagô	1
Africano	1
Dahoméa	1
Yoruba	1
Môxe-Congo	1
Angola-Congo	1
Congo-Caboclo	1
Angolinha	1
TOTAL	67

Source: Edison Carneiro, *Candomblés da Bahia*, 3rd ed. (Rio de Janeiro: Conquista, 1961), p.57.

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houses. Male senior priests were the exception in the latter; most were concentrated in the Angola, Congo, and, increasingly, *caboclo* houses. Of the 67 houses participating in the Union, 37 were led by men. Carneiro, himself closely related to the Nagô terreiros, noted that the priesthood was considered a traditionally female role, and that male priests were derided either as homosexuals or as charlatans seeking to earn money for magical spells.[38] In the ritual itself, as practised in early twentieth-century Salvador, women held special positions as mediums for African deities. In the sacred dances invoking the presence of the deities, only women were expected to become possessed. A man experiencing possession was considered weak and unable to exert self-control. Many Jêge–Nagô houses discouraged certain areas of male participation, prompting some men to establish their own candomblés and, in the process, create their own 'nations'. The proliferation of self-anointed priests and a host of new houses paved the way for the popularization of Candomblé well beyond the African community. It also strengthened the emphasis on traditionalism in such houses as Engenho Velho, Gantois and Opô Afonjá. These developments led to further evolutions of Candomblé in the middle and late twentieth century, in subsequent phases of its modernization.

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Conclusion

The African connection gave Afro-Bahians a range of options for expressions of self-determination not evident elsewhere in Brazil. With slavery's demise, Afro-Brazilians took a variety of steps to articulate new roles for themselves within the nation's social order. These ranged from strategies of integration to withdrawal from the oppressive aspects of mainstream culture via the creation of alternative spaces. Private social clubs, soccer teams, and samba parties in such cities as Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo developed in Afro-Brazilian communities as non-discriminatory sites shaped and controlled by Afro-Brazilians themselves (though open to non-blacks as well). Candomblé fell within this general type of post-abolition adaptation, but its particular trajectory was greatly affected by the dynamics of its relationship to Africa.

At the most obvious level, Candomblé was clearly the product of African traditions transplanted via the slave-trade. Yet Africa continued to affect Candomblé's development in diverse ways long after slavery ended. The cessation of the trade in the mid-nineteenth century, concurrent with a shift in the Afro-Bahian population from predominantly African and enslaved to predominantly Brazilian and free, led to a reconceptualization of the ethnic groups known as nações. African identity became an articulation of personal choice, rather than an indicator of birthplace.

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African spirituality became institutionalized through Candomblé which, with the advent of terreiros, attempted to restore other cultural practices once kept alive by a constant influx of African-born persons to Bahia. Free persons claimed their right to practice the religion of their choice, despite severe police repression, and for the first time were able to purchase land on which to establish 'African' communities. By the early twentieth century, an individual of any ethnicity could, through Candomblé, become African and even live in a terreiro where the values, dress, language, and culture represented a significant alternative to mainstream life. An elderly black woman of limited means, whose social stature would be circumscribed by most Brazilian standards, could enter a terreiro and become a queen.

Perhaps one of the most significant aspects of the African connection that has yet to be fully explored is the role of the individuals who travelled between Bahia and Africa from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth century. Theirs was a specialized and highly influential interaction informing developments in the cultural, economic, and socio-political condition of the Afro-Bahian community. Afro-Bahian knowledge of Africa was not restricted to the memories of old slaves or the interpretations of non-Africans; it was a living connection to bi-cultural individuals that substantially affected both their material lives and ethnic identities.

To understand the impact of this interaction, it is essential that Africa be recognized as an inseparable component of Afro-Bahian history. For example, the priestesses born in Ketu who revolutionized Bahian Candomblé subsequently returned to Africa. The dramatic pace of events in Ketu, which has received relatively little scholarly attention, raises questions yet to be answered. Did these women leave on their own accord or were they captives? What contemporary knowledge of Ketu did they bring to Bahia? By what means did they attain freedom and the financial resources to acquire a terreiro? What informed their decision to return to Africa? What were conditions in Ketu at the time of the return, estimated to be within decades of its demise? Does the story of these women fit within the framework of other Brazilian 'returnees' in West African port cities, or did they experience a different type of re-adaptation to African life in the era of colonization?

The nature and extent of personal contacts across the Atlantic have yet to be fully documented. They were clearly multidimensional, including networks of trade that also helped finance the construction of terreiros. The travels of key figures in Bahian Candomblé underscore the influence of what may well have been a transatlantic 'community' of Afro-Bahian culture and identity. When Iyanassô, a co-founder of Engenho Velho, travelled to Ketu sometime in the mid-nineteenth century, she was returning to the land of her birth with her daughter Marcelina da Silva (Obatossi) and

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her granddaughter Madalena. Madalena returned to Bahia after a stay of seven years, with two children born in Africa, and pregnant with a third, Claudiana, the mother of Mãe Senhora (Maria Bibiana do Espirito Santo), an Iyalorixa of Opô Afonjá.[39] Decades later, Martinano do Bomfim was to make repeated trips to Africa, during which time he was initiated as a babalawô. The exact course of his travels, which to date remain undocumented, would yield valuable insight into the basis for Opô Afonjá's traditions. All of these individuals became pivotal figures in the reshaping of modern Bahian Candomblé. Travelling the same routes as their captive African forebears, these Afro-Bahians used their transatlantic connections to create personal and collective spheres of autonomy in the diaspora, informed by first-hand experience in Africa.

Equally important is what did not occur. Despite the proliferation of West African nações within Candomblé, the Islamic Malês were unable to flourish in Bahia. Repression in the wake of several attempted revolts early in the nineteenth century was undoubtedly a factor, but there are others to consider. Both contemporary and recent scholars have suggested that Candomblé came to incorporate significant elements of Islam in its role as the syncretic religious culture of Afro-Bahians.[40] It is also possible that the greater involvement of women in Candomblé than in Bahian Islam may have been a crucial determinant of the different trajectories of these spiritual communities. Recent research suggests that women's leadership was particularly important in black institutions, both formal and informal, during the post-abolition era.[41]

Africa, both as an image and in the person of its children, was an intrinsic part of the ideological and physical construction of the Americas. This article has focused on the centrality of Africa in the shaping of a city that came to be known as one of the most African in the Americas, in the largest nation of the African diaspora. It is important to recognize how people from a variety of backgrounds, and for diverse reasons, actively utilized representations of Africa in the construction of Bahian identities. There were some in Bahia who hoped to model its culture along European lines, as was apparently occurring in industrializing cities such as São Paulo. For them, Africa informed an oppositional identity. For others, Africa became the pillar of a new Afro-Bahian consciousness. Through Candomblé, and related struggles for cultural freedoms, Afro-Bahians pioneered the politicization of African-based cultures as an important aspect of their struggle for self-determination in the twentieth century.

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1. These included the Brazilian Academy of the Forgotten (Salvador, 1724–25), the Academy of the Happy (Rio de Janeiro, 1736–40), the Academy of the Select (Rio de Janeiro, 1751–52), the Brazilian Academy of the Reborn (Salvador, 1759–60), the Academy of Science (Rio de Janeiro, 1772–79) and the Literary Society (Rio de Janeiro, 1786–90, and 1794). The first Masonic lodge was inaugurated in Salvador in 1797, followed by one in Pernambuco in 1802 and three in Rio in 1803. E.B. Burns, 'The Intellectuals as Agents of Change', in A.J.R. Russell-Wood (ed.), *From Colony to Nation* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1975), p.217; E. Viotti da Costa, 'The Political Emancipation of Brazil', in Russell-Wood (ed.), pp.61–2.
2. A. de Gobineau, quoted in G. Raeders, *O Inimigo Cordial do Brasil: O Conde de Gobineau no Brasil*, trans. R. Reire d'Aguiar (Rio de Janeiro: Paz e Terra, 1988), p.90.
3. J.J. Reis, 'Slave Resistance in Brazil: Bahia, 1807–1835', *Luso-Brazilian Review*, 25, 1 (1988), pp.112–14.
4. J.J. Reis, *Slave Rebellion in Brazil: The Muslim Uprising of 1835 in Bahia*, trans. A. Brakel (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993).
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6. Between 1835 and 1836, 742 passports were issued to Africans destined for the Gulf of Benin. Between 1846 and 1868, 1312 Africans obtained passports to travel to the coast. Travel continued at a steady pace throughout mid-century but, just after abolition, there was a sudden increase in departures. In 1889, the 227 Africans leaving Bahia represented an increase of 391 per cent over the previous year. Among the difficulties in determining exact numbers are the facts that the children and grandchildren of Africans were listed as *brasileiros*, and that travellers included those making multiple voyages to Africa: K.D. Butler, *Freedoms Given, Freedoms Won: Afro-Brazilians in Post-Abolition São Paulo and Salvador* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1998), p.143; J.M. Turner, 'Les Brésiliens: The Impact of former Brazilian Slaves upon Dahomey' (PhD thesis, Boston University, 1975); M. Carneiro da Cunha, *Negros, estrangeiros: os escravos libertos e sua volta a Africa* (São Paulo: Brasiliense, 1985); P. Verger, *Fluxo e Refluxo do Tráfico de Escravos entre o Golfo do Benin e a Bahia de Todos os Santos dos Séculos XVII a XIX*, 3rd ed., trans. T. Gadzanis (São Paulo: Corrupio, 1987), pp.599, 633.
7. Butler, pp.176–86.
8. Mary Karasch and João Reis provide excellent overviews of nações in Afro-Brazilian social history: M.C. Karasch, *Slave Life in Rio de Janeiro, 1808–1850* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987), pp.3–28; Reis, *Slave Rebellion in Brazil*, pp.139–59.
9. S.B. Schwartz, *Sugar Plantations in the Formation of Brazilian Society* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985), p.341.
10. Sociedade Fiéis de São Bartolomeu, 'Zoogodo Bogum Malê Rundo, Terreiro do Bogum, Terreio Gege do Bogum', unpublished paper (May 1992); J. de Carvalho, 'Nação–Jeje', in Centro de Estudos Afro-Orientais, *Encontro de Nações de Candomblé* (Salvador: Universidade Federal da Bahia, 1984), pp.55–6.
11. Reis, *Slave Rebellion in Brazil*, p.151.
12. Monica Schuler offers an example of this process in *Alas, Alas Kongo: Social History of Indentured African Immigrants into Jamaica, 1841–1865* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1980), pp.33–4, 65–70. She points out that when enslaved Africans first arrived in Jamaica, those from numerically stronger national groups isolated themselves as a means of coping with a hostile environment. One such group was the Akan, which organized exclusively Akan slave-revolts throughout the eighteenth century. Towards the end of that century, a decrease in Akan arrivals, an increase in the Jamaican-born population, and the emergence of Myalism as a pan-African religious culture led to a shift from national isolation to pan-African cooperation. In 1789, Akan, Kongo and Mandinka people together took part in a slave revolt. When a new influx of Africans arrived as replacement labourers in the early nineteeth century and became situated within a predominantly Jamaican-born black population, their national ethnicities became subordinate to an overarching African identity.
13. Karasch, p.19.

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14. S. Decalo, *Historical Dictionary of Benin*, 2nd ed. (Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1987), pp.135–6; E.G. Parrinder, *The Story of Ketu: An Ancient Yoruba Kingdom* (Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 1967).
15. The early history of Bahian Candomblé is difficult to retrace because of the paucity of written documentation. The research on the period 1890–1940 is based almost entirely on oral history and personal observation, which resulted in much conflicting or incorrect data. Edison Carneiro estimated Ile Iya Nassô's foundation as 1830, although he cited some who dated it as early as the mid-eighteenth century (E. Carneiro, *Candomblés da Bahia*, 3rd ed. (Rio de Janeiro: Conquista, 1961), p.61). His estimate is likely; iyalorixas generally assumed their position at an advanced age. There were two iyalorixas prior to 1849, making it probable that the candomblé was founded anywhere between 1800 and 1830. See also the succession chart in V. da Costa Lima, 'A Familia de Santo nos Candomblés Jeje-Nagos da Bahia: Um Estudo de Relações Intra-Grupais' (MA thesis, Universidade Federal da Bahia, 1977). Costa Lima's genealogy may be incorrect in this regard; he omits the eight-year reign of Maria da Gloria Nazareth at Gantois between 1918 and 1926.
16. Butler, p.193.
17. J.F.A. Ajayi, 'The Aftermath of the Fall of Old Oyo', in J.F.A. Ajayi and M. Crowder (eds.), *The History of West Africa*, Vol. II, 3rd ed. (London: Longman, 1985), pp.141–6.
18. R. Nina Rodrigues, *O Animismo Fetichista dos Negros Bahianos* (Rio de Janeiro: Civilização Brasileira, 1935), p.157; Statutes of Gantois, *Estatutos da Associação de São Jorge (Ebe Oxossi)*, p.2.
19. There are many conflicting accounts of her spiritual kinship at Engenho Velho. Deoscóredes M. dos Santos claims she was the god-daughter of Maria Julia Figueiredo and the god-sister of Marcelina da Silva. However, this is unlikely because it implies that da Silva was named Iyalorixa prior to her own godmother. More recent oral tradition at Opô Afonjá says Aninha was the god-daughter of Marcelina: D.M. dos Santos, *Axé Opô Afonjá* (Rio de Janeiro: Instituto Brasileiro de Estudos Afro-Asiáticos, 1962), p.17; S. Azevedo and C. Martins, *E Daí Aconteceu o Encanto* (Salvador: Axé Opô Afonjá, 1988), pp.16–17; Costa Lima, p.198.
20. Nina Rodrigues, p.61.
21. Carneiro, *Candomblés da Bahia*, pp.41–52.
22. Santos, p.18.
23. This theory is advanced in S. Mintz and R. Price, *An Anthropological Approach to the Afro-American Past* (Philadelphia: Institute for the Study of Human Issues, 1976).
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O WHO ARE THE AFRO BAHIAN

The Afro-Bahian people are a group of individuals of African descent who live in the Brazilian state of Bahia. They are descendants of enslaved Africans who were brought to Brazil during the transatlantic slave trade. Bahia has a significant Afro-Brazilian population, and it is considered one of the most important centers of Afro-Brazilian culture in the country.

The Afro-Bahian people have a rich cultural heritage that includes music, dance, cuisine, religion, and other traditions that have been passed down through generations. Many of these traditions have roots in African cultures and were adapted and transformed over time through interactions with indigenous and European cultures.

Today, the Afro-Bahian people continue to face social and economic challenges related to racism, discrimination, and poverty, but they have also played a significant role in Brazil's social and cultural history and continue to be an important part of the country's cultural identity.

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O Weather Station Using Arduino with Code & Circuit

Here is an example code and circuit for a weather station using an Arduino Uno board:

Circuit:

- DHT11 temperature and humidity sensor connected to digital pin 2 of the Arduino board
- BMP180 pressure sensor connected to the I2C pins (SDA and SCL) of the Arduino board
- LCD display connected to the following pins: RS to digital pin 12, EN to digital pin 11, D4 to digital pin 5, D5 to digital pin 4, D6 to digital pin 3, and D7 to digital pin 2
- 10k Ohm potentiometer connected to the contrast pin of the LCD display

Code:

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#include <Wire.h>          // Include the Wire library for I2C communication
#include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>   // Include the Adafruit Sensor library
#include <Adafruit_BMP085_U.h> // Include the Adafruit BMP085 library
#include <LiquidCrystal.h>     // Include the LiquidCrystal library
#include <DHT.h>               // Include the DHT library

#define DHTPIN 2           // Define the digital pin for the DHT sensor
#define DHTTYPE DHT11      // Define the type of DHT sensor
DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE); // Create a DHT object

Adafruit_BMP085_Unified bmp = Adafruit_BMP085_Unified(10085); // Create a BMP objec

LiquidCrystal lcd(12, 11, 5, 4, 3, 2); // Create a LCD object

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600); // Initialize serial communication
  dht.begin();        // Initialize the DHT sensor
  bmp.begin();        // Initialize the BMP sensor
  lcd.begin(16, 2);   // Initialize the LCD display
  lcd.clear();        // Clear the LCD display
  lcd.print("Weather Station"); // Print a message to the LCD display
}

void loop() {
  // Read temperature and humidity from the DHT sensor
  float humidity = dht.readHumidity();
  float temperature = dht.readTemperature();

  // Read pressure from the BMP sensor
  sensors_event_t event;
  bmp.getEvent(&event);
  float pressure = event.pressure / 100.0F;

  // Display the readings on the LCD display
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("Temp: ");
  lcd.print(temperature);
  lcd.print("C ");
  lcd.print("Hum: ");
  lcd.print(humidity);
  lcd.print("% ");
  lcd.print("Press: ");
  lcd.print(pressure);
  lcd.print("hPa");

  // Send the readings to the serial monitor
  Serial.print("Temperature = ");
  Serial.print(temperature);
  Serial.print(" °C\t");
  Serial.print("Humidity = ");
  Serial.print(humidity);
  Serial.print("%\t");
  Serial.print("Pressure = ");
  Serial.print(pressure);
  Serial.println(" hPa");

  delay(2000); // Wait for 2 seconds
}
```

This code reads the temperature, humidity, and pressure using the DHT11 and BMP180 sensors, displays the readings on the LCD display, and sends the readings to the serial monitor every 2 seconds. The LCD display shows the temperature, humidity, and pressure, while the serial monitor shows the readings in Celsius, percent, and hectopascals.

Note that you will need to install the Adafruit BMP085 and Adafruit Sensor libraries before uploading this code to your Arduino board.

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Aicha Kandicha, la légende et le démon – Zamane

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Kandicha est un être culturel schizophrénique. en effet, la belle Aicha relève à la fois de la légende historique et du monde des démons. Voyage au pays des mythes.

Tout le monde au Maroc, et même dans une bonne partie de l'Algérie, a entendu parler d'Aicha Kandicha. Mais plus on se rapproche de l'Atlantique plus le mythe est vivace dans le langage quotidien et les contes populaires. Femme séductrice et adultère, démon aux pieds de chamelle, Aicha Kandicha hante nos cauchemars d'enfants, sans qu'on sache trop pourquoi, ni comment elle s'est introduite dans notre imaginaire collectif.

Une légende, plusieurs versions

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La première version du mythe veut qu'Aicha Kandicha soit une comtesse portugaise. Il s'agirait d'une femme noble d'origine portugaise tombée follement amoureuse d'un notable marocain de la ville de Safi. L'histoire se

belle : cheveux soyeux et très noirs, yeux noisette et visage très blanc, les hommes qui la croisaient dans les rues de la ville en tombaient tous amoureux. Certains en perdaient la raison. D'où la légende.

Dans une deuxième version, Aicha Kandicha est présentéecomme une Marocaine très belle de la région d'El Jadida. Elle jouit grosso modo des mêmes caractéristiques que la comtesse. Mais il s'agirait ici d'une résistante qui se serait juré de venger son mari tué dans un affrontement avec les Portugais qui occupent la ville. Cette Aicha nouvelle version se faisait passer pour une fille de joie. Et sa beauté aidant, elle séduisait les officiers portugais et les persuadait de la suivre la nuit dans un coin isolé. Puis ellesortait son couteau pour les égorger. Par moquerie envers sa vie dissolue, les Portugais l'aurait surnommée la Comtesse.

Bien entendu, il ne subsiste aucune preuve historique déterminante de la

véracité de cette légende, mais ces deux premières versions contiennent plusieurs indices qui rendent son existence plausible : les Portugais occupaient bel et bien plusieurs points de la côte atlantique suite à

La «condessa»

Il y a également un indice linguistique troublant : « comtesse » se dit en portugais « condessa », dont la version arabe aurait évolué vers « Kandicha » ; de même, il n'y avait pas que guerres et affrontements entre Portugais et Marocains de la côte mais également commerce et échanges humains multiples. D'ailleurs, le mythe d'Aicha Kandicha traduit bien la nature ambivalente des relations maroco-portugaises à cette époque.

La troisième version parle d'une Aicha Kandicha tout aussi belle et intrépide que les précédentes. Mais le récit la présente ici aux prises avec les occupants français dans les montagnes de l'Atlas. Donc en toute logique approximativement durant la période de l'Entre-deux-Guerres. Aicha aurait été une chef des guérilleros qui tendaient des embuscades nocturnes et sanglantes contre les soldats de l'armée française et ses collaborateurs marocains. Sa beauté rare, sa jeunesse, son courage physique et le fait que

c'était une femme qui commandait la nuit un groupe d'hommes en armes, ont été les ingrédients nécessaires à la nouvellelégende.

êtres invisibles pour le commun des mortels, qui marchent sur le sol sans ombre et sans laisser de trace. Aicha, aux pieds de chèvre ou de chamelle, fait partie plus précisément de la *Famille des Jaunes* qui constituent avec six autres règnes (*les Rouges* dont le maître est Sidi Hammou, *les Bleus* dont le roi est Sidi Moussa, maître des plans d'eau etc…) le panthéon démoniaque marocain. Aicha Kandicha y occupe une place de choix.
Car il s'agit d'une créature dont la puissance de fascination est sans limite. Elle est mariée à Hammou Keou mais ne lui est pas fidèle. Elle cherche avec une insistance maléfique à avoir des rapports sexuels avec les hommes qu'elle rencontre dans des endroits isolés. Ils en perdent la raison. Il existe toutefois des antidotes qui pourraient contrecarrer ses effets aliénants : on peut réciter des versets coraniques spécifiques ou, quand on est directement attaqué, planter une lame de couteau dans la terre. De fait, Aicha craint

comme les autres démons le fer, l'acier et le feu.
Dans certaines régions du Maroc comme dans les zones amazighophones du Sud-Ouest, Aicha se confond avec d'autres êtres qui peuplent l'imaginaire populaire. Il en est ainsi de *Tassardount Iyassamdal*(la Mule des cimetières).

elle court, ses sabots font un bruit de métal infernal tout en envoyant des étincelles. Avec ses seins allongés, elle étrangle les hommes qui osent la fixer.

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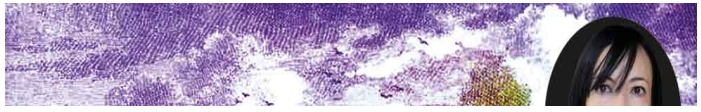

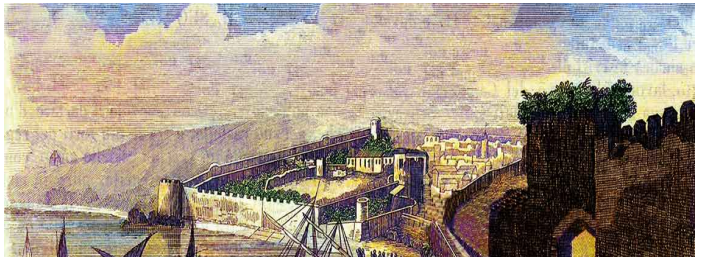

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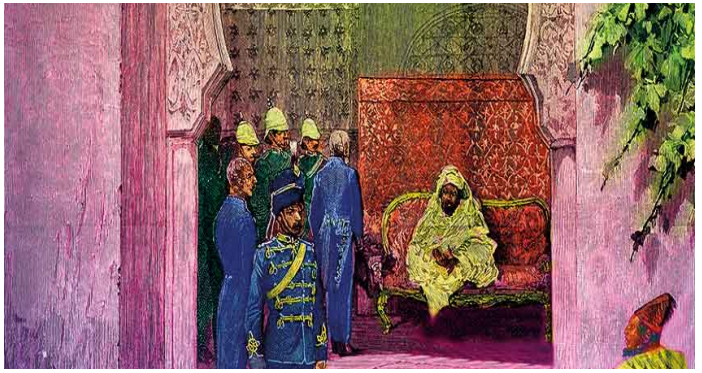

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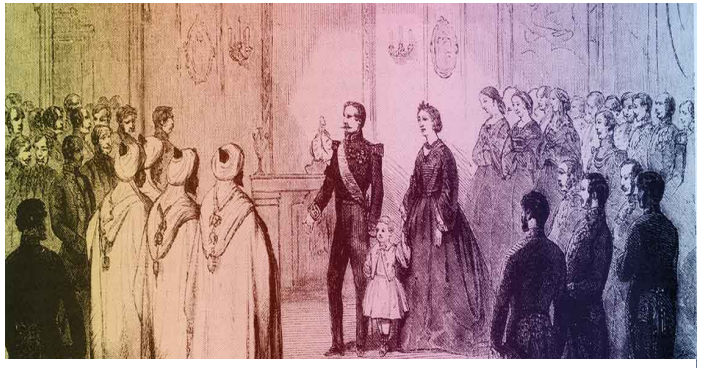

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Ce personnage mythique, que l'histoire situe grosso modo au niveau de la ville d'El Jadida, porte en tout cas un nom composé: moitié marocain et musulman (Aïcha), moitié portugais (Condesa, soit Comtesse). Nous, marocains qui alimentons ce mythe, avons prononcé ce deuxième composant, écrtit « Condesa » et prononcé /condécha/ en portgais, comme nous croyons l'entendre: « qandicha » (en arabe), « qandoucha » en amazigh tachelhit.

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Résumé

Cette thèse porte sur le culte de la femme *jinn*[1] *Aisha Qandisha* dans un village rural appelé *Sidi 'Ali*, situé dans la région de *Meknes-Tafilalet* au Maroc. L'analyse proposée indique les conditions et les éléments nécessaires pour construire un système de communication rituel sous forme de pèlerinages, des offrandes et des sacrifices d'animaux, en plus des rituels de transe et de possession, effectués par des individus qui cherchent, dans la figure de cet agent religieux, à réaliser leurs désirs et ambitions liées à des moments de crise de la vie[2], et à résoudre leurs conflits et malheurs personnels. L'obtention d'un emploi, la réalisation d'un mariage, la maternité, ou simplement la guérison de toutes les maladies font partie des thèmes privilégiés, principalement par les femmes, dans la vie religieuse quotidienne à *Sidi 'Ali*.

Parmi ces individus, ceux qui reconnaissent la puissance (ou force religieuse) de *Aisha Qandisha*, qui est capable de transformer le statut individuel et social à travers la notion de *baraka*[3]. La question générale de ce matériau ethnographique traite comment une telle puissance immanente (*baraka*) dans l'entité religieuse peut refléter un caractère d'ambiguïté[4], par rapport au sacré quand les individus se mettent en contact, via rituel, avec sa personnalité. Bref, j'étudie comment l'idée du rapprochement avec la sphère du

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[1] Le *jnun* (*jinn* – sing) sont des êtres invisibles faits de feu et qui composent l'univers symbolique de la religion islamique (Boudjenoun, 2009; Rausch, 2000). Le mot *jnun* au Maroc est le pluriel du mot *djinn*, qui est également utilisé dans d'autres pays qui ont l'Islam comme code et discours culturel. Un être féminin de ce type devient, parfois, le nom de *jinniya*.

[2] "C'est un point important dans le développement physique et social de l'individu, comme la naissance, la puberté et la mort (Turner, 2005 : 35)".

[3] Bénédiction émanant d'un être qui peut avoir un effet miraculeux dans la vie d'une autre personne (Crapanzano, 1973; Rausch, 2000). Cependant, l'idée de la puissance et la force de cette catégorie et liée à la personnalité d'*Aisha Qandisha*, assure l'effet de transformation sur une situation.

[4] Le double rôle de ce pouvoir peut être compris comme une forme d'ambiguïté.

sacré peut produire, d'un côté, des bienfaits et des bénédictions désirées par les individus et d'un autre côté, les mettre en danger (par exemple, peut les rendre fous), compte tenu des impuretés qui, selon la croyance locale, sont associées à la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha* et qui peuvent donc être soulevées dans cette expérience avec le "sacré".

L'univers ethnographique de la recherche est lié à l'ensemble des croyances et des rituels associés à *jnun*[5] au Maroc. La croyance en ces êtres, si répandue parmi la population marocaine, révèle la question du danger des rituels développés en partenariat avec ces agents religieux à cause de la dimension de l'imprévisibilité de ses effets, puisqu'ils reconnaissent les multiples formes de l'agence[6] de *jnun*. Toutefois, il est à noter qu'il y a une demande de ces agents religieux pour diverses raisons par des particuliers. En ce sens, la notion de risque, au cours des développements rituels, me semble plus approprié pour décrire ces relations impliquant un contact possible avec *jnun*.

L'accent mis sur la notion de risque cherche à aller au-delà de confirmer le caractère transformateur de l'expérience avec le sacré, en tenant compte de l'imprévisibilité active dans les forces religieuses sur les individus, ce qui permet de repenser le rôle des ambiguïtés générées et prises comme causes des dégâts. En cas ethnographique en question, *Aisha Qandisha* est reconnue par sa capacité à causer la perte de la rationalité[7] des individus durant la réalisation de leur culte, en les exposant à cela pendant une période de temps prolongée. Les rites du pèlerinage, des offrandes, des sacrifices d'animaux et des rituels de transe et de possession non seulement construisent une relation des individus avec cet agent religieux, mais ils constituent aussi un moyen à travers lequel la notion du danger fleurit entre les individus.

Le risque se rapporte au développement de la folie causée par *Aisha Qandisha* comme une forme de punition des individus, généralement associée avec le temps de leur

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[5] Pluriel du mot *jinn*.

[6] Modes d'actions provoquées par des intentions précédentes (Gell, 1998).

[7] Le caractère rationnel se réfère à discerner les contours de la réalité sociale qui assurent le calcul des actions efficaces en cours de pratique par les individus (Eickelman, 1985).

exposition à sa personnalité. La notion de folie[8] produite par l'entité religieuse est représentée par une possession continue de l'esprit et est constituée comme une possibilité d'être considérée par les individus qui établissent leurs relations avec cette source d'inspiration de la peur (terreur) et en même temps, de l'enchantement (fascination). La manifestation de la folie acquiert de la valeur quand on perçoit une vidange des relations des individus dans leur monde social, tandis qu'une plus grande présence de la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha* est perçue dans leur vie quotidienne.

Sur le niveau théorique, cette thèse contribue à l'exposition des limites à la construction de l'expérience avec le sacré en vue de la dynamique du culte d'*Aisha Qandisha* à travers la notion du risque. À cet égard, il est important pour cette discussion la proposition développée par Mary Douglas (1992), qui cherche à comprendre comment les gens réfléchissent sur les causes de leurs malheurs, tout en reconnaissant la capacité des communautés à s'organiser autour d'une ou plusieurs formes d'explication de l'origine de leurs conflits.

En cas d'échec dans la capacité de contrôler les forces du mal mobilisées pour la suspension des conflits vécus par les individus, à travers la mise en place d'un ordre, la question de l'ambiguïté gagnerait des proportions pertinentes. Selon Douglas (1978) la perception du risque ne serait pas régie par des traits de personnalité, des besoins, des préférences ou des propriétés contenues dans les objets qui causent des menaces. La perception est socialement, ou mieux encore, culturellement construite comme un phénomène. Ce qui est vu et perçu comme dangereux possède des références dans les tableaux d'adhésion culturelle et dans les processus d'apprentissage social.

L'alternance des valeurs attribuées au pouvoir (*baraka*) d'*Aisha Qandisha* est ce qui constitue la production d'une ambiguïté en ce qui concerne le monde du sacré. D'une part, la manifestation de ce pouvoir est expliquée en termes d'impureté, compte tenu du rôle attribué au *jinn*-féminin comme responsable de la folie de l'individu comme une conséquence de l'immersion totale dans le monde du sacré. En ce sens, la notion de terreur

[8] L'un des effets serait l'enlèvement du corps et des fonctions psychiques des individus. La folie entrainerait pour l'individu la perte de sa relation avec le monde social.

associée à la figure de l'entité religieuse a comme marque la soumission des individus à leurs volontés, représentées plusieurs fois dans les discours à *Sidi 'Ali* en termes de personnes qui sont isolées de leur vie sociale, puisque la question du contrôle de leurs formes de culte nécessite une attention particulière aux règles spécifiques de cette pratique.

De l'autre côté, la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha* évoque aussi l'idée de fécondité[9], à travers la reconnaissance de la puissance intrinsèque qui lui est associée par la notion de *baraka*. Cette force ou puissance aurait une efficacité sur les conflits et malheurs personnels confrontés par les individus qui décident d'accepter les risques de cette relation, en se soumettant, de cette manière, au culte de ce *jinn*-féminin. En outre, le développement des rituels liés au culte exige une capacité des individus à mesurer les situations (ou contrôler ses forces) considérées en même temps comme impuretés et donc perçues comme dangereuses.

La notion de *baraka* associée à ces deux pôles (la peur et l'enchantement) contribue pour que la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha* fonctionne comme une divinité des marges, avec le double pouvoir de préparer les passages nécessaires dans la vie actuelle des individus (phases liminaires) et de préserver strictement ses frontières, même quand elles seraient croisées. Alors, dans ce sens, pour les pèlerins qui cherchent, lui attribuer un caractère sacré. De cette manière, il convient de reconnaître comment sont elles produites les expériences qui négocient avec telles forces sacrées vue que de nombreuses sociétés humaines cherchaient et maintenaient leur solidarité avec le chaos (Berger, 1985).

La configuration de ces limites avant d'être religieuse, parfois aussi dangereuse et parfois aussi efficace, il est essentiel à la capacité des rites de se présenter comme une manifestation liée à ce genre de "sacré" au cours de la production de son culte. Le contexte marocain présente des dossiers portant sur les risques possibles d'avoir des relations avec *jnun*. (Crapanzano, 1973, 1980; Maarouf, 2007; Rausch, 2000; Westermarck, 1926). Dans ce cas, ce qui serait en jeu, serait l'attitude religieuse qui ferait encore ce que les hommes cherchent dans une union avec les forces ou les êtres provenant de la sphère du sacré, afin

[9] L'idée de la fécondité, par exemple, peut produire des situations qui seraient impensables ou peu probable. Un interlocuteur m'a dit que ma présence dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali*, venant d'un pays aussi éloignés que le Brésil, serait une manifestation de *baraka* de *Aisha Qandisha*.

de minimiser les méfaits de la vie quotidienne. Les forces disponibles dans le domaine religieux permettent de réfléchir sur les attentes que les individus construisent sur une interprétation de ce qui serait considéré comme "sacré".

Cette recherche a été menée dans une période de 10 mois de travail de terrain entre Janvier et Novembre 2012 dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali*, situé dans la province de *Meknès-Tafilalet*, Maroc. Le travail de terrain est axé sur les visites de pèlerins (surtout des femmes) dans les lieux de culte liés à la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha* et la participation des personnes (surtout des femmes encore) dans les rituels de transe et de possession (*liyali*[10]) menés dans des maisons louées par des personnes associées ou non[11] à une confrérie (*Aissawa*, *Gnaoua*, *Hamadsha*). La recherche comprend les offrandes, les sacrifices d'animaux effectués dans la grotte d'*Aisha Qandisha* et les liyali organisées par l'une des confréries religieuses qui ont effectué leur pèlerinage dans des espaces circonscrits dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali* au cours de cette période.

La méthode utilisée pour la production d'ethnographie a été l'observation participante, qui consiste à l'implication du chercheur dans les activités du groupe social étudié afin d'acquérir les principes conceptuels et les pratiques qui organisent les expériences de ses membres. Concrètement, cela signifie que je suivais les gens, avec leur autorisation, dans les visites à la grotte d'*Aisha Qandisha*, afin d'analyser deux aspects rituels. Tout d'abord, les échanges symboliques[12] représentés par des offrandes d'éléments (végétaux et minéraux) sous forme d'un plat de paille entouré d'un tissu coloré, en fonction des jours de la semaine ou des nuances qui impliquent des préférences d'un *jinn* particulier. Une partie de ce matériel a été livré aux responsables de la grotte comme une forme de paiement pour l'utilisation de leur espace, l'autre partie a été lancé sur le mur construit à

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[10] Pluriel du mot *lila*. Le terme *lila* se réfère à la période de la nuit où le rituel est caractérisé par la présentation des états extatiques à travers la possession. Claisse-Dauchy (1996) le définit comme un rituel nocturne organisé par une confrérie religieuse axée sur la convocation des jnun connexes.

[11] Pas nécessairement une lila doit être organisée par un moqqadim (leader) d'une confrérie. Celui-là peut être invité à organiser le rituel avec ses membres (musiciens) par le biais d'une personne qui n'est pas murid (disciple/dévot) d'un saint, mais cela nécessite des services de la confrérie dans le but de se débarrasser de la mauvaise action causée par un *jinn* sur une personne de connaissance.

[12] J'ai compris les symboles utilisés comme unités de sens (Geertz, 2008).

l'intérieur de la grotte, visant à la destruction d'objets (bougies, parfums et encens) par le feu, en plus de servir comme espace pour les libations et la livraison des objets investis de la *baraka*.

Deuxièmement, la symbolique du sang des sacrifices d'animaux (coqs, poules, boucs, chèvres, moutons et brebis), immolés dans un espace propre à la grotte *d'Aisha Qandisha*. En outre, j'ai également fréquenté, avec l'autorisation appropriée, les résidences louées ou empruntées par les pèlerins pour accomplir les rituels de transe et de possession avec l'aide de spectacles musicaux exécutés par un groupe lié à l'une des confréries religieuses disponibles le jour du pèlerinage à *Sidi 'Ali*. Dans ce cas, l'objectif était de vérifier les causes attribuées à *Aisha Qandisha* pour la production des états corporels présentés par les individus (principalement les femmes).

Le premier chapitre de la thèse se réfère, en général, aux représentations des *jnun* dans l'univers islamique et construit un panorama analytique de ces êtres au Maroc. Est présenté également le mythe d'*Aisha Qandisha* en cherchant de l'associer avec les "cultes féminins" qui lui sont liés, ayant comme référence les pratiques quotidiennes dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali*. La dernière partie explore la notion de *baraka* au Maroc en indiquant comment cette source de pouvoir contient des ambiguïtés à partir de l'intervention de jnun dans la réalité. Mon argument est que la notion de *baraka* acquiert une double fonction à travers la personnalité d'*Aisha Qandisha*. En premier lieu, le concept de la *baraka* comprend une notion de charisme lié à cette *jinn*, depuis que sa logique indique tantôt la distribution de bénédiction et tantôt l'admission de son caractère imprévisible de sa circulation. Deuxièmement, la *baraka* associée à *Aisha Qandisha* acquiert un rôle opposé, précisément pour représenter une forme de punition pour les individus. La folie dans ce point, serait une manifestation de cette puissance par le contact avec la personnalité de l'entité religieuse.

De manière générale, et loin d'être séparée en deux sphères radicalement opposées, la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha*, ainsi comme d'autres *jnun*, cohabite la réalité sociale des humains. Le maintien de ces relations ne se traduit pas seulement par la croyance en un plan visible (connu) et invisible (inconnu), mais surtout à travers les expériences de "présence" et "enlèvement" à partir du contact avec des personnes atteintes de *baraka*. Ce qu'indique l'expression de ces contacts sont précisément les potentiels existants dans

l'acquisition de ce pouvoir, par le biais de ces agents religieux, en tenant compte des risques qui sont assumés et traduits sous forme de folie. En ce sens, la préoccupation pour les impuretés dans la conduite des rites liés au culte d'*Aisha Qandisha* acquiert une référence dans les représentations développées par des individus qui se rapportent à ce *jinn* femelle.

La triade exprimé par la personnalité d'*Aisha Qandisha* (*jinn* féminin / sainte femme / femme qui a envie d'un mariage) exprime la complexité de ses "masques" dans le développement de son culte, ce qui contribue à la pérennité des trames mythiques qui entourent le village de *Sidi 'Ali*. Cependant, il faut reconnaître le rôle joué par *Lalla Aicha*[13] dans l'imagination et aussi dans les pratiques féminines d'organiser ces expériences. Le contenu ethnographique a cherché à élargir la notion de "culte féminin" comme un moyen de garder également en perspective les dynamiques développées par des hommes qui ont fait preuve d'une communication significative avec l'entité religieuse.

Le deuxième chapitre de la thèse explore le pèlerinage dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali* et étudie les modes relationnels entre les individus et la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha*. Les crises de la vie que mènent les gens dans le village finissent de mobiliser les différents symboles qui sont déclenchés parmi les pèlerins comme une forme d'exprimer leurs conflits ou les malheurs personnels. Par ailleurs, on cherche à comprendre comment la force (*baraka*) investie et reconnue chez *Aisha Qandisha* cesse d'avoir une valeur efficace dans la résolution des conflits et des problèmes, ou au moins l'atténuation de leurs conséquences pour les individus. Mon argument est que l'obtention de la *baraka* devient quelque chose de nécessaire pour arriver à un accord effectué par le pèlerin lui-même et en même temps, avec le monde (Fartacek, 2012). La *baraka* provenant d'*Aisha Qandisha* joue un rôle important dans les processus de la résolution des crises de vie et des conflits personnels des pèlerins, dans la mesure où elle participe et aide d'autant à clarifier des problèmes, des valeurs et des buts, qu'aggraver ou accentuer encore plus ces situations vécues par des individus.

[13] Dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali*, par exemple, la personnalité d'*Aisha Qandisha* est également connue comme *Lalla Aicha*.

Le culte d'*Aisha Qandisha* considère le pèlerinage comme une forme d'ouverture rituelle dans le système de communication existant. L'organisation d'un voyage pour obtenir sa *baraka* devient quelque chose de nécessaire pour la médiation d'une relation du pèlerin avec lui-même, et en même temps, avec le monde dans lequel il s'insère. Cependant, il faut reconnaître à la fois l'aggravation de certaines de ces situations vécues entre les pèlerins. Ce qui a marqué précisément la plupart de ces expériences, qui présentent des caractéristiques ambiguës, par le contact avec la force (*baraka*) souhaitée dans ce système rituel ont été les conséquences de l'effet double proportionné par l'action et l'intention (agence) d'*Aisha Qandisha.*

Le troisième chapitre décrit le système de communication rituel avec *Aisha Qandisha* par l'offrande des objets et des sacrifices d'animaux effectués dans sa grotte, affirmant une soumission des individus aux volontés et des préférences du *jinn* féminin. Ce premier contact entraîne des conséquences dans les trajectoires des individus qui cherchent d'entretenir et négocier une relation avec *Aisha Qandisha*. En outre, le rôle de couleurs (blanc, noir et rouge) et substances (le feu, la fumée et le sang) met en évidence l'univers symbolique de *jinn*. Mon argumentation part de l'idée que la *baraka* de la figure *Aisha Qandisha* fournit les éléments symboliques qui produisent ces changements de pouvoir, puisqu' ils contribuent d'une certaine façon à l'évolution de l'état religieux sacrificiel, dans ce cas, représentés par les pèlerins au cours de leurs activités rituelles tout au long du culte.

En ce sens, la transformation par l'effet moral entre les pèlerins a atteint son apogée à travers les symboles contenus dans les objets rituels (les animaux, les plantes, encens etc.) et surtout, à partir du système de couleurs agissant sur la dynamique du rituel. La logique de la distribution et de la transmission de la *baraka* dans la grotte d'Aisha *Qandisha* se réalise par le maintien d'un cadre de règles. La condition *sine qua non* de sa pratique implique la restriction immédiate de tout élément considéré comme impur sous le risque de perdre l'investissement rituel développé par des individus à partir de leur système d'offrandes.

Enfin, le quatrième chapitre de la thèse porte sur les rites de transe et de possession organisés par au moins une confrérie populaire marocaine, dans le cas où *Hamadsha*, qui réaliserait son pèlerinage au village de *Sidi 'Ali*. Soulignons la centralité de la personnalité

d'*Aisha Qandisha* dans la construction d'un système de communication rituel reconnaissant une valeur exprimée par les individus à travers des rituels "d'effervescence collective". La performance corporelle des participants aux rituels de transe et de possession présuppose la conduite (agence) d'un agent religieux, dans le cas d'*Aisha Qandisha*. Mon argument est que la possession[14] ne constitue pas un état d'altération de conscience typifiée comme une "extase"[15], mais comme une conséquence des effets de la *baraka* de l'agence d'*Aisha Qandisha* sur les individus.

Cette situation indique le degré de proximité et d'appartenance des individus par rapport à l'entité religieuse qui se manifestent sous forme de possession par sa façon d'expression et de communication. L'expérience du sacré, à travers la figure de l'entité religieuse, est ambigüe puisque la même force (*baraka*) qui est souhaitée par les individus à travers le développement rituel qui marque l'alliance avec *Aisha Qandisha*, peut conduire, sur le même niveau relationnel à la folie de ces individus. Le risque de cette situation a été représenté par l'affichage de la notion de personne chez les individus au cours du développement de ses phases rituelles et performantes.

Contrairement au modèle proposé par Émile Durkheim (2008), qui considère comme étant isolés les éléments qui forment la notion du sacré, notamment à travers les valeurs produites par un groupe social particulier, l'idée que la force (*baraka*) contenue dans le sacré peut offrir une potentialité au sujet de leurs phénomènes connexes (dans ce cas, la représentation, le pèlerinage, le sacrifice et la possession dans le culte d'*Aisha Qandisha*) il me semble plus approprié pour l'étude de la vie religieuse des groupes sociaux impliqués dans le village de *Sidi 'Ali*. Même s'il est reconnu que la caractéristique de

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[14] Michael Lambek (1981) soutient que les limites entre transe et possession sont de nature heuristique et arbitraire, et ne peuvent donc pas être distinguées et considérées comme isolées. Sa réfutation vise à l'utilisation d'une classification affirmant que les deux rituels ont un sens marqué par l'étiquette de "culture", sans faire référence à la dynamique des actions entreprises. Les deux expériences (transe et possession) ont été traduits comme des rites impliquant la production de ce qui est appelé "d'extase religieuse".

[15] Le travail de M. Ioan Lewis (1971) aborde telle perspective, puisque l'auteur a considéré les différents types et fonctions de ces expériences de "l'extase" à partir de l'opposition des cultes dominés par les hommes, ce qui renforce, selon lui, la morale et le pouvoir masculin dans diverses sociétés, avec rapport aux cultes périphériques, qui expriment les formes de protestation, notamment chez les femmes. Toutefois, le rituel de possession juxtapose un certain nombre de différents contextes relationnels qui ne correspondent à aucune de ces catégories "d'extase" en particulier.

l'ambiguïté présente dans cette notion du sacré durkheimienne, les limitations à percevoir des connexions possibles, qui assurent la formation d'une expérience de ce sacré, restreignent les observations de la dynamique des processus à partir des idées et surtout , des actions menées par des groupes sociaux. Et si le sacré joue toujours une valeur importante dans l'organisation des collectivités, le rôle joué par la *baraka* d'*Aisha Qandisha* sur les mentalités, et encore, sur les pratiques sociales, ne peut être ignoré sans faire une attribution nécessaire à sa perspective culturelle.

En ce sens, l'effet double produit par la figure d'*Aisha Qandisha* (fascination et terreur) sur les individus, et qui se présente dans les formes propres à leur culte (représentation, le pèlerinage, le sacrifice et possession) partant de l'évocation de sa personnalité, me semble-t-il convenable de mettre l'accent sur le rôle des expériences du sacré suggéré par Rudolf Otto (2007). Les expressions symboliques contenues dans leur culte sont imbriquées dans leurs rites associés, précisément pour sa capacité à fournir les éléments nécessaires qui caractérisent les "états d'effervescences rituels" réfléchis sur les conduites et sur la dynamique des individus dans la construction de leurs expériences.

La personnalité d'*Aisha Qandisha* apporte des valeurs et aussi des pratiques par lesquelles les individus cherchent à se mettre en relation avec le monde. Son expérience ambiguë avec le sacré est présente dans la notion du double effet de la *baraka* du *jinn* sur les individus. La tension qui peut découler de cette polarité a un impact significatif sur l'organisation de la vie religieuse qui partage sa logique, aussi sur ce qui donne un rôle clé à ce domaine faisant partie du champ religieux islamique; par l'intervention des *jnun* dans la réalité humaine.

Aisha Qandisha, pour ainsi dire, est présente dans les marges et les interstices de la vie sociale. Le croisement de ces limites devient possible à partir des dispositifs rituels existants, en raison de la capacité des individus à maintenir un système de communication efficace avec l'entité religieuse. La performance dans la conduite de ces rituels est le facteur déterminant dans l'expérience de cette ambiguïté du sacré.

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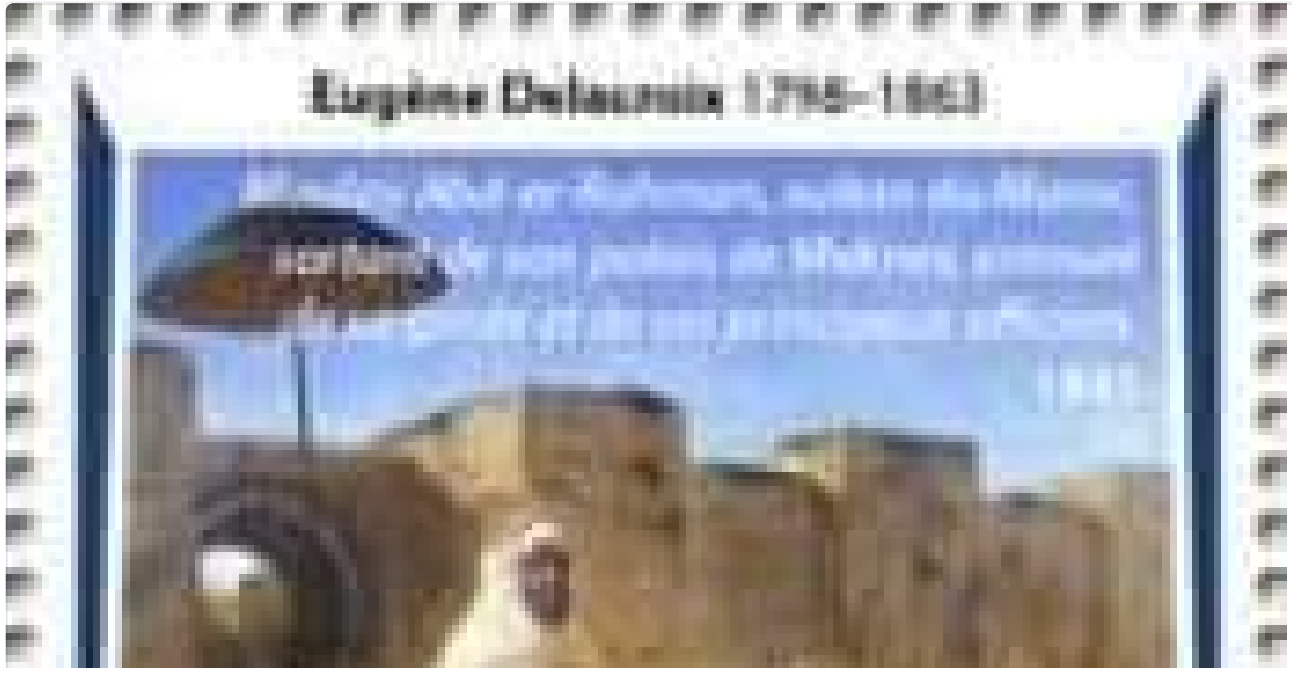

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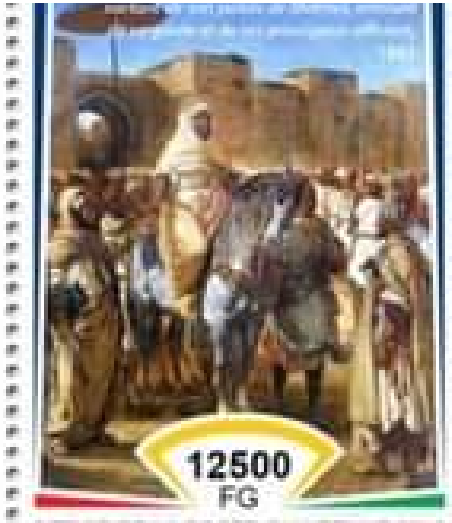

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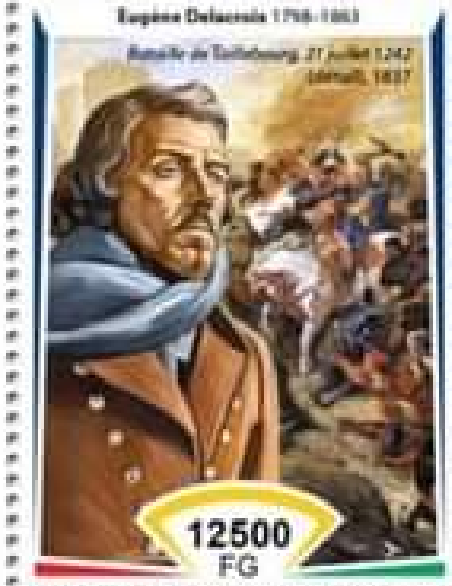

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Ali a trouvé la clef de sa prison

Par Eric Anglade · 14 mars 2019 · 21 commentaires

Partage

Il est des destins qui méritent d'être vus au grand jour tant ils nous rappellent à l'essentiel de ce qui devrait faire nos vies.

L'histoire d'Ali vient nous montrer que la fatalité de l'existence, qu'elle nous emmène vers le bien comme vers le mal, n'est finalement qu'une affaire humaine et que l'alternative entre ce bien ou ce mal souvent n'est qu'une affaire de geste, et donc de choix entre le geste qui fait du bien et celui qui fait du mal.

Ali a 9 ans aujourd'hui, et cela fait 9 années qu'il vit dans l'orphelinat de Ouarzazate. Il a été abandonné dès sa naissance dans une ville voisine de la manière la plus expéditive qui soit : calé dans un sac en plastique et ainsi déposé dans la rue. Une fois recueilli, il est venu rejoindre les autres enfants qui peuplent en permanence l'unique foyer pour orphelin de la région Sud Est du Maroc, géré par l'association Basma et sous l'autorité des services de la santé. L'orphelinat est toujours plein mais les enfants abandonnés, alors encore bébés, trouvent rapidement une famille d'accueil.

Ali cependant n'avait pas le visage comme les autres enfants. Il est de peau noire et semblait être atteint d'un léger handicap, ce qui bien évidemment ne facilitait pas ses chances de sensibiliser les adultes de passage en quête de parentalité.

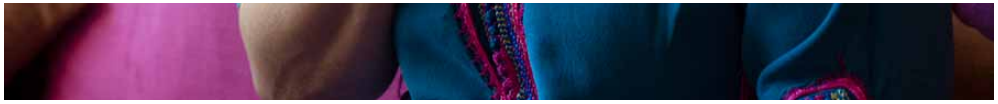
C’est ainsi qu’Ali vit partir un à un les enfants avec lesquels, de son âge alors, il avait fait son monde. Et c’est ainsi qu’il grandit, d’année en année, et toujours entouré de ces mêmes bébés aux sourires coquins qui sans tarder lui faisaient signe de la main pour s’en aller entre des bras chaleureux.

Comme un petit animal enfermé seul dans un enclos

Mais Ali restait là, entre les murs de l'orphelinat de Ouarzazate et au fil du temps passé, il allait devenir quelqu'un d'encombrant dont on ne sait plus quoi faire. Il ne parlait ni l'arabe ni l'amazigh, car personne ne lui parlait. Il poussait des petits cris stridents et dès que l'on faisait montre de s'intéresser à lui, il s'agrippait aux jambes. A ce jour, toutes ses dents sont cariées car personne ne les lui lavait. Il entend mal, semble ne pas voir grand chose, il ne sait donc ni lire ni écrire, et porte les signes physiques d'une malnutrition sérieuse. Tout cela faisait qu'Ali, dans son monde, avait pris l'habitude de sentir tout ce qu'il voulait découvrir comme un petit animal enfermé seul dans un enclos. Ses seules sorties était pour rejoindre une crèche, peuplée d'autres petits enfants, et lui le grand aux oreilles ouvertes aux vents retournait chaque soir entre les barreaux de son petit lit. Prochainement, et parce qu'il commençait vraiment à être trop grand, il devait quitter l'orphelinat pour rejoindre l'institut pour adolescents délinquants d'Agadir, seule structure disponible.

Et puis un jour, Ali vit quelqu'un passer un peu de temps avec lui, quelqu'un qui restait et puis surtout qui revenait.

Dominique était en quête d'un enfant. La maternité, elle connaissait bien pour l'avoir vécue par quatre fois déjà dans sa vie et ce choix d'adoption s'inscrivait dans une autre logique. Depuis la France où elle vit, elle entendit parler de lui et vint donc à Ouarzazate en 2009 pour le rencontrer. Elle se dit que oui, c'était lui.



Le coeur n’a ni frontière ni religion

Depuis cette date, Dominique a eu tout le temps de réfléchir à son choix de s'occuper d'Ali en dépit de tous ses problèmes. Elle rencontra de nombreux obstacles qui faillirent empêcher cette heureuse issue pour Ali. Le débat récent au sujet de la kafala ouverte ou pas aux personnes étrangères a failli bloquer cette délivrance. Dominique a tenu bon avec l'aide tenace de son avocate et le soutien d'autres personnes, notamment dans l'administration, qui avaient bien compris que la solidarité, et donc le coeur, n'a ni frontière ni religion.

Il y a deux semaines, Dominique est venue officiellement récupérer Ali au tribunal. Pour la première fois, il avait le sourire plein et de sa main vibrante, le regard fier, il ne cessait de saluer le monde, de dire au revoir à jamais à ces murs maussades.

Ali et Dominique se préparent à partir pour la France cet été. Peut être vont-ils revenir en septembre pour s'installer à Ouarzazate où Dominique pense à lancer un projet économique. Peut être vont-ils rester en France. Dominique sait qu'avec Ali, cela va se vivre au jour le jour. Le défi est au quotidien.

Tour de la

Quand on lui demande pourquoi elle a fait ce choix si radical, elle répond avec évidence :

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Dominique sait que son choix doit être pragmatique, aussi précis que l'étaient ses gestes quand elle exerçait la mission de pompier, après ses nombreux autres métiers. L'enjeu est d'amener Ali à maîtriser sa communication avec le monde. Orale et écrite.

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La raison d'être profonde du choix de Dominique est donc simplement le besoin de se sentir utile, de savoir qu'elle sert à quelque chose dans ce monde où règnent encore l'égoïsme et la violence. Ali à peine sorti à l'air libre, a déjà croisé la triste médiocrité de l'humain. Des jeunes, bien sur eux, se sont déjà moqués de sa démarche bancale et des crachats l'ont déjà atteint.

Ali n'a rien remarqué et c'est tant mieux. Ou peut être a-t-il déjà tout vu de l'humain. Il n'a que faire de ces poussières du temps. Il sait qu'il a trouvé sa clé. Elle s'appelle l'amour. Et cela, pour lui, c'est l'essentiel.

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21 COMMENTAIRES

Coralie dit :
3 juillet 2014 à 12 h 10 min

J'ai vu partir des Youness, Abdelatif, Rabab, Bilal, Medhi,….. mais j'ai une pensée particulière pour ceux qui, comme Ali, restent à l'orphelinat parce que différents des autres enfants . N'oublions pas les Nohaila, Meryam, Simo, ils sont comme Ali condamnés à rester à l'orphelinat parce qu'ils n'ont pas eu la chance de croiser le chemin d'une Dominique.

J'espère qu'il y aura encore et encore des enfants qui quittent cet orphelinat mais souhaitons aussi que les mentalités évoluent pour aider les mamans célibataires plutôt que de leur jeter la pierre et retrouver les enfants dans la rue.

Un clin d'œil aussi à Cécile qui repart avec Nidal.

Il faut beaucoup de courage à ces futurs parents qui doivent subir les tracas administratifs et rester bloqués à Ouarzazate de longues périodes pour obtenir la Kafala.

Au nom de tous les enfants, je peux et je dis BRAVO à tous?

Répondre

AE dit :
3 juillet 2014 à 12 h 11 min

2009 – 2014 ! quelle incroyable patience !

Sa photo dans “la cité orpheline” m’avait attristée, savoir qu’il était encore là-bas, nulle part.
Et pourtant, je n’aurais pas eu cet amour-défi là. Il fallait donc être Dominique, que votre route à tous deux soit embellie.

Mais je pense aussi à tous ces enfants abandonnés sous quelque prétexte sociétal plus que religieux.
Et si l’arme la plus efficace était l’amour des mères, des pères qui n’abandonneraient plus jamais leurs enfants ?

Répondre

Elhoucine Bouhlou dit :
3 juillet 2014 à 12 h 12 min

Ce garçon a de la chance. Cette femme est généreuse !

Répondre

Jannat Fatima dit :
3 juillet 2014 à 12 h 13 min

C’est magnifique l’histoire touchante. Merci Madame Dominique.

Répondre

Aicha Benkhadra dit :
3 juillet 2014 à 12 h 14 min

C’est beau.

Répondre

Hind Lami dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 15 min

C’est émouvant, j’ai les larmes aux yeux.

Répondre

Soraya Elkrami dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 16 min

Très très touchant !

Répondre

Jamila Benboubker dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 16 min

L'histoire est très touchante et j'ai vraiment apprécié cette femme. Merci bcp que Dieu vous protège tous les deux.

Répondre

Karim Nouini dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 17 min

La main de Dieu à travers une personne de cœur. Dieu n'oublie jamais aucun des siens, et surtout les innocents, déshérités parmi eux …

Répondre

Hassan Sqalli dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 18 min

Émouvant.

Répondre

Fatima dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 19 min

Bravo à cette dame courageuse.

Je salue et je m'incline devant sa décision qui n'est pas du tout aisée ni temporaire. Dominique a choisi le difficile et le compliqué cela me laisser deviner son caractère et sa personne. Je pourrais dire, elle est tenace, forte mais aussi sensible, humaniste et peut être fragile. Fragile, car c'est la seule qui a succombé devant l'atroce situation de ce pauvre Ali. C'est son coeur qui a été chagriné par la souffrance de Ali.

La vie se porte encore bien puisqu'il y a encore des Dominiques.

Réjouis-toi cher Ali avec ta nouvelle maman. Elle n'est pas comme tout le monde, elle est authentique, elle est un ange. je suis vraiment contente pour cher Ali.

Répondre

SAID dit :
4 juillet 2014 à 12 h 20 min

C'EST MAGNIFIQUE CE QUE VOUS AVEZ FAIT MADAME DOMINIQUE.
APRÈS HIER J'AI VU CETTE FEMME DOMINIQUE AVEC CE PETIT ALI, DANS UNE BOUTIQUE AU 3

MARS A OUARZAZATE. QUAND J'AI VU CES PHOTOS SUR MA PAGE DE FACE, J'AI LU L HISTOIRE, ET VRAIMENT J'AIME CETTE FEMME A PROPOS DE TOUT CE QU'ELLE FAIT AU PETIT GOSSE ALI. QUE DIEU VOUS PROTEGE ...

Répondre

Malika Elkaf dit :
5 juillet 2014 à 12 h 21 min

C'est vrai que ce petit que j ai vu lors de mes visites à cet orphelinat a changé carrément de regard. Je suis émue quand j'ai regardé son sourire alors qu'il était tout le temps à crier dans son coin. JE VOUS SALUE DOMINIQUE VRAIMENT !

Répondre

Dominique Torralba dit :
5 juillet 2014 à 12 h 21 min

On peut dire que c'est un vrai coup de cœur et c'est tant mieux pour Ali et pour cette dame ... Qu'ils vivent heureux ensemble.

Répondre

saida dit :

9 mars 2022 à 18 h 42 min

je vous respecte.j'aimerais vous contacter

Répondre

Vanessa Cheraki Fhima dit :
5 juillet 2014 à 12 h 22 min

Respect Madame !

Répondre

JP Datcharry dit :
8 juillet 2014 à 12 h 23 min

Toute notre amitié vers Dominique et ceux qui l'on aidé pour sortir ALI de ce cauchemar.
Que d'émotions, et belle vie à Ali, Dominique et votre entourage.
Que la PAIX et la JOIE vous entourent.

Nous sommes en plein Ramadan, cela doit nous faire réfléchir tous sur l'implication citoyenne dans ces maisons d'ACCUEIL.

Espérant que des ONG et autres institutions ouvrent également leurs yeux et leurs coeurs, en oeuvrant au bonheur de ces Ouarzazi OUBLIES

Répondre

Mathilde A.B. dit :
12 juillet 2014 à 12 h 24 min

On peut se laisser aller à douter de tout dans le monde d'aujourd'hui : toujours davantage de misère, de malheur, de haine. Les messages de paix semblent noyés dans les flots continus d'une actualité vide de sens. Nous nous sentons petits, insignifiants, écrasés entre les étaux des puissances financières, économiques, politiques, etc.

Et tout à coup, deux visages, un écrit, des paroles… et tout s'illumine, tout reprend vie. L'espoir est de nouveau possible, car une femme a ouvert son cœur et ses bras à un petit garçon perdu.

Dominique, vous êtes comme un miracle qui permet de croire encore en l'humanité, qui nous redonne notre place ; votre exemple donne à chacun la possibilité de se redéfinir en tant que sujet capable d'agir pour le bien d'autrui.

Merci à sud-est-maroc.com d'être là pour relayer ce message,

Continuez à nous parler de celles et de ceux qui oeuvrent dans la discrétion et nous rappellent que nous sommes sur terre pour nous aimer, simplement.

Répondre

Raouf MSEDDI dit :

5 août 2014 à 12 h 25 min

Merci Madame,votre histoire est très touchante et a fini par payer, en dépit des difficultés de parcours rencontrées. Le petit Ali a enfin trouvé la maman qui lui a jusqu'à présent manquée, qui va certainement très bien s'occuper de lui pour que peut être un jour il lui succédera pour devenir un Grand Général, non pas de guerre, mais de sapeurs pompiers et contribuer ainsi à éteindre les foyers de feu qui embrasent aujourd'hui par çi par là notre pauvre petite planète.

Répondre

Dominique dit :

12 août 2014 à 12 h 26 min

Je voulais remercier tous ces gens pour leur gentil message.

Ali est en France maintenant. Il va très très bien fait d'énormes progrès et est heureux de vivre enfin.

Amicalement à vous tous.

Dominique

Répondre

Muller codm dit :

3 août 2020 à 11 h 37 min

Bravo pour cette excellente initiative et bon courage pour les bienfaiteurs en l'occurrence Dominique.

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Répondre

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Ali Ziane
4 January at 13:04 ·

الباشا التهامي الكلاوي.

التهامي المزواري الكلاوي (بالأمازيغية: تهامى اكْلاوّو) (1878–1956 م) كان باشا مراكش وزعيم قبيلة كلاوة بجبال الأطلس الكبير. انتقل من خدمة العرش العلوي والمخزن، إلى أبرز المتمردين عليهما زمن الحماية الفرنسية. شارك في مؤامرة 20 أغسطس 1953، عندما خُلع السلطان عن العرش ونفي بمعية عائلته الملكية وأخذ محمد بن عرفة مكان السلطان محمد الخامس. استمد قوته من زعامته القبلية التي جعلته يكتسب قوة التعاون التام مع الفرنسيين، وهو تعاون بوّأه منصب الباشا. وقد حكم مباشرة (35 سنة) أو من خلال أبنائه طيلة 44 سنة، وخضع له عدد كبير من السكان فاق المليون نسمة، وذلك إلى غاية سنة 1955.

- مسيرته :

ولد في دار كلاوة بتلوات، التي جعل منها والده محمد أبيبط سنة 1870 مقرا للإقامة داخل القصبة، وشبه ثكنة عسكرية، يحيط بها سوق أسبوعي. وكان جده أحمد المزواري يتولى منصب أمغار (شيخ) على قبيلة تلوات، وكان يعتمد في تدبير معاشه على ما كان يصله من « فتوحات» من قبائل اعتقدت صلاحه وقدرَه، وبدأ الازدهار المالي لعائلة المزواري بعد اكتشاف معدن الملح بأزرود، الذي ورّثه لابنه، الذي عمل على التقرب من السلطان مولاي عبد الرحمان. فولد في وقت أخذ فيه نجم المزواريين يصعد في سماء القبيلة. فتلقى تعليما دينيا بكتّاب تابع لقبيلة تلوات وفي مدرسة لوركة، ثم بزاوية سكر بأوريكة القريبة من مراكش، فحفظ القرآن إلى جانب بعض المتون الدينية واللغوية. لكن الاضطرابات التي عرفتها البلاد حالت دون مواصلته التحصيل، كما حصل على تكوين أولي عن أساليب الحرب. وكان للصعوبات التي واجهتها أسرة الكلاوي، وبخاصة والده محمد أبيبيط في مسعاه للتقرب من المخزن وفرض سيطرته على عمق ورزازات والاستيلاء على قصبة تاوريرت، أثرٌ في تربية وتكوين التهامي منذ بلوغه الرابعة من عمره، حيث أصبح في بداية شبابه يتابع بشغف الشؤون القبلية والمخزنية. وبعد سبع سنوات على ولادته، توفي والده سنة 1886، ليتكفل به شقيقه الأكبر، المدني الكلاوي، الذي عاش معه حياة الترحال، في «الحركات المخزنية» في بلاد السيبة، حيث كانت تربط عائلتهم علاقة قوية بين السلطان مولاي عبد العزيز.

بدايته مع المخزن

خاض أول معركة حربية لقمع قبيلة ووزكيت وهو ابن خمسة عشر سنة، وبعد ثلاث سنوات شارك في حرب واد تيديلي، وأسر رئيس المتمردين ولد حليمة. كما شارك مع أخيه في عملية تأديب الروكي الطاهر بن سليمان اللاجئ عند الرحامنة. وشارك في عملية قمع عشعاش بالشاوية بأمر من السلطان، وحارب قبيلة تادلة زمالة وابني عامر. وفي سنة 1315هـ/1898م كُلف أخوه المدني بعملية بتافيلالت وكان التهامي من بين المساعدين.

- القيادة والباشوية :

وفي 1324هـ/1906م قام بمحاربة القائد الكندافي بمعية المتوكي فأرغم الحاج الطيب الكندافي على التخلي لفائدة قبائل كلاوة عن أونين وأزيوا، متحولا إلى اليد اليمنى لأخيه المدني الذي كان مشغولا بمحاربة السلطان مولاي عبد الحفيظ، فتخلى عن قيادة قبائل كلاوة لأخيه التهامي سنة 1327هـ/1909م.
وفي سنة 1328هـ/1910م توفي الحاج إدريس القائد بأولاد يحيى فاستغل التهامي الفرصة وأصبح يتدخل قي شؤون بلاد السوس، فبعث بحركة لمحاربة حيدا أوميس باشا تارودانت، وبعد مفاوضة عسيرة بينه وبين التهامي، وقع الاتفاق على تسليم القائد ناصر بن التهامي قيادة قبائل أولاد يحيى، في حين أصبحت قبائل سكتانة تابعة لأهل كلاوة. وبعد استقرار السلطان مولاي عبد الحفيظ بفاس، قرر سنة 1329 هـ/ 1911م تجريد الصدر الأعظم المدني وكل أفراد أسرته من مهامهم السياسية والإدارية، بسبب شكايات عديدية قدمتها القبائل بحق آل كلاوي. وفي نهاية 1330هـ/1912م، بعد التخلص من حركة المجاهد أحمد الهيبة وطرده من مراكش، أصبح التهامي الكلاوي الحليف الرئيسي للحماية الفرنسية شمال وجنوب الأطلس، فاستعاد آل الكلاوي مواقعهم في الجهاز المخزني بدعم من سلطة الحماية في نفس السنة. وفي عصر السلطان مولاي يوسف تم تعيين المدني صدرا أعظم (وزير الحرب) سنة 1327هـ/1927م، حصل التهامي على ظهير تعيينه باشا مراكش، وكان عمره يقل عن 30 سنة، فأظهر صرامة وشدة في ممارسة سلطته، وأطلق يديه على الأطلس وسوس. وقاد الباشا التهامي الكلاوي، وابن أخيه القائد حمو الكلاوي حملة ببلاد تودغة، ضد أتباع التوزونيني وبلقاسم النكادي، الذين بدأوا يهددون تلك المنطقة

وفي سنة 1923 عين الكلاوي الشيخ محمد بلحسن الدباغ لتدريس أبناءه المهدي وإبراهيم. ورافقهما الدباغ إلى باريس لإتمام دراستهما سنة 1925. وتَمَّ تَعْيِينُ الدباغ سنة 1930 إماما وخطيبا لمسجد باريس باقتراح من الكلاوي وكان يعقد به مجالس علمية.

- الخلاف مع السلطان :

يوم 23 ديسمبر 1950، بمناسبة حفلات عيد المولد النبوي، تجاوز الكلاوي حدود اللياقة أثناء مخاطبة السلطان. حيث عاتب الكلاوي السلطان بلهجة غاضبة على الدعم الكبير الذي كان يبديه لحزب الاستقلال، حسب زعمه، مخاطبا إياه : «لستم إلا ظل سلطان، لم تعودوا سلطان المغرب، أنتم سلطان حزب الاستقلال».
والذي أشعل الخلاف بينهما هو حدث استقبال السلطان لوفد حزب الاستقلال الذي طرد من مجلس الحكومة من قبل المقيم العام؛ وهو الاستقبال الذي لم يستسغه الباشا.

فوكل محمد الخامس مهمة لصهر الكلاوي الصدر الأعظم محمد المقري، وهي إخبار التهامي الكلاوي بأنه غير مرغوب به في القصر حتى إشعار آخر.
وبعد الخصام والطرد من القصر، أقدم الباشا على صرف وفود قبائله التي جاءت لتجديد البيعة للسلطان. وشرع في حشد الدعم داخل مناطق نفوده، بتعاون من الحماية الفرنسية، وأطلق فرسان القبائل التابعة له للزحف نحو فاس والرباط، وعرف هذا الحدث بأزمة العرش الأولى، التي اندلعت مع بداية سنة 1951.

يوم 19 ماي 1953، أصدر التهامي الكلاوي بيانا أعرب فيه عن صداقته وإخلاصه لفرنسا، مؤكدا أنه إما أن تبادر فرنسا بإبعاد محمد الخامس أو أن تستعد هي للرحيل، ويؤكد المؤرخ عبد الكريم الفيلالي في كتابه "التاريخ السياسي للمغرب العربي الكبير" أنه بعد يومين من هذا البيان، أي في 21 ماي 1953 وقع 270 من الباشاوات والقواد عريضة تأييد للكلاوي جاء فيها: «إننا معشر القواد في مختلف الجهات المغربية ومن في دائرتهم من المغاربة رجال حركة المعارضة والإصلاح الممضين أسفله تحت رئاسة سعادة الباشا الهمام السيد الحاج التهامي المزواري الكلاوي...»

وبعد كشف مؤامرة الكلاوي ضد السلطان، خرجت فتوى محمد بن العربي العلوي بكفر الكلاوي ومن معه وإباحة دمائهم، وهي الفتوى التي تبناها 300 عالم من كل أنحاء المغرب، وعززتها يوم 18 يوليوز 1953 فتوى علماء الأزهر" بكفر الجلاوي ومروقه". ولم يقتصر الأمر على علماء المسلمين، بل وصل إلى المفكرين الفرنسين، ففي أحد اجتماعات " اللجنة الفرنسية المغربية" بباريس، تناول الكلمة المستشرق لويس ماسينيون، وشرح للحضور الفرنسي مسألة الشهادة في الإسلام، مؤكدا، حسب ما نقله المؤرخ عبد الكريم الفيلالي عن جريدة البصائر « أن الشهادة ممنوعة على الماردين من نوع الفساق وأصحاب دور البغاء... وأن باشا مراكش لا يجوز له أن يؤدي شهادة ما، لأنه يكسب عدة دور للبغاء في مراكش ويشرف على السفاح في جميع أطراف المدينة، وقد أحدث هذا الشرح موجة ضحك من طرف الحاضرين»".

وفي سنة 1944، عند الإعداد لوثيقة الاستقلال، قام رجالات الحركة الوطنية بحملة قصد جلب أكثر ما يمكن من أنصار لتلك الوثيقة، وأظهر الكلاوي موافقته للفكرة لكنه طلب منهم عدم البوح بذلك، واتفقت خلية الحركة الوطنية بالرباط على التوجه إلى الكلاوي لتأكيد موقفه من وثيقة الاستقلال، فكان جوابه هو ضرورة تواصل الحركيين بالأمريكيين قبل الإقدام على هذه الخطوة، وهو نوع من التملص من التوقيع على وثيقة الاستقلال.

وبعد فشل محاولة اغتيال بن عرفة التي دبرها الوطنيون في الجامع حيث انفجرت قنبلة تركت آثارها في أجسام عدد من رجالات الكلاوي، وتم اكتشاف سبع قنابل أخرى لم تنفجر، فأعدم الكلاوي منفذ الهجوم. وفي يوم 20 فبراير 1954 تعرض مرة أخرى الكلاوي لمحاولة اغتيال، عندما رُميت القنابل في وجهه هو والسلطان ابن عرفة في صلاة الجمعة بمراكش،فنجا بأعجوبة.

بعد الثقة التي حصلت عليها حكومة إدغار فور من الجمعية الوطنية الفرنسية وموافقة السلطان محمد بن يوسف من منفاه، قرر «مجلس حفظة العرش» يوم الأربعاء 19 أكتوبر 1955 تكليف باشا فاس السابق، الفاطمي بن سليمان، بمهمة تشكيل الحكومة. لكن حزب الاستقلال، في ندوة صحفية عقدها يوم السبت 22 أكتوبر، شكك في معرفة السلطان بكل المعطيات وكيفية وصول برقيته من مدغشقر، وفي نفس اليوم كان الفاطمي بن سليمان يتناول الغذاء عند التهامي الكلاوي في محاولة لإقناعه بالمجيء إلى الرباط لعقد اجتماع مع «حراس» العرش. فحاول الكلاوي عرقلة مشروع الفاطمي بن سليمان لكي لا يُنظر إلى زيارة باشا مراكش لدار المخزن، كاعتراف بمجلس العرش.

استقلال المغرب
في 12 يوليو 1955 طرح جلبرت غرانفال فكرة عقد «مائدة مستديرة» فكان جواب الكلاوي بأنه لا يرى مانعا ليجلس ممثل عنه مع باشا صفرو السابق امبارك البكاي، ولكن الكلاوي أصر على استبعاد حضور أحمد بلافريج وغيره من القادة الوطنيين الآخرين.

لم يكن الكلاوي يتصور أن نفي السلطان سيثير ثورة في المغرب. حيث كان يتوقع استمرار لامبالاة الشعب كما كان يحدث سابقا، فبادر التهامي هو كذلك إلى المطالبة بعودة الملك إلى عرشه وأدلى بتصريح يوم 22 أكتوبر 1955م يبايع فيه السلطان محمد الخامس، ويطالب بإعادته فورا إلى عرشه. ولما حطت طائرة الملك بمطار الرباط يوم 17 نوفمبر 1955م وجه الباشا الكلاوي برقية إلى الملك جاء فيها:

«بمناسبة عودة جلالتكم إلى عاصمة ملككم وحلول الذكرى 28 لاعتلاء جلالتكم على عرش أسلافكم المنعمين، وغداة عودة جلالتكم بين رعاياكم الأوفياء يسرني أن أوجه إليكم متمنياتي الحارة والصادقة بالسعادة والنصر المكين،كما أوجه أحر أماني إلى العائلة الملكية الكريمة وفي مقدمتها صاحب السمو الملكي ولي العهد الأمير مولاي الحسن، والله تعالى أدعو أن يستعيد المغرب والمغاربة أجمعين وراءكم وتحت قيادتكم الرشيدة السلم والأمان، ويسير قدما نحو الازدهار والاستقلال، في هذه الوحدة المقدسة التي تجسدها جلالتكم والتي تعيد لأمتنا مجدها وعظمتها. وتقبلوا جلالة الملك أسمى آيات الولاء والإخلاص.»
بعد صدور لائحة المتعاونيين مع الاستعمار ورد اسم التهامي الكلاوي، وابنيه إبراهيم واحماد، ضمنها، وحكم عليهم بعدم الأهلية الوطنية لمدة 15 سنة مع مصادرة أملاكهم. وترك التهامي الكلاوي في قصره، عندما مات، حوالي 100 امرأة بين خادمة وجارية، وأرملة واحدة هي والدة عبد الصادق الكلاوي. وكان الباشا قد تزوج شرعا خمس سيدات، خلف منهن 9 أبناء أحياء لحظة وفاته، لا تضع بينهم شريعة الإرث فرقا سواء كانت أمهم جارية أم زوجة شرعية. وعند تنفيذ الحجز على ممتلكاته في حوز مراكش سنة 1958، كان مجموع الملكيات القروية المسجلة في الحوز وحده يغطي مساحة تبلغ 11.400 هكتار مسقية، وكان من بين الأملاك أيضا 25.000 من الأراضي التي ليس لها رسوم، وأراضي زيتون تصل إلى أكثر من 660.000 شجرة، تم لاحقا ارجاع لعائلة الكلاوي جزء كبير من أملاكها.
توفي يوم اثنين من سنة 1956م على الساعة الواحدة بعد الظهر، ودفن صباح الثلاثاء بضريح ابن سليمان الجزولي، وحضر جنازته وفد من الحكومة المغربية برئاسة الوزير لحسن اليوسي مبعوث الملك محمد الخامس.
- اهتماماته وأنشطته:

كان له اهتمام بالفلاحة من زراعة وغراسة وكسب وغيرها. والتهامي الكلاوي من أوائل من جرب زراعة القطن بالمغرب، فقد جلب لها فنيين مصريين قصد التجربة. كما كان له ولع كبير بالرياضة، مارس الرماية، وأول من جلب رياضة الجولف للمغرب (1924م)، حيث كان له ملعب كبير بمراكش بلغت مساحته 90 هكتار، وشارك في مباريات عديدة في انجلترا وفرنسا وسويسرا وغيرها. ومن أسفاره الكثيرة للخارج، الدعوة التي تلقاها لحضور احتفالات زواج ملكة بريطانيا العظمى إليزابيث الثانية باعتباره في مقام رجل دولة، وارتباطاته الوثيقة برئيس الوزراء البريطاني وينستون تشرشل الذي حل مرارا ضيفا على الكلاوي في مراكش.

وكان للكلاوي اهتمام كبير باقتناء الكتب، إذ امتلك خزانة كبير تعد من كبريات الخزائن بالمغرب، تضم مطبوعات ومخطوطات نادرة. وقد طبع على نفقته الخاصة الكثير من الكتب الدينية والعلمية. صادرها جيش التحرير في قصر الكلاوي أوائل سنة 1956 وتم إنقاذها وحفظها في أقبية الأمانة الملكية الخاصة.

من بين ضيوف الكلاوي بمراكش الممثل شارلي شابلن. وكانت تشرف الفنانة سيمون بيريو [الفرنسية] مديرة مسرح أنطوان سيمون بيريو [الفرنسية] بباريس، على تنظيم الحفلات التي كان يقيمها الباشا في مراكش أو باريس، فنشأت علاقة رومانسية بينهما.

وكانت تربطه صلات بأدباء من أمثال الروائية سيدونيه غابرييل كوليت والموسيقي موريس رافيل، وحتى إرنست همنغواي ، الذي واظب على لقائه خلال تواجده في باريس.

- الشعر :
بالإضافة إلى الأشعار الكثيرة لمحمد بن إبراهيم التي قيلت في الباشا الكلاوي، والتي تضمنها ديوانه روض الزيتون الذي جمع وطبع بأمر من الملك الحسن الثاني، ألف أحمد متفكر سنة 2007 كتاب نظم القوافي في الباشا الكلاوي إبان ولائه للعرش العلوي وهي مجموعة شعرية وثروة أدبية مغربية تؤرخ لمرحلة من تاريخ المغرب الحديث، تجمع أشعار ثلة من شعراء المغرب والمشرق، تعود علاقة الباشا الكلاوي بهم إلى بداية العشرينيات والثلاثينيات والأربعينيات، يوم كان الكلاوي من خدام العرش العلوي الأوفياء، فكانوا يلجؤون إليه من أجل العطاء.

- الدعارة :
تشير الروايات إلى التهامي الكلاوي كأكبر بارونات الوساطة في الجنس، وحسب ما ذكره "جي دولا نوي" في كتابه "ليوطي، جوان، محمد الخامس، نهاية الحماية" المنشور سنة 1988، أن الكلاوي كان يراقب عددا كبيرا من منازل الدعارة ضمت ما يناهز ستة آلاف امرأة، وكانت كل واحدة تدفع له مائة فرنك يوميا. كما جعل الباشا الكلاوي من بعض الأحياء الراقية أوكارا للدعارة في جليز وغيره. وكان القائم على هذه الدور يدعى إيدار. وامتدت شبكة البورديلات إلى شمال المغرب وإسبانيا ومرسيليا بفرنسا.

وكتب الشاعر المصري بيرم التونسي قصيدة عن الكلاوي نُشرت في جريدة "المصور" عدد 3 سبتمبر 1953، يصف فيها أملاك الباشا من دور الدعارة: "رأيته في باريس يشبه/ صبي فران. لا هو عربي ولا هندي/ ولا إنسان. جلاوي كل أملاكه/ بيوت وفجور.

رغم ذلك كان صارما مع البنات الأخريات، حيث يذكر أنه منع يوما بنات عدد من كبار المسؤولين والأعيان المغاربة من حضور زفاف في مراكش بلباس اعتبره أوروبيا ولا يتماشى مع التقاليد المغربية.

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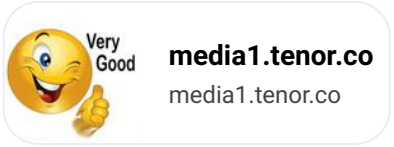

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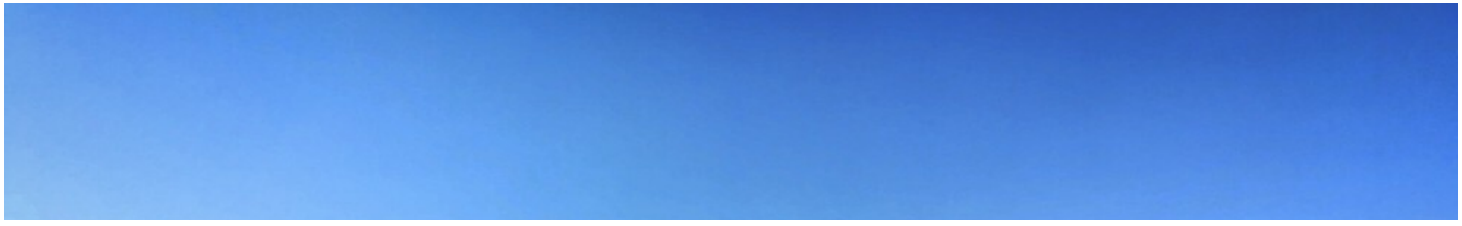
Ancient Mural Painting In The Nubian Pyramids Depicting A Giant Carrying Two Elephants!

If you drive north from Khartoum along a narrow desert road toward the ancient city of Meroë, a breathtaking view emerges from beyond the mirage: dozens of steep pyramids piercing the horizon. No matter how many times you may visit, there is an awed sense of discovery.



In Meroë itself, once the capital of the Kingdom of Kush, the road divides the city. To the east is the royal cemetery, packed with close to 50 sandstone and red brick pyramids of varying heights; many have broken tops, the legacy of 19th-century European looters. To the west is the royal city, which includes the ruins of a palace, a temple and a royal bath. Each structure has a distinctive architecture that draws on local, Egyptian and Greco-Roman decorative tastes—evidence of Meroe's global connections.

A brief history of the "Land of Kush"

The first settlers in northern Sudan date back 300,000 years. It is home to the oldest sub-Saharan African kingdom, the kingdom of Kush (about 2500-1500 BC). This culture produced some of the most beautiful pottery in the Nile valley, including Kerma beakers.

Sudan was coveted for its rich natural resources particularly gold, ebony and ivory. Several objects in the British Museum collection are made of these materials. Ancient Egyptians were attracted southward seeking these resources during the Old Kingdom (about 2686-2181 BC), which often led to conflict as Egyptian and Sudanese rulers sought to control trade.

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Kush was the most powerful state in the Nile valley around 1700 BC. The conflict between Egypt and Kush followed, culminating in the conquest of Kush by Thutmose I (1504-1492 BC). In the west and south, Neolithic cultures remained as both areas were beyond the reach of the Egyptian rulers.

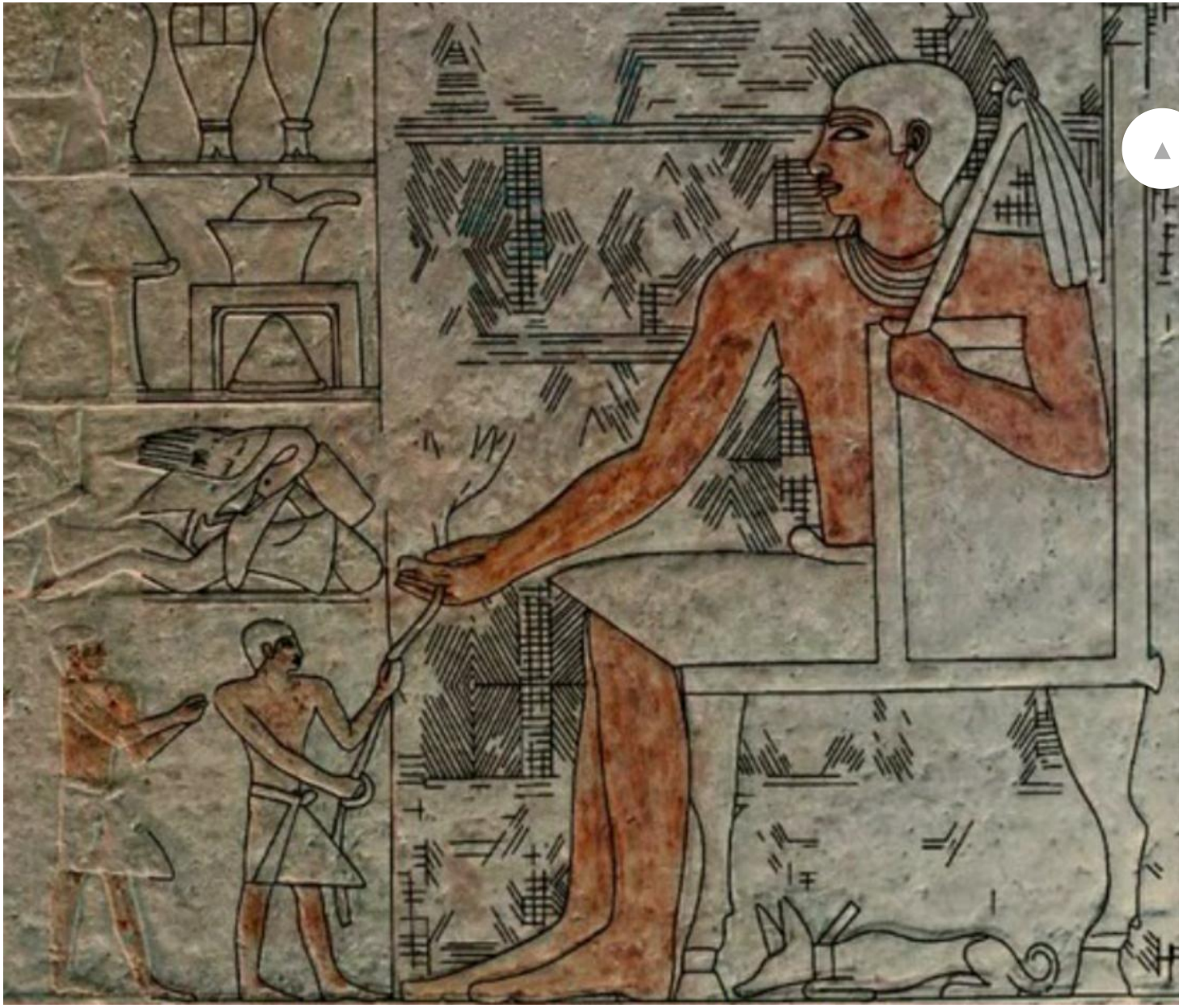
The city of Meroë and the strange mural painting of a giant carrying elephants

The city of Meroë is marked by more than two hundred pyramids, of which many are in ruins. They have the distinctive size and proportions of Nubian pyramids.

The site of Meroë was brought to the knowledge of Europeans in 1821 by the French mineralogist Frédéric Cailliaud (1787-1869). The most interesting objects found were the reliefs and paintings on the walls of the sepulchral chambers. One of the paintings depicts a giant of enormous proportions carrying two elephants.

His features are not Nubian but caucasian and his hair is light in color. Will this mural painting be proof of the existence of a race of red-haired giants with six fingers in antiquity?

In the distant past, did giants really roam around the Nile valley?



In 79 AD, the Roman historian Josephus Flavius wrote that the last of the race of Egyptian giants did live in the 13th century BC, during the reign of King Joshua. He further wrote that

they had huge bodies, and their faces were so unlike ordinary humans that it was amazing to look at them, and it was scary to listen to their loud voice which was like a lion roar.

Moreover, many of the wall paintings of ancient Egypt depict the builders of Pyramids a “Giant People” by the size of 5 to 6 meters tall. According to experts, these giant people were able to lift 4 to 5 tons of blocks individually. Some of those ancient mural paintings showed giant kings ruling ancient Egypt, while some depicted comparably little-sized servants under the giant people.

In 1988, Gregor Spoerri, a Swiss entrepreneur and a passionate admirer of the history of Ancient Egypt, met with a gang of robbers of ancient burials through one of the private suppliers in Egypt. The meeting took place in a small house in Bir Hooker, a hundred kilometres northeast of Cairo, where Spoerri witnessed a giant mummified finger wrapped in rags.

The finger was very dry and light. According to Spoerri, the incredible creature to which it belonged should have been at least 5 meters (almost 16.48ft) in height. To prove the authenticity, one tomb raider showed a photo of an X-Ray of the mummified finger taken in the 1960s.

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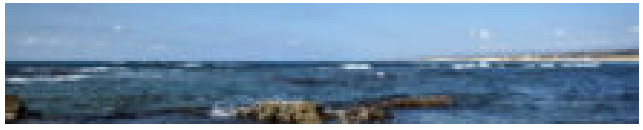

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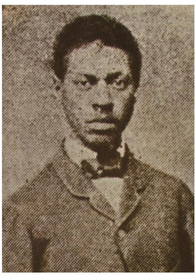
André Rebouças, inventeur de la torpille et champion de l'abolition de l'esclavage

Au 19e siècle, cet homme immense révolutionnait l'industrie de l'armement et contribuait grandement, à mettre un terme définitif à l'esclavage en Amérique. Ces réalisations de géant lui valent aujourd'hui d'être surnommé *l'ingénieur de la liberté*.



André Rebouças

Au 15e siècle, les portugais arrivent en Afrique et commencent la traite négrière européenne. Ils détruisent très violemment les royaumes Swahili, l'empire du Monomotapa et surtout l'empire Kongo; kidnappant et déportant des membres de la famille royale pour les mettre en esclavage au Brésil.

C'est Zumbi, un Kongo originaire de la royauté, qui va mener la plus emblématique des résistances contre l'esclavage au Brésil. Il sera défait et l'asservissement des Africains y continuera pendant des siècles encore. Le Brésil est le pays qui a reçu le plus grand nombre d'Africains déportés. Ils entraient surtout par la région côtière de Bahia.

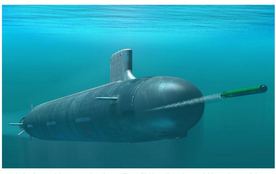
André Pinto Rebouças naît à Bahia en 1838. Sa mère est une femme noire. Son père est un métis libre et autodidacte, devenu avocat et politicien très puissant. André Rebouças reçoit une éducation de pointe aux écoles militaires de Rio de Janeiro et de Praia Vermalha. A 22 ans, il est diplômé de physiques et de mathématiques et fait lieutenant. En 1861, lui et son frère Antonio, boursiers, voyagent pour l'Europe et se voient refusés de terminer leur formation, en raison de leur couleur de peau.

Retourné au Brésil, André Rebouças travaille en tant qu'ingénieur à l'amélioration de ports et de fortifications. En raison du racisme, il est payé trois fois moins que ses collègues blancs. En 1864 commence la guerre contre le Paraguay, la plus terrible guerre de l'histoire de l'Amérique latine. C'est durant ce conflit qu'il va moderniser la torpille.

L'invention de la torpille automobile

Avant les années 1860, le terme torpille désignait une arme explosive qui agissait comme une mine à la surface de l'eau ; ou qui était lancée par des moyens rudimentaires. André Rebouças va mettre au point en 1865-1866, un mécanisme permettant à la torpille d'être propulsée automatiquement dans l'eau par une mise à feu, principe utilisé pour toutes les torpilles jusqu'à nos jours.

Les documents de l'époque laissent apparaitre que sa torpille autopropulsée est inventée peu avant la torpille autopropulsée de Robert Whitehead créée en 1866. Whitehead est pourtant connu aujourd'hui comme le seul inventeur de la torpille moderne.



Le principe de propulsion automatique des torpilles, utilisé jusqu'à nos jours, a été inventé par André Rebouças

Après la guerre, André Rebouças voyage encore pour l'Europe et les États-Unis où il subit le racisme. Son retour au Brésil va le voir s'atteler de nouveau à la réalisation de projets civils majeurs. Il dirige la construction de nombreux ports et voies ferrées. Il construit un système d'approvisionnement en eau pour Rio de Janeiro, alors en proie à une sécheresse, qui fera des centaines de milliers de morts dans le pays.

Devenu très haut cadre de l'administration impériale, il enseigne les mathématiques, la physique, la botanique et la géologie à l'école polytechnique de Rio de Janeiro. Riche et influent, il est très ami et écouté de l'empereur Pedro. Il va dès 1880, se consacrer à l'œuvre de sa vie : la fin de l'esclavage.

L'abolition

André Rebouças cofonde la Société Brésilienne contre l'Esclavage et la Société Abolitionniste. Il organise le mouvement abolitionniste et y investit sa fortune. Il conseille ses collègues activistes, parmi lesquels Joaquim Nabuco, un Blanc, militant le plus connu à ce jour, mais qui pensait que libérer les Africains-Brésiliens mis en esclavage, serait un moyen de limiter l'impact de *l'infériorité de leur race* sur le Brésil. Rebouças émerge pendant la lutte, comme la plus importante voix noire contre l'esclavage, aux côtés de Luiz Gama ou José de Patrocinio notamment.

Il publie des pamphlets dont Abolição Immediata (abolition immédiate) et s'oppose à l'indemnisation des esclavagistes. Sincèrement humaniste et visionnaire, pour lui, libérer les Noirs mis en esclavage ne sera pas suffisant. Il se démarque en développant surtout le concept de démocratie rurale, qui consisterait après l'esclavage, à donner des terres et des conditions de vie descentes aux anciens esclaves et aux pauvres, afin de créer une société véritablement égalitaire.

Le travail de tout le mouvement abolitionniste fini par porter ses fruits. Le 13 Mai 1888 l'esclavage est aboli au Brésil, marquant la fin totale de près de 400 ans de mise en esclavage des Africains dans toute l'Amérique.

L'empereur Pedro confie des missions gouvernementales à André Rebouças mais la royauté est renversée et l'ingénieur suit son fidèle ami le roi en exil au Portugal. Il y travaille comme journaliste avant d'aller vivre en Angola, Ruinée et malade, André Rebouças va vivre sur l'île portugaise de Madère, où son corps est retrouvé au bas de la falaise près de sa maison. Il meurt à 60 ans. On pense qu'il s'est suicidé.

André Rebouças est un des plus grands Africains-Brésiliens de l'histoire. Au-delà de l'invention de la torpille moderne, c'est la proéminence et surtout l'humanisme sincère de son combat victorieux pour en finir avec l'esclavage, qui font de lui un homme d'exception.

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REJOINDRE TELEGRAM POUR ÉVITER LA CENSURE

On a longtemps prétendu que les stars d'Hollywood et d'autres célébrités devaient rejoindre les Illuminati pour atteindre le sommet de l'industrie du divertissement, mais peu de gens en dehors du cercle intérieur des Illuminati comprennent vraiment ce que cela signifie.

Cela a commencé à changer, car les célébrités qui ont été soumises au système des Illuminati craquent et divulguent des informations internes qui exposent les véritables rouages d'Hollywood et de l'industrie du divertissement.

La pop-star Britney Spears a récemment décrit en détail les abus *« sataniques »* qu'elle a subis aux mains de ses manipulateurs Illuminati pendant les 13 années de sa mise sous tutelle, notamment des rituels sexuels répugnants, des transfusions sanguines hebdomadaires et des expériences médicales MK Ultra.

Britney n'est pas la seule star à se dévoiler et à nous donner un aperçu de ce qui se passe derrière le rideau.

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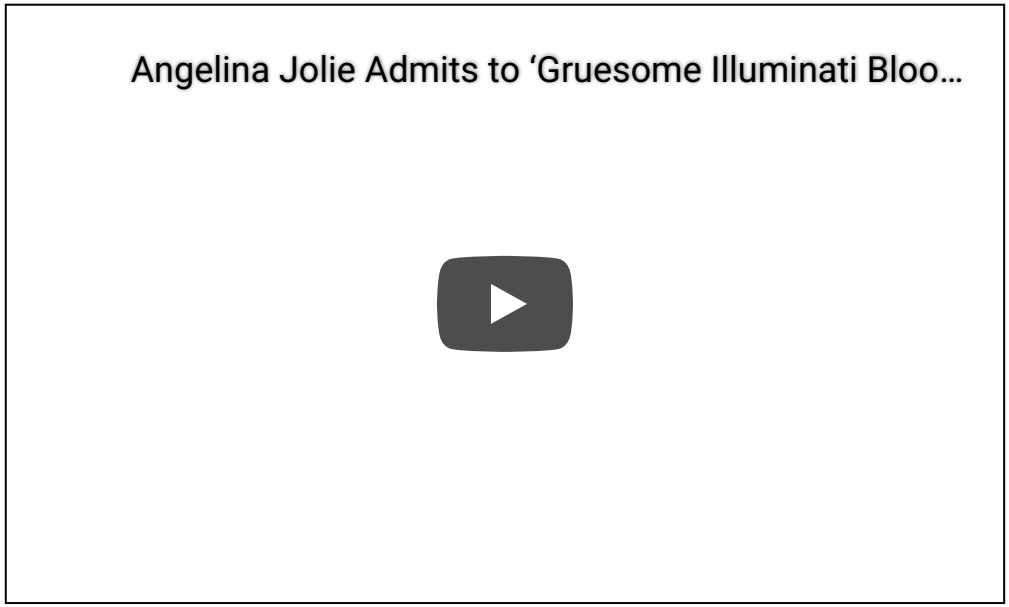

Une vidéo étonnante a fait surface dans laquelle Angelina Jolie, 23 ans, révèle les véritables rouages d'Hollywood en décrivant à des amis ses expériences de participation à des *« rituels secrets illuminati »*.

Angelina semble parfois folle et possédée lorsqu'elle décrit les expériences qu'elle a vécues avec la société secrète des Illuminati. Elle explique qu'elle a tué un serpent en guise de sacrifice et qu'elle a été tatouée, ou marquée au fer rouge, dans le cadre du rituel d'initiation.

L'enregistrement révèle également que Jolie avait déjà montré un enregistrement d'un rituel Illuminati à l'une de ses amies. Son amie, parlant à voix basse, décrit le visionnage de la séquence en disant :

« Je n'ai vu que le film qu'elle [Angelina] a acheté cette nuit-là. Les gens qui sont, comme, plus sombres… C'est génial de pouvoir voir la sexualité de tout le monde, mais c'est tellement bizarre quand vous… J'ai les photos compromettantes les plus incroyables de gens. »

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La vidéo a maintenant été mise en ligne, avec l'identité de ses deux amis expurgée pour leur sécurité.

Rien n'a changé depuis qu'Angelina Jolie était une jeune femme tentant de percer dans l'industrie du divertissement. Megan Fox a récemment laissé entendre qu'elle participait à d'effroyables rituels sanguinaires des Illuminati.

En parlant à *Glamour UK* de sa relation avec la marionnette Illuminati Machine Gun Kelly, Fox a déclaré :

« Ce ne sont que quelques gouttes, mais oui, nous consommons le sang de l'autre à l'occasion, ***uniquement à des fins rituelles****. »*

« Il est utilisé pour une raison et il est contrôlé. »

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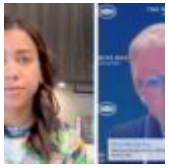

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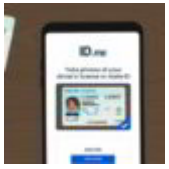

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Les Trolls – Fascinantes créatures mythiques de

De quoi ont besoin les jeunes stars pour réussir à Hollywood et dans l'industrie du spectacle ? Le physique ? Du talent ? Un travail acharné ? Non. Ils doivent vendre leur âme au diable. Et pas au sens figuré. Et c'est exactement ce qu'ils font.

Prenons par exemple le cas de la pop star anglaise Charlie XCX. Pendant des années, Charli XCX a travaillé sans relâche pour monter dans l'industrie musicale. Depuis 2013, elle a sorti cinq albums salués par la critique tout en remportant des trophées de l'industrie. Cependant, malgré son succès relatif, Charlie XCX ne pouvait toujours pas être qualifiée de *« pop star majeure »*.

Que lui manquait-il donc ? Elle n'avait pas encore vendu son âme au diable et rejoint les Illuminati.

Tout a changé en 2021 et CharlieXCX s'est hissée au sommet des charts et est devenue une *« pop star majeure »*.

Dans un post Instagram plutôt flagrant, Charli a écrit *« conseil pour les nouveaux artistes : vendez votre âme pour l'argent et la gloire »*. Accompagnant cette légende, des photos symboliques, dont ce string satanique.

Scandinavie

Une nouvelle étude contredit le récit sur les transgenres et suggère que les bloqueurs de puberté augmentent le suicide chez les jeunes

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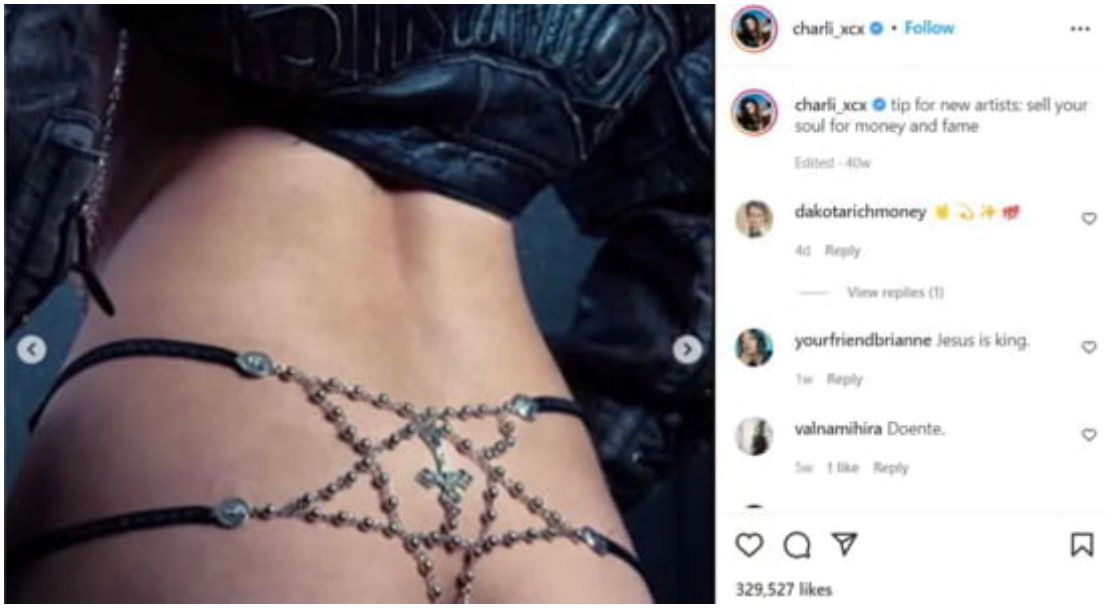

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Dans un autre post, Charli a écrit *« baby's blood »* avec un emoji représentant un verre de martini – ce qui implique que ce sang est ingéré. C'est une référence à l'obsession favorite de l'élite occulte : Consommer du sang et de la chair humaine.

- Cerveau
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Peu avant Halloween, Charli a posté une photo représentant un rituel de sang satanique. Parce que c'est ce qu'ils font réellement à cette période de l'année.

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La pochette de l'album *Crash* représente Charli *« tuée »* dans un accident de voiture. Le signe subtil d'un œil créé par ses cheveux stratégiquement placés indique qu'il s'agit d'un symbole occulte.

- Insectes
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Dans un post célébrant son succès, Charli publie une photo d'elle couchée dans un cercueil.

- Non classé
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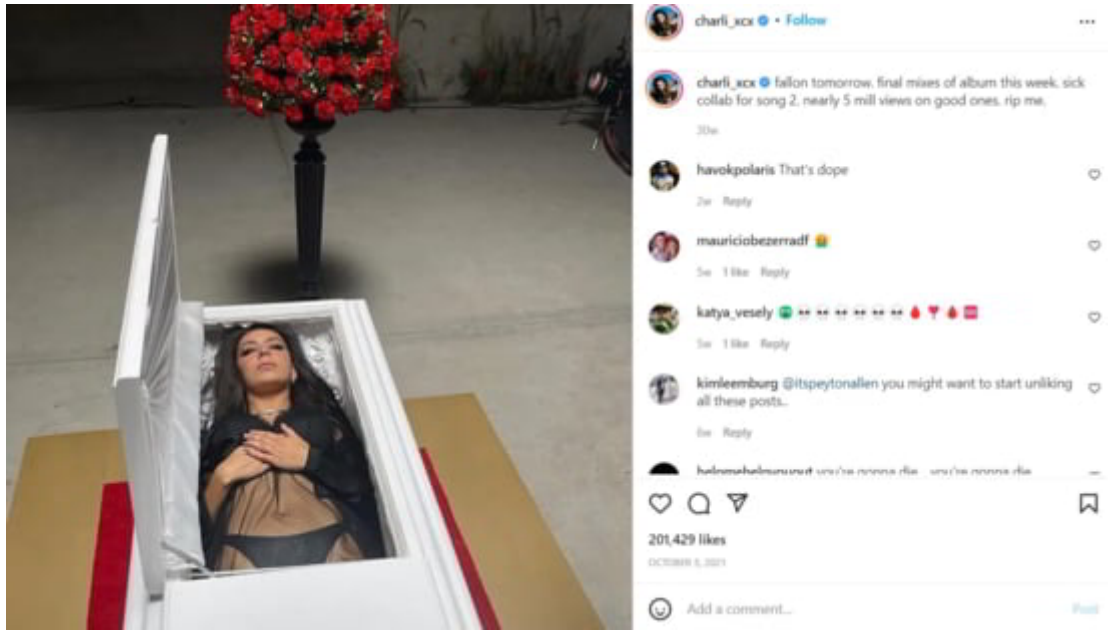

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Mais cela vaut-il le coup pour ces célébrités de l'industrie du divertissement ? Nous allons laisser le propre post Instagram de Charli répondre à cette question.

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La légende de ce post est *« conseil pour nouvel artiste : ça ne fait qu'empirer »*. Les talons hauts et la chaîne font référence à l'esclavage sexuel des pions de l'industrie.

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Aqua Tofana was a toxic concoction believed to be a poisonous liquid that was notorious for its use as a deadly poison in the 17th century. It was purportedly used by women to murder their husbands or other unwanted individuals, hence the moniker "the 17th century serum that killed hundreds of husbands." However, it's important to note that much of the information surrounding Aqua Tofana is based on legend and historical accounts, and its exact composition and usage remain unclear.

Legend has it that Aqua Tofana was created by a woman named Giulia Tofana, who lived in Palermo, Italy, during the 17th century. She was said to have been a professional poisoner who sold the toxic

potion to women seeking to rid themselves of abusive or unfaithful husbands. The exact ingredients of Aqua Tofana were supposedly a closely guarded secret, but it was believed to contain toxic substances such as arsenic, lead, and other poisonous compounds.

Aqua Tofana was said to be a colorless and odorless liquid, making it difficult to detect when mixed with food or drink. It was reported to have been sold in small vials and was often administered in small doses over time to avoid suspicion. The slow-acting poison was believed to cause symptoms that could be mistaken for natural illnesses, making it difficult to trace the cause of death back to Aqua Tofana.

It's worth noting that there are varying accounts of Aqua Tofana's potency and effectiveness. Some sources claim that it was a highly potent poison that

could kill within hours or days, while others suggest that it was relatively mild and might have taken weeks or even months to cause death. Nonetheless, its alleged use as a murder weapon and its reputation as a "husband killer" earned Aqua Tofana infamy during its time.

It's important to note that murder, including the use of poison, is illegal and unethical in all circumstances. The use of Aqua Tofana or any other toxic substances to harm others is highly unethical and criminal, and should never be condoned or emulated. Historical accounts of Aqua Tofana and similar substances serve as a reminder of the dangers of toxic substances and the devastating consequences of their misuse.

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Западный Судан

В культурно-историческом плане Западный Судан - одна из самых интересных, богатых событиями частей Тропической Африки. Со времени Карфагена Западный Судан поддерживает связь со всеми странами Средиземноморья. Эти связи усиливали контакты с берберами и арабами. Именно здесь, вблизи верхней излучины Нигера, в широкой полосе саванн, между южной оконечностью Сахары и верхней границей тропических лесов, возникали обширные державы Гана, Мали, Сонгай, государства моей и другие. Уже в XI-XV веках здесь существовали такие крупные экономические и культурные центры, как Гао, Кумби-Сале, Томбукту, упоминание о которых содержится в описаниях средневековых арабских путешественников, географов и историков Ибн-Хаукаля, аль-Бекри, Ибн-Баттуты и других.

Несмотря на то, что этот район со времени средневековья оставался открытым влиянию ислама, культура народов Западного Судана не утратила своей самобытности. К моменту европейской колонизации местные земледельческие народы бамбара, догоны, моей, сенуфо сохранили родоплеменную структуру, автохтонные религии, фольклор и традиционное искусство.

Народы Западного Судана, искусство которых здесь рассматривается, принадлежат к языковой группе нигер-конго, к подгруппам вольтийской (гур) и манде (см. 8, 551). К первой подгруппе относятся догоны, моей, курумба (или фульсе), бобо, лоби, сенуфо и другие; ко второй - бамбара, малинке и другие (см.: 53, 289-292; 6, 46-47). Эти народы бли тическом отношении. Их образ жизни, материальная кул огия, фольклор, верования и обряды позволяют гов общности (см. работы М. Гриоля и его школы: 168; 169 33-141), которая во многих случаях находит прямое отр ом и этническом аспектах.

К й из трех больших зон (Западный Судан, Гвинейское поб ько стилистических центров; к ним в той или иной мер ные школы данного региона. В Западном Судане мож таких центра.

С агара (искусство теллем-догонов), другой находится нес ховью Нигера, в стране бамбара. К школе догонов при обо и в некоторой степени - лоби, к кругу бамбара - мал

И ми, сближающими его в равной мере с обеими гру и в то же время наиболее изученных народов этого рай

Д родность Республики Мали. Их численность в 1959 год е занятие - земледелие, а также разведение мелкого ско относительно изолированной гористой местности в рай ию, догоны прибыли сюда с юга несколько веков наз сохраняли свою самобытную культуру, несмотря на евр ственную близость Томбукту, древнего центра исламизации Судана, чему в значительной мере способствовали естественные условия - труднодоступная местность с узкими проходами и отвесными скалами, превратившими селения догонов в неприступные крепости. Селения догонов располагаются террасами на склонах холмов у подножия скалистых осыпей, на которых возвышаются конические постройки их легендарных предшественников - теллем. В своих церемониях догоны используют восемьдесят различных масок. Причем все они при большом разнообразии форм и сюжетов сохраняют черты одного стиля. В каждом из ритуалов принимает участие определенный набор масок. Некоторые из масок догонов сохранились только в музеях. С другой стороны, отмечено появление новых типов, сохраняющих основные признаки местного стиля (ил. 104).

Почти во всех масках подчеркнута вертикальная ось, и большинство из них имеют два композиционных центра: одним из них является личина, то есть часть маски, закрывающая лицо, другим - навершие, представляющее собой самостоятельную пластическую структуру. Стиль догонов характеризуется прямолинейными "кубистическими" объемами, резкой ограненностью форм, прямоугольными сочленениями, четкими, без полутонов границами света и тени. Антропоморфные, как правило, маски догонов всегда дополнены чертами различных животных (обезьяны, антилопы, зайца, гиены и т. п.). Самая распространенная и одна из наиболее почитаемых масок - канага. Плоское лицо с отверстиями для глаз разделено пополам тонкой вертикальной перегородкой носа, упирающейся в нависающий в виде трехгранного карниза лоб. Навершие имеет форму лотарингского креста с отогнутыми концами перекладин. Различные вариации этой формы, напоминающей схематическое изображение человеческой фигуры в так называемой позе лягушки, встречаются в первобытном и традиционном искусстве повсеместно: в наскальной живописи Австралии, Восточной Испании, Скандинавии, Закавказья, в искусстве канадских индейцев и т. д. (см. 47, 170-173) (ил. 106, рис. 35).

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В сеть выложили коллекционные экспонаты из музея Метрополитен
Дом Васнецова — сохранившийся уголок старой Москвы
Под слоем живописи «Мадонны в скалах» рассмотрели первоначальные наброски Леонардо да Винчи
Организаторы выставки повесили рядом две картины Караваджо «Экстаз Марии Магдалины»
Большая ретроспектива Клода Моне «Мир в течении»
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Технологии пассивного дома приходят в многоквартирную застройку
Знаменитая Пизанская башня, которая все падает, но никак не упадет
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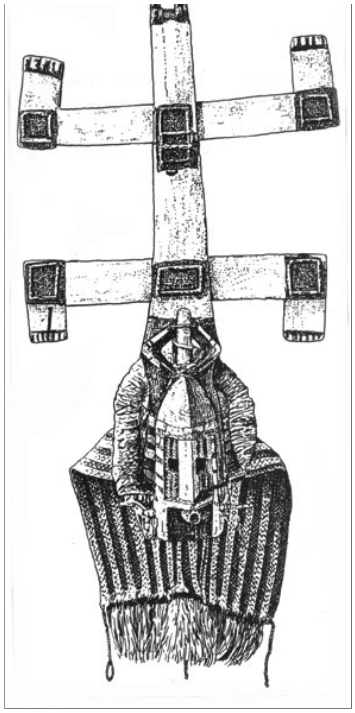


Рис. 35. Маска канага. Дерево. Догоны, Мали. Музей Человека, Париж

Символическое значение этой формы, венчающей маску канага, интерпретируется по-разному. М. Гриоль считает ее символом равновесия между землей и небом, символом космического порядка; другие видят в ней священную птицу с распростертыми крыльями, фигуру верховного божества в акте созидания; по Кьерсмейеру, это символ крокодила, на спине которого, по преданию, догоны переплыли Нигер во время их исхода из "Страны манде".

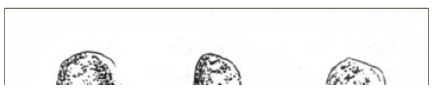
Маска сириге, или, как ее еще называют, "многоярусный дом", отличается от канага главным образом своим навершием. Лицевая же часть этой маски (как и многих других) в общих чертах повторяет лаконичную антропоморфную схему канага. Навершие сириге представляет собой ажурную доску или плоский шест высотой от трех до пяти метров, символизирующий гинна - дом огона, религиозного вождя и правителя догонов. Покрывающая шест резьба в виде повторяющихся геометрических форм отражает космогонические представления догонов (ил. 105).

Лицевая часть зооморфных масок, как правило, сохраняет ту же пластическую структуру: плоский прямоугольник, разделенный на две части узкой вертикальной перегородкой. Маска может быть увенчана прямыми или изогнутыми рогами (валу - маска антилопы), длинными ушами (дьомо - маска зайца) или имеет монолитную обтекаемую форму ("черная обезьяна" - маска бабуина). Навершия в виде человеческой фигуры (например, маска Ясигине)(*Ясигине (или Ясиги) - мифическая женщина парная женская ипостась Йуругу, укравшая секрет масок и потому посвященная в ава. По преданию, с этого времени некоторая категория женщин имеет право выступать в ритуальных танцах под маской Ясигине*) или фигурки обезьяны, как правило, менее геометризованы, а иногда почти натуралистичны. Причем в этих случаях лицевая часть полностью лишается изобразительных элементов, превращаясь в плоскость, на которой вертикаль обозначена лишь как перегородка между прямоугольными глазными отверстиями (ил. 108-112).

Матерью всех масок считается маска имина на - "великая маска", сочетающая в себе особенности обоих типов: антропоморфный характер лицевой части, геометрический орнамент навершия (достигающего десятиметровой высоты) и более реалистическую трактовку змеиной головы с открытой пастью, венчающей навершие. Эту маску можно видеть лишь на церемонии Сиги (ил. 121).

Каждой маске соответствуют специальный костюм и украшения, скрывающие танцора с ног до головы. Большая часть костюма состоит из растительных волокон. Из тех же волокон изготовляются и маски, изображающие людей, например женщин фульбе (*Фульбе считались прежде врагами догонов, и их ньяму следовало нейтрализовать точно так же, как и ньяму убитых животных*). Непременный аксессуар этой маски - женская грудь из двух половинок плода баобаба. Вообще же маски догонов изготовлены из мягкой древесины и поэтому сохраняются лишь относительно короткое время. Это обстоятельство (исчезновение образцов), возможно, содействует ускоренной эволюции масок - их стиля и формы - по сравнению с круглой скульптурой (*Ж. Деланж видит причину ускоренной эволюции в том, что изготовители масок здесь чаще всего их носители - члены ава, а не кузнецы, которые являются потомственными ремесленниками и по установившейся традиции наряду со своим основным делом обычно занимаются изготовлением скульптуры*).

Скульптура, собранная различными экспедициями в районе Бандиагара, принадлежит к числу наиболее самобытных памятников африканского традиционного искусства. В то же время часть ее относится к весьма немногочисленной группе деревянной африканской скульптуры, возраст которой измеряется несколькими (по крайней мере, двумя) столетиями. Это скульптура, приписываемая догонами полулегендарному народу теллем. Выше упоминалось о том, что, по преданию, догоны переселились в район Бандиагара из "Страны манде". Это событие относят примерно к XIII веку (см.: 200, 46-47).



Сын Толкина издал повесть отца через 100 лет после ее написания

В Петербурге появились будки для звонков советским поэтам

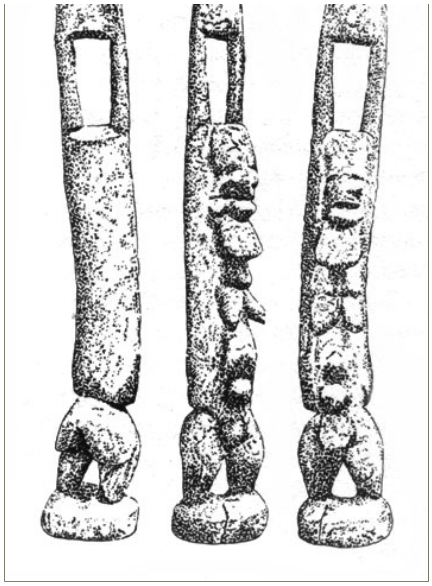


Рис. 36. Номмо. Теллем, Мали. Галерея П. Матисса, Нью-Йорк

В мифах и легендах догонов сохранились воспоминания о низкорослых людях андумбулу, которые были постепенно вытеснены людьми нормального роста - теллем. После прибытия догонов в район Бандиагара теллем покинули свои селения, оставив в пещерах святилища и захоронения с различными культовыми предметами, включая скульптуру. Скульптура теллем высечена из очень твердого дерева и покрыта окаменевшей коркой жертвенной смеси, состоящей из крови и рисового отвара. В большинстве случаев это мужские и женские статуэтки, а также фигурки гермафродитов. Их отличительная черта - сочетание обобщенных монументальных форм с экспрессивной динамичной композицией. Патетические жесты, странные позы резко контрастируют со строгими, прямолинейными ограненными формами, четко вписанными в объем заготовки - обрубок древесного ствола (*На этом принципе основан опыт классификации скульптуры догонов, принадлежащий Ж. Лоду. В результате стилистического анализа ста шестидесяти четырех статуэток он нашел возможным распределить их на несколько групп в зависимости от степени соответствия фигуры первоначальному, объему заготовки (см.: 197)*). Обратим особое внимание на строго вертикальные фигуры с вытянутыми вверх руками - эта поза повторяется в более поздних статуэтках и рельефных украшениях на бытовых предметах. По-видимому, та же фигура лежит в основе навершия маски канага, а возможно, и сириге. Этот сюжет один из самых архаичных в искусстве догонов. Фигуры с поднятыми руками встречаются иногда в сочетании со скульптурными или рельефными изображениями животных (отдельные статуэтки, резные изображения на табуретах и культовых предметах). Кроме названных среди статуэток теллем имеются стоящие и сидящие фигуры (иногда парные) с руками, сложенными на животе, прижатыми к ушам, коленопреклоненные, верхом на животном. Теллем также принадлежат отдельные фигурки животных. Почти все скульптуры теллем были найдены в пещерах, которые, судя по находящимся там скелетам, служили долгое время местами захоронения. Экспедиции, тщательно обследовавшие пещеры, обнаружили помимо скульптуры деревянные резные подголовники, фрагменты тканей, плетения, гончарные изделия, бронзовые и железные браслеты, наконечники стрел и копий и многие другие предметы (ил. 113-115, рис. 36, 37, ил. 116).

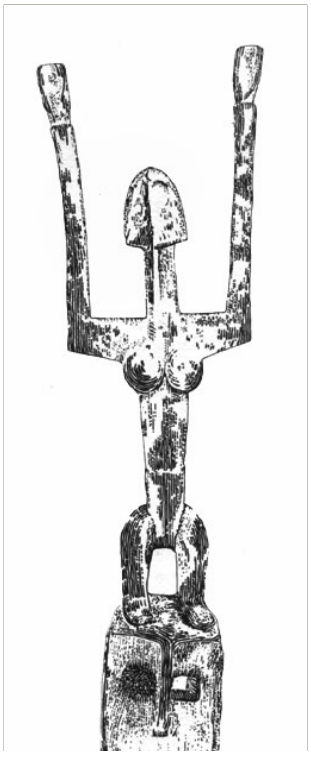


Рис. 37. Маска. Приписывается теллем, Мали. Галерея П. Матисса, Нью-Йорк

Проблема авторства и возраста скульптуры теллем считается до сих пор не решенной. Дальше всего в ее разрешении удалось продвинуться Ж. Лоду, которому принадлежит серия работ, посвященных стилистическому анализу, классификации и вопросам датировки искусства теллем и догонов. Возраст этой скульптуры Лод считает "безусловно преклонным". В подтверждение он, в частности, приводит сведения, сообщенные П. Ланглуа, о местонахождении серии статуэток, обнаруженных в труднодоступной пещере, вход в которую был завален оползнем. "Хорошо защищенные от непогоды, влаги, насекомых каменными пещерами, а также толстым слоем жертвенных возлияний, эти статуэтки могли сохраняться весьма продолжительное время. Кроме того, их охраняла легенда. Догоны считают эти пещеры священным местом. Они никогда не отваживаются их посещать: эти могилы и святилища им не принадлежат" (см.: 200, 48).

Несмотря на все это, многие авторы считают, что скульптура теллем принадлежит догонам и представляет раннюю фазу развития их искусства. Действительно, скульптура теллем имеет так много общего с современным традиционным искусством догонов, что эти явления можно рассматривать как разные этапы развития одной художественной традиции.

Наиболее убедительное разрешение проблемы искусства теллем-догонов было предложено Ж. Лодом, который не ставит под сомнение существование в прошлом народа теллем, считая теллем предками современной народности курумба, в чьей культуре обнаруживаются некоторые элементы, родственные догонам (*Лод также приводит свидетельство Е. Крамер о том, что в некоторых местах, как, например, в Йоро, еще и теперь живут люди, которых догоны называют либо теллем, либо курумба (см.: 200, 46)*). Лод считает, что имеется много подтверждений тому, что после прихода догонов теллем не сразу и лишь частично покинули этот район. Причем во многих местах они долгое время уживались с догонами и укрепляли связи, в частности, в результате межплеменных браков. Приспосабливаясь к новым условиям, догоны должны были воспринять некоторые элементы местной культуры. Лод даже делает предположение, что в момент прибытия у догонов вообще не было собственной скульптуры и традиция ее изготовления была целиком воспринята от теллем.

Как бы там ни было, глубокое родство обеих традиций бесспорно. Независимо от того, являются ли скульптуры теллем-д огонов созданием одного или двух народов, нет никакого сомнения в том, что в традиционном художественном творчестве догонов находят свое развитие те самые сюжетные и пластические формы, которые составляют основу искусства теллем. Особенно наглядно это проявляется уже в том, что существует довольно большая группа памятников, органически сочетающих в себе стилистические признаки той и другой скульптуры. Таким образом, мы имеем редкую возможность проследить развитие форм традиционной скульптуры на обширном материале, имеющем солидную хронологическую перспективу. В случае же выявления более глубоких истоков скульптуры теллем-догонов этот материал следовало бы признать совершенно уникальным (ил. 117-119, рис. 38, ил. 503).

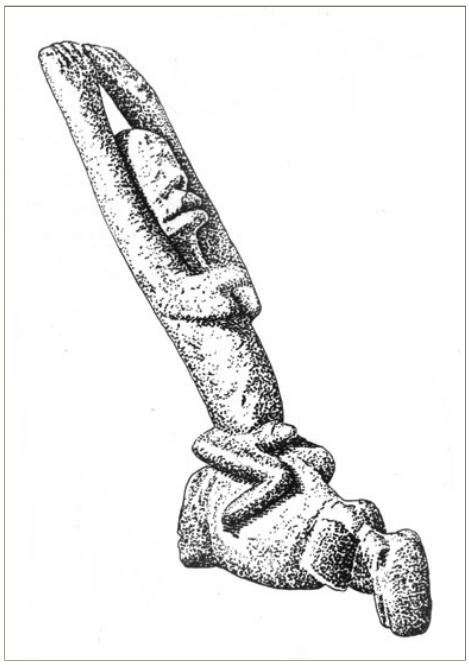


Рис. 38. Номмо. Дерево. Теллем или догоны, Мали. Музей Человека, Париж

Насколько известно, проблема происхождения искусства теллем до сих пор не затрагивалась. Однако уже имеется материал, позволяющий коснуться этого вопроса.

В конце 50-х годов в догонском селении Санга была обнаружена многофигурная каменная статуэтка (*Находится в коллекции П. Тишмана, Нью-Йорк (см.: 200, фиг. 1)*), ценность и особенность которой заключается в том, что она является пока что единственной каменной скульптурой, найденной у догонов. Обладая стилистическими чертами искусства теллем-догонов, она в то же время обнаруживает общие черты с каменными статуэтками помдо. Это обстоятельство заслуживает особого внимания, поскольку известно, что киси, так же как и догоны, выходцы из "Страны манде".

В плане генезиса традиционного искусства догоны представляют особый интерес также и потому, что они чуть ли не единственные в Западном Судане продолжатели древних традиций наскальной живописи. Наскальные изображения догонов, нанесенные красной, белой и черной красками, находятся в местах совершения обрядов посвящения молодежи. Примитивно намалеванные схематические фигуры людей и животных, а также прямоугольники и другие нефигуративные изображения иногда отдаленно напоминают формы масок, чаще всего - навершие маски канага. Упрощенная техника, степень схематизма и характер стилизации этих изображений соответствуют заключительной фазе наскального искусства Сахары. Эта архаическая форма сосуществует с самыми разнообразными видами прикладного искусства. Украшение деревянных бытовых предметов, деталей архитектуры, музыкальных инструментов круглой скульптурой, рельефом, резным и графическим орнаментом, конечно, не следует рассматривать как чисто декоративное оформление. Каждый или почти каждый элемент декора связан с теми или иными мифологическими, религиозными, магическими представлениями и имеет конкретный смысл и определенное назначение (ил. 120).

Рельефные женские и мужские фигуры на опорных столбах мужского ил. 122 дома - тогуны, ряды антропоморфных изображений на дверях амбаров, статуэтки всадников и фигуры предков на крышках сосудов и катушках ткацких станков по стилю почти не отличаются от культовой скульптуры. В прикладном, как и в культовом, искусстве догонов довольно часты изображения животных, особенно лошади (танцевальные трости, кубки, подголовники, а также статуэтки, изображающие животных (*Назначение этих фигурок - охранять рисовые поля и сады от воров*)) (ил. 124).

Наименее известным видом искусства догонов до недавнего времени оставались кованые железные антропоморфные фигурки, венчающие ритуальные жезлы, устанавливаемые на могилах и алтарях. Между этими фигурками и деревянной скульптурой догонов существует определенное сходство, однако не настолько значительное, чтобы можно было согласиться с предположением У. Фэгга, объясняющего особенности стиля деревянной скульптуры догонов влиянием кузнечной техники.

Формы деревянных статуэток четко огранены, угловаты, их трехмерность выявлена резкими контрастами света и тени, причем трактовка основных деталей точно соответствует методу изъятия - технике резьбы, в то время как формы кованых фигурок, более плавные, текучие, как и сама ковка металла, больше соответствуют технике лепки. Предположение Фэгга, по-видимому, основано не столько на сравнительном стилистическом анализе, сопоставлении деревянной и металлической пластики, сколько на том, что изготовление деревянной, так же как и металлической, скульптуры догонов по установленным традициям является делом кузнецов (как, впрочем, и у подавляющего большинства народностей Западной Африки). Профессиональные ремесленники, специализировавшиеся в одной определенной области (литье и ковка металла, резьба по дереву и т. д.), существовали в Африке главным образом в условиях относительно развитой социальной структуры. Чаще же все функции ремесленника, художника, а также часто знахаря, колдуна, жреца и даже вождя осуществлялись деревенским кузнецом. Жена кузнеца, как правило, занималась гончарным делом, вся семья принадлежала к особой касте (то есть браки заключались только между семьями кузнецов). У догонов, сенуфо, бамбара и других народностей кузнецы живут в некотором отдалении от деревни или в особом квартале. Двойственное отношение к ним, в котором преобладают то страх и отчужденность, то почтительность и уважение, объясняется их ролью арбитров в спорах между членами общины, а также посреднической ролью между миром живых и мертвых. Это положение отражает материальный аспект: кузнец изготовляет не только все необходимые для общины орудия (топоры, ножи, мотыги, стрелы, копья и т. д.), но также и культовые предметы: статуи, барабаны, ритуальные кубки, жезлы и другие предметы, используемые в религиозных церемониях (рис. 39).

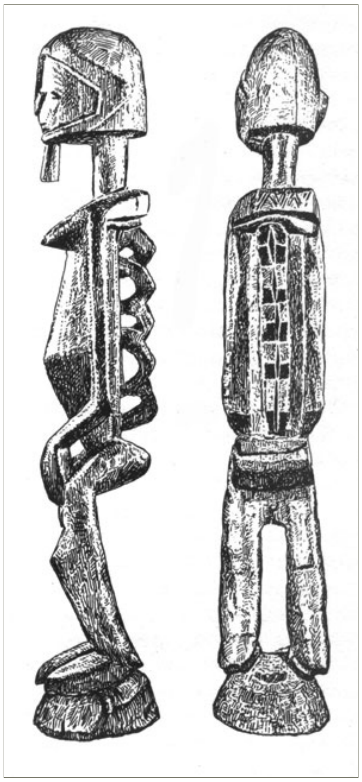


Рис. 39. Культовая статуэтка. Дерево. Догоны, Мали. Частная коллекция, Нью-Йорк

Кузнецу отводится большое место в африканской мифологии и фольклоре. В мифологии догонов кузнец занимает одно из центральных мест. Именно он, по представлениям догонов, принес на землю ковчег с плацентой, содержавшей в себе зародыши всего сущего. Подобные мифы существуют и у других народов Западного Судана. "Принимая во внимание, что он является потомком демиурга и играет важную роль в мифах, учитывая также то, что он владеет техникой и обладает всеми необходимыми орудиями, кузнец больше чем кто-либо другой годится для выполнения роли скульптора. Все же связь между кузнечным делом и скульптурой не везде так прочна и очевидна, как у народов Западного Судана. В Конго, например, эта связь, по-видимому, не проявляется", - пишет Ж. Лод в книге "Искусство Черной Африки" (199, 126).

Среди народностей Западного Судана, чье искусство мы относим к кругу догонов, заметное место занимает народ моей. По численности и социально-экономическому развитию они значительно превосходят своих соседей. Моей, численность которых составляет более двух миллионов человек, населяют обширную территорию в верховьях рек Красной и Белой Вольты. В местных преданиях говорится, что они прибыли с востока (или северо-востока) в начале II тысячелетия н. э., подчинили себе большинство местных племен и создали три государства с центрами в Уагадугу, Ятенге и Фада-н-Гурме. Относительно высокая военная организация моей позволяла им не только удерживать значительные территории, но и совершать глубокие рейды в пределах таких могущественных государств, как Гана и Сонгай. Благодаря эффективной административной системе, при которой местные власти пользовались большой свободой, поставляя верховному правителю - моро-наба - воинов и определенную дань, государства моей успешно отразили натиск ислама и ко времени европейской колонизации, в конце XIX века, управлялись той же династией и занимали те же территории, что и пять веков назад.

Несмотря на все это, художественная культура моей рассматривается здесь как вторичная по отношению к культуре догонов, менее развитых в социально-экономическом отношении. В историческом плане это объясняется следующим. После прибытия в район Верхней Вольты моей, гораздо менее многочисленные, чем покоренные ими народы, слились с ними, восприняв их язык, религию, художественную культуру. Наиболее адекватные формы этой первичной культуры сохранили местные племена, не участвовавшие в процессе ассимиляции. К таким племенам относятся догоны, населявшие в прошлом этот район, но после прибытия моей покинувшие его ради сохранения независимости и переселившиеся в неприступные ущелья Бандиагары.

В отличие от некоторых других народов из числа создавших в прошлом более или менее крупные государственные объединения у моей не сохранилось (за исключением сравнительно развитой техники обработки металла, кожи и текстиля) почти никаких следов того, что называется придворным искусством (*"Все, что известно в настоящее время об искусстве моей, - пишет Ж. Деланж, - свидетельствует о том, что оно не является продуктом военно-политической организации и связанной с ней социальной структуры, даже если учитывать то, что эта последняя была преобразована в результате взаимодействия с культурой автохтонов. Прежде всего это маски, вырезанные из мягкой древесины (Kapokier), овальные личины которых увенчаны двумя рогами антилопы и навершием в виде резной или расписной доски, часто украшенной человеческой фигуркой.*

Скульпторы, их изготовляющие, и танцоры, выступающие в этих масках, принадлежат к народностям фульсе (иначе - курумба) и ниониосе. Фульсе, особенно многочисленные в Ятенге, населяли район Вольты еще до прибытия моси.

Они не покинули его, как другие, обосновавшиеся в скалистых местностях Бандиагары и Хомбори и образовавшие народность догон. Их старейшины-тингсоба, или "хозяева земли", - являются хранителями важнейших традиционных форм, которые вобрала в себя феодальная мифология моей.

Памятники искусства дают неоспоримые доказательства древней связи между автохтонными обществами Вольты и племенами, населяющими в настоящее время горные районы в излучине Нигера. Существуют явные стилистические параллели между этими масками, которые обычно фигурируют как изделия моей, масками сириге догонов и масками гурунси с вертикальным навершием" (123, 20)).

Возможно, в какой-то мере это объясняется тем, что городская культура моей подверглась исламизации гораздо раньше и в значительно большей степени, чем принято думать (по крайней мере, в настоящее время в городах моей мусульмане составляют большой процент). Но, может быть, существуют и другие, более глубокие причины, так как при ближайшем рассмотрении оказывается, что маски, бытующие в сельской местности, изготовляются не самими моей, а местными ремесленниками народности курумба (или фульсе).

Искусство моси-фульсе представлено двумя типами масок. Одна из масок мужская, другая - женская. Обе маски имеют одинаковые личины в виде плоского или вогнутого овала с треугольными глазными отверстиями, образующими ромбовидную фигуру, пересеченную сверху вниз узкой вертикальной планкой с зазубринами. Как и на большинстве масок догонов, рот не обозначен. В верхней части личины - небольшие рога антилопы коба (в соответствии с полом - прямые или изогнутые). Мужская маска имеет навершие в виде высокого (до двух метров) плоского шеста, иногда украшенного резным орнаментом и раскрашенного красной, белой и черной красками. Навершие женской маски - вандо - представляет собой женскую статуэтку, которая опирается либо непосредственно на личину, либо на невысокую резную доску.

Статуэтки-навершия имеют округлые формы и в целом менее условны, чем личины. Если мужская маска по форме аналогична сириге догонов, то женскую можно, по-видимому, рассматривать как прототип гораздо более условной маски канага.

Маски используются в погребальных обрядах на похоронах вождей и старейшин. Так же как у догонов, танец масок исполняется под аккомпанемент барабанов и флейт и сопровождается пением и некрологом на секретном языке (ил. 125, 126, рис. 40).

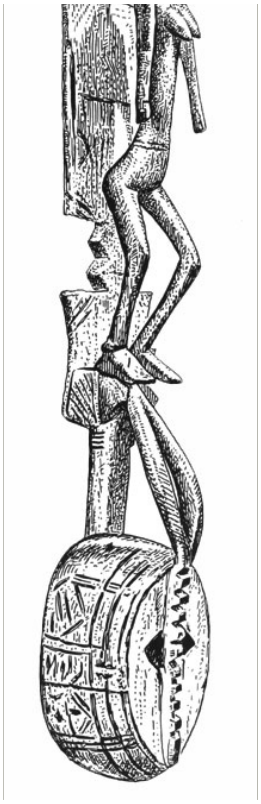


Рис. 40. Маска (женская). Дерево. Моси-фульсе, Верхняя Вольта.

На севере Верхней Вольты, в районе Арибинды и Белехеде, вблизи малийской границы, основное население составляют курумба. Они изготовляют особый тип масок-наголовников, основной частью которых служит стилизованная голова антилопы. В европейских коллекциях искусство курумба представлено почти исключительно этими раскрашенными головами с округлой, слегка выгнутой шеей, прямыми рогами и ограненной вытянутой мордой. Так же как у догонов и других народов Западного Судана, маски курумба используются для изгнания духов во время церемонии снятия траура. По преданию, маска воплощает культурного героя, который изгнал злых духов во время первых полевых работ.

Известно всего около десяти подлинных масок-наголовников курумба, все они попали в европейские коллекции до 1935 года. Позднее, в 60-х годах, в Европе появились разнообразные варианты этой маски, большая их часть, по-видимому, была изготовлена специально на экспорт, то есть представляет нечто среднее между традиционной культовой скульптурой и продукцией местных художественных промыслов (ил. 130).

Бобо - западные соседи курумба - также относятся к коренному населению Верхней Вольты, существовавшему здесь до появления моей. Земледельцы, рыбаки, охотники и отчасти скотоводы, бобо делятся на несколько подгрупп, бобо-финг, или черные бобо, бобо-уле - красные бобо (бва), бобо-гбе - белые бобо; общая численность около четырехсот пятидесяти тысяч человек.

Искусство бобо представлено в основном масками бобо-финг из района Диуласо и бва из района Хунде. (Бобо-финг живут также на территории моей, в районах Сан и Кутиала.)

Общим элементом культуры, связывающим две подгруппы бобо, являются одноименные культ, общество и божество До, которому посвящено большинство рассматриваемых здесь масок. Среди масок бобо различаются три основных типа:

1. зооморфные, объемные;
2. зооантропоморфные, плоскостные;
3. антропоморфные, объемные.

Зооморфные маски, чаще всего изображающие буйвола и барана, умеренно стилизованы, иногда очень близки к натуре. Зооантропоморфные крайне условны: личина в виде плоского диска, на котором нарисованы или врезаны глаза в виде двух концентрических кругов и рельефный круглый или ромбовидный рот, который служит танцору смотровой щелью. Личина имеет высокое навершие в виде резной доски, украшенной геометрическим орнаментом, состоящим из зигзагов, треугольников и шашечниц (последние встречаются в районе Хунде). Доска часто завершается полумесяцем с усеченным треугольником посередине. Эти наиболее известные маски бобо называются "нво" (местное название птицы калао). Круто изогнутый клюв, нависающий над личиной, - такой же неизменный элемент маски, как и навершие, отдаленно напоминающее сириге догонов. Среди масок типа нво есть варианты с горизонтальной доской, образующей подобие крыльев бабочки по обе стороны личины. К тому же зооантропоморфному типу можно отнести и маску змеи - "байири". Ее личина напоминает одновременно голову птицы и человека, а длинное и узкое навершие имеет ту же волнообразную форму, что и навершие Большой змеи догонов. Ближе всего к пластике догонов сравнительно редкие объемные антропоморфные маски до. Личина - стилизованная голова, с выпуклым, нависающим лбом, плоским лицом, с тонким прямым носом. Рот и глаза имеют характерную форму "кофейного зерна". От лба к затылку голову делит пополам невысокий гребень. Маски обычно имеют навершие в виде женской статуэтки или фигуры хамелеона. В районе Сан существуют маски коро, изготовленные целиком из листьев и волокон (ил. 127, ил. 128).

Каждая деревня, каждый род имеют свою маску особой формы. Маски чаще всего изготовляются кузнецами. Они используются в погребальных обрядах, играют важную роль на ежегодном празднике мертвых (в мае). После совершения обрядов маски десакрализуются, но, если маска ломается во время танца, ее с почестями хоронят, а танцора, виновного в поломке, считают убийцей и подвергают соответствующему наказанию.

В отличие от плоских масок типа нво, с контрастным цветным орнаментом (красная, черная или белая и голубая краски), объемные маски часто изготовлены из твердых пород дерева, раскрашены скупо или совсем не раскрашены. Лучший образец этого типа хранится в Британском музее.

Помимо масок бобо изготовляют прямоугольные табуреты с резным скульптурным декором, украшения: металлические кольца, браслеты, подвески. Немногие известные образцы деревянной скульптуры - столбообразные статуи - близки к скульптуре моей, а также лоби, южных соседей бобо.

Материальная культура земледельцев лоби (около двухсот пятидесяти тысяч человек) считается одной из самых примитивных в Тропической Африке. Деревянные головы и статуэтки лоби, хранящиеся в европейских и американских собраниях, имеют правильные пропорции, обобщенные округлые формы, в целом довольно близкие к естественным. Натуралистичны также головки, украшающие трехногие скамейки, которые иногда служат подголовниками. Эти скамейки-подголовники - наиболее известные из художественных изделий лоби. Обычно их изготовляют в период подготовки к ритуальной церемонии дьоро, которая связана с культом воды и земли (проводится раз в семь лет). О назначении статуэток известно только то, что они устанавливаются в особых местах на деревенской площади, им приносят жертвы, испрашивая их помощи в случае кражи, болезни, семейных неурядиц (ил. 129,131).

Как и другие племена, соседствующие с ашанти и перенявшие у них технику литья методом утраченной восковой модели, лоби изготовляют различные украшения, фигурки змей и хамелеонов, напоминающие аналогичные изделия ашанти. Помимо названных здесь сравнительно развитых пластических форм у лоби встречаются очень примитивные статуэтки, представляющие собой почти бесформенные куски дерева.

Ядром другого художественного центра Западного Судана является искусство бамбара. Бамбара (бамана, самоназвание - бамананке) - этническая группа мандинго, крупнейший народ языковой подгруппы манде (более двух миллионов человек) - составляют основу современного населения Мали.

Искусство бамбара отражает представления о душе, духах и культурных героях и связано с деятельностью местных религиозных обществ (см.: Приложение 5). Хотя социальное и религиозное значение других обществ превосходит скромную роль общества чивара, именно его маски-наголовники в виде стилизованной фигуры антилопы создали громкую славу искусству бамбара. Чивара - имя мифического персонажа, а также название общества молодых земледельцев, участвующего в организации ритуальных церемоний, посвященных началу полевых работ и уборке урожая. Антилопа - символ культурного героя Чивара и в то же время одна из ипостасей духа воды - божества, от которого берут начало все кланы племени. Таким образом, изображение антилопы не только олицетворение духа, но и эмблема племени. Маска чивара не имеет личины. Она состоит из скульптурного навершия в виде фигуры антилопы или сложной композиции из нескольких фигур, среди которых центральное место всегда занимает стилизованная голова антилопы с особо подчеркнутыми рогами и гривой. Иногда навершие состоит из одной только головы с длинными прямыми рогами. Подставкой скульптуры служит небольшой деревянный цоколь, прикрепляемый к плетеной шапочке-корзине, которая надевается на голову и пристегивается подбородочным ремнем (ил. 132-134).

Образ антилопы воплощается в самых различных формах - как по степени условности, так и по характеру стилизации. Одни фигуры довольно живо воспроизводят облик четвероногого (в этих случаях голова антилопы присоединяется к туловищу собаки, крокодила или хамелеона), другие представляют собой сложную абстрактную композицию. Большая часть фигур дана силуэтно, в виде резной ажурной доски, но есть и такие, которые вписаны в цилиндр. Существует несколько определенных типов композиции, но и внутри них вариации бесконечно разнообразны. В европейских музеях и частных собраниях в настоящее время находятся сотни масок чивара, но среди них нет и двух, композиции которых были бы полностью идентичны. Типологические особенности позволяют разделить маски-наголовники на несколько групп (ил. 135-140).

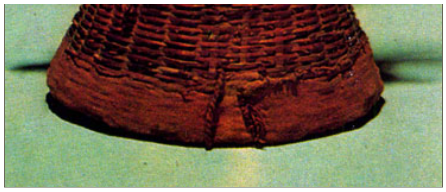
Различаются мужские и женские маски чивара, то есть изображающие самца и самку антилопы. Самка иногда имеет на спине детеныша. Мужские наголовники, как правило, большого размера, с четко обозначенными признаками пола, мощными прямыми рогами, с ажурной, украшенной зигзагообразным орнаментом гривой. Наголовники чивара распространены в районах Бамако, Бугуни, Сегу, Сан, Кутиала, Кенедугу. Существуют некоторые местные стилистические особенности. Наиболее четко различаются два типа композиции - вертикальный и горизонтальный. Вертикальный тип распространен в районах Бугуни, Сегу, Сан, Кутиала, горизонтальный - главным образом в районе Бамако. Характер композиции определяется положением головы и наклоном рогов, но этим признакам сопутствуют и другие. Фигурки с рогами, вытянутыми вдоль туловища, менее условны, они имеют округлые формы, длинный хвост, вытянутый или закрученный спиралью, и ноги, изогнутые в виде буквы Z. Голова с открытой пастью чаще всего лишена антропоморфных черт.

VIII. Маска чивара (горизонтальный тип). Дерево. Народность бамбара, Мали. МАЭ, Ленинград

Фигуры с вертикально стоящими рогами, выгнутой шеей и опущенной мордой считаются более архаичными. Туловище имеет форму примитивной скамьи на четырех коротких ножках, зато шея и голова, расчлененные на отдельные геометризованные объемы, выполнены с величайшей тщательностью. Отдельные элементы - уши, рога, грива переработаны в чистые пластические формы, ритмичное сочетание которых образует чеканный динамичный силуэт. В фас голова напоминает определенный тип суданских антропоморфных масок, в частности масок догонов, моей, марка. Иногда между рогами помещается небольшая женская статуэтка, изображающая, по-видимому, инфернальное мифическое существо, подобное Йуругу догонов. Некоторые маски этого типа, крайне геометризованные, превращаются в строгие пластические идеограммы, в которых естественную форму сохраняют только рога, "стилизованные" уже самой природой. Графическая идеограмма антилопы (в частности, в узорах на ткани, плетении) принимает полностью отвлеченный характер и непосредственно воспринимается только посвященными. Самое общее смысловое значение пластической идеограммы антилопы можно определить как идею возрастания, увеличения, роста. Основание наголовника - туловище антилопы представляет собой статичную инертную массу, из которой берет начало раскручивающаяся спиралью напряженная дуга шеи, выбрасывающая вверх, как побеги, узкие, удлиненные уши и еще выше - стремительные формы острых винтообразных рогов. Нарастающее движение иногда подчеркивается изображением не одной, а нескольких пар рогов, последовательно увеличивающихся в размерах. Идея роста, возрастания, произрастания должна занимать особое место в сознании земледельческого народа (VIII-XI).

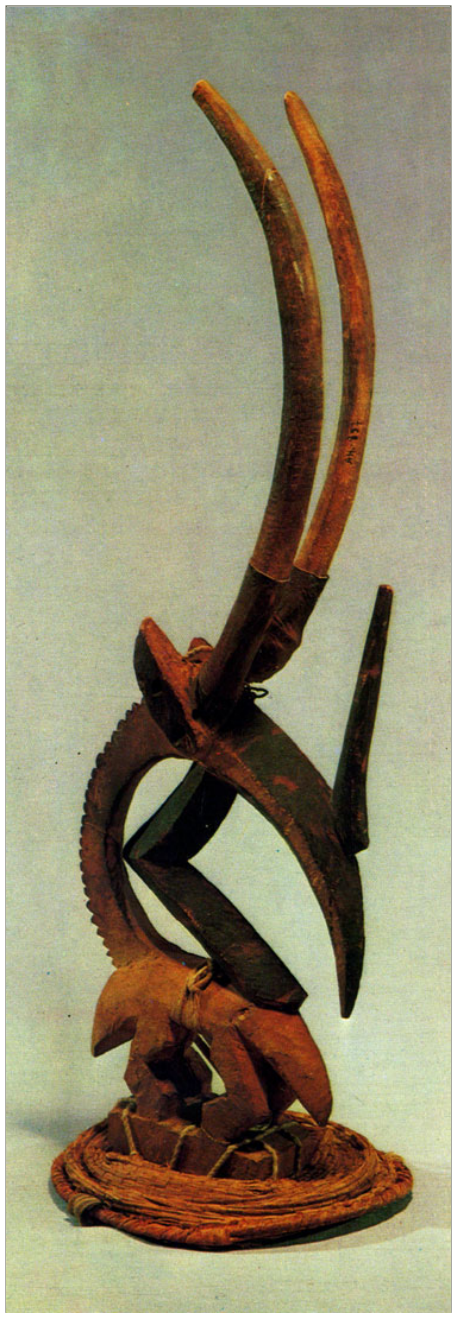
IX. Маска коре. Дерево. Народность бамбара, Мали. МАЭ, Ленинград

По сравнению с масками, представленными очень широко и разнообразно, другие виды скульптуры развиты значительно меньше. Статуэтки изображают женские фигуры с гипертрофированной грудью и столбообразным туловищем. Наиболее условны статуэтки из района Бамако. Они как бы составлены из отдельных самостоятельных геометризованных объемов: согнутые в коленях ноги опираются на два прямоугольника, изображающие ступни, цилиндрическое туловище заканчивается плоской, широкой грудью, свободно свисающие руки не имеют кистей; цилиндрическая шея и голова, составленная опять-таки из отдельных ограненных объемов: плоское лицо, массивный, резко очерченный нос, верхняя часть головы в виде трехгранного гребня (ил. 141-144).



X. Маска чивара (вертикальный тип). Дерево. Народность бамбара, Мали. МАЭ, Ленинград

В Сегу и других районах существует и не столь геометризованная скульптура. Чаще всего это изображение сидящей женщины с ребенком или такой же сидящей фигуры, поддерживающей руками грудь. Формы этих статуэток округлы, что делает их менее условными. Отдельные части фигуры не противопоставляются друг другу, моделировка лица смягчена, и его пропорции близки к естественным. Скульптура, как и маски, бывает украшена резным или выжженным зигзагообразным узором, металлической инкрустацией, медными кольцами и заклепками, бусами и раковинами. О назначении этих статуэток известно немного. Судя по тому, что это главным образом женские фигуры с увеличенной грудью, а также по зигзагообразному орнаменту (символ воды), можно думать, что они связаны с культом плодородия. Среди других, более редких сюжетов - всадники, стоящие мужские фигуры, супружеская пара, изображающая мифических первопредков, статуэтки близнецов. Бамбара называют статуэтки "нунумани", что означает "маленькие человечки кузнецов". Кузнецы изготовляют не только статуэтки и маски, но также и металлическую скульптуру - небольшие кованые антропоморфные фигурки, венчающие ритуальные жезлы. Скульптурой и орнаментом украшаются и бытовые предметы: деревянные амбарные запоры, крышки сосудов, мебель, музыкальные инструменты- флейты, цитры, барабаны. В районах Сан и Мопти популярны деревянные марионетки, напоминающие по стилю антропоморфные маски нтомо (ил. 145).



XI. Маска чивара. Дерево. Народность бамбара, Мали. Музей антропологии МГУ им. М. В. Ломоносова. Далее - МА МГУ

В целом для скульптуры бамбара характерно сочетание округлых и ограненных форм, комбинация прямых и изогнутых линий, плоских и выпуклых поверхностей.

Художественное влияние бамбара распространяется далеко за пределы их территории. Особенно сильно оно ощущается в искусстве минианка (северная ветвь сенуфо), марка, хасонке, малинке. Вертикальные чивара минианка практически не отличаются от описанных выше наголовников этого типа, а зооантропоморфные маски марка построены по той же схеме, что и некоторые маски - личины бамбара. Особенностью масок марка является широкое использование тонких листов меди или жести, которыми покрывается вся лицевая часть маски. Сидящие женские фигуры малинке, поддерживающие грудь, отличаются от аналогичной скульптуры бамбара лишь большим примитивизмом и не столь четкой архитектоникой (ил. 146, 147).

Сенуфо (самоназвание - сиена), более двух миллионов человек принадлежащие к той же языковой подгруппе, что и догоны, - населяют территории между типичной саванной и влажными вечнозелеными тропическими лесами в пограничном районе между Мали, Гвинеей, Верхней Вольтой и Берегом Слоновой Кости. Культура земледельцев сенуфо отражает этот маргинальный характер, совмещая с элементами, типичными для Западного Судана, некоторые особенности, свойственные культуре народов Гвинейского побережья. Искусство сенуфо в стилистическом отношении можно рассматривать как промежуточное звено между художественными школами Западного Судана и Гвинейского побережья.

Согласно легенде, сенуфо прибыли с северо-востока около четырех веков назад. К моменту европейской колонизации они жили в условиях децентрализованной социальной структуры, обособленными селениями. Во главе совета старейшин, управляющего делами общины, стоит вождь, имеющий титул "хозяина земли". Общественную структуру цементируют тайные общества, выполняющие различные религиозные и социальные функции. Важнейшим среди них является общество ло (поро, гпо-оро). Члены этого общества проходят три ступени посвящения. Каждый период длится семь лет. Прошедшие все три ступени становятся членами совета старейшин. Каждое селение имеет свою священную рощу, где совершаются ритуальные церемонии и находятся дома, в которых хранятся маски, статуи, музыкальные инструменты и другие предметы, используемые в обрядах. Еще недавно вход в эти места для непосвященных был запрещен под страхом смерти.

Стилистические особенности искусства сенуфо меняются в зависимости от районов и племенных подгрупп, которых насчитывается более десятка.

Традиционные зооморфные маски сенуфо остро экспрессивны. Имеется несколько широко распространенных типов масок, принадлежащих различным тайным обществам. К числу наиболее известных относятся так называемые пониуго (*Этот тип масок в литературе часто фигурирует под названием гбон, кагба, носсоло (названия ритуалов, в которых используется маска пониуго)*) - большие зооморфные маски-шлемы, используемые обществом ло в культе гбон - обряде, имеющем целью изгнание духов, пожирателей душ. Такие маски появляются на ночных церемониях, изрыгая огонь и трубя в рог. Танцор вооружен бичом и полностью скрыт под специальной одеждой. В масках пониуго синтезированы черты различных животных - буйвола, антилопы, кабана, обезьяны, крокодила. Глаза с надбровными дугами и нос часто антропоморфны, форма головы ближе всего к буйволиной, приоткрытая пасть с оскаленными зубами напоминает пасть крокодила, в ее верхней части торчат кабаньи клыки; уши и рога - антилопы. Маска иногда имеет навершие в виде небольшой фигурки животного - хамелеона, змеи, птицы. Эти фигурки являются кастовыми эмблемами (ил. 149, 150).

Существует сдвоенный вариант этой маски: в последнем случае шлем снабжен двумя оскаленными мордами, обращенными в противоположные стороны. Аналогичные маски ваниуго отличаются только тем, что имеют в верхней части шлема небольшую чашечку для магической смеси ва. Предполагается, что сочетание различных зооморфных элементов символизирует первоначальное хаотическое состояние мира, до того как он был упорядочен созидательным актом верховного божества.

Довольно близки по форме к пониуго маски коробла (корубла), выполняющие те или иные функции в зависимости от общества, которое их использует (у ло коробла участвует в погребальных церемониях, у диели - в обрядах инициации). Коробла имеют ту же конструкцию, что и пониуго, но более лаконичны, скупы в деталях. Они часто не имеют рогов, верхних клыков и навершия. Основание шлема сохраняет округлую форму, а личина приобретает черты гиены или бабуина. (Последний вариант бытует у диели - общество кожевников.) От описанных зооморфных масок резко отличается шлем-наголовник дегеле, бытующий у сенуфо-киембара (район Корхого). Эта маска состоит из гладкого деревянного куполообразного шлема, полностью скрывающего голову танцора, и навершия в виде столбообразной антропоморфной статуэтки с кольчатым торсом без рук. Мужская и женская маски дегеле выступают парами. Женская статуэтка-наголовник имеет выраженные признаки пола, за спиной мужской фигуры - колчан. Считают, что кольчатая форма торса связана с образом питона, занимающего известное место в мифологии сенуфо. Однако наличие аналогичной формы в скульптуре менде, ашанти и других позволяет сделать предположение, что кольца вокруг торса и шеи имеют такой же конкретный характер, как и колчан, и воспроизводят украшение - медные шейные кольца-ожерелья. Маски дегеле, воплощающие мифологических персонажей, принадлежат высшей ступени общества ло и используются в погребальных обрядах (ил. 148, рис. 41, ил. 151).

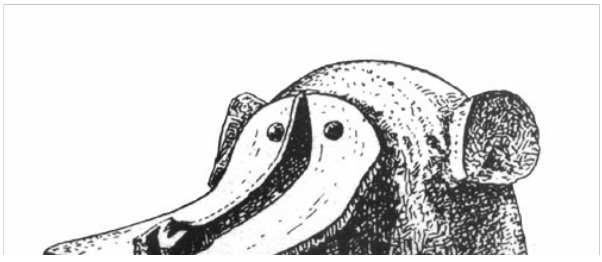


Рис. 41. Маска-шлем. Дерево. Сенуфо, Берег Слоновой Кости. Музей г. Сиэтла

Единственным типом антропоморфной маски-личины у сенуфо является гпелие (известная также под названием когелие, кулиу), упрощенные варианты которой размножены тысячными тиражами сувенирной промышленностью. Маска, небольшого размера, плоская, овальной формы, изображает умеренно стилизованное человеческое лицо с узким удлиненным носом, щелевидными глазами и овальным, выдвинутым вперед ртом. Вокруг рта и под глазами - татуировка, по бокам - пара прямоугольных и пара полуовальных форм, по-видимому, изображающих крылья и живот калао. В нижней части маски - два коротких отростка, в которых угадываются сильно стилизованные ноги животного. Личина увенчана круто изогнутыми бараньими рогами, часто к ним добавляются фигурка животного или человека и различные кастовые эмблемы: калао (эмблема кузнецов), пальмовый орех (эмблема резчиков по дереву) и т. д. Сохранилось несколько редких экземпляров гпелие с длинным загнутым клювом калао на лбу. Эти маски - с незначительно стилизованными формами лица имеют гладкую полированную поверхность и тонкий геометрический орнамент, оттеняющий фактуру дополнительных элементов ("крылья", "живот" и "клюв" калао) (ил. 152, 153).

Существует множество вариантов гпелие, среди них - сдвоенные маски (у подплемени сенуфо куфоло), символизирующие единство женского и мужского начал. Сохранилось несколько редких экземпляров старых бронзовых масок, однако большинство металлических гпелие являются современными изделиями. Интересный тип маски используется в церемонии гвонро. Эта маска-наголовник состоит из деревянного конического основания- каски с двумя стилизованными анти-лопьими головами. На вершину каски опирается большая резная доска с несколькими рядами ажурных изображений - всадников, женских фигурок, статуэток калао. Некоторые варианты этой маски напоминают канага догонов. Форма канага встречается и в скульптуре.

В традиционной скульптуре сенуфо варьируются в основном четыре сюжета: стоящая женская фигура с корзиной на голове, женщина, сидящая на табурете, всадники и так называемые дебле - большие стоящие фигуры с массивным цилиндрическим цоколем. Кроме этих, наиболее распространенных типов встречаются резные деревянные фигуры калао, парные женско-мужские сидящие и стоящие фигуры.

Самыми старыми, архаичными считаются статуи дебле - женские, мужские, парные (в одном монолите - спина к спине) и двуполые. Эти большие (более одного метра высотой) статуи, относительно натуралистичные по формам, использовались в различных обрядах общества ло. Во время ночных церемоний ими ритмично ударяли о землю, обращаясь с молитвами к Великой Матери - покровительнице общины. Стиль этих статуй можно охарактеризовать как средний переходный от чеканных геометрических форм западно-суданской скульптуры к более мягким и менее условным формам искусства бауле и других южных соседей сенуфо. Один из лучших образцов женской статуи дебле, хранящийся в Музее Ритберга (Цюрих), имеет правильные пропорции, мягкие, округлые обобщенные формы торса, рук, груди. В большей степени стилизована голова. Черты лица резко ограничены, но пропорции не искажены. Другие статуи этого типа (из района Сикасо в Мали и из северо-западных районов Берега Слоновой Кости), трактованные более условно, напоминают скульптуру бамбара и догонов. Некоторые из них имеют наголовник с изображением крокодила, стилизованным в форме канага (рис. 42, ил. 154-156).

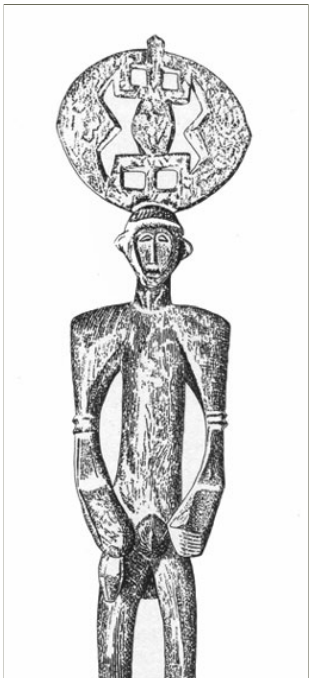


Рис. 42. Большая культовая статуя. Дерево. Сенуфо. Берег Слоновой Кости. Музей примитивного искусства, Нью-Йорк

Статуэтки в виде сидящей женской фигуры близки по стилю к описанной выше аналогичной скульптуре бамбара и малинке. Такие статуэтки, называющиеся "жена пахаря", у сенуфо-лумана и других вручаются по окончании полевых работ лучшему из молодых земледельцев. Ее обладателю она обещает скорую свадьбу и удачу во всех начинаниях.

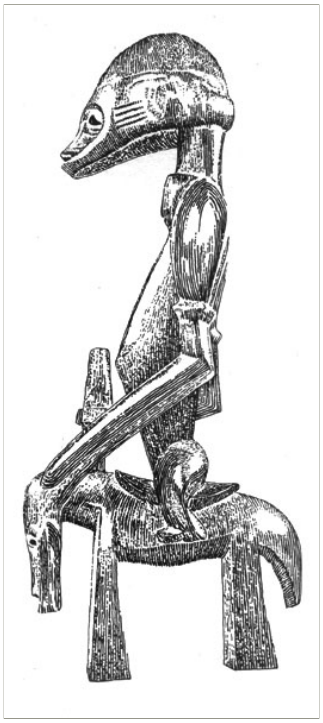


Рис. 43. Всадник. Дерево. Сенуфо, Берег Слоновой Кости. Британский музей, Лондон

Статуэтки с корзиной или ступкой на голове принадлежат женскому обществу сан-дого, которое занимается колдовством и гаданием. Однотипные по композиции статуэтки сандого отличаются друг от друга размерами, формой прически и некоторыми второстепенными элементами (украшения и т. п.). На их значение указывает татуировка в виде лучей, расходящихся вокруг пупка. Такую татуировку обычно имеет скульптура, символизирующая материнство, плодородие. Тот же смысл имеет корзина или ступка на голове - образы, ассоциирующиеся с уборкой урожая, периодом изобилия. Те же ассоциации вызывает огромный живот деревянных статуй калао. Статуи калао изображают мифическое существо - одно из первых, появившихся на земле. Во время праздника, связанного с началом полевых работ, церемонии разворачиваются вокруг статуи этой птицы с длинным изогнутым клювом и распростертыми крыльями, укрепленной на высоком шесте. Образ калао, встречающийся в различных видах в масках и скульптуре, занимает значительное место и в прикладном искусстве сенуфо. Поскольку все перечисленные виды масок и скульптуры имеют фронтальную строго симметричную композицию, особый интерес представляют статуэтки всадников, нарушающие этот канон, общий для подавляющего большинства африканской пластики. Пропорции статуэток сильно искажены прежде всего несоответствием размеров фигур лошади и всадника (фигура лошади, как правило, в несколько раз меньше фигуры наездника). Диспропорциональная фигура всадника с сильно укороченными ногами иногда откинута назад и напоминает аналогичные статуэтки теллем-догонов. Другие изображают всадника в вертикальном положении: одной рукой он держит уздечку, другой сжимает копье или ружье. Мнения о назначении этих статуэток сильно расходятся. Возможно, что у сенуфо, как и у догонов, они связаны с ритуалами вызывания дождя. Существует ряд специфических признаков, отличающих скульптуру сенуфо. Но, кадс можно заметить уже из настоящего обзора, искусство отдельных районов имеет свои особенности. Особый способ трактовки ("вогнутый"), при котором лицо в фас приобретает более или менее отчетливо выраженную вогнутую форму сердца, считающийся одним из наиболее характерных признаков масок и скульптуры сенуфо, может сменяться совершенно иным, например сферическим (парные статуэтки тугуво сенуфо-киембара), плоским, как у догонов (дебле сенуфо-помпоро, район Фолона), или яйцеобразным (маски гпелие из восточных районов Корхого). Это отсутствие стилистической константы, особенно наглядно проявляющееся в варьировании существенных стилистических компонентов однотипных масок и статуй, по-видимому, обусловлено маргинальным характером художественной культуры сенуфо. Действительно, в северных районах искусство сенуфо имеет много общего с искусством бамбара, догонов, бобо, тогда как те же типы масок и скульптуры на юге приобретают иные стилевые черты: мягкость моделировки, округлость форм, некоторую натуралистичность, несвойственные искусству Западного Судана, но часто встречающиеся в скульптуре народов Гвинейского побережья (рис. 43, XII).

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Muhammad I Askia (also known as Askia the Great) was one of the **most important emperors** of the Songhai Empire. Askia came to power in 1493, when he overthrew the last ruler of the Sunni Dynasty, Sunni Baru, and established the Askia Dynasty.

He was a capable ruler, who not only expanded his realm, but also increased the efficiency of his empire's administration through **reforms**. Askia's fortunes fell in his later years, as he was deposed by one of his own sons. But after spending several years in **exile**, he was recalled to the capital Gao, where he died shortly after.

Little is known about Askia the Great's origins. Although the date and place of his birth are unknown, his original name is recorded to have been Muhammad ibn Abi Bakr Ture. Based on his birth name, Askia is thought to have been of Tukulor origin and he may have belonged to a **Senegalese** family that settled in Gao.

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Son of a Djinn: Muhammad I Askia's Claim to the Throne

It is unsurprising that little has been recorded about Askia's early life, as he was neither related to the ruling Sunni Dynasty nor to any other known **royal family** . Thus, his family background made him an insignificant figure at that point in time.

Additionally, as Askia was not of **royal blood** , he did not have any legitimate claim to the throne of the Songhai Empire. **Oral history** , however, states that Askia was the son of Sunni Ali's sister, Kasey, by a djinn. This story may have been a means of legitimizing Askia's rule.

Askia came to power by overthrowing the Sunni Dynasty. Between 1464 and 1492, the Songhai Empire prospered under the rule of Sunni Ali. His successor, Sunni Baru, however, was a much less capable emperor and the dynasty came to an end just a year after Sunni Ali's death.

Muhammad I Askia Leads the Revolt

One of the issues faced throughout Sunni Ali's reign was the division between the inhabitants of the countryside, who continued their **pagan** practices, and those of the cities, who had embraced **Islam** . While Sunni Ali successfully balanced the interests of both parties, Sunni Baru favored his rural subjects. As a consequence, Sunni Baru was regarded as a

traitor to Islam and dissatisfaction among the urban **Muslims** grew. This quickly developed into a full-blown revolt, which was led by Askia.

Despite having numerical superiority, Sunni Baru failed to exploit this advantage and his **army** was decisively defeated by the rebels at the Battle of Anfao on the April 12, 1493. Sunni Baru was deposed and went into exile, thus marking the end of the Sunni Dynasty.

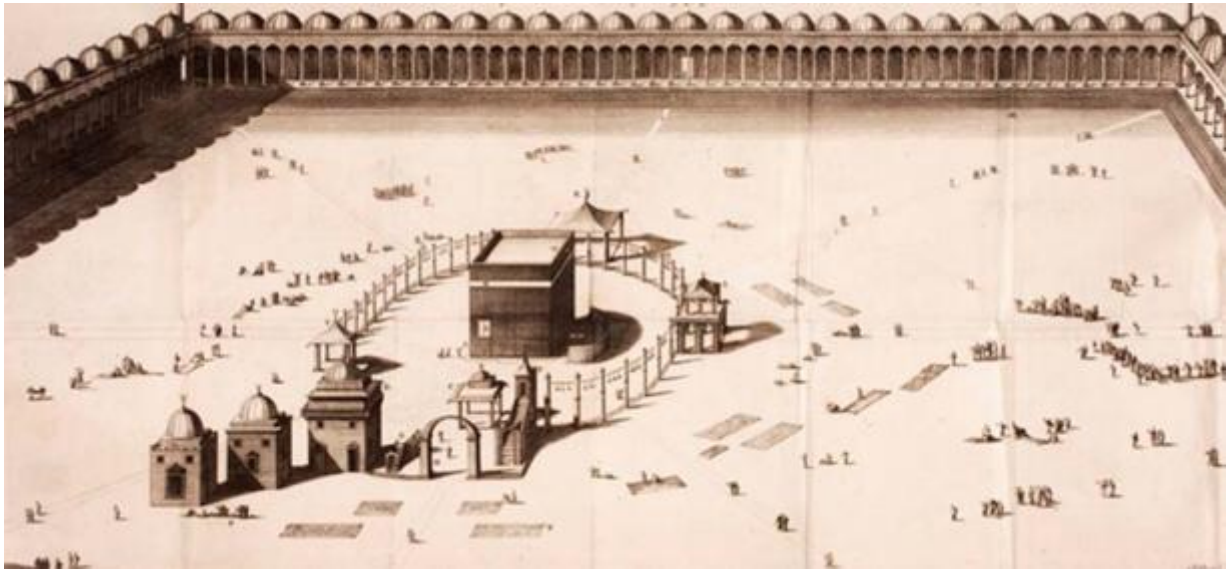
*Muhammad I Askia was dubbed Askia the Great. (Afric Network / **YouTube**)*

It was after this event that the title ‘Askia’ was adopted by the new ruler of the Songhai Empire. Some sources state that this name translates to mean ‘forceful one’, while others claim that it was derived from ‘a si tya’ (meaning ‘he will not be’), which is a reference to the insult hurled at him by the women of the deposed Sunni Dynasty. In the latter case, the adoption of ‘Askia’ was meant to ridicule these women.

Askia the Great Establishes His Rule

As ruler of the Songhai Empire, Askia sought to enhance the status of Islam in his realm, which is reflected in some of the administrative reforms he instituted. For instance, the Quran became the foundation of the state's civil code and al-Maghili, a Moroccan reformer, was appointed as the emperor's adviser in matters of religious orthodoxy.

It was also Askia who established Islam as the official religion of the nobles, which is another sign of his commitment to this religion. Moreover, in 1496, Askia went on the *hajj* (pilgrimage) to **Mecca**. According to a chronicler who accompanied the emperor on the pilgrimage, the djinn of **Mecca** appointed Askia caliph and told him his rights over the former vassals of the Sunnis.



*Mecca in 1718. (**Public Domain**) In 1496 Askia went on the hajj to Mecca.*

Other administrative reforms initiated by Askia were of a civil or military nature. For instance, he divided the Songhai Empire into provinces, each of which was administered by a governor. This allowed Askia to consolidate the regions conquered by his Sunni predecessors by placing them under an efficient administration. Askia also organized a standing army and a **fleet of canoes** under the command of a general and an admiral, respectively. Moreover, Askia appointed officials who oversaw various aspects of the empire, including its finance, **agriculture**, and judiciary.

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While he was an exceptional statesman, Askia did not fare as well as a **military leader** . He was victorious in some campaigns, but met defeat in others. Nevertheless, the size and power of the Songhai Empire was unmatched in **West Africa** during Askia's reign and its influence was felt well beyond its borders.

Askia's Tomb

In 1528, Askia was deposed by his eldest son, Musa, who ruled for three years before being assassinated by his brothers. Musa was succeeded by Benkan, one of Askia's nephews. In order to secure his power, Benkan had his uncle banished onto an island in the **Niger River** and he was forced to stay there until 1537. In that year, Benkan was deposed by one of Askia's sons, Ismail, who became the new ruler of the Songhai Empire. Askia was invited back to Gao by his son and as a reward gifted Ismail his green turban and sabre.

The founder of the Askia Dynasty died in the following year and was buried in Gao. An earthen **pyramid** surmounted by wooden spikes was erected over his **burial place** and it remains one of the most revered sites in West **Africa** today.

*Tomb of Askia the Great. (Mattes / **CC BY-SA 3.0**)*

*Top image: Askia the Great, ruler of the Songhai Empire 1493 to 1528, in the Game Civilization V. Source: **Civilization Wiki***

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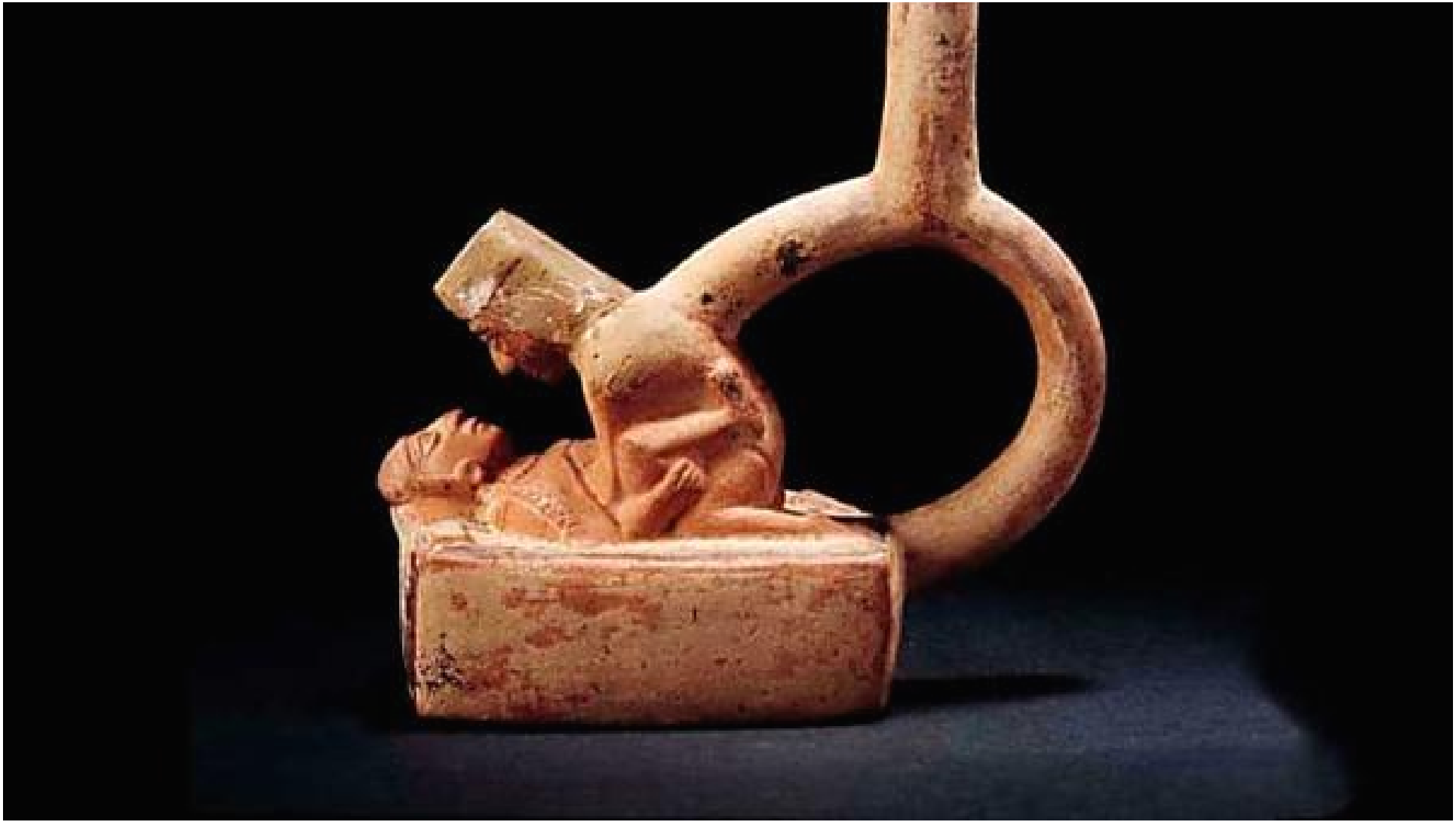

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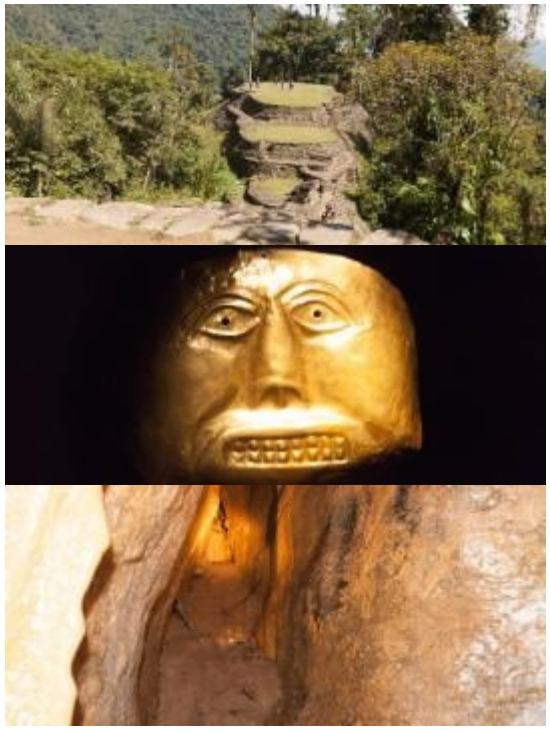

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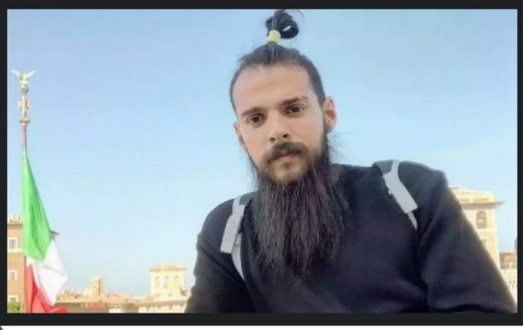

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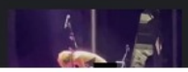

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L'Afrique est un continent étrange avec des rites et traditions des plus bizarres parfois : de la purification des cadavres et de l'utilisation de l'eau pour préparer des repas communs à la pratique de la bastonnade pour impressionner une femme, le continent est indéniablement riche en culture.

La question de savoir si ces coutumes sont bénéfiques de quelque manière que ce soit pour ceux qui les pratiquent est un autre sujet.

Voici 3 Rituels sexuels bizarres pratiqués en Afrique

Publicité

Test de virginité

Connu sous le nom d'Umhlanga, le test de virginité est une tradition populaire en Afrique du Sud, notamment au sein du groupe ethnique zoulou qui réside principalement dans la province du

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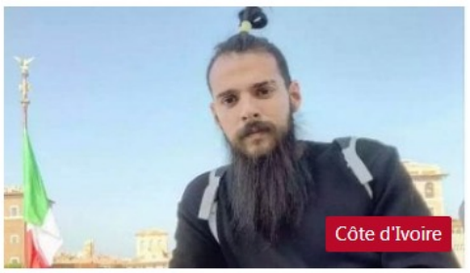

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KwaZulu Natal. Malgré les nombreuses tentatives du gouvernement sud-africain pour la rendre illégale, Umhlanga reste une cérémonie annuelle populaire de danse des roseaux chez les Zoulous.

Pour qu'une fille puisse participer à cette cérémonie, sa virginité doit être testée par un testeur de virginité qualifié.

Le test proprement dit est effectué dans une pièce isolée, à mains nues. La jeune fille s'allonge sur le dos, les jambes ouvertes. Le testeur ouvre alors son vagin avec les deux mains et regarde à l'intérieur, apparemment pour voir si son hymen est intact. Si tout va bien, la jeune fille reçoit un certificat de virginité.

Les habitants de la région affirment que ce rituel contribue à freiner la propagation du VIH/sida, car les jeunes filles sont obligées de s'abstenir de tout rapport sexuel jusqu'à leur majorité. Néanmoins, cette pratique a été largement critiquée, certaines personnes la jugeant dégradante.

La purification sexuelle

La purification sexuelle, appelée « Kusasa Fumbi », est une tradition pratiquée dans plusieurs pays africains, tels que le Malawi, la Zambie, le Kenya, etc.

Au cours de ce rituel, une femme est censée avoir des relations sexuelles avec un professionnel du sexe, appelé localement « hyena. »

Ce rituel a lieu lorsqu'une fille a ses premières règles, lorsqu'une femme mariée perd son mari ou après un avortement.

Parfois, le rituel est exécuté par un futur mari choisi ou par le beau-frère de la veuve. Les hyenas ne sont pas censés utiliser une quelconque forme de protection lorsqu'elles accomplissent ce rituel – une exigence qui a joué un rôle important dans la propagation du VIH, des IST et des grossesses non désirées.

Le vol d'épouse

Publicité 2

Le vol d'épouse est un rituel annuel pratiqué par la tribu des Wodaabe, un sous-groupe de l'ethnie Fulani que l'on trouve dans la région du Sahel. Les femmes de ce groupe de nomades sont autorisées à avoir autant de maris qu'elles le souhaitent.

Au cours de la cérémonie de vol de femmes, qui peut durer plusieurs jours, les femmes doivent choisir leur compagnon préféré parmi un groupe d'hommes qui exécutent une danse d'accouplement spectaculaire dans l'espoir d'être choisis.

Une femme peut choisir autant de partenaires qu'elle le souhaite et avoir des relations sexuelles avec eux avant de se fixer sur l'un d'entre eux.

Ce festival est considéré comme le concours de beauté pour hommes le plus exceptionnel au monde.

Le plus étrange dans cette pratique est que l'ancienneté du mariage de la femme n'a pas d'importance ; une fois qu'elle a choisi un homme, la tribu accepte la nouvelle union et la considère comme un véritable mariage.

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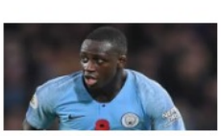

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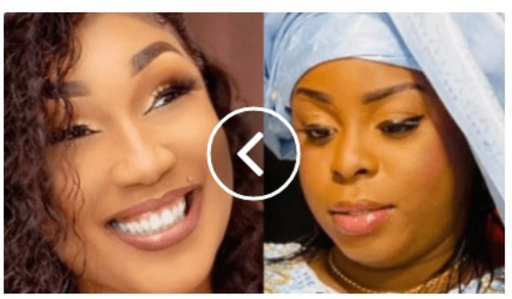

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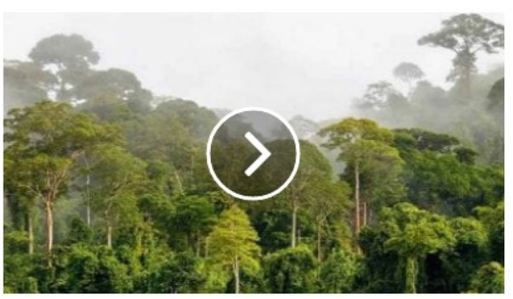

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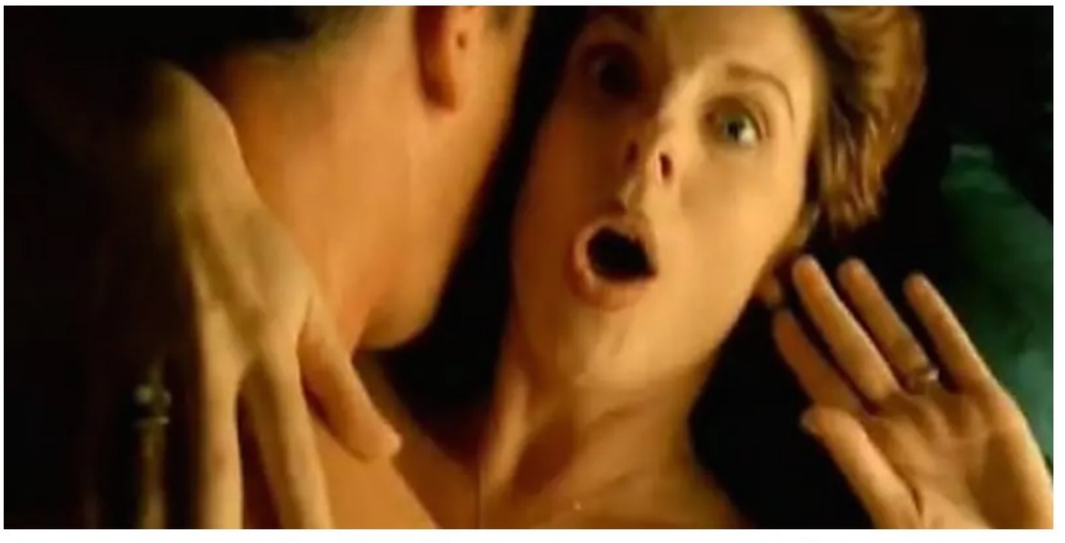

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Half-eaten zombie shark hunts for food

Half-eaten 'Zombie shark' seen hunting for food despite huge hole in its side

WARNING GRAPHIC IMAGES: Dr Mario Lebrato, 35, released the oceanic black tip shark into the sea off the coast of Spain before a group of fellow sharks set upon it, inflicting fatal injuries to the unsuspecting

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A ‘zombie shark’ has been spotted still hunting for prey despite being half-eaten by other sharks when it was released into the sea by scientists.

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- Mario Lebrato, 35, released the oceanic black tip shark into the sea off the coast of Spain before a oup of fellow sharks set upon it, inflicting fatal injuries to the unsuspecting animal.

:cording to the scientist, these included several bull sharks, which can weigh up to a whopping 400kg.

Despite the onslaught however and a large portion of its body missing after it had been bitten off, the shark continued to fight for its life and tried to swim away.

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The shark struggled for around 20 minutes before eventually succumbing to its injuries

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- Lebtrato explained that the shark struggled for around 20 minutes before eventually succumbing to its juries.

e said: "Sharks eat sharks, that is well known, but it is super difficult to film and document."

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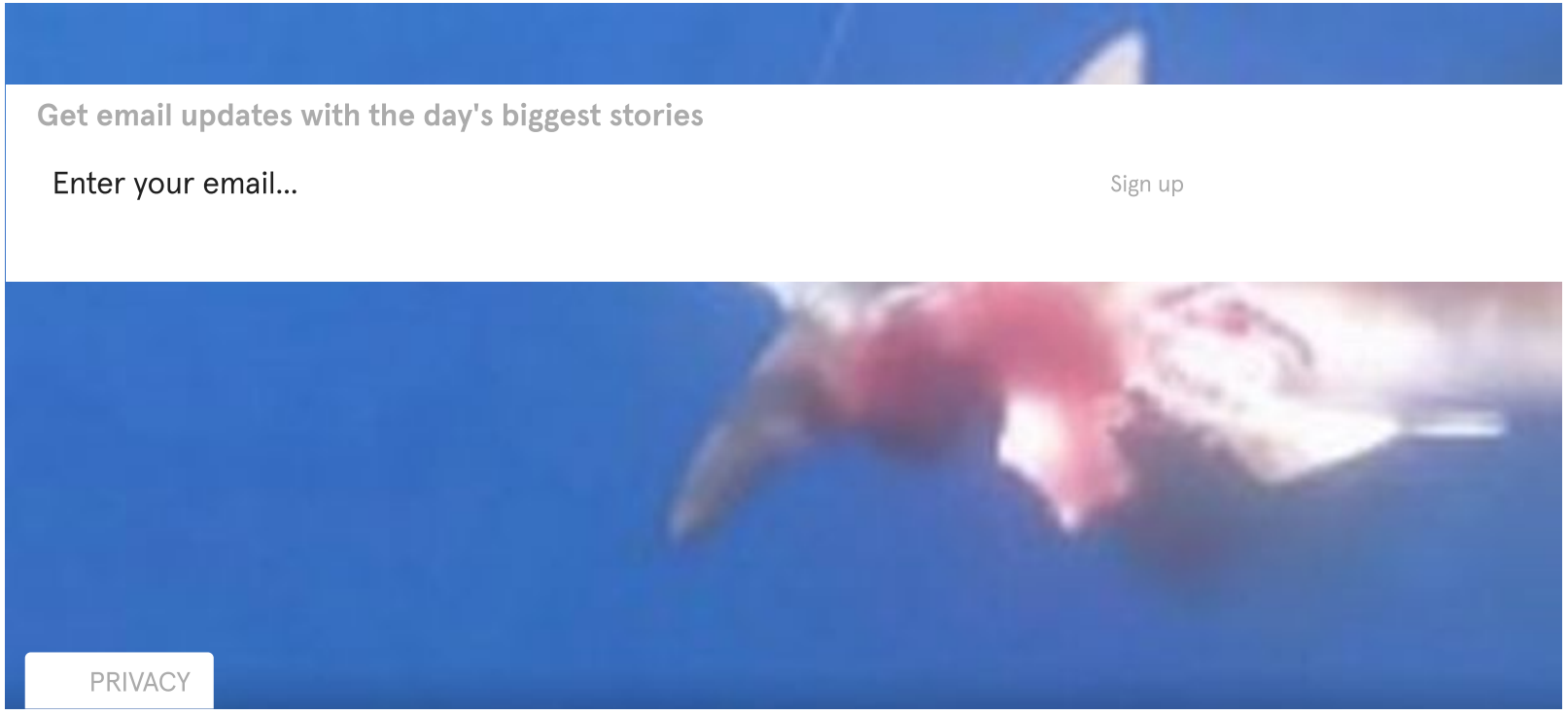

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The seals try to stick together but eventually get separated and the shark seizes its moment for attack.

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"Half-eaten 'Zombie shark' seen hunting for food despite huge hole in its side"

My dog Bob could write a better article than this rubbish. The poor shark is dying, probably used as bait for other sharks to attack it, this is bad enough then halfway through the article it talks about a shark attack on seals ?!

Where do they get these writers from - I guess schoolboys using cut and paste from comics

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No DM, not a zombie shark. It's a shark that died a slow painful death. That's all.

This article really is scraping the barrel. Whoever penned it should hold their head in shame and go back to journalism school.

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Totally agree,,and those that released him into the sea knew what would have happened

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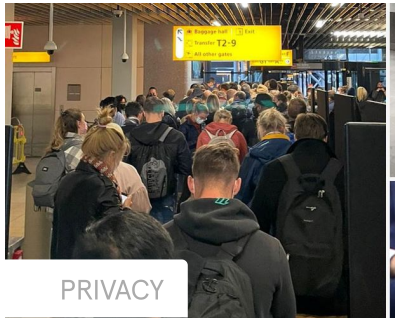

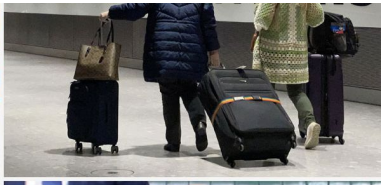

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Афропалестинцы и их сопротивление израильской оккупации

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Небольшая община потомков африканцев, живущая в Иерусалиме, считает себя палестинцами и борется с израильской оккупацией.

Джидда называет себя палестинцем. Один из его предков родом из Чада в начале XX в. во время совершения хаджа решил посетить святые земли Иерусалима, который тогда находился под властью Османской империи. Полюбив великий город, он решил: «Что еще надо для счастья в этом мире?» и остался здесь. Африканцы, прибывавшие в Иерусалим, обычно брались за черную работу по уборке и охране святых мест. «Они были лучшими людьми в этом деле», – вспоминает Джидда.

Джидда родился и вырос в Великом городе в небольшой африканской диаспоре, представленной выходцами, в основном, из Нигерии, Судана, Сенегала и Чада, которые обосновались в районе аль-Аксы в небольшом историческом комплексе. При мамлюках два главных его здания служили общежитиями для мусульманских паломников. Во время арабского восстания начала XX в. власти Османской империи превратили общежития в тюрьмы. Африканская община начала проживать там с 1930-х годов. До

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1968 года людям приходилось жить в тесноте, часто по восемь человек на комнату площадью 7,5 квадратных метров. Однако со временем община выросла, как и сам комплекс, который в настоящее время все еще принадлежит исламскому вакфу. Численность афропалестинцев сейчас здесь составляет около 350 человек.

Африканское происхождение сопряжено со своими проблемами. «Мы подвергаемся дискриминации дважды – за то, что палестинцы, и за то, что черные», – говорит Джидда.

Борьба палестинской семьи за сохранение национального символа.

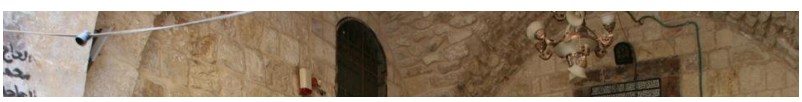
Махмуд Джидда / Источник: TRTWorld

Джидда родился во времена Накбы – израильской оккупации Палестины и исхода палестинцев из Святой Земли. Его детство было обычным. Мальчик увлекался спортом, занимался баскетболом, футболом и гандболом, хотел получить образование, чтобы добиться чего-то в этом мире. Молодой парень не очень интересовался политикой. Но все изменилось в 1967 году, когда после Шестидневной войны началась израильская оккупация Палестины.

Как вспоминает Джидда, к сентябрю того же года во всех школах ввели новую учебную программу, заменив все учебники на израильские. Ученики и преподаватели бойкотировали учебную программу и отказались подчиняться оккупационным властям. В течение следующих 3-4 лет учителя арендовали здания и превращали их в школы, где они продолжали учить по старой учебной программе.

Джидда решил присоединиться к сопротивлению против израильской оккупации, надеясь, что жизнь вернется в старое русло. Он был арестован 5 сентября 1968 года и приговорен к 25 годам тюремного заключения. Израиль внес Джидду и его двоюродного брата Али в список террористов. Отсидев 17 лет, он был досрочно освобожден в результате обмена заключенными в Джибриле в 1985 году. Пару лет спустя мужчина был снова арестован после участия в Первой интифаде и провел еще один год в тюрьме за то, что Израиль называет «возобновлением деятельности».

Жизнь рядом с мечетью Аль-Акса: история страданий одной палестинской семьи.



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07.07.2022

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29.06.2022

В Казахстане сняли фильм о становлении и расцвете Казахского ханства

27.06.2022

Мужчина-индуист удочерил мусульманку и воспитал ее в исламе

25.06.2022

В библиотеке Лейденского университета уже 450 лет хранятся ценнейшие исламские рукописи

24.06.2022

Африканская община начала проживать в Иерусалиме с 1930-х годов / Источник: TRTWorld

«Нас избивали, били дубинками и пытали», – говорит Джидда. Израиль утверждает, что задержанные палестинцы не являются военнопленными, и, следовательно, международное право на них не распространяется. Их классифицируют как преступников и террористов.

Израильские власти предлагают находящимся в тюрьме палестинцам досрочное освобождение, если те уедут за рубеж. Но Джидда и большинство других заключенных отказались, заявив, что их единственным домом является Иерусалим.

Оккупация не только изменила повседневную жизнь, но и ограничила передвижение палестинцев. До вступления в силу соглашения Осло в 1993 году Джидда мог посещать сектор Газа, затрачивая полтора часа на дорогу, но потом ему запретили даже ездить туда. Мужчина рассказывает об одной женщине по имени Фатима, которая живет в Газе. Ее сестра проживает в Наблусе. Эти населенные пункты разделяют всего 160 км, но единственный способ встретиться для палестинок – приехать в Германию.

Джидда стал свидетелем многих трагических событий, таких как столкновения в Аксе в 1996 году. «Люди проводили сидячую забастовку в знак протеста против строительства израильским правительством туннеля вдоль Храмовой горы, а их били дубинками. 72 человека были застрелены», – говорит он, указывая на отверстия от пуль, которые все еще остаются на стенах Купола Скалы.

Палестинец из Вифлеема охраняет самое древнее в мире оливковое дерево.

Карта Африки, прикрепленная к Куполу Скалы / Источник: Сара Хассан / TRTWorld

Проведя большую часть своей жизни в тюрьме, Джидда чувствует себя противоречиво, когда его спрашивают о возрасте. «Я говорю, что у меня два возраста: 34 года и 70 лет. Первое число – это мой возраст с момента, когда я начал новую жизнь после освобождения из тюрьмы, а второе – биологический возраст». У него не было образования или работы, но Джидде удалось начать жизнь заново. Он стал посещать курсы по вычислительной технике и изучению английского языка. Сейчас он живет в Бейт-Ханине, и у него двое взрослых сыновей.

«В январе со мной связалась одна американка с просьбой помочь задокументировать многочисленные нарушения прав, совершенные Израилем», – рассказывает мужчина. Он сотрудничает с Палестинским центром по правам человека, созданным под эгидой Общества арабских исследований как независимая неправительственная организация.

«Мы хотим обвинить Израиль в его преступлениях, включая убийства, пытки, нарушения прав заключенных, снос домов, незаконные депортации и т.д., документируя все нарушения прав человека, как со стороны Израиля, так и со стороны Палестинской администрации. Самое главное – не терять надежду. Сохраняйте надежду. Поднимите голову. Стремитесь выжить любой ценой», – говорит Джидда.

Внутри афропалестинского комплекса / Источник: Сара Хассан / TRTWorld

Отверстия от израильских пуль на стене Купола Скалы / Источник: TRTWorld

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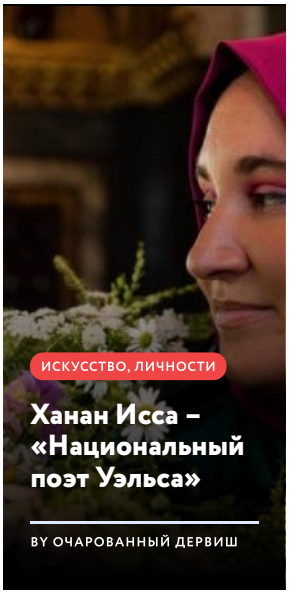

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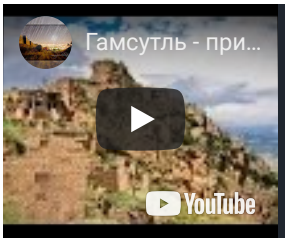

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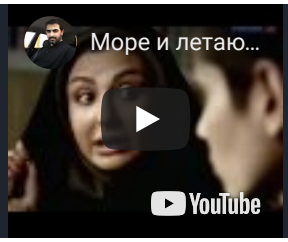

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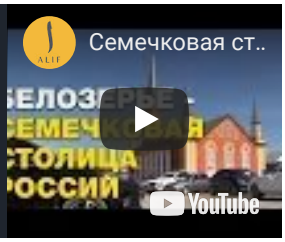

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Какаки – традиционный музыкальный инструмент, на котором играют в честь королей и султанов

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На какаки, традиционном африканском музыкальном инструменте, в Камеруне в наши дни играют на официальных приемах султанов и королей, а также на разных дворцовых мероприятиях. Этой трубой, длина которой может достигать 4 метра, пользуются только мужчины, сообщает Анатолийское агентство.

Какаки первоначально был распространен в таких странах, как Камерун, Чад, Буркина-Фасо, но сегодня используется практически во всех странах Центральной Африки. В Чаде этот музыкальный инструмент известен под названием ваза, а в Эфиопии его именуют малакат.

Лента новостей

Самое старое дерево Ирана может попасть в список Всемирного наследия
19.12.2021

Рабат стал культурной столицей исламского мира 2022 года
16.11.2021

Сомалийская песня обретает популярность во всем мире
15.11.2021

Саудовская Аравия откроет первый в мире «летающий музей»
13.11.2021

Детей-мусульман в Англии учат инвестициям на коранических историях
08.11.2021

Пакистанский ученый-ядерщик Абдул Кадыр Хан скончался в возрасте 85 лет
22.10.2021

Писатель танзанийского происхождения Абдулразак Гурна получил Нобелевскую премию по литературе
21.10.2021

Традицион... иранская ... бросает вы... COVID-19
24.09.2021

Десятки тысяч людей участвуют в онлайн-выставке «1001 путешествие от алхимии к химии»

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В какаки трубят в честь султанов на официальных церемониях, в пятницу, когда правитель приветствует подданных, на торжественных мероприятиях и праздниках во дворце. Длина традиционного инструмента в разных регионах отличается и может составлять от двух до четырех метров. Вместе с какаки часто используются и другие музыкальные инструменты, такие как джембе (африканский барабан в форме кубка с открытым низом и широким верхом) и калимба (инструмент класса щипковых язычковых идиофонов).

Турецкий музыкант создал новый музыкальный инструмент с необычным звучанием.

Как и традиционный южноафриканский инструмент вувузела, какаки издает громкие звуки, которые можно услышать издалека, поэтому неудивительно, что он стал символизировать власть и авторитет.

Как и в большинстве регионов африканского континента, в Камеруне традиция игры на какаки передается из поколения в поколение – от мастеров к ученикам.

Бавауло Боусса Аббайе, который состоит в дворцовом оркестре султана Мохамаду Хаяту Иссы, правителя города Нгаундере в Камеруне, рассказал журналистам Анатолийского агентства, что исполнение на какаки – это не просто музыка, но и язык.

Мастер по изготовлению флейт из Косово посвятил жизнь созданию новых видов этого инструмента.

25.08.2021

Саудийка вошла в Книгу рекордов Гиннесса

20.08.2021

В июле список ЮНЕСКО пополнился объектами из исламского мира

02.08.2021

Филиппины запустили программу халяльного кулинарного туризма

02.08.2021

В Турции проходит подготовку «Курбан-спецназ»

19.07.2021

Английская мусульманка-политик борется с расизмом и стереотипами в своей книге «Мои волосы под платком розовые»

14.07.2021

Халяль-туризм продолжает развиваться несмотря на пандемию

13.07.2021

На экраны вышел первый в истории саудовско-японский аниме-фильм

30.06.2021

По его словам, игра на этом музыкальном инструменте – своего рода речь, обращенная к султану. «С помощью какаки мы приветствуем султана, спрашиваем: «Как дела, господин?», «Хорошо ли спали ночью?», «Как ваши дети?», «Как ваша семья?»», – поведал музыкант.

Саллау Кадири, который также играет для султана Нгаундере Мохамаду Хаяту Иссы, рассказывает: «Я являюсь исполнителем на какаки уже 27 лет. Раньше я играл в честь султана на разных мероприятиях во время его визитов в Бельгию, Нидерланды, Германию и Стамбул».

Японский музыкант принял ислам благодаря кануну.

Как заявляет Саллау Кадири, в его семье уже три поколения музыкантов, играющих на какаки. Он рассказывает, что и сам научился пользоваться этим инструментом от отца и деда, которые тоже состояли в дворцовом оркестре.

Саллау Кадири также поведал, что какаки – это инструмент, который является прерогативой правителей. «Я играю на нем

только для главы государства (султана)», – заявляет он.

Учитель, который влюблен в “ней”.

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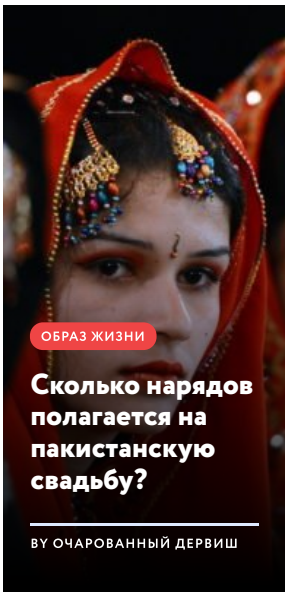

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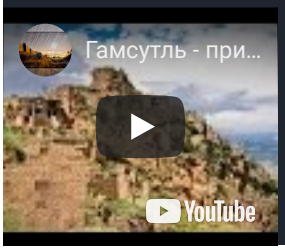

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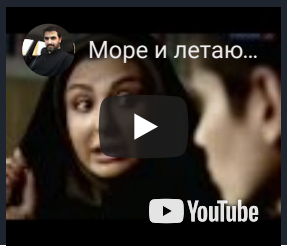

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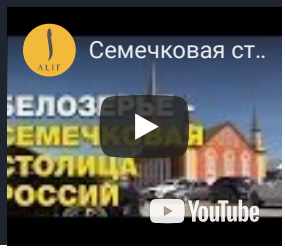

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10 богатейших бизнесменов исламского мира
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Корейская звезда Дауд Ким: путь к исламу

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Популярный южнокорейский поп-певец и ютубер Джей Ким в 2019 году поверг в шок своих поклонников, сделав неожиданное заявление о переходе в ислам. Недавно он совершил свою первую умру, поделившись в социальных сетях фотографиями святых мест.

Дауд Ким или Ким Ген Ву родился 8 апреля 1983 года. Он является известным южнокорейским певцом и актером, выступавшим под псевдонимом Джей. Со школьных лет Дауд интересовался музыкой. Он начал участвовать в различных музыкальных фестивалях и постепенно набирал популярность. Начинающий певец прославился после выступления в Малайзии. В 2013 году Дауд завел канал на YouTube, где размещал видео о своем образе жизни и вел блог. Канал также имел успех, и в настоящее время у него

Лента новостей

Мекка превращается в «умный» регион
25.03.2022

Спустя шесть месяцев Кабульский университет открылся
02.03.2022

Самый высокий небоскреб в Африке возвышается над пустыней в новой административной столице Египта
17.02.2022

Турецкий музей признан одним из 25 лучших в мире
16.02.2022

Дворцы саудовских королей станут отелями
15.02.2022

В Дубае открывается Музей будущего
14.02.2022

Маршрут хиджры Пророка (мир ему) можно будет увидеть в цифровом виде
05.02.2022

Индийский музей откроет галерею исламского искусства с более чем 2500 артефактами
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более 3,32 миллиона подписчиков. В 2019 г. он подверг в шок своих поклонников, объявив о принятии ислама. Хотя это стало неожиданным для многих, сам Дауд Ким говорит, что исламом он интересовался давно.

Источник: salams.app

Дауд впервые услышал об исламе после инцидента 11 сентября. Поскольку СМИ в то время изображали ислам крайне негативно, он считал эту религию очень опасной. Его отношение к исламу изменилось в Индонезии, когда он дебютировал как первый южнокорейский певец. Во время своего тура в Джакарте он познакомился со своими поклонниками из числа мусульман и увидел, что это добрые и любящие люди.

Источник: intipseleb.com

Вторая встреча Дауда с исламом произошла в тот момент его жизни, когда он находился в духовном кризисе, потеряв всякую мотивацию к занятию музыкой. Через свой канал на Youtube он познакомился с разными мусульманами и имел возможность узнать их такими, какие они есть, а не какими их изображают СМИ.

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Понемногу он узнавал все больше и больше об исламе. По его словам, Дауд почувствовал особую связь с этой религией.

Источник: hype.my

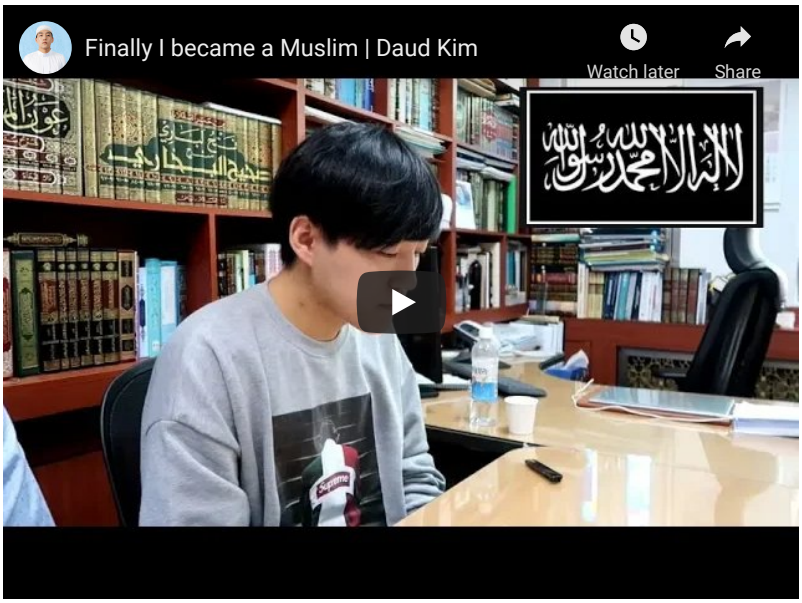
В своем видео на YouTube он сказал: «Я всегда думал, что жизнь – это борьба. И выжить в ней – это успех. Я думал, что должен бороться и побеждать. Но они (мусульмане) были другими. Они всегда помогают другим. И всегда были благодарны за то, что имеют. Меня это очень впечатлило. Их отношение к жизни».

Источник: salams.app

Дауд начал читать Коран и изучал жизнь Пророка Мухаммада (мир ему), чтобы больше узнать об исламе. Он посетил мечеть, стал молиться. Все это укрепило его веру в Аллаха, который является Создателем всего сущего. Несмотря на желание стать мусульманином, Дауд долго колебался. Во-первых, его семья была очень недовольна его интересом к исламу, а во-вторых, он сомневался, готов ли он к тому, чтобы стать мусульманином? Со временем он понял, что это всего лишь отговорки.

Источник: salams.app

Наконец, Дауд принял решение и, на своем канале YouTube объявил о принятии им ислама. Он также опубликовал видео, как произносит шахаду в Сеульской соборной мечети. Его жена последовала его примеру. О принятии ислама Дауд сказал: «Я наконец понял, что Аллах – цель моего путешествия. Ислам – величайшее благословение и величайший дар моей жизни». Как писал сам блогер, он подвергся критике в социальных сетях за то, что выбрал другую веру, но это «по иронии судьбы» делает его «убеждения сильнее», и он «никогда не сдастся».



На днях Дауд Ким поделился в социальных сетях фотографиями из Мекки и Медины, куда он прибыл ради совершения умры. На фото он позирует в ихраме, одежде, которую носят мужчины во время паломничества. Подпись гласит: «Я самый счастливый человек, потому что Аллах выбрал меня и привел меня сюда. Я возношу благодарность Аллаху, что дал мне шанс приехать в самый святой город в мире. Я молился за всех мусульман. Да простит Аллах наши грехи. Пусть примет наши молитвы».

Источник: gzt.com

Дауд также в своем Instagram (принадлежит компании Meta, которая признана экстремистской и запрещена в России) опубликовал свои фотографии в Медине, в мечети Пророка на прошлой неделе, пожелав своим подписчикам «Рамадан Мубарак!», а также несколько видео и фотографий своего ифтара в Джидде с местными жителями.

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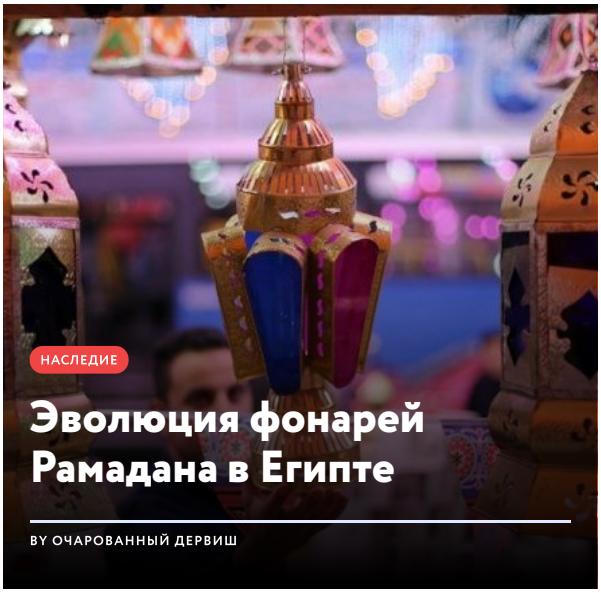

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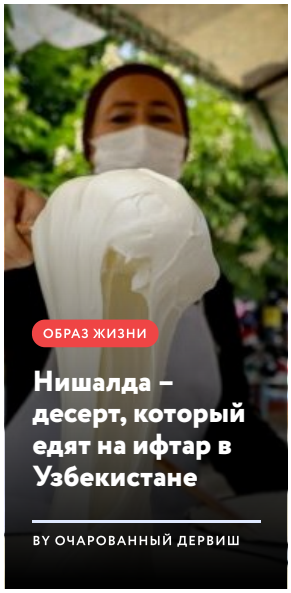

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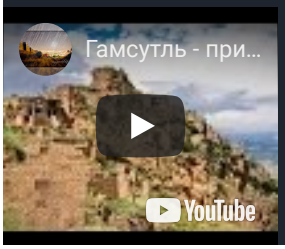

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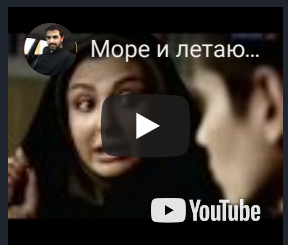

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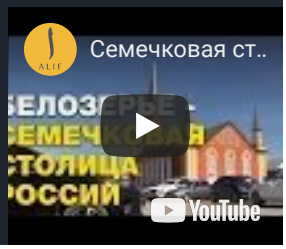

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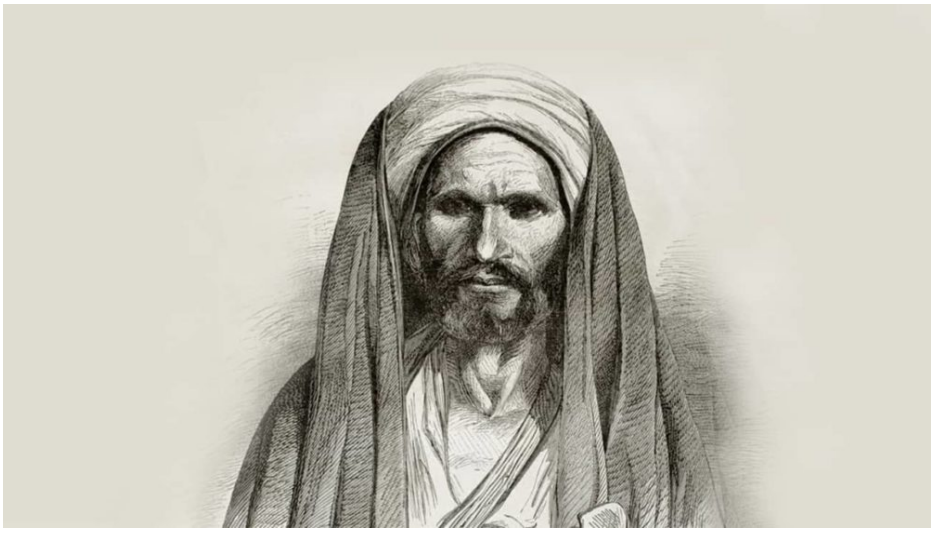

Согласно распространенным представлениям, Хасан Саббах, "Старец горы", является главой самой влиятельной террористической организации в истории, состоящей из фанатично преданных ему федаинов. Многие известные люди, от сельджукских правителей до военачальников крестоносцев, погибли от рук подосланных им убийц, пишет Баха Окар.

Согласно легендам, его резиденция находилась в замке на вершине недоступных гор. В нем имелся сад с прекрасными девушками. Чтобы добиться преданности от своих последователей Хасан Саббах, опоив их опиумом, якобы приводил в это место. Открыв глаза в этом саду, человек думал, что попал в рай. Ему говорили, если он будет беспрекословно подчиняться Старцу гор, то после смерти обязательно окажется там снова. Так как они использовали опиум, членов этой секты называли «хашиши» или ассасины (в западном произношении).

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Примерно таков портрет Хасана Саббаха, нарисованный не только популярными историческими романами, но и серьезными книгами по истории. Насколько он правдив?

"Старец горы" / Источник: pinterest.es

В реальности Хасан Саббах был лидером секты низаритов, представляющей собой ветвь исмаилизма. Мусульманские ученые признают их убеждения как выходящие за рамки ислама. Благодаря своей организованности и пропагандистской сети, назариты смогли распространить свое влияние на территории современного Ирана, Ирака и Сирии. Аббасидские халифы и сельджукские правители вели борьбу с ними. В целях обороны назариты создали ряд крепостей, в том числе знаменитый Аламут.

Сообщения о хашиши встречаются в трудах побывавших на Востоке европейцев с XII в. Кроме того, Гийом де Рубрук, монах, посетивший Монголию, называет низаритов мулидет, что, вероятно, является искаженным арабским словом "мульхид" («отступники»). В суннитских исторических источниках низаритов именуют мульхидами, исмаилитами, низаритами, само их учение обозначается как батынийя или талимийя. Очевидно, что сами низариты себя ни мульхидами, ни хашиши не именовали. Откуда же европейцы взяли это название? Следует предположить, что так называло последователей этой ветви исмаилизма враждебное к ним суннитское окружение, и это слово отражало не практику низаритов, а служило оскорбительным прозвищем.

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Известно точно, кто стал для европейцев источником легенд о саде и методах, используемых Хасаном Саббахом для вербовки своих убийц. Это Марко Поло со своей «Книгой о разнообразии мира». Он писал в ней: «В стране Мулект в старину жил горный старец… Старец по-ихнему назывался Ала-один. Развел он большой, отличный сад в долине, между двух гор; такого и не видано было. Были там самые лучшие в свете плоды. Настроил он там самых лучших домов, самых красивых дворцов, таких и не видано было прежде; они были золоченые и самыми лучшими в свете вещами раскрашены. Провел он там каналы; в одних было вино, в других — молоко, в третьих — мед, а в иных — вода. Самые красивые в свете жены и девы были тут; умели они играть на всех инструментах, петь и плясать лучше других жен. Сад этот, толковал старец своим людям, есть рай. Развел он его таким точно, как Мухаммед описывал сарацинам рай: кто в рай попадет, у того будет столько красивых жен, сколько пожелает, и найдет он там реки вина и молока, меду и воды… Входил в него только тот, кто пожелал сделаться асасином… Приказывал старец вводить в этот рай юношей, смотря по своему желанию, по четыре, по десяти, по двадцати, и вот как: сперва их напоят, сонными брали и вводили в сад; там их будили. Проснется юноша и, как увидит все то, что я вам описывал, поистине уверует, что находится в раю… Захочет старец послать куда-либо кого из своих убить кого-нибудь, приказывает он напоить столько юношей, сколько пожелает, когда же они заснут, приказывает перенести их в свой дворец. Проснутся юноши во дворце, изумляются, но не радуются, оттого что из рая по своей воле они никогда не вышли бы. Идут они к старцу и, почитая его за пророка, смиренно ему кланяются; а старец их спрашивает, откуда они пришли. Из рая, отвечают юноши и описывают все, что там, словно как в раю, о котором их предкам говорил Мухаммед; а те, кто не был там, слышат все это, и им в рай хочется; готовы они и на смерть, лишь бы только попасть в рай; не дождутся дня, чтобы идти туда. Захочет старец убить кого-либо из важных, прикажет испытать и выбрать самых лучших из своих асасинов; посылает он многих из них в недалекие страны с приказом убивать людей; они идут и приказ его исполняют; кто останется цел, тот возвращается ко двору; случается, что после смертоубийства они попадаются в плен и сами убиваются».

Источник: factroom.ru

Между тем, Марко Поло побывал в Иране в 1273 году, когда Аламут и другие крепости низаритов были разрушены, исмаилиты рассеяны по разным уголкам региона и скрывались. Поэтому скорее всего, Марко Поло адаптировал историю, которую он ранее слышал о сирийских исмаилитах, при этом используя свое воображение. Являются ли райские сады и одурманенные опиумом убийцы реальными? Конечно, как и любой миф, эти представления основаны на некоторых фактах. Например, во многих замках низаритов, особенно в Аламуте, было много садов. Но, согласно археологическим исследованиям, ни в одном из них нет такого удобного места для сада, который мог заставит человека поверить в то, что он находится в Раю. Другим источником легенды о шейхе, дарующим своим мюридам райский сад, могло быть учение исмаилитов. Последние истолковывали хадис «Место между моей могилой и минбаром является садом из садов Рая» таким образом, что минбар, т.е. место, откуда говорят о религии, это символ шариата, могила – символ философии, потому что философия помогает понять скрытые (захир) стороны шариата, а это своего рода смерть. Исходя из этого, место между могилой и минбаром – это истина. Согласно представлениям исмалитов, нельзя обрести эту степень без наставника, а шейх, помогая сделать это своему ученику, открывает перед ним ворота в Рай.

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Что же касается опиума, то он применялся как в медицинских целях, так и в качестве расслабляющего средства на Ближнем Востоке. Также известно, что он используется для достижения экстатического состояния в некоторых суфийских сектах. Таким образом, применение опиума низаритами действительно могло иметь место. Но вызывает сильное сомнение, чтобы Хасан Саббах вербовал с его помощью федаинов. Во-первых, опиум и его влияние были широко известны, и вряд ли он мог быть тайным орудием в руках главы низаритов. С другой стороны, для исполнителей убийства требуются тщательное планирование и подготовка, и, следовательно, ясный ум. Кроме того, известно, что в Аламуте были строгие порядки, исключающие мирские удовольствия. Хасан Саббах убил одного из своих сыновей за то, что тот выпил вино. Таким образом, о широком использовании опиума низаритами не может быть и речи. Ни в одном серьезном источнике нет доказательств того, что они делали это, кроме этимологии закрепившегося за ними прозвища “хашиши”.

Таким образом, на сегодняшний день достаточно научных данных, которые позволяют понять, кем были низариты. Но тем не менее, мифы об ассасинах, основанные на фантазиях Марко Поло, все еще широко распространены. Невольно возникает предположение, что кому-то это выгодно. Легенды о Хасане Саббахе оказываются полезными везде, где необходимо показать, что насилие – это суть ислама. И вряд ли, когда империализм занят формированием и распространением подобных взглядов, искаженный образ Старца горы и ассасинов, как символ одурманенных опиумом убийц, вершащих террор ради религии, приобрел популярность совершенно случайно.

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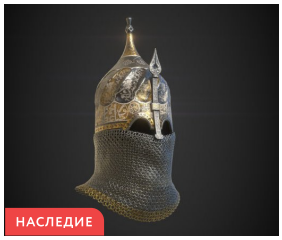

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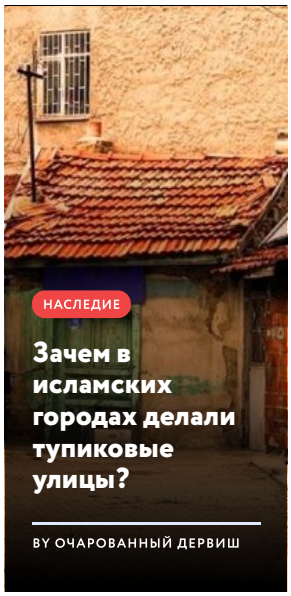

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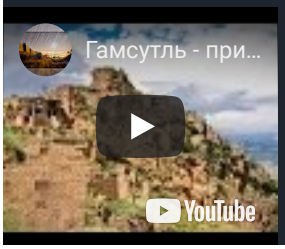

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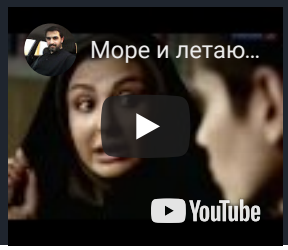

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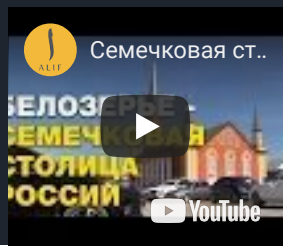

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Моголы, этническая группа в Индии, состоит из потомков монгол и тюрков, которые начали проникать в Индию начиная с XIV века. Если когда-то это была община воинов, то теперь это община земледельцев, сообщает сайт People Groups India.

Моголы населяют такие индийские штаты, как Джамму, Кашмир, Уттар-Прадеш, Дели, Раджастан, Гуджарат и Андхра-Прадеш. Согласно Уильяму Круку и другим ученым, это потомки монгольских и тюркских воинов, которые прибыли в Индию вместе с Бабуром (1526-1530 гг. н. э.), основателем империи Великих Моголов, а также переселенцы из Средней Азии, прибывших позже. Моголы Раджастана утверждают, что их предки мигрировали из Египта примерно в 1300-1400 годах. Также в формировании моголов приняли участие местные индо-иранские народы. Само название общины происходит от персидского могол, могул – «монголы». Среди них распространены такие фамилии как Мирза (ученый) и Бек (господин).

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Уттар-Прадеш имеет самое большое могольское население (620 000 человек). В Гуджарате их насчитывается около 12 000, в штате Андхра-Прадеш – 110 000, в Раджастане – около 41 000 человек. Моголы давно говорят на языках Индии – урду и хинди. В штатах Раджастан, Гуджарат, Джамму и Кашмир и Андхра-Прадеш среди них распространены местные языки – марвари, гуджарати, догри и телугу.

Индийские ученые: Моголы выступали за секуляризм и межрелигиозный мир.

Султана Бегум, потомок последнего могольского императора Бахадур Шаха II / Источник: amarujala.com

Община традиционно служила солдатами в армиях различных тюркских династий, правивших индийским субконтинентом. Но в наши дни их основное занятие – сельское хозяйство. Многие из них владеют собственными садами, особенно манговыми. В городах моголы занимаются торговлей, ремеслом, в частности, такими как резьба по слоновой кости, гравировка, ковроткачество, ткачество, вышивка, зардози, керамика и музыка.

Моголы являются мусульманами – шиитами или суннитами, обычно ханафитами. Наряду с патанами, шейхами и сеидами, моголы принадлежат к самой высокой касте мусульман Индии и ставят себя выше других, кроме сеидов. Среди них распространено почитание святых и посещение их усыпальниц, таких как мавзолеи Хваджа Муинуддина Чишти в Аджмере и Хазрата Низамуддина в Дели. Наряду с двумя основными мусульманскими праздниками моголы широко отмечают Ид-Милад или Бара-Вафат (день рождения пророка Мухаммада) и Мухаррам (гордовщину мученической смерти имама Хусейна). В Дели они с энтузиазмом участвует в фестивале цветов Пхул валон ки саир.

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Моголы создают семьи только в пределах своей общины. Жену принято выбирать из относительно небольшого круга близких родственников, включая не только собственную семью мужчины, но и семьи, с которыми его семья в прошлом вступала в брак. Предпочтителен брак с двоюродным братом по отцовской или материнской линии, а также с младшей сестрой умершей жены или вдовой старшего брата. Хотя в исламе многоженство разрешено, моголы практикуют моногамию.

Моголы Дели организованы под руководством совета под названием Мухалла Судхар Сабха (Совет по благоустройству окрестностей), который планирует и осуществляет программы социально-экономического благосостояния. В Раджастане существует традиционный совет, известный как Найат, члены которого разрешают земельные и водные споры, осуществляют общественный контроль и налагают штрафы на нарушителей закона.

Широко известна кухня моголов, среди их национальных блюд числятся бирьяни, румали роти и кебабы.

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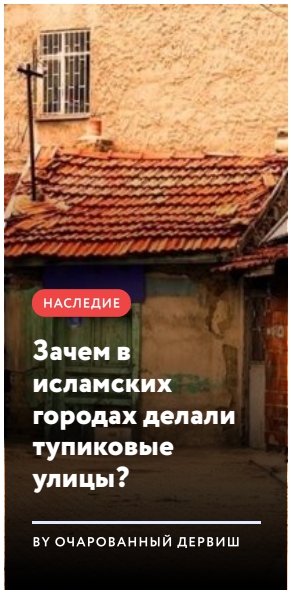

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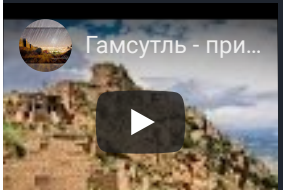

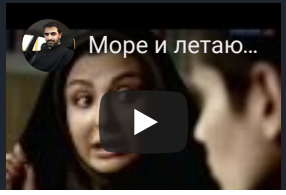

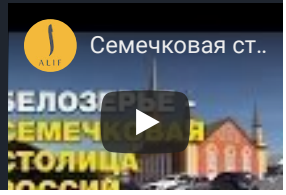

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and central Italy nearly 3,000 years ago. The Etruscan civilization founded many cities in Italy and its influence on ancient Roman culture was profound.

The Etruscans produced colorful frescoes. This is a 5th century BC fresco of dancers and musicians, Tomb of the Leopards, Monterozzi necropolis, Tarquinia, Italy. Image source

They were skilled navigators and incredibly talented craftsmen who left behind stunning art renowned for its vitality and often vivid coloring. Many of the Etruscan colorful wall paintings and frequently capture scenes of how their people enjoy themselves at parties and banquets.

The Etruscans Left Behind Strange Artifacts And Buildings

Despite that these ancient people were much closer to us in time, they were even more enigmatic and inaccessible than other ancient cultures such as Crete, Mesopotamia, or Mycenae, and we

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have still much to learn about the **mysterious Etruscan civilization**.

Historians and archaeologists can tell a lot about the Etruscans, but some of their unearthed artifacts and structures have been challenging to interpret. The religious beliefs, traditions, and customs of the Etruscans are a complex subject.

Some of their buildings were obviously important but their purpose is a riddle. Scientists have discovered a vast network of Neolithic tunnels criss-crossing several European countries. This subterranean network was built several millennia ago. Following these ancient underground tunnels, we discovered that deep beneath the city of Orvieto, Italy, there are a series of underground structures. According to sources, during the 6th- 4th centuries BC, the town of

Orvieto was a culturally and economically developed Etruscan city. One of these underground structures is a strange pyramidal structure. Unfortunately, scientists say they have no idea what it is, and the purpose of the **underground Etruscan pyramid** remains an ancient mystery.

The burial practices of the Etruscans were not unlike the Romans. Like most ancient civilizations the Etruscans believed in an afterlife and they buried their dead with grave good helping them to get a good start on their journey to a new and unknown world. Scientists have discovered amulets, figurines, and many other symbolical objects in Etruscan tombs.

However, one of the most extraordinary discoveries was made when scientists encountered a most spectacular place, namely, "The Tomb of the Silver Hands", a monumental place, with a long corridor with an atrium open to the sky and leading to three burial chambers that contained the remains of at least three individuals.

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(Marco Merola)The silver hands were taken to a nearby laboratory. There (top row, left to right) researchers X-rayed them, fit the pieces of the right hand back together, and (bottom row, left to right) carefully cleaned the more intact left hand. The result: two completely restored and conserved hands.

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This tomb must have belonged to high-ranking members of the Etruscan society regardless of their gender. Inside the tomb scientists found "something unusual lying on the ground among a variety of artifacts—**two well-preserved silver hands with traces of gold on the fingers and gold-plated fingernails.**"

It's one of the most perplexing artifacts ever found inside Etruscan tombs.

Mysterious Ancient Monuments Hidden In Selva di Malano

The mysterious stone altars and megaliths, hidden in the Selva di Malano (Malano forest) show a darker side of the Etruscans.

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This site is located in the northernmost part of the town of Soriano, on a slope at the extreme foothills of the Cimini Mountains. Here, the Etruscans used the opportunity to carve massive rock altars from volcanic eruptions. One of them is the Sasso del Predicatore (Stone of the Preacher) structure that was most likely used as a Pagan altar.

Right: One of the odd Etruscan structures found in the Malano forest. Image source - Left: Stairs leading to the top of the altar. Image source

The steps leading to the tops suggest the Stone of the Preacher could have been used for astronomical observations, but some scientists suggest it may have been an Etruscan place of worship where humans were sacrificed.

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In the vicinity of the Stone of the Preacher, there is another ancient structure and this one is truly baffling because it may offer evidence of highly advanced technology. This perplexing cubic altar is a perfectly shaped cube, and it has signs that look like they were made with a machine of some sort. This defies any logical explanation because the Etruscans should not have had access to such sophisticated tools, or did they?

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Another possibility attempting to explain the cubic altar's origin is that the structure was created by an unknown, advanced lost civilization that was present in the Malano forest long before the arrival of the Etruscans. We simply don't know. What we do know is that not far from these mysterious structures there are several Roman tombs and a small Romanesque church but these have the usual architecture associated with this historical time period.

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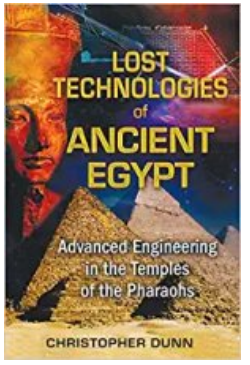

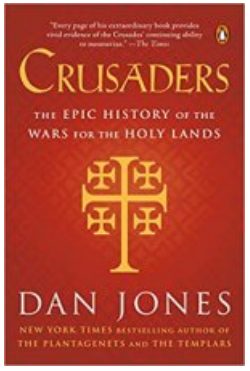

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Le culte de saturne...

Ils adorent saturne depuis des milliers d'années, le culte n'a jamais cessé et ses rites sont toujours présents à ce jour.
Depuis les temps anciens, les sages ont regardé les étoiles , admirant leur lueur céleste et leurs attribuant des pouvoirs divins, en fonction de leurs effets sur les humains.
Les humains vouent un culte à celui qui les fera vivre ils ont rapidement compris que le soleil, la lune, la terre,... sont les régents de notre survie d'où une multitude de divinités.

Ce culte très ancien s'est perpétué jusqu'à nos jours, nous faisons des copier coller depuis longtemps, babylone, summer, grec romain....
Les civilisations sémitique appelaient le dieu saturne EL. la divinité suprême était représentée par un cube noir..... il y en a à travers le monde!!!

Les hébreux représentaient saturne avec l'étoile à 6 pointes, qui devient après l'étoile de David, le symbole se trouve sur le drapeau israélien.
De nombreux chercheurs ésotériques affirment que le nom de IS-RA-EL est la combinaison des noms des anciennes divinités païennes Isis, Ra et El.

Saturne à toujours eu pour les grecs et les romains une signification négative, mauvaise, associée aux limitations, restrictions, mort, décomposition.
Saturne est la 6ème planète du système solaire, saturne = samedi qui est le 6ème jour de la semaine,
Le pôle nord de saturne forme un hexagone à 6 côtés!
Un hexagone à plat peut être un cube avec la perspective.

Tout un culte mondial est voué à saturne et utilisé dans les milieux occultes.
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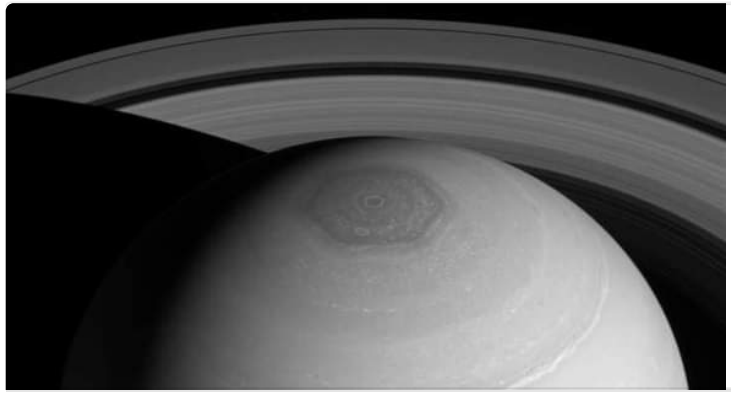

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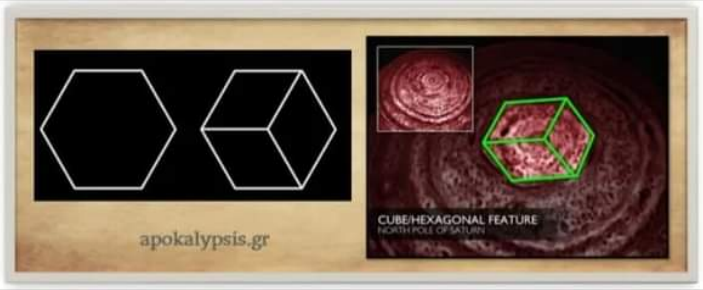

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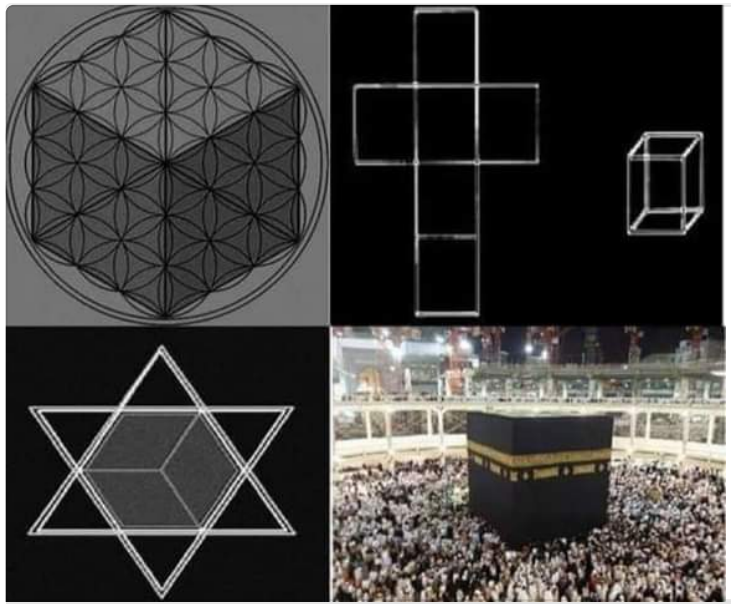

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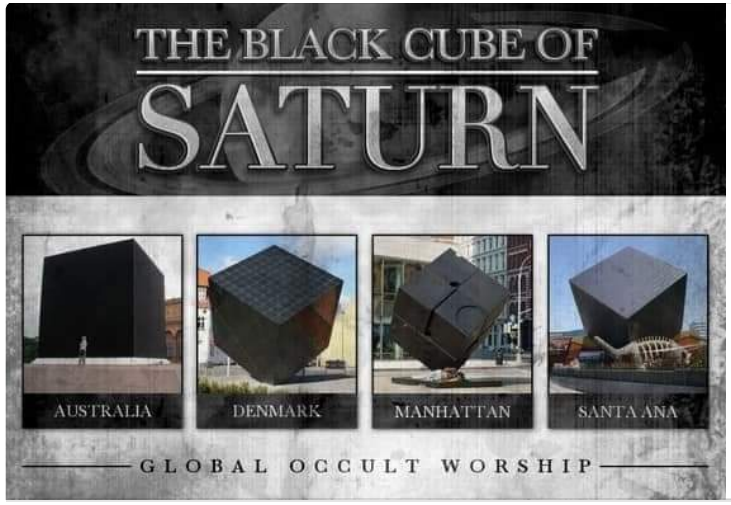

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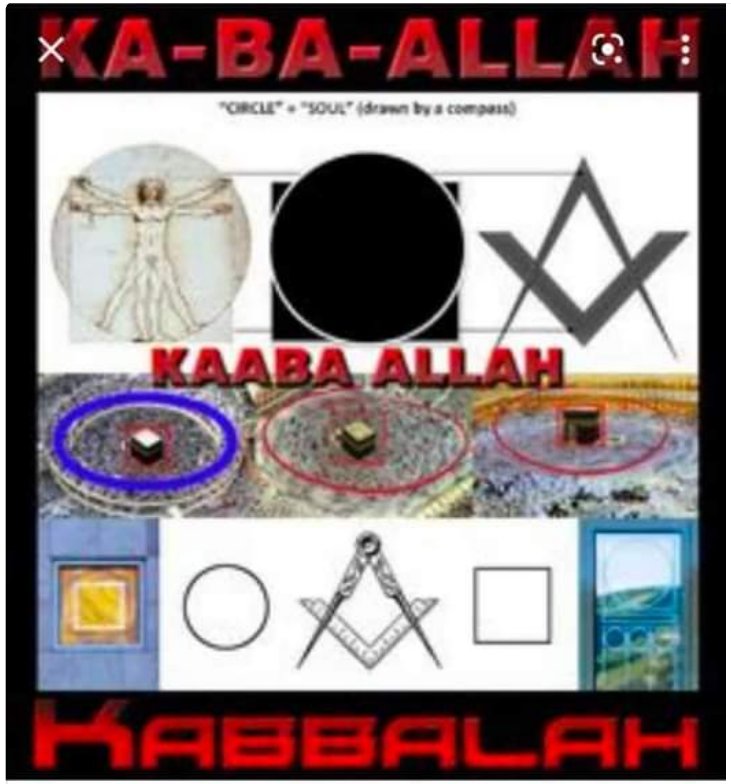

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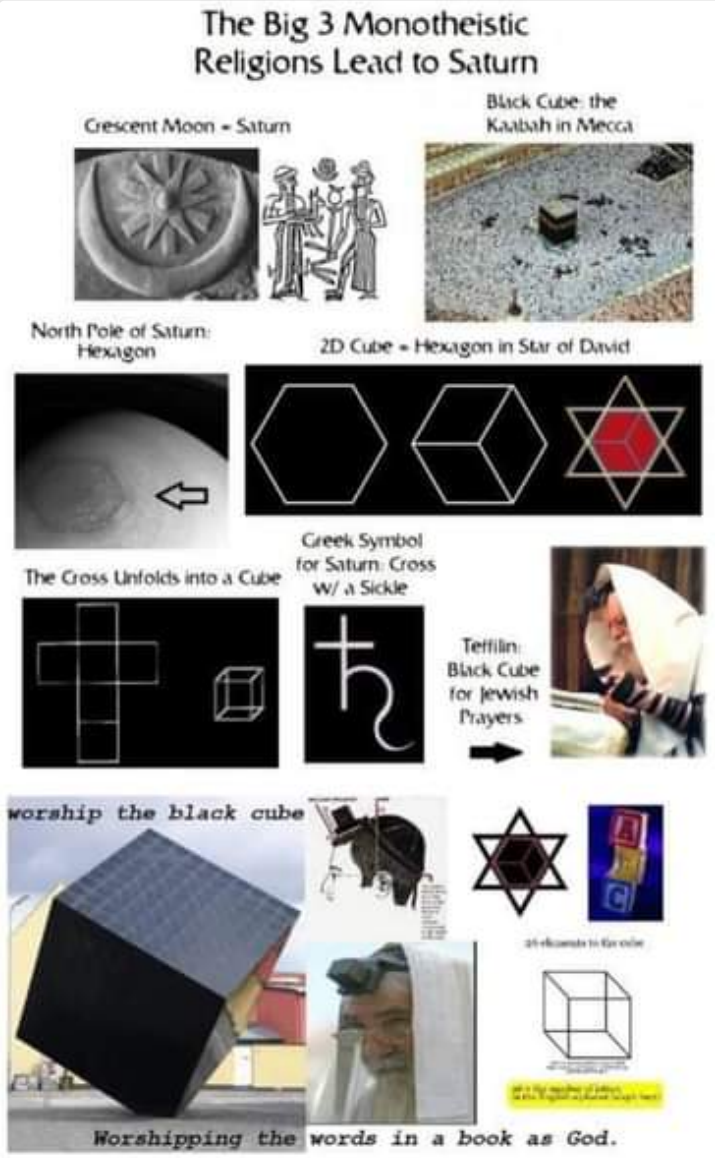

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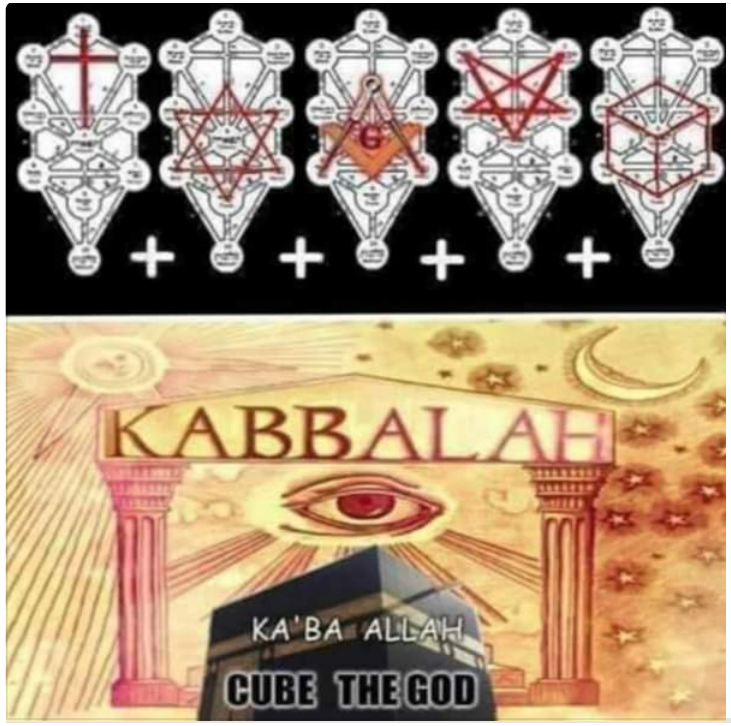

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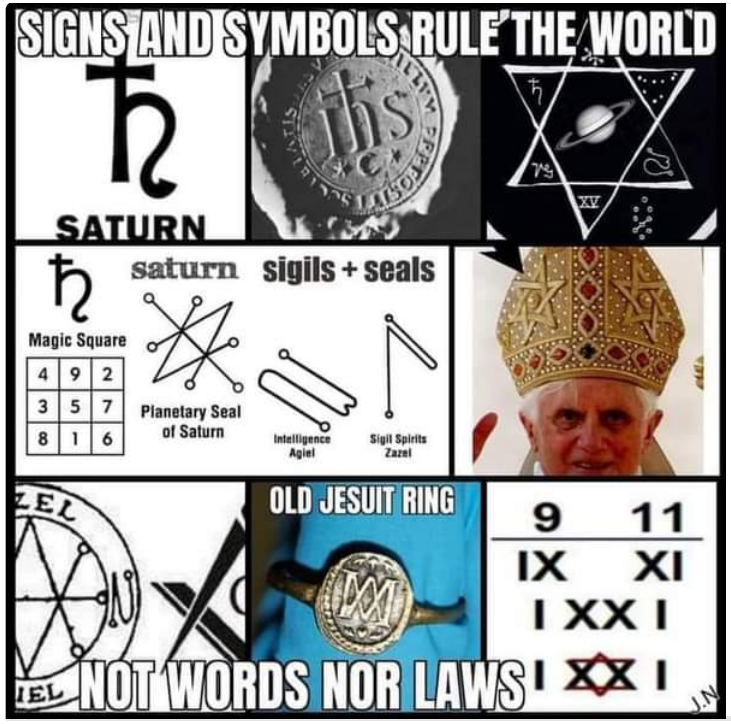

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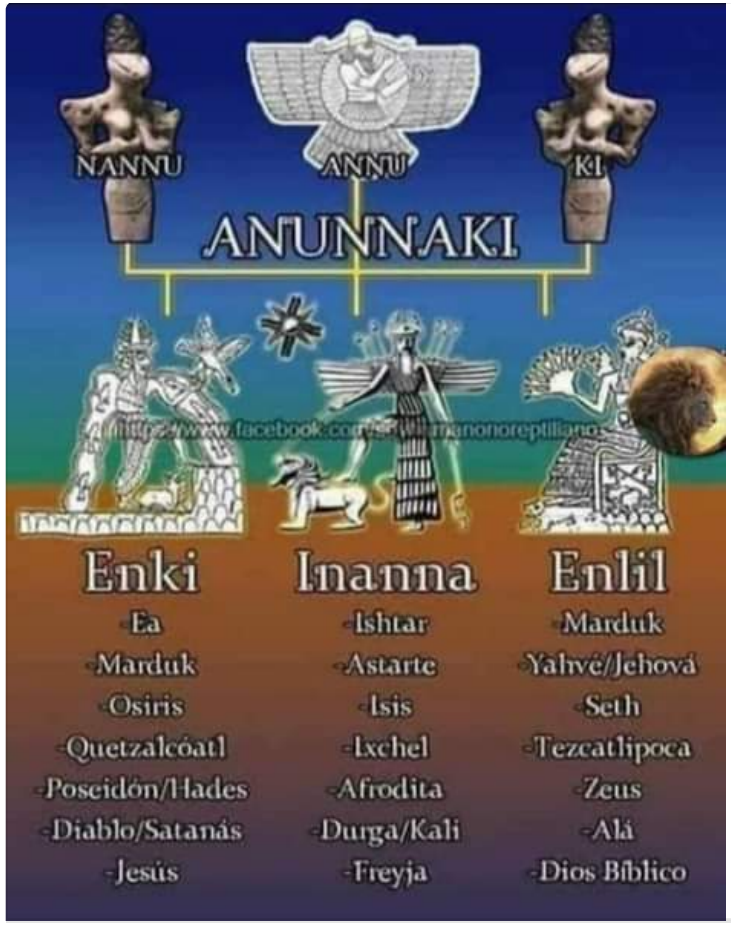

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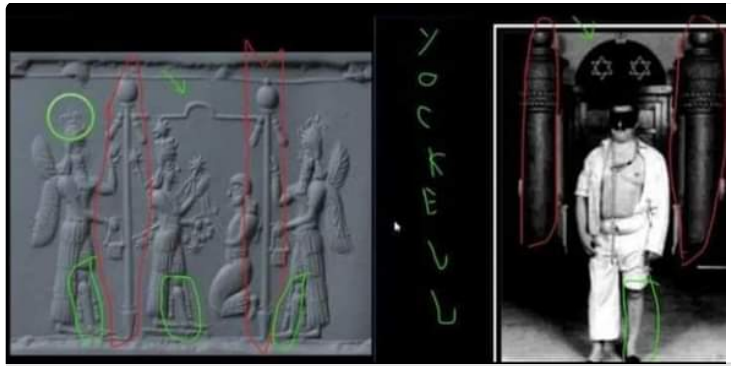

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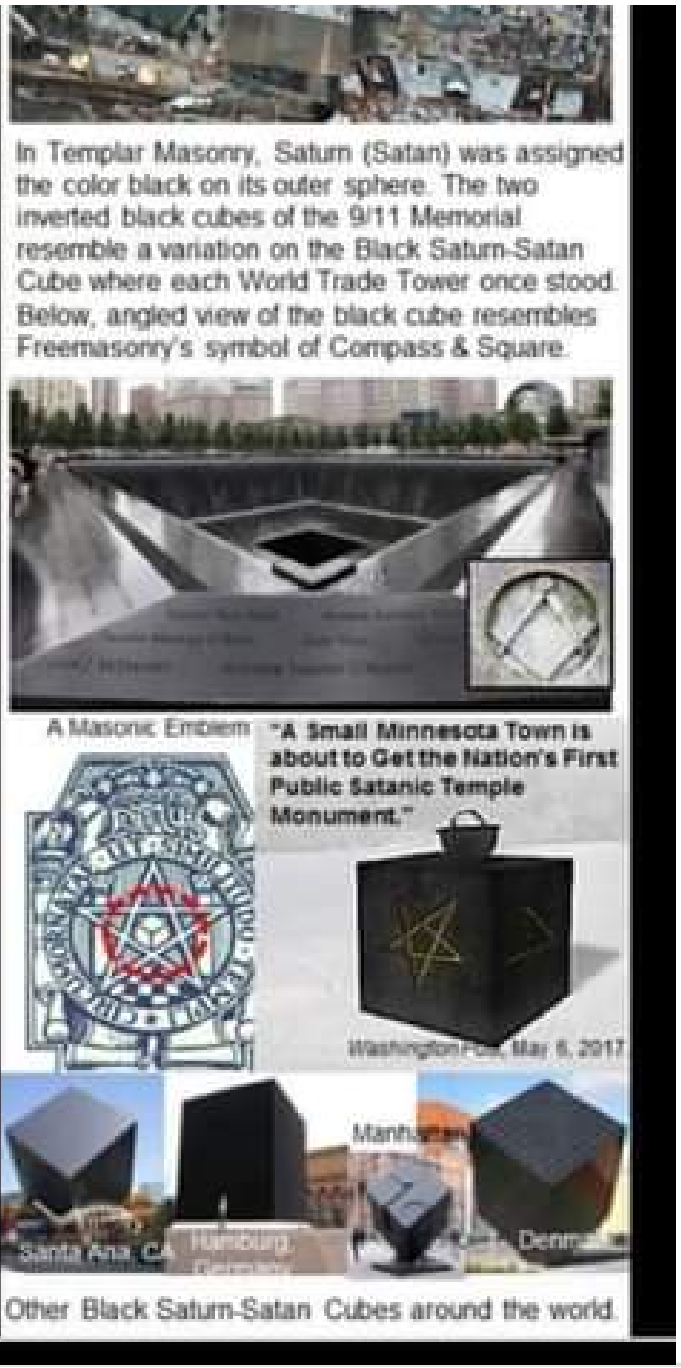
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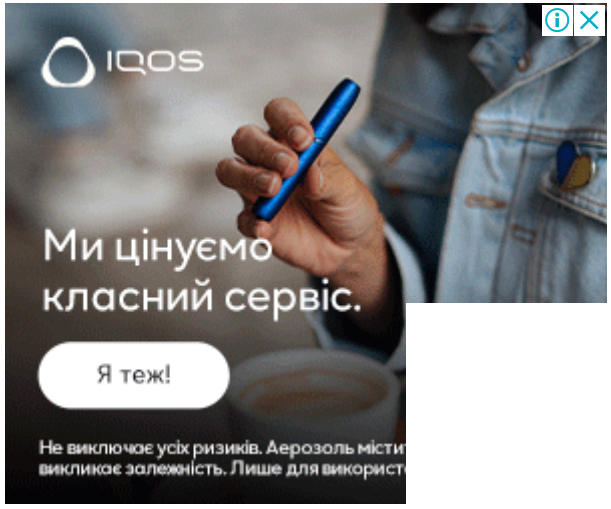

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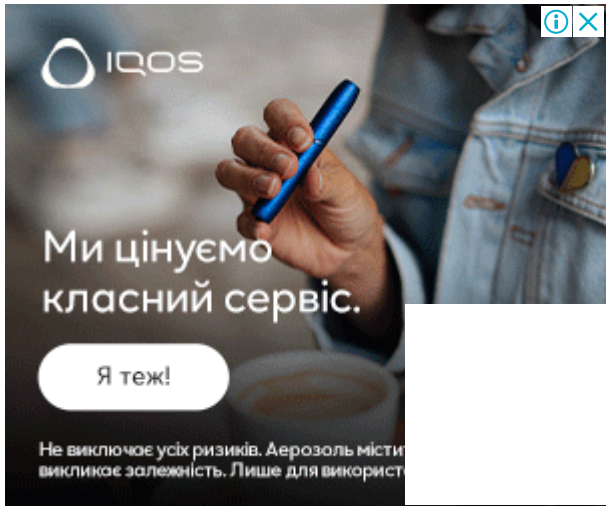
Black Knights began to appear in history during the Middle Ages. Since the 13th century, a series of legends mentioning the mysterious Black Knights emerged. Although the Black Knights were said to have carried out good deeds and fought to protect cities from unjust rulers and other threats, texts referring to these legends were censored and banned by the Church during the medieval period. Nevertheless, the story of the legendary black knight Ashor endured over the centuries.

Black Knights in Arthurian Legends

The figure of the Black Knight appears in several **Arthurian legends** as an ambiguous motif who often emerges as a competitor for one of the better-known **Arthurian knights** . It's also the role that a couple of the Arthurian knights have had.

As an example of the first, **Sir Percival** fights a Black Knight after exchanging rings with the other knight's wife, creating confusion and conflict. In the second reference to the Arthurian Black Knight, we see **Sir Lancelot** dressing up as a black knight as a disguise. But the best known example of a Black Knight in Arthurian legends is undoubtedly Sir Morien, the son of Sir Agrovale and a Moorish princess, causing him to be referred to by this title **due to his African lineage** .



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Ashor the King Killer and Priest Savior

The origin of Black Knights is closely linked to the legend of Ashor, a **knight** who had remained skilled and strong, despite his advanced age, and who specialized in the killing of kings and other nobles. Sometime around the 13th or 14th century there was a king with a powerful enemy – a king of another land who oppressed his people.

Desperate to defeat his opponent, the good king sent a message calling Ashor to his court. One night, the king woke up to find Ashor near his bed. The **assassin** had entered his castle without detection – proving his skill.

Ashor asked the king who he needed to kill and the king gave his order. Ashor accepted the task, but said that he would first check the king's claims that his enemy was an evil oppressor. Ashor entered the fortress city of the king's enemy, and witnessed for himself the cruelty of the ruler; his task to assassinate the king would proceed as planned.

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'The Black Knight.' (***theflickerees / deviantart)***

Ashor discovered that an old priest who had once risen up against the cruelty of the evil king was being held prisoner in the **dungeon**. After fulfilling his order to kill the king, Ashor, who was moved by the priest's story, decided to free him from the prison. He entered the dungeon and found the man in a very bad state.

The imprisoned priest was very weak and could barely stand. Unfortunately, the priest proved to be a burden, making it difficult for Ashor to escape. While carrying the old man out of the dungeon, the knight was injured. Nevertheless, the two got up on a horse, escaped the city, and made for the woods.

The black knight had freed the city from its evil king and he had escaped. However, with people in pursuit, Ashor understood that he could not tend to his wounds in time and he descended from the horse, telling the **priest** that he would not slow him down and he must continue. The priest thanked him, gave him his blessing and left as instructed.

The Fight for the Legendary Knight's Soul

Ashor waited for his end near a tree. Soon, as blood left the knight's body, a **demon** appeared before him telling the knight that his soul belonged to him and he had come to claim him. Before the demon could take Ashor's soul, an **angel** also appeared, saying that the knight's soul belonged to him and that he had come to take it with him to Heaven. Apparently, the knight's good deeds had been just a little more numerous than his bad ones and he had been forgiven.

As the two entities were getting ready to clash over the human's soul, a third entity appeared. At this time, the angel and the demon had stopped fighting as if they had been frozen. The third entity had no form.

In order to be visible, it had appeared as a figure in a black cloak. However, nothing could be seen coming out of the cloak: no hands, no feet, no face. This third entity was **Il Separatio** , the Anonymous one, the keeper of universal balance, the one who cannot be named.

Il Separatio Confronts the Black Knight

Anonymous is the personification of perfect neutrality. He is neither good, nor evil, he is beyond all divisions. Il Separatio spoke and said that the knight had done just as much good as he had done evil. Therefore, neither the angel nor the

demon could claim his soul. He belonged to Il Separatio. At that moment, both the angel and the demon disappeared and Anonymous turned to the knight.

*A statue of the Anonymous One, Il Separatio, Budapest, Hungary. (**Vajdahunyad Castle**)*

Ashor's wounds had been healed. He got up and talked to Il Separatio. The entity told Ashor that he had become free and no longer belonged to 'the system'. He was outside it, beyond it. Il Separatio told the **knight** that he could do whatever he wanted, that he could live for as long as he wanted, that he could travel anywhere (including other planets). When he was to become bored of all of this, then he was to call upon Il Separatio to stand before him once again and tell him about the true purpose of their existence.

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Ashor was told that, as he was no longer part of the system, his actions no longer mattered for the world. Should he do good deeds, other would do bad deeds and the universal balance would remain unchanged. Should he do bad deeds, others would do good deeds and, again, the balance of the universe would remain the same.

According to legend, Il Separatio disappeared once he finished his explanation, while the knight Ashor still lives among humans today. It is said that he had chosen to do good deeds as a black knight, even though his actions no longer mattered for the world. Ashor, the Immortal, remains the prototype for the image of the black knight.

*A black knight with a long cloak stands holding a sword against a blue Eclipse. (**warmtail** /Adobe Stock)*

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Mansa Musa was the king of the large Mali Empire in 1312. He took the throne when his predecessor, Abu-Bakr 11, who Mansa Musa had been a deputy for, went missing while looking for the edge of the Atlantic

Musa took over as leader during a hard time when European countries were being destroyed by never-ending civil wars and a lack of resources. The Mali Empire, on the other hand, was thriving because it had a lot of gold and salt and other natural resources.

Under this leader, the empire grew to cover a large part of West Africa, from the Atlantic coast to Timbuktu, a trading center in the middle of the country, and even some parts of the Sahara. Just like the area he controlled grew, so did his money and wealth.

The rest of the world didn't fully understand how much wealth King Musa controlled in his land until 1324. Musa was a religious Muslim who lived in a kingdom where most of the people were also Muslims. He went on pilgrimage to Mecca, but he didn't go alone.

Musa went to the Holy Land with a caravan of tens of thousands of soldiers, slaves, and heralds. They were all dressed in expensive Persian silk and carried golden staffs. Even though there is a lot of disagreement about how many people were in his group, the convoy that went with him was a big deal. It included camels and horses carrying hundreds of pounds of gold.

This show of wealth caught the attention of the people who lived in the areas he traveled through, since such a large caravan would be hard to miss. When he went through Egypt, he had an effect on the people that would last for more than a decade.

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During the meeting, Musa still wouldn't kiss the sultan's feet, and things didn't go well until he gave in to tradition and kissed the sultan's feet. But because he was in Egypt, he shared his huge wealth with the people who lived there. He also bought from local traders and gave them gold in exchange.

Then, news of Musa's wealth spread to all parts of the world, not just in Africa. Even after he had died, which was between 1332 and 1337. By the end of the 14th century, Musa was shown on the Catalan Atlas of 1375, which was an important tool for sailors in medieval Europe. Abraham Cresques, a famous Spanish cartographer, made the atlas. In it, Musa was shown sitting on a golden throne with a golden sceptre, crown, and gold nugget in his hand.

From the huge amount of natural resources he controlled to the growth and development of the communities he left behind, Musa was a true legend whose wealth dwarfs that of today's billionaires. Even by today's standards, it's hard to say what his wealth was like.

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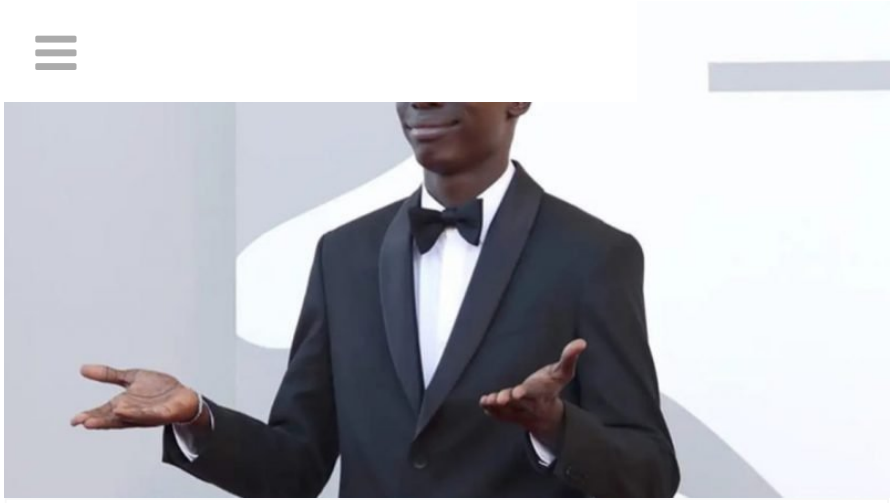

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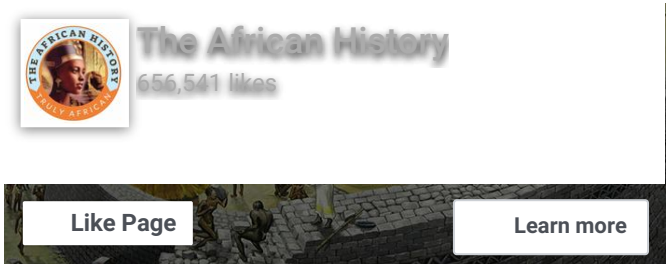

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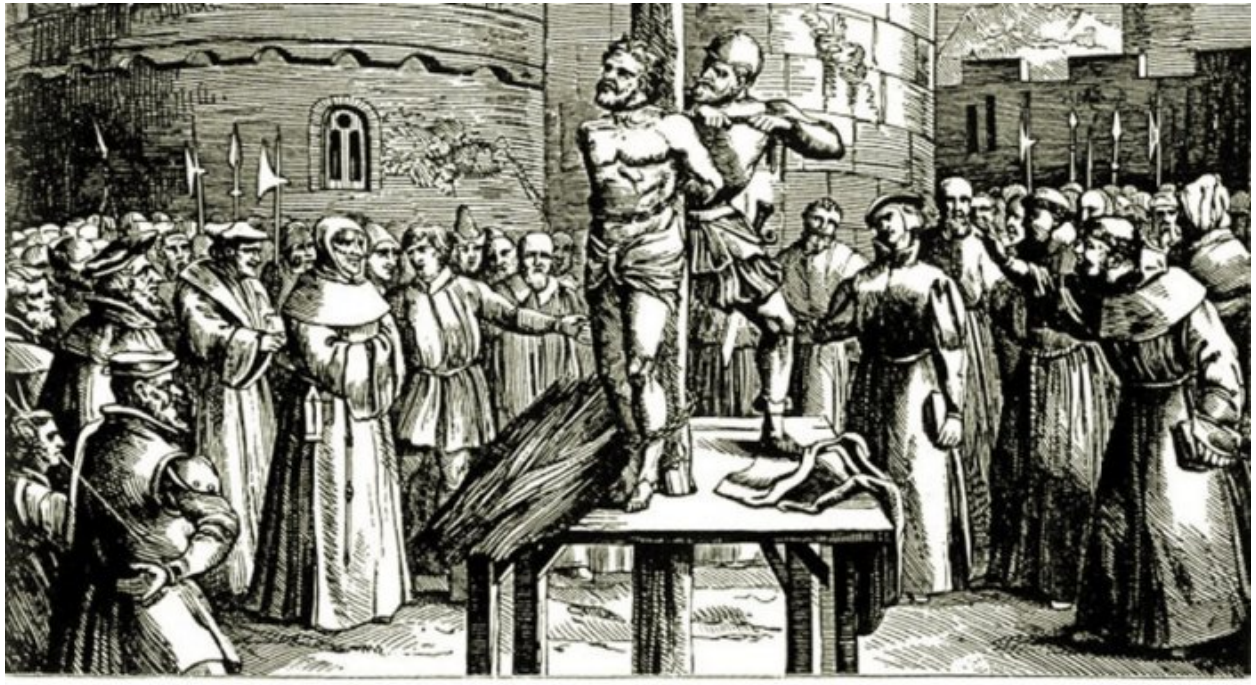
Tyndale was an academic who believed that the Bible should be available for all to read. He translated the Bible into English, much of the work on the Continent, and published it in England before he was captured and executed.



THE MARTYRDOM AND BURNING OF WILLIAM TYNDALE.

William Tyndale was born about 1490 at North Nibley, Gloucestershire. He was educated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford (now Hertford College), where he studied languages, taking a Bachelor's degree in 1512 and a Master's degree in 1515.

He planned to begin his studies in theology when he discovered that the study of scripture was not

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included in the Oxford syllabus. His response was to leave Oxford for Cambridge, where he organized a group of scholars who met regularly at the White Horse Inn to translate, interpret and discuss the Bible. He became convinced that the *church was covering up the truth,* that people had the right to know what was included in scripture, and that it should be translated into English.

Tyndale decided to translate the Bible into English, so he contacted one of the prominent churchmen for help. He was rejected and informed that there was no place for scripture in the vernacular and that scripture was the preserve of the church.

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In 1525, he published an English version of the New Testament at Cologne, but the church establishment had it suppressed. An edition printed at Worms had more success, and hundreds of

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His work was condemned in England, and copies were publicly burned. Also, Tyndale was condemned as a heretic. He was forced to hide in Antwerp, but he was finally betrayed.

In 1536 was put on trial for heresy; even a plea from the English chancellor, Thomas Cromwell - did not help.

Tyndale was burned at stake at Vilvoorde, Belgium, on October 6, 1536. At the time of his death, several thousand copies of his New Testament had been printed, but *only one intact copy survives* at the British Library, London.

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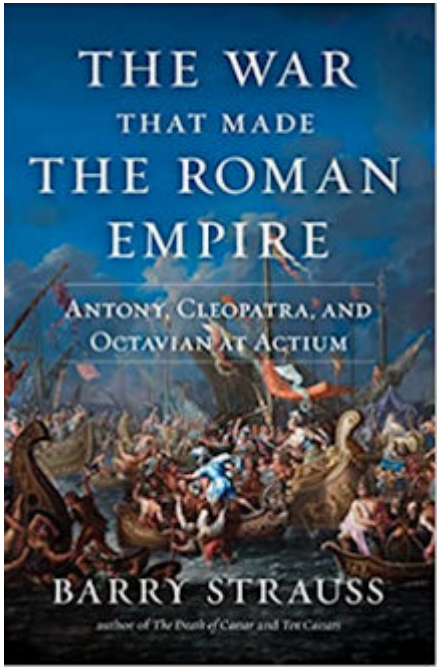

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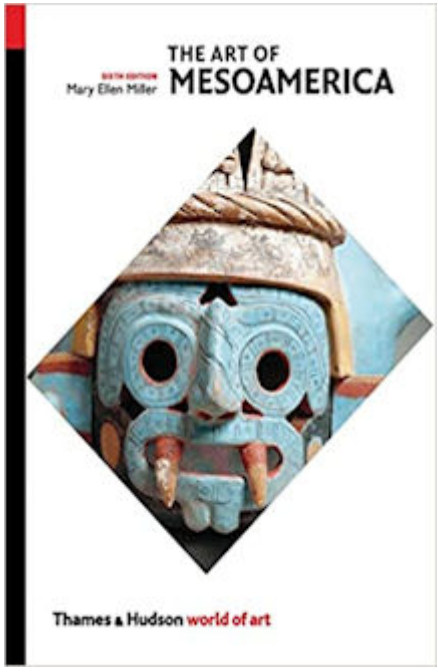

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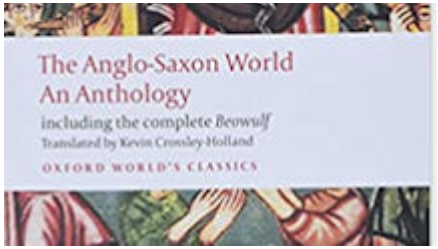

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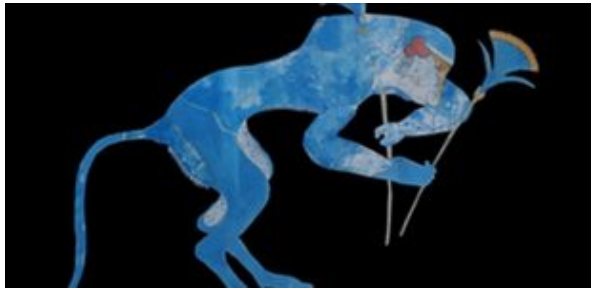

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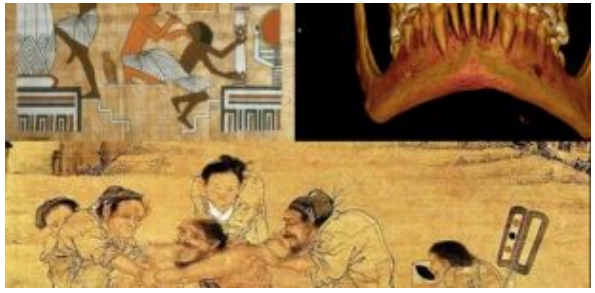

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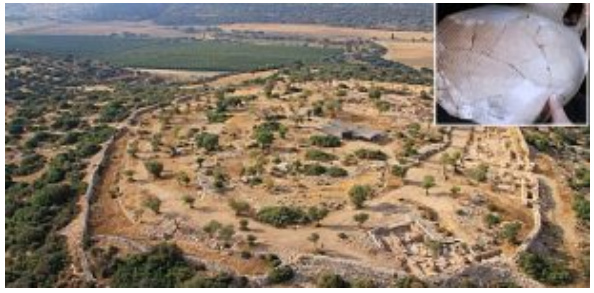

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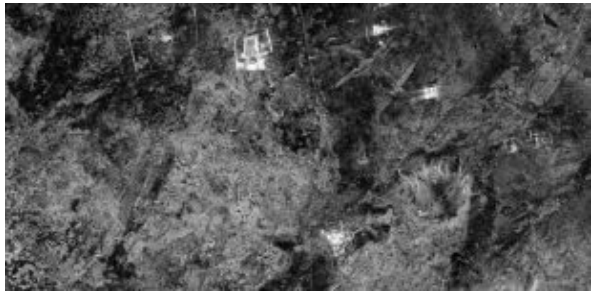

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Les procureurs dans l'affaire de trafic sexuel d'enfants contre Ghislaine Maxwell ont déclaré que l'accusé « avait mis en place des élites VIP » avec des enfants à violer, selon des documents judiciaires.

Selon le dossier du tribunal, des e-mails montrant que Maxwell a pris des dispositions pour mettre en place des élites puissantes, y compris des politiciens et des dirigeants mondiaux, avec des victimes mineures de trafic sexuel *« qu'ils voudraient ».*

Les procureurs ont exhorté le juge à permettre que les identités des pédophiles d'élite soient révélées pendant le procès.

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Dailymail.co.uk rapporte : Il prétend : « Ces pièces montrent (1) la volonté de l'accusé de faciliter les rencontres entre des hommes et des femmes puissants qu'ils aimeraient, et (2) la compréhension de l'accusé que fournir un tel accès est un moyen de se faire bien hommes puissants.

«Au procès, il n'est peut-être pas évident pour un jury qu'une femme adulte serait disposée à permettre à Jeffrey Epstein d'avoir accès à des jeunes filles.

« Ces e-mails montrent clairement que l'accusée était prête à assumer ce rôle et qu'elle était désireuse de plaire aux hommes riches et influents en leur donnant accès aux femmes. »

Les avocats de Maxwell ont déclaré que si elle essayait de « se faire la politesse avec un ami, et alors ? »

Leur document de réponse indique: » Si son motif est de permettre aux femmes adultes de sortir avec ses amis célibataires, alors ce n'est pas pour ramasser des écolières dans la rue pour donner des » massages sexuels » à Jeffrey Epstein.

« Et si elle avait déjà accès à d'autres hommes puissants et influents qui étaient dans sa vie, elle n'aurait pas besoin de son amitié ou de son accès à Jeffrey Epstein. »

La question des courriels doit être débattue aujourd'hui lors de l'audience finale avant le procès de Maxwell.

La phase publique de sélection du jury, connue sous le nom de voir-dire, doit commencer demain dans la salle d'audience de Manhattan.

Les déclarations d'ouverture sont dues le 29 novembre.

Maxwell fait face à six chefs d'accusation, dont la séduction de mineurs, le trafic sexuel d'enfants et le parjure.

La fille du magnat en disgrâce Robert Maxwell nie tous les chefs d'accusation, qui entraînent des peines de prison allant jusqu'à 80 ans.

Elle est détenue dans une cellule de 6 pieds sur 9 pieds au sombre centre de détention métropolitain de Brooklyn et a mis de côté 5,2 millions de livres sterling pour payer sa défense.

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La trafiquante sexuelle d'enfants auprès de l'élite, Ghislaine Maxwell, a secrètement flirté avec le Premier ministre britannique Boris Johnson, selon de nouvelles révélations explosives de la sœur de Johnson.

« Il est difficile de ne pas ressentir un cri de pitié pour Ghislaine Maxwell – 500 jours et compter en isolement cellulaire », a écrit **Rachel Johnson dans The Spectator, où son frère a travaillé comme rédacteur en chef avant de devenir Premier ministre.**

Somehow perfect that in the middle of the sleaze conversation Boris Johnson's kid sister is reminding everyone that he was Oxford chums with Ghislaine Maxwell pic.twitter.com/qSUHMqdlOA

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Johnson décrit Maxwell comme *« un glamazon brillant avec des yeux coquins tenant une cour à califourchon sur une table »* dans la salle commune junior du collège Balliol, tout en posant sa botte à talons hauts *« sur la cuisse de mon frère Boris ».*

Maxwell lui *lança* un *« regard de pitié »* et l'invita à une fête qui fut dissoute par *« son père, Bob, sortant en peignoir et nous disant à tous de rentrer à la maison ».*

Rt.com rapporte : Bob Maxwell, qui aurait travaillé avec les services secrets israéliens, a été retrouvé mort dans l'océan Atlantique en 1991, vraisemblablement tombé par-dessus bord de son yacht « *Lady Ghislaine* » *au* large des îles Canaries. Il a été enterré en Israël.

Sa fille Ghislaine a été arrêtée aux États-Unis en juillet 2020 et accusée de six crimes fédéraux, dont le trafic sexuel, la séduction de mineurs et le parjure, en relation avec ses relations avec Epstein. Le financier controversé a plaidé coupable d'abus sexuels sur mineurs en 2008, mais a obtenu un règlement clément. Il a été arrêté en juillet 2019 lorsque de nouveaux détails d'abus – impliquant également Maxwell – sont apparus et a été retrouvé mort dans une prison de New York un mois plus tard, officiellement en raison d'un suicide.

Le procès de Maxwell devrait commencer fin novembre. Dans sa première interview avec les médias depuis son arrestation, elle a déclaré au Daily Mail la semaine dernière que ses conditions à l'intérieur de la prison de Brooklyn étaient un *« enfer vivant »* d'isolement, de nourriture pourrie et de privation de sommeil.

« J'ai été agressée et maltraitée pendant près d'un an et demi », a-t- **elle déclaré, se plaignant que les lumières de sa cellule n'étaient jamais éteintes et que des gardes *« effrayants » la* fixaient pendant qu'elle prenait une douche. Maxwell a également insisté sur le fait qu'elle était innocente et *« n'a joué aucun rôle dans les crimes d'Epstein »,* ce qu'elle a dit qu'elle prouverait devant le tribunal.**

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العرق الأمازيغي أو النوع البربري في التصنيف الانثروبولوجي + معرض صور

يتم تعريف العرق الأمازيغي أو النوع البربري Berberid/Berid Type في التصنيف الانثروبولوجي عند الباحثين الغربيين بمسميات عدة و سلم تراتبي دقيق، فهو يعتبر كعرق ابيض أولي وبدائي أو ببساطة يعتبر

ك كرومانيوم **Cromagnon** (أول أنسان أبيض و أول أنسان عاقل متطور في التاريخ البشري) أو عرق المشتاني **Mechtoid type** ، ويرى ايضا ك **Proto-Mediterranean** أي أقدم عنصر بشري ظهر في البحر الأبيض المتوسط.

ويمتاز النوع البربري بالخشونة الجسدية و الملامح التفصيلية على الوجه مع استدارة رباعية للوجه والجمجمة أو طولية أحيانا تعرف ب**Mesaticephalic** و بجبهة كبيرة و عريضة بالاضافة لأنف مستقيمي وأحيانا أنف محدب (غير معوج) لكنه نحيف عموما، يمتاز بعضلات وجهية قوية على صعيد الخدين و فكين عريضين و ثقيلين، مع ذقن بارز و سطح جمجمي رباعي بيضوي و انحنائة شبه مستقيمية للخلف الرأسي، وعادة تميل العيون ألى الضمور أو الاتساع عرضيا مع حواجب ممتدة تؤخذ خط مثلث بزاوية منحنية في الوسط.

وينحدر من النوع البربري عدة أنواع أتخذت منحا تطوريا أقل حدة في الملامح البارزة عند سلفها، كالأطلسي المتوسطي **Atlanto-Mediterranean** وهو يشكل عنصرا مهما في شمال أفريقيا ويمتاز بالرؤوس الطويلة **Dolichocephalic** و بالملامح البربرية ولكن أقل حدة من السلف المباشر مع عيون واسعة.

وهناك المتوسطي الخفيف **Gracile Mediterranean** وهو أيضا منتشر بشمال افريقيا بشكل مهم برؤوس طولية ، و يتميز أنه يشبه العنصر الالبي الأوروبي **Alpine**، لكن هو يمتاز كونه مجرد نوع بربري فقد صلابته الملامحية و احتفظ بقوة الشكل الجمجمي للنوع البربري و لكن برأس طولي بيضوي و عيون كبيرة.

حاليا للنوع البربري عدة مسميات أثنولوجية و أنثروبولوجية وعادة يسمى ب **Alpo-Mediterranean**، (الألبو-متوسطي) وأقحام العنصر الألبي في التسمية تم أضافته من طرف المتخصصين اللذين يرون أن النوع الألبي الأوروبي و الأسيوي قد أنحدر من نوع ألبي بدائي له صفات قوية و خشنة وهي في نظرهم تتطابق مع العنصر البربري، فالألبي يتمتيز بالاستدارة الوجهية و دقة الملامح وصغر حجم الرأس **Brachycephalic**، وهي خصائص نوعا ما متشاركة مع العنصر البربري فيما يخص دقة رسم الملامح و شبه استدارة الوجه و الرأس اللتي تؤخذ شكلا رباعيا بيضوي **Mesaticephalic**.

يرى المختصون أن النوع البربري، منتشر بشكل خاص في غربي المتوسط ويشكل أقلية مرئية في أوروبا الغربية و أغلبية ملاحظة في شمال أفريقيا ، وخصوصا عند الأمازيغ. لذالك أطلقوا عليه أسم **EURO-AFRIKANID**، أي أورو-أفريقي.

من خاصيات النوع البربري أنه يميل للبياض غالبا و عادة للون الزيتي المتوسطي (بفعل تأثير أشعة الشمس)، و بشعر كثيف و طويل، غالبا يكون كستنائيا او بنيا مع لون عيون بنية براقة.. وفي حالة تأقلمه مع الجو البارد لمدة مهمة فهو يبدأ بالتشقر أو الاحمرار في شعره و تبدأ عيونه بالاخضرار و الازرراق، مع تفتح كبير للون بشرته ، لذالك يرى الانثروبولجييون أن العنصر البربري هو كرومانيوم كستنائي، **Brunet Cromagnon**، لأنه تطور في بيئة جنوبية لأوروبا الشمالية فامتاز بلون كستنائي للون شعره و عيونه و اسمرار لبشرته بفعل اشعة الشمس.

وهذه هي تراتبية و مسميات العرق الأمازيغي حسب كبار علماء الأنثروبولوجيا،

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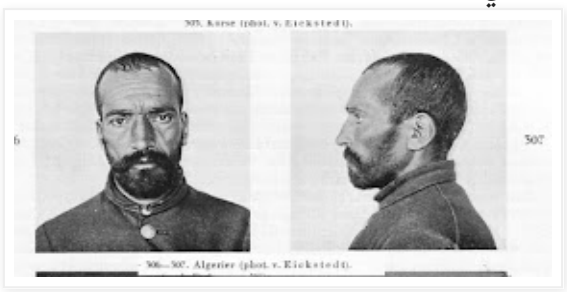

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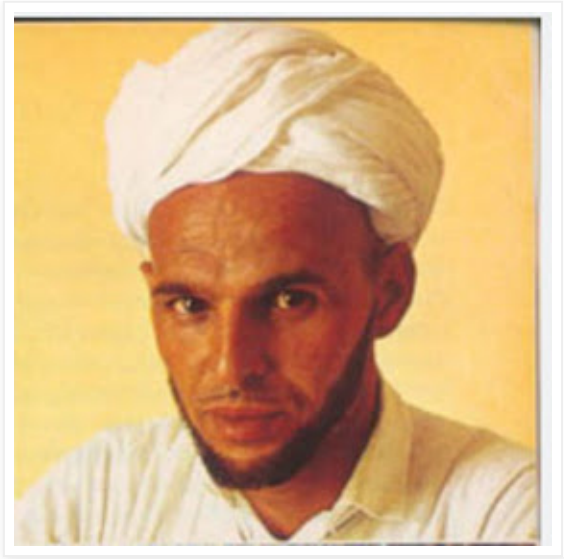

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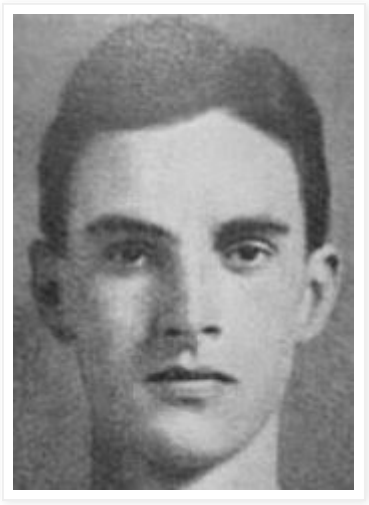

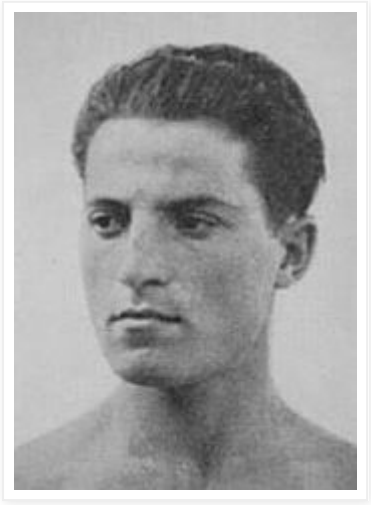

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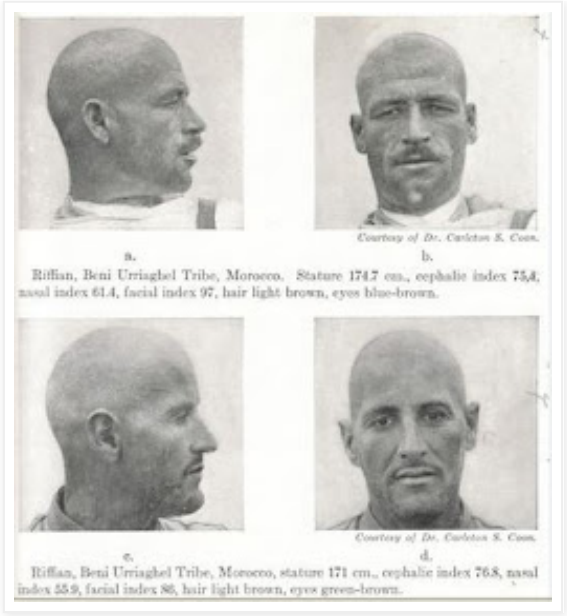

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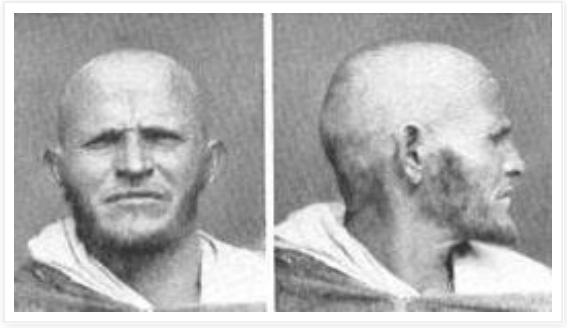

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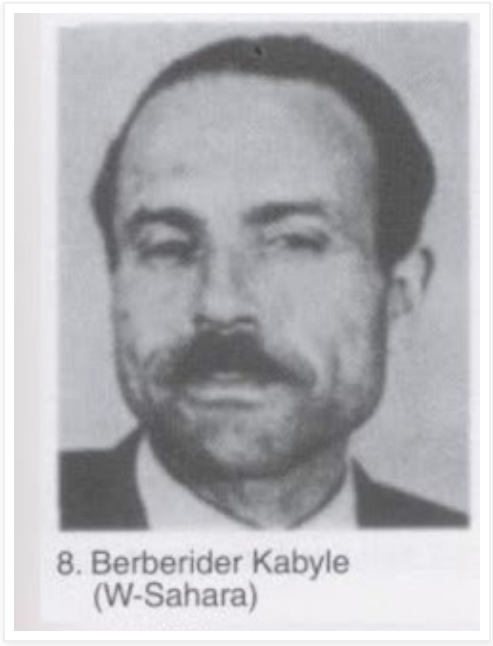

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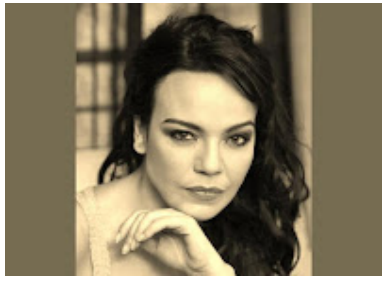

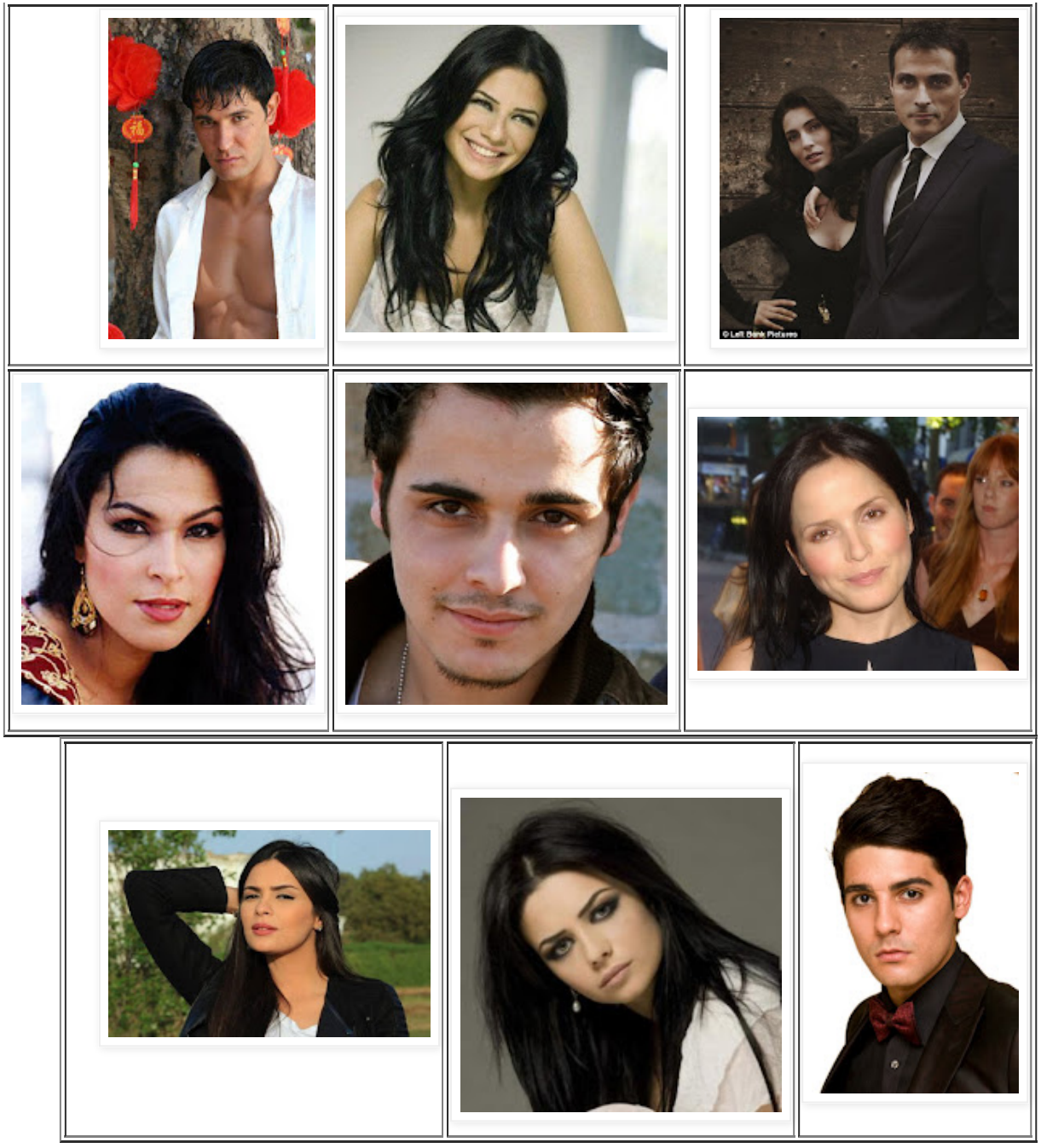

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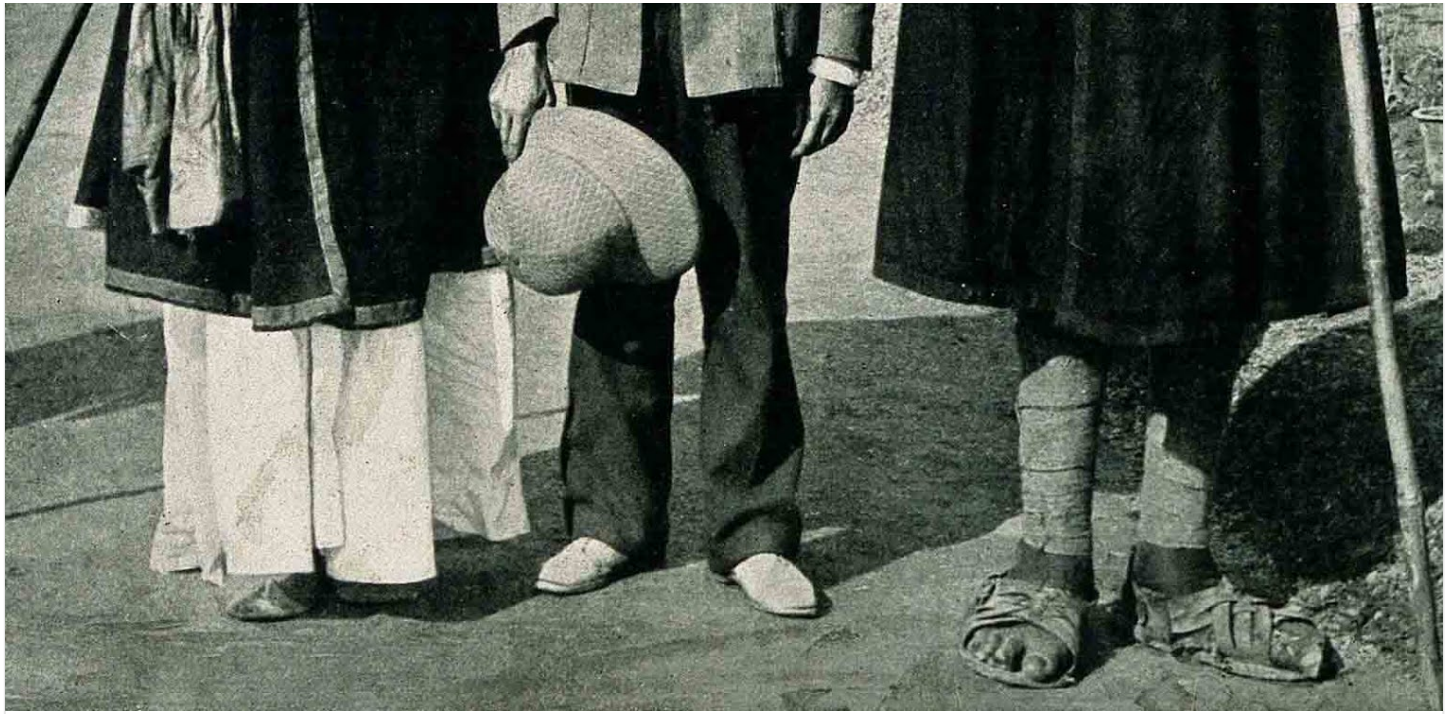


Professor James Ricalton with his friends, the Giants of Kashmir.

The Durbar of 1903 was held in Delhi to celebrate the succession of the British monarch King Edward VII (the great-grandfather of the current British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II) as the Emperor of India.

The Delhi Durbar was organized by Lord Curzon, India's viceroy at the time. The original plan was for Edward himself to come to India for a special coronation ceremony, but when the King refused (he was conspicuously less interested in India than Victoria had been), Curzon decided to stage a massive spectacle instead.

After two years' planning, the ceremonies began on 29 December 1902 with a lavish parade of elephants through the streets. Guests included a wide range of Indian princes and maharajas, with the Duke of Connaught representing the British Royal Family.

The actual Durbar was held on New Year's Day, 1903, on a large plain outside Delhi and was intended to highlight the supposed glory of the monarchy and its Empire.

The assembly displayed possibly the greatest collection of jewels to be seen in one place. Each of the Indian princes was adorned with the most spectacular of his gems from the collections of centuries.

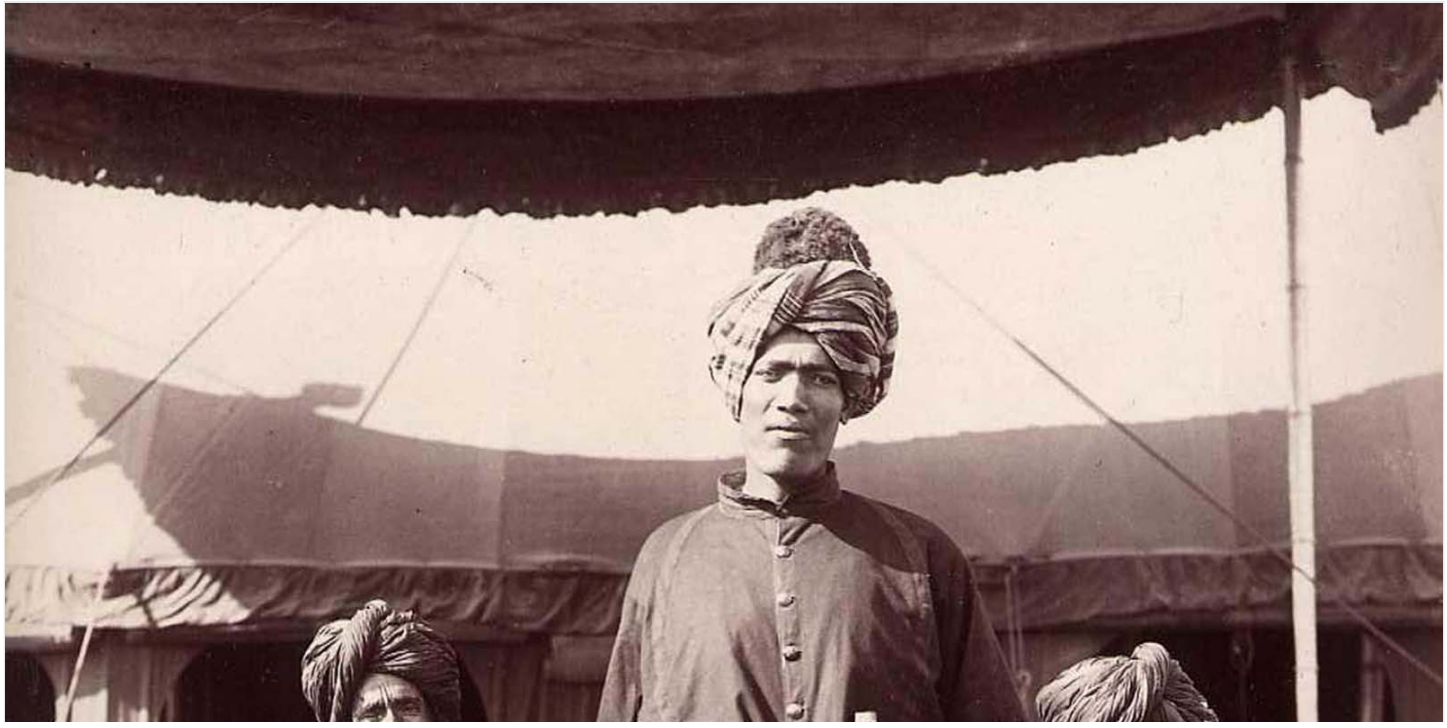
The two Kashmiri brothers were known as the Cashmere Giants and are both over 7 feet tall.

Maharajahs came with great retinues from all over India, many of them meeting for the first time while the massed ranks of the Indian armies, under their Commander-in-Chief Lord Kitchener, paraded, played their bands, and restrained the crowds of common people.

On the first day, the Curzons entered the area of festivities, together with the maharajas, riding on elephants, some with huge gold candelabras stuck on their tusks. But nothing creates an impression like having two giant guards in your entourage.

The Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja brought along with him two of the tallest men (in the whole world it seems) from Kashmir.

One of the giants was 7’9” tall (2.36 m) while the “shorter” one was a mere 7’4” tall (2.23 m) and according to various sources they were indeed twin brothers. They created quite an impression at the Durbar as they literally stood heads and shoulders above the rest. The brothers were known as the Two Kashmir Giants and were elite riflemen in the service of the Maharaja.



One of the giant brothers posing with regular guards.

The event was attended by international journalists and photographers, one of them being James Ricalton, an American traveler and photographer who managed to get a few pictures with the Two Giants of Kashmir. We don't know exactly how tall Ricalton was, but judging by his photographs he surely loved posing with the two giants of Kashmir.

The Brisbane Courier printed in February 1903, had an article titled “The Retinue of the Ruler of Kashmir included a fine detachment of Cuirassiers and a huge Giant”. Probably the reporter didn’t see the other Giant.

One of the original captions claims that the Kashmiri brothers were originally from a place called “Balmokand”. Unfortunately, we can’t locate this place in Kashmir, maybe the name changed or someone got it wrong.

Professor James Ricalton (1844-1929) posing with one of the Kashmir giants.

The Kashmir Giant.

This photo was taken on a different evet.

This caption says one of the giants was 7′6″, however, all the other sources claim that the actual height was 7′9″.

The giants were brothers and elite riflemen of the Maharaja of Kashmir.

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Great post!

Was very curious about the authenticity of the pictures. I had seen them before but without a caption.

Good to know the history behind the men.

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Le 20 janvier 1790, un groupe de huit personnes a soumis une pétition à la Chambre des représentants de Caroline du Sud. Ils y relatent leur détention chez les Portugais qui les ont faits prisonniers de guerre après les avoir capturés dans leur pays d'origine, le Maroc. Les individus disent avoir été livrés à un capitaine nommé Clark, qui leur a promis leur rachat par l'Ambassade du Maroc en Angleterre. Ils auraient retrouvé leur liberté, sauf que Clark n'a pas tenu ses promesses et les a conduits en Caroline du Sud. Revendus en esclaves, les individus ont défendu le fait qu'ils soient sujets d'un sultan allié des États-Unis, qui n'est autre que Mohammed Ben Abdallah (1757-1790). Après examen de leur pétition, la décision a été rendue par la Chambre : « Les personnes qui sont les Sujets de l'Empereur du Maroc étant Libres dans cet État ne sont pas justiciables selon la Loi commandant pour le meilleur ordre et la meilleure direction des Noirs et autres esclaves ». Ce principe implique que les Maures ne doivent pas être soumis aux lois dites du Negro Act. Ainsi, le Moors Sundry Act a été adopté la même année, pour octroyer aux Maures un statut particulier qui les reconnaît juridiquement comme « blancs ».

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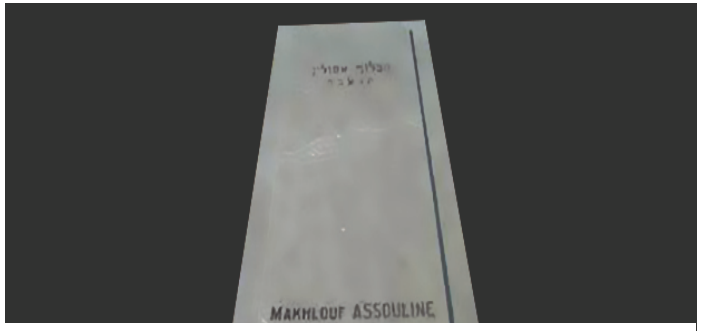

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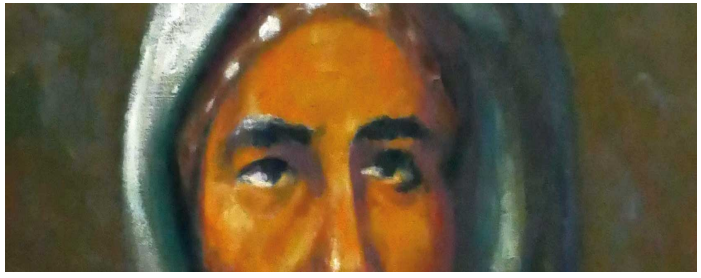

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Unsolved Mystery: Where did Hannibal get his War Elephants?

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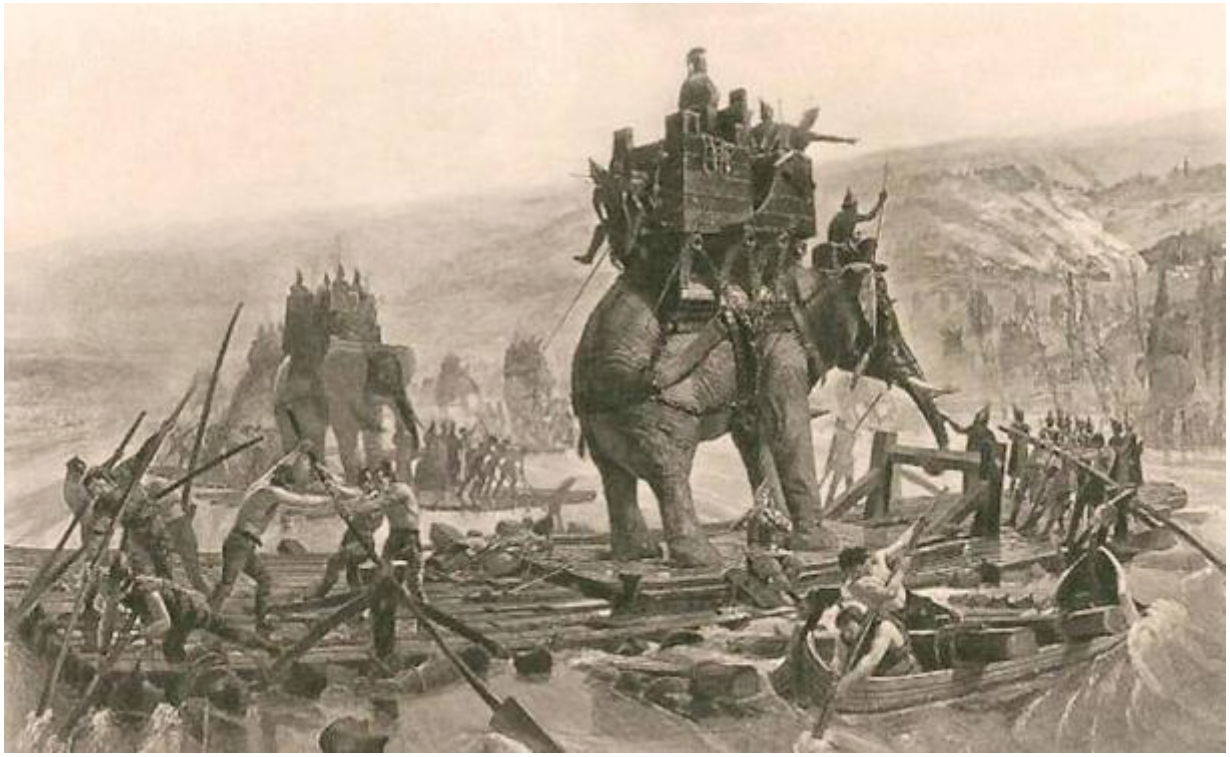
Hannibal Barca was a great Carthaginian general, known for fighting against Rome during the second Punic war. He lived from 247 to c. 182 BC. His name has been one used to incite fear over the centuries, and he remains well-known for his highly strategic military tactics. One of Hannibal's most notable achievements occurred around 218 BC. In a quest to join up with anti-Roman allies, Hannibal led 100,000 troops and 40 elephants on a **treacherous journey through the Alps** . Many troops and animals were killed while crossing the Alps, and to this day, Hannibal's completion of this journey is revered as one of the greatest military moments in history.

While the crossing of the Alps was an incredible journey that helped to seal Hannibal's place as one of the greatest military leaders in history, there are many mysterious aspects of the journey that have been analyzed, but never solved. One of the greatest of those mysteries is where Hannibal got his pack of elephants. While war elephants have commonly been used historically, it is unclear how Hannibal obtained this enormous pack elephants. During Hannibal's time, there were only two species of elephants in existence – Asian and African. Hannibal lived in Carthage, which is present-day Tunisia, located on the Mediterranean. This is quite a distance from Asia, and from the area south of the Sahara where African elephants are found.



Hannibal's Army Crossing the Rhone, Henri Paul Motte, 1878. (***Wikipedia****)*

It has not been determined whether Hannibal used Asian elephants, African elephants, or a combination of the two. Looking at the characteristics of each type of elephant may provide insight into which species would have been preferable for Hannibal's needs. It is believed that if given a choice, Hannibal would have chosen the Asian elephants. They are somewhat smaller in size than African elephants, and can be easier to train. Elephants used for military purposes would have to be well-trained, or else they would be more of a burden than a benefit. African elephants can be more difficult to control, which, added to their bigger size, would make them less suitable for military purposes, and certainly less desirable for a treacherous trek across the Alps.

*Hannibal crossing the Alps with War Elephants (**Source**)*

Some historians believe that the elephants came from a small forest subspecies of elephants located in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco and Algeria. These elephants were somewhat small, standing eight feet tall at the shoulders, and may not have been as useful for military purposes. Gavin de Beer, of the British Museum of Natural History wrote about these elephants, describing them as smelly and loud, and stating that they were highly dangerous when they charged. Some historians cite a coin from Hannibal's time that depicts an African elephant. However, only a single elephant survived the trek across the Alps and the war, and it is believed that this was an Asian elephant. The beast's name was Surus, which means "the Syrian," and this was the elephant that Hannibal himself rode. Surus may have been a descendant of one of the elephants seized by the Ptolemies of Egypt during their campaigns in Syria, and brought back to

Carthage. While this is cited as evidence that at least one of Hannibal's elephants was Asian, it does not generally lead to a conclusion that all of his elephants were Asian. It may be that Hannibal collected his elephants from different areas.

It may never be known for sure exactly where Hannibal's elephants came from. Being large creatures that need a great amount of sustenance, it is likely that any journey transporting elephants would have been complicated, and would require much advanced planning. It is likely that Hannibal was less concerned with exactly where his elephants came from, and instead he focused more on whether they would be an asset to his military forces during the second Punic war.

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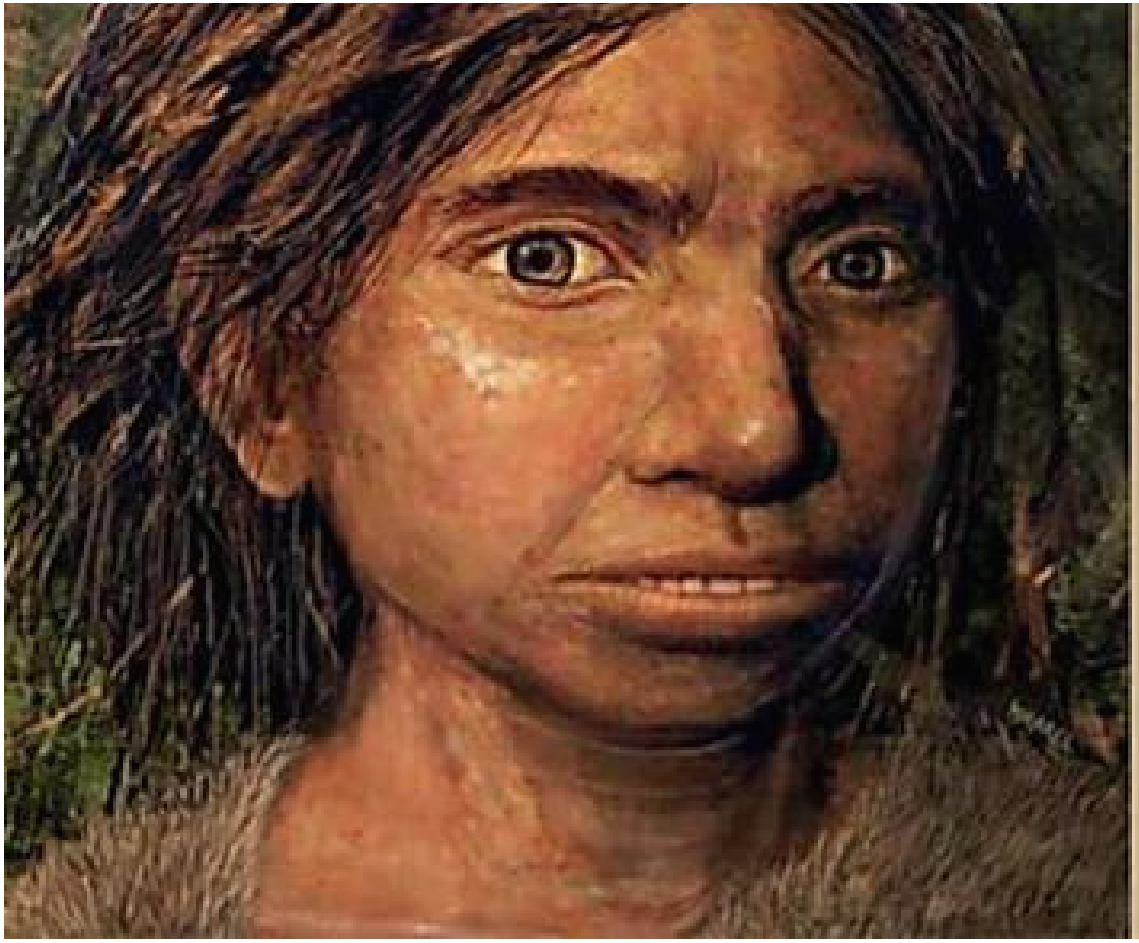

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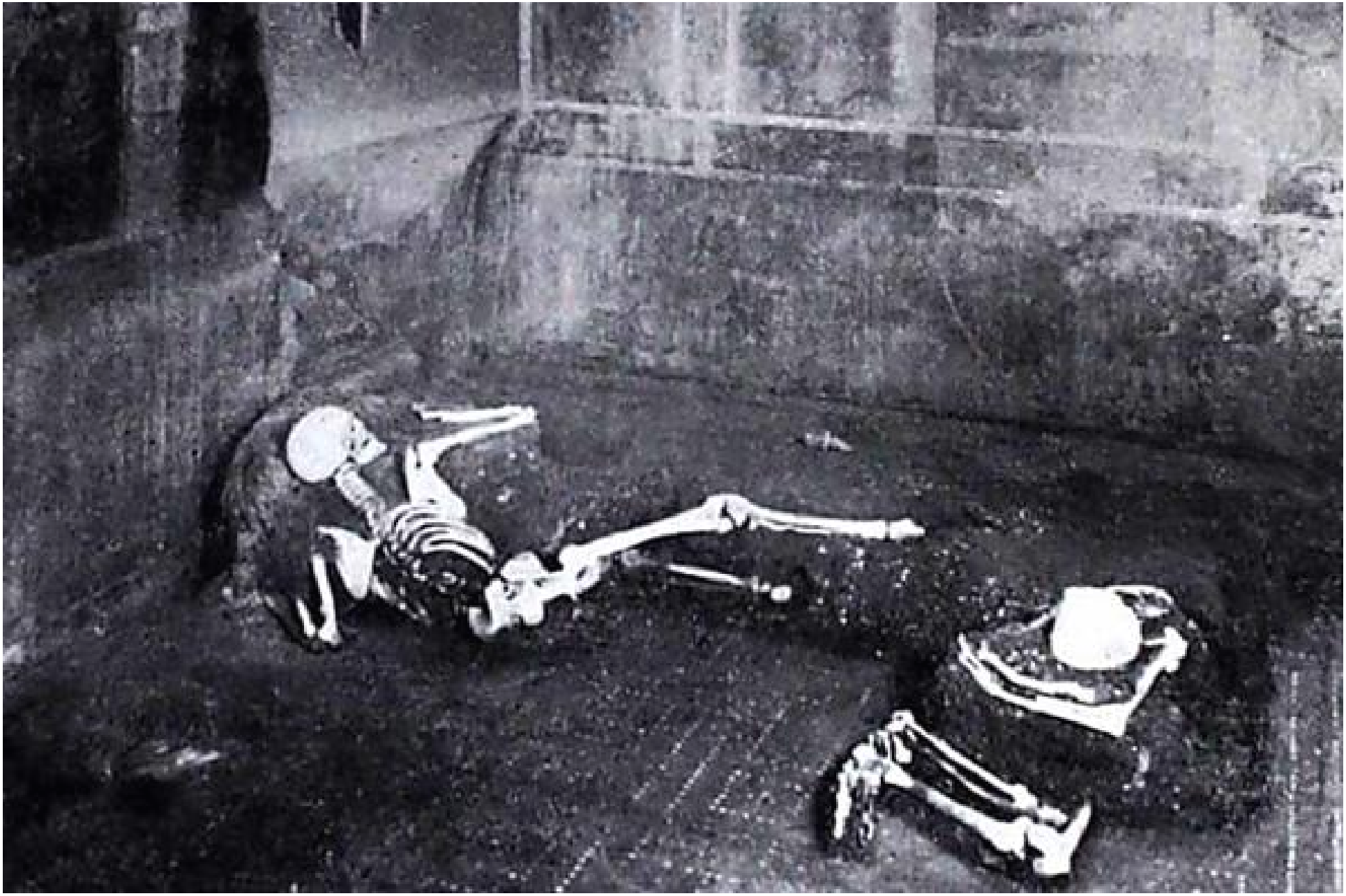

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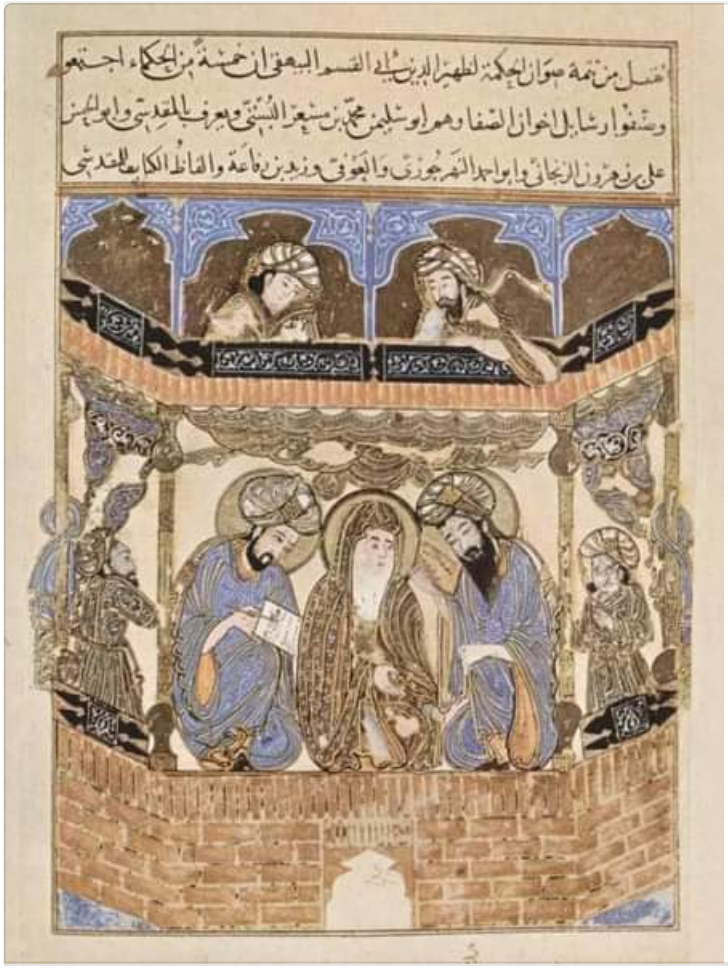

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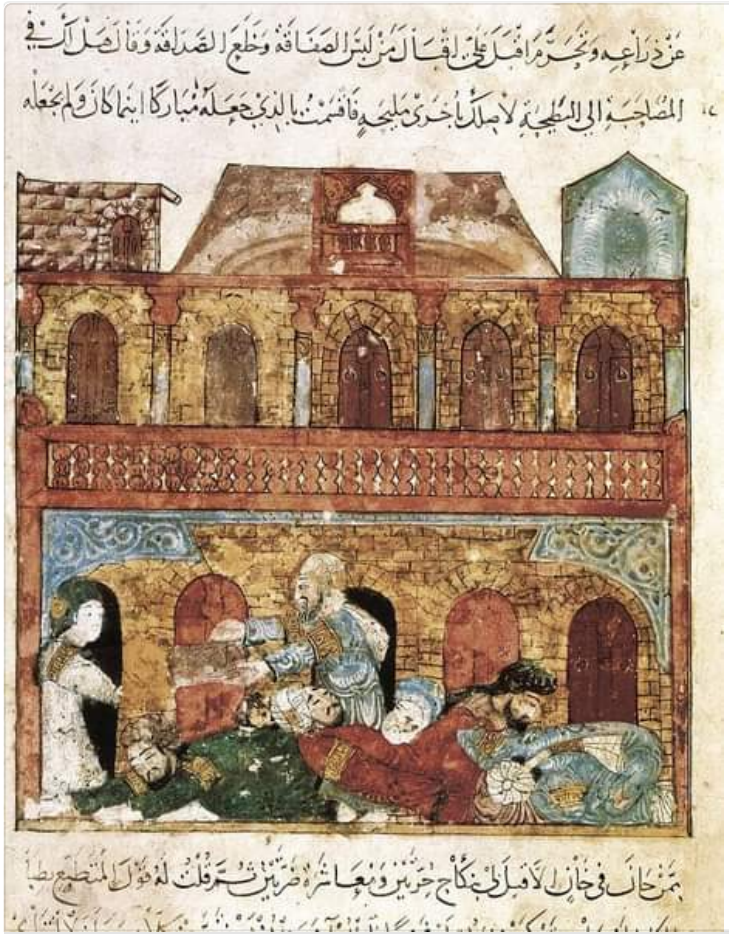

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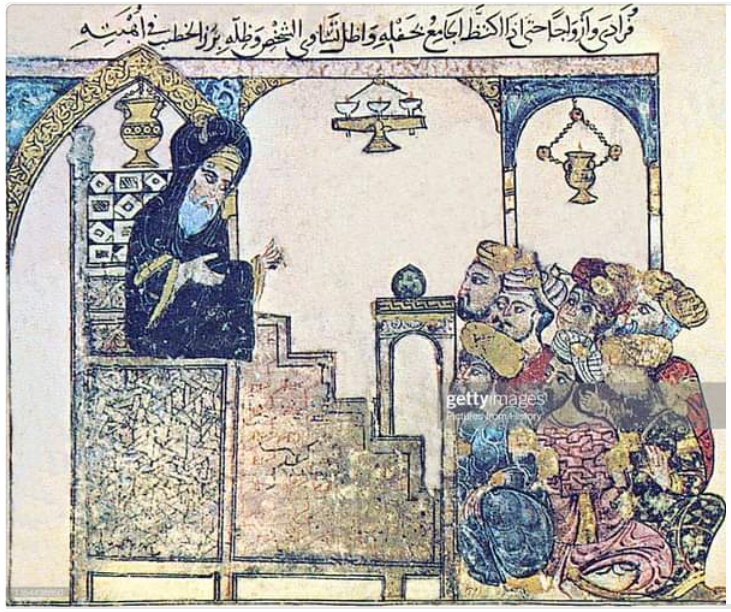

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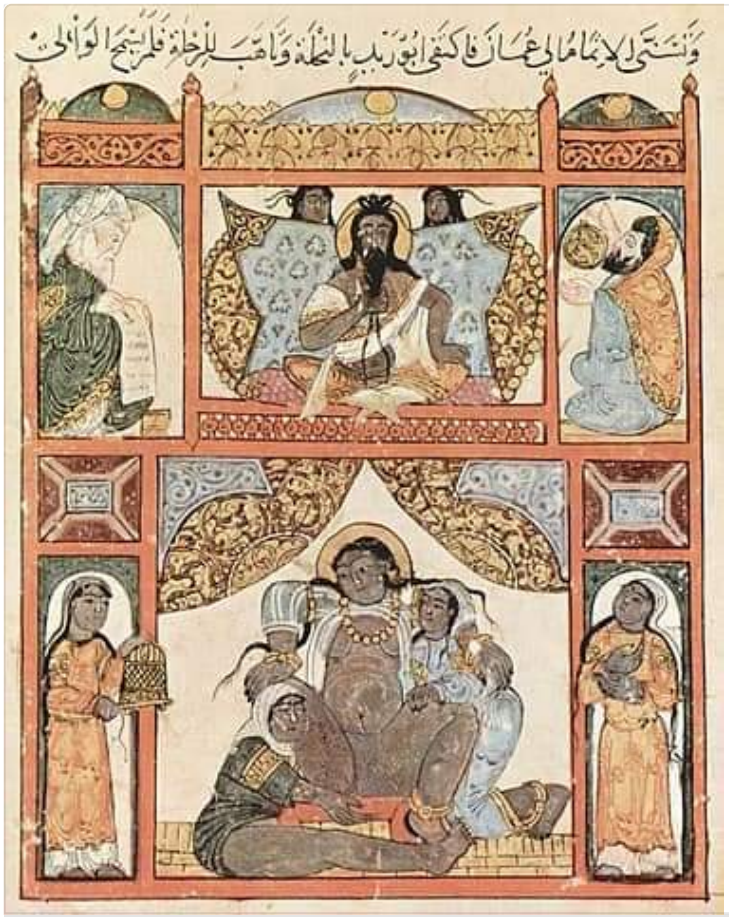

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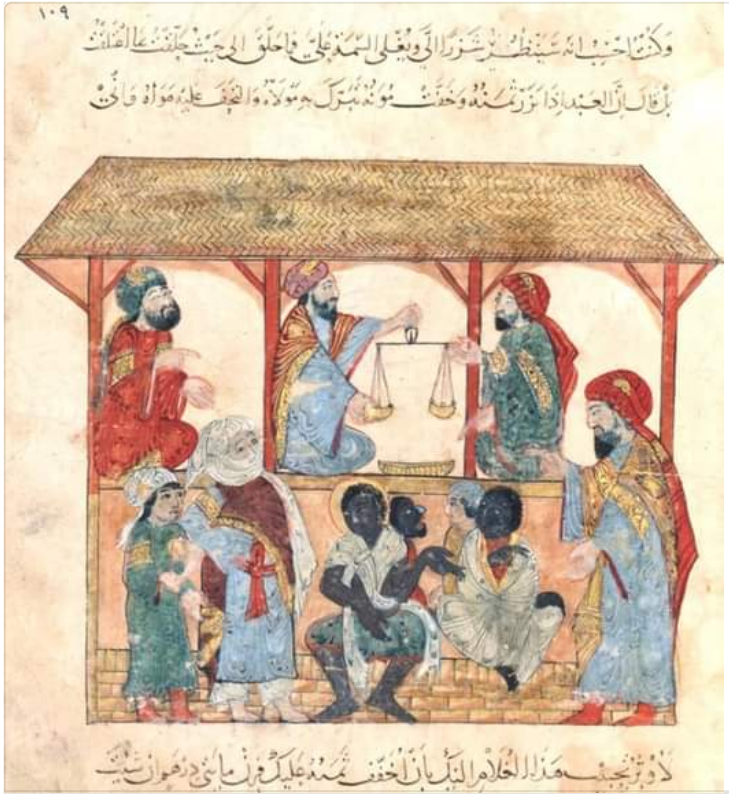

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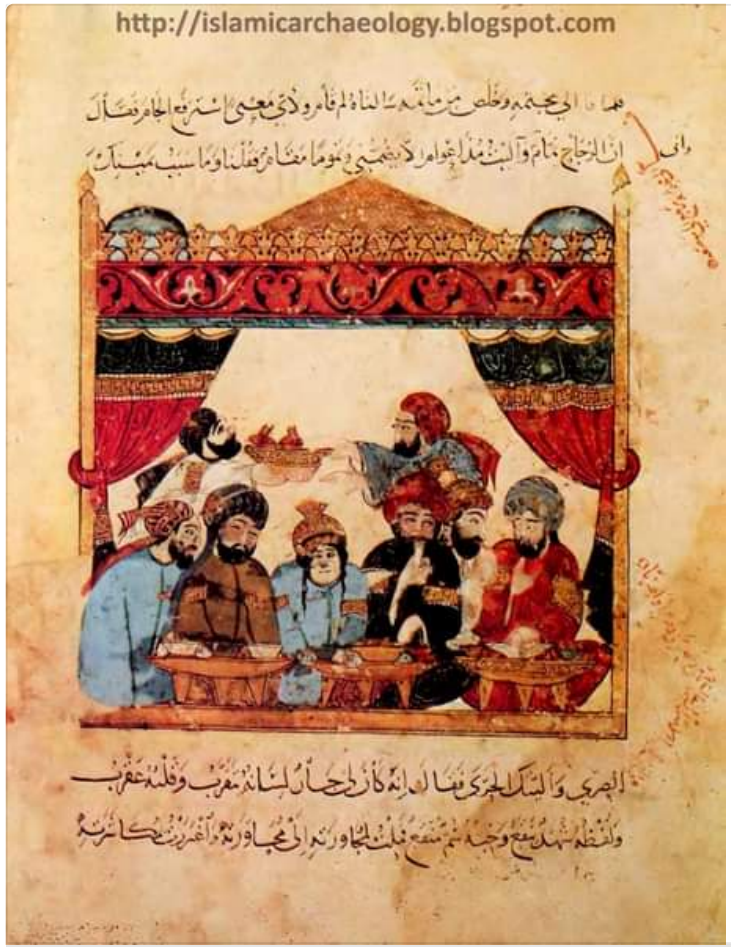

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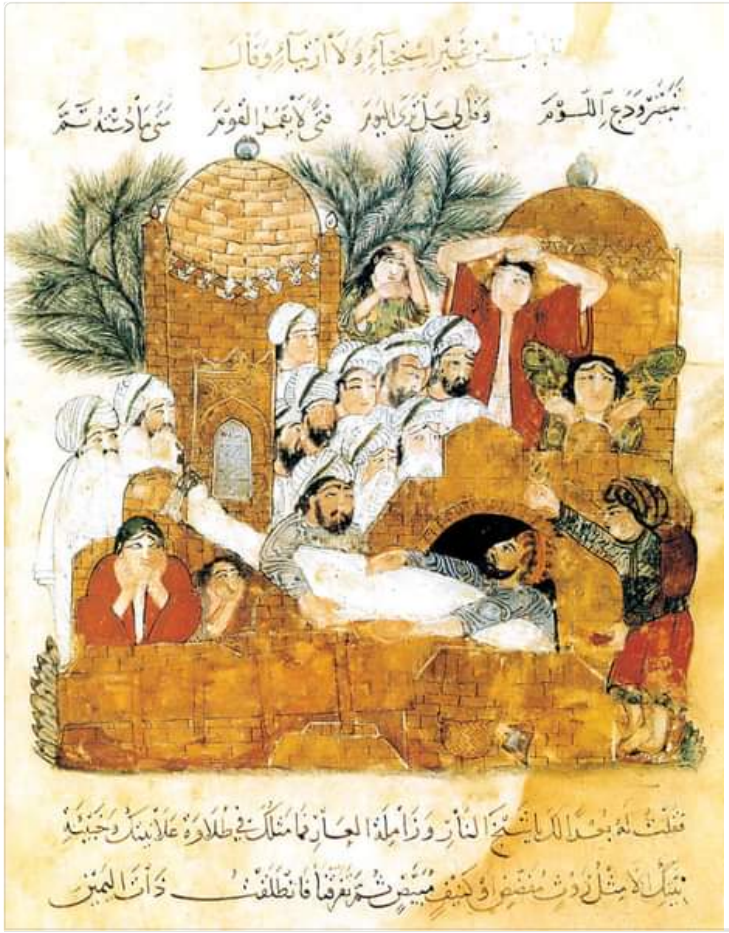

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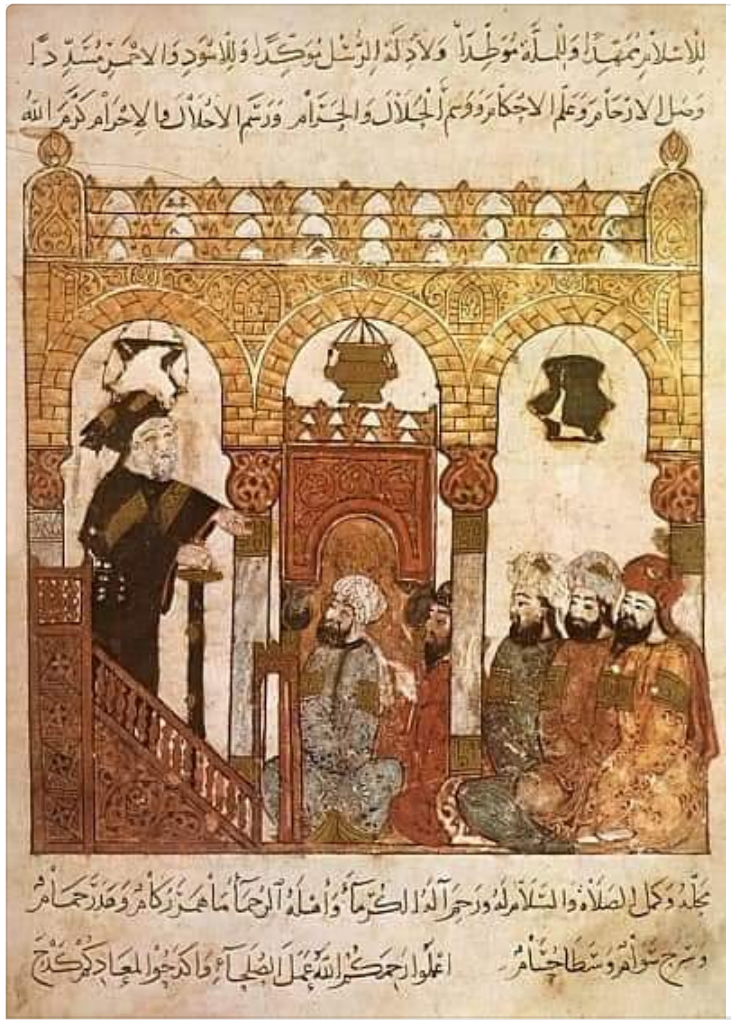

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Finding Richard's circlet after the battle, Lord Stanley hands it to Henry at the Battle of Bosworth Field, 1485. Engraving, 19th century. Image via Warfare History Network

The name of the wars is related to the roses; a red rose represents the Lancastrians (House of Lancastrians) and the Yorkists by a white rose.

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Another important figure in this conflict was an English nobleman, administrator, and military commander, Richard Neville, 16th Earl of Warwick (1428 – 1471). He was wealthy and powerful, with political connections beyond the country's borders.

Neville was initially on the Yorkist side but later switched to the Lancastrian side, and in fact, he was instrumental in the deposition of two kings.

The dispute between the two houses began with the overthrow of King Richard by Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Lancaster, in 1399. Henry Bolingbroke (c. April 1367 – 20 March 1413), crowned Henry IV, was King of England from 1399 to 1413, but his rule was widely unpopular. Shortly, a revolt broke out in Wales, Cheshire, and Northumberland, and Henry IV managed to suppress the revolts with difficulty.

He died in 1413, and his successor was Henry V, a popular king and a strong leader who led England against France in the Hundred Years' War (1337 to 1453) and won many battles, giving the Lancastrians enough power to hold on to the throne. When Henry V died in 1422 from dysentery, his son, Henry VI, became his successor as King of England and France, but he had many difficulties in ruling the country. He had a mental illness inherited from his French grandfather, Charles VI.

Henry was an ineffective ruler, surrounded by some unpopular advisors such as Cardinal Beaufort, the Duke of Gloucester, and the Duke of Suffolk When Henry VI's life was about to end, the Yorkists were almost sure their representative would have a right of succession after him.

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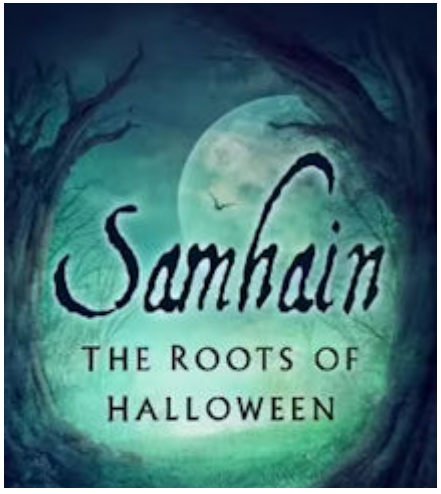

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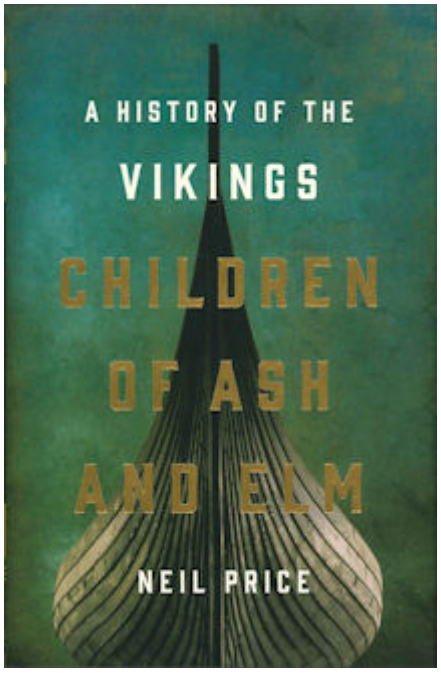
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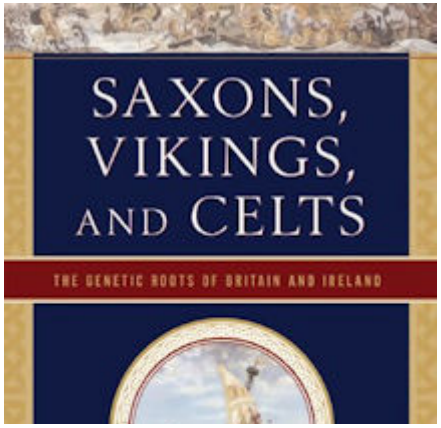
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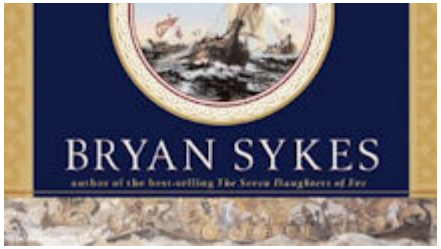
However, it was not that simple. The new King did not inherit the throne; instead, he was *elected*. Parliament played an essential role in this challenging political process. It had the enormous power to create a king.

"..Haughty, arrogant kings bowed submissively to its will. Henry could not make laws nor impose taxes without first summoning Parliament and obtaining his subjects' consent. But corrupting influences were at work, which was destined to cheat England out of her liberties for many a year." 1

The country's impoverishment to pay for the war and royal extravagances had awakened a troublesome spirit in the House of Commons. Cruelty to heretics also, and oppressive enactments were fought and defeated in this body. The Kikingclergy, and nobles, were drawing closer together and farther away from the people, and were devising ways of stifling their will..." wrote an American author and historian, Mary Platt Parmele, in her "A Short History of England, Ireland, and Scotland."

At the same time, according to the strict rules of hereditary succession, *there were two others* with claims superior to Henry's. The Duke of Lancaster, Henry's father (John of Gaunt), was only a younger son of Edward III. Richard Duke of York, his cousin, claimed a double descent from Duke Clarence and the Duke of York, both sons of Edward III.

It is also said that another immediate cause of the York revolt related to Queen Margaret Anjou, who unexpectedly revealed her male child. It had raised serious doubts about the origin of the righteous bed and, of course, *seriously contributed* to the beginning of the Wars of the Roses, a gloomy and very destructive period in the history of England, where most of the fighting took place, which resulted in significant loss of life and property.



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Henry VII (1457 – 1509), an offshoot of the House of Lancaster), raised a Lancastrian army against Richard III, defeated the Yorkists, and killed Richard at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485.

After this battle, the throne of England finally fell to the representative of a strong family - Henry Tudor.

Henry VII was crowned King and married Edward IV's daughter, Princess Elizabeth of York - a move to end the very tiring and devastating period in the history of England - Wars of the Roses. He reunited the two royal houses, merging the rival symbols *of the red and white roses* into the new emblem of the red and white *Tudor rose.*

The House of Tudor ruled the Kingdom of England until 1603.

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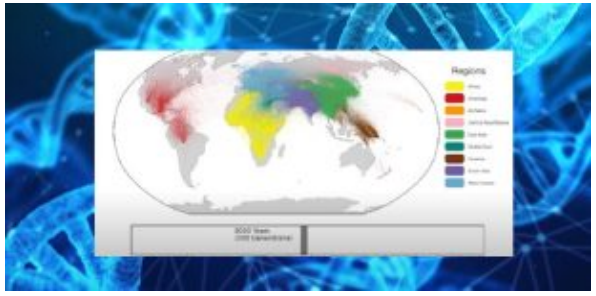

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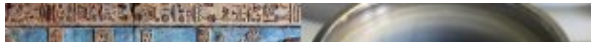

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The Sicarii were a splinter group of the Jewish Zealots who were active around 70 AD. The name Sicarii is the plural of the Latin ' *Sicarius*' (dagger man) and it was because of the actions of these Jewish freedom fighters (assassins) that the term later became associated with assassins and murderers. The Sicarii began their reign of terror in Jerusalem under the leadership of Menahem, the grandson of Judah, a former Jewish dissident. Unlike most other groups of assassins before them, the Jewish Sicarii were overtly motivated by religion and politics with the prime goal of driving the Roman invaders and their Jewish collaborators from the lands of Judea. Achievement of this goal meant training new recruits on how to conduct various guerrilla operations against Roman convoys and legions in Judea, which differed from all of the other provinces to the east of the Roman Empire in that it never submitted to Roman rule.

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Archaeologists have found many artifacts that suggest Blacks lived in Pre-Columbian America in locations including Tiahuanaco and Valdivia. Epigraphers and archaeologists have even found evidence that Axumites, Meroites, and Puntites may have voyaged to South America before Columbus.

There is also ample evidence that Sumerians were in South America, which they called *Kuga-Ki*. It was here that the Sumerians mined tin and other minerals. East Africans probably learned about Ecuador and Peru from the Sumerians. During the Arwe and Axumite empires, Semitic or Puntite speaking Ethiopians traveled to South America.

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Evidence for Early Ethiopans in the Andean Region

Between 13,000 BC and 600 AD, Blacks from East Africa and Asia began settling in South America. Many African skulls have been found in Ecuador, in sections of Chile in Valdivia, and among the Ponuencho of Peru. These countries would have also been part of the Sumerian Kuga-Ki.

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Ecuador has provided substantial archaeological evidence for the presence of Africoids in South America. One of the most significant finds was a magnificent stone head of a man wearing a circular earring on his right ear. This head is similar to a carving of Akhenaton. Dr. von Wuthenau identified this figure as representing the "negroid element" in preclassical Ecuador.

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Alexander Von Wuthenau's Ethiopian Type. (Author provided)

According to Lanning, "there was a possible movement of negritos from Ecuador into the Piura Valley, north of Chicama and Viru." He believes there is a relationship between this culture and the Valdivia site which was active from 1800 BC to 100 AD. Dr. Dixon said Valdivia was inhabited by Africoid people.

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*Valdivia (Ministerio de Cultura y Patrimonio del Ecuador/ **CC BY 4.0),** Chorrera (**Public Domain**), and Carchi (**Lidia Poaquiza**) representations of individuals who may have been Africans in ancient Ecuador.*

In Peru, large double decked boats are depicted on ceramic pots which are almost identical to the papyrus boats used in the Proto-Sahara and Punt. Water jars and other cargo are painted on the lower deck of the boats along with rows of people. An earthly representation of the Sun god Ra stood on the upper deck, the same as the Sun god of Meroe and Egypt, surrounded by bird men who handle the ropes and propel the ship through the water. The interesting thing about these pictures is that they are almost exact replicas of scenes depicted in Egyptian pyramids.

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*Depiction of a Moche reed boat. (**Bibliodyssey**)*

There are other similarities between Ethiopia and Peru. Ethiopians used battle clubs in war and their doctors became skilled in **trepanning** - cranial surgery without killing the patient. This operation was unknown to Europeans until after Columbus discovered America, yet it was known to the Peruvians. Both groups also used false heads on mummies.

Peruvians and Ethiopians also used horizontal looms staked out on the ground along with the vertical-frame loom with two warp beams (Rowe, 1966). Von Hagen noted that “A form of backstring loom was used in Egypt, a horizontal loom appears in predynastic Egypt, and the one pictured on the tomb Khnemholep (at Beni Hasan) circa 1900 BC, is identical with those of the Andean and coastal Peruvians.”

An indigenous woman using a traditional loom. (Author provided)

Ethiopian explorers probably reached Peru and Ecuador by accident. Chinese records make it clear that Axumites made many long voyages across the Pacific and Indian Oceans. These sailors traveled mid-ocean, not near the shore. A group of Ethiopian merchants probably on a voyage to China, Sri Lanka, or Malayasia; or on a military campaign to put down a rebellion in one of their Indian Ocean colonies, may have been captured by the Equatorial Counter Current in their papyrus boats and carried to Peru-Ecuador. Since they were usually prepared for voyages up to five years long, these hypothetical voyagers would have possessed the supplies necessary to make the long trip.

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Early Depictions of East Africans in South America

The Axumites probably landed in sparsely populated areas in Peru- Ecuador. They would have met little resistance from the local Amerindian groups (who saw them as giants.) The Axumites' experience building underground dwellings made it possible for them to construct safe habitation complexes, and later step pyramids, to bury their elite. As in Meroe, Peruvian pyramids were made of bricks of sun dried clay mixed with straw - using the same formula as Egyptians and Ethiopians. Peruvian adobe was made in a rectangular mold, just like in Ethiopia.

*Detail of adobe relief motif at the Chan Chan complex built by the Chimor culture near modern Trujillo, Peru . (**CC BY SA 3.0**)*

Quichua people speak a language which is analogous to languages spoken in the Pacific and India. The Quichua Amerindians have an oral tradition which probably records the entrance of

the Axumites in ships made of reeds or "rushes" that landed on the Pacific coast at Santa Elena, close to Puerto Viejo. An oral tradition recorded by Don Cieza de Leon, a Spainish soldier-priest in 1545 AD says:

> *“These giants from the sea were so great in stature that from the knee down, they were as tall as a tall man. It was amazing to see how the hair hung from their great heads to their shoulders. Yet were they beardless. They ate [probably meant they fight] more than fifty ordinary men. There eyes were big as plates [como pequenos platos]. Their arms and legs were proportionately huge. Some were clad in skins of animals; others quite naked. No women came with them. Going inland they ravaged the country and finding no water, these builders in great stone set to and sank an immensely deep well in the living rock.... and today [in AD 1545] the water of this ancient well is so clear and cold and wholesome that it is a pleasure to drink it. This well made by the giants was lined with masonry, from top to bottom, and so well are these wells made that they will last for ages.”*

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Wilkins believes that these giants helped build Tiahuanaco. Commenting on the inhabitants of this ancient South American city he noted:

> *"They were a reddish-skinned race, though among them, as remarkable statuary, dug up from ruins shows, were also black men, with prognathic features. One splendid piece of terra cotta depicts in beautiful colors a high priest of the sun, with remarkably Egyptian eyes and having on his fine, large forehead a mitre and the sign of evolution, called by Bolivian archaeologists, el simbolo escalonado (the stairway sign)."*

*Tiahuanaco. (Daniel Maciel/ **CC BY 2.0**)*

These stories make it clear that the colonist-conquerors were taller than Amerinidians. They also detail how the newcomers built monuments out of solid rock. This architectural ability was a trademark of the Axumites. On the Mochica pottery these "giants" are depicted with black faces. At San Agustin, near the Colombian border, statues portray them with African features.

Mochica sculptures show people of marked racial variations: Some appear to be Africans, while others are American Indians. A well-known characteristic of the Andean people is the absence of heavy beards. Yet many Mochica sculptures show images of old men with long beards.

It is also interesting to note the Moche warriors and elite wore conical helmets like those of Meroitic elites - with a T-shaped ornament at the apex. Blacks are usually depicted wearing ornaments on their ears, lips, and nose as well.

*Mochica ceramics that may depict Africans. (**Public Domain**), (**Public Domain**) & (**Public Domain**)*

East Africans and the Huari Culture

Some of the Ethiopians that landed in Peru made their way inland. By 500 or 600 AD, other Axumites settled at the Marcahuasi plateau, East of Lima in the Western Cordilleras and began the Huari culture. The Huari were mainly African males. They expanded throughout southern Peru and established outposts and invented a well-organized administrative system.

At the Marcahuasi plateau we find monumental sculptures on the cliffs. A Huari monument hewed out of solid rock has sculptured heads of Africans, an ibex, a lion, elephants, frogs, camels and the goddess Tauerat, exactly like monuments discovered in Ethiopia at Angiarro (Wollo).

Large rock with the form of a human face, possibly a natural formation, Marcahuasi (***CC BY SA 3.0*** *)*

It is interesting to note that the tribes found in the vicinity of Huari monuments are called *Huanca* or *Huari*. This is almost the same sound as *Harari*, a name for one of the Semitic speaking tribes of Ethiopia. The forefathers of the Huari are only known from legend as a bearded people. Burland believes that the large ceremonial center of Tiahuanaco may have been the religious center of the Huari empire. Statues of Africans have been found in abundance at this site.

*Piquillacta - Huari archaeological site. (AgainErick/ **CC BY SA 3.0**)*

Epigraphic Evidence of Axumites in South America

There is also epigraphic evidence that supports the influence of Semitic speaking Ethiopians in South America – an inscription at the town of Palpa, some 20 kms (12.43 miles) north east of Nazca, Peru. It is an ancient pattern of lines that can be read using the Ge’ez language of Ethiopia.

Palpa Mountain inscription. (Author Provided)

This inscription says:

> *“Come down (into the earth) and spread this...Strain and pacify the water (in the area) Come and spread (within this region). Grace. Go out (among the land) and become strong”.*

The Nascodex organization refined my decipherment of this inscription as follows:

> *“Come, carve (dig) down into the earth, Pacify, control and increase the waters, Make them flow forth into the region, Gaining grace and favour, Go out among the people, become strong Leaders”.*

There is also epigraphic evidence for Axumites in Cuenca, Ecuador. Father Carlo Crespi collected numerous inscribed artifacts that local people claimed came from underground hiding places. Among these artifacts are 1) a gold sheet with a picture of a pyramid and Ethiopian letters at the foot of the pyramid; 2) a stone tablet with Ethiopian writing placed below three animals; and another with a stone pyramid with an elephant and sun symbol at the top of the pyramid and Ethiopian characters placed within the pyramid. Elephants and lions are rarely seen

in Egyptian art, but they are common in Meroitic and Axumite art. These tablets refer to various aspects of the life of a farmer-soldier (and traveler).

A gold sheet with a picture of a pyramid and Ethiopian letters at the foot of the pyramid. (Author provided)

The tablet (below) with the sun figure, which probably represents Zat-Baden or the Ethiopian sun-god, and an elephant, reference three things: a harp, beer/mead, and bread. These are associated with a man who is about to make a journey or go to work in the field in Tigrai.

The inscription on the stone tablet with a bull, an elephant, and an ibex probably refers to the warrior creed which may have existed among the Moche or Huari that once ruled this area. It uses pictograms to denote the role of the soldier.

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*The stone tablet with the sun figure, a pyramid, and an elephant. (**Solomons Blondes**)*

Although people came to early South America from East Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific, Axumites probably influenced the elaborate stone monuments in Peru and Ecuador and introduced certain types of looms, writing, and medical techniques. East Africans also probably played an important role in the rise of the Moche empire.

*Top image: Representational image of African travelers. Source: **EgyptSearch.com***

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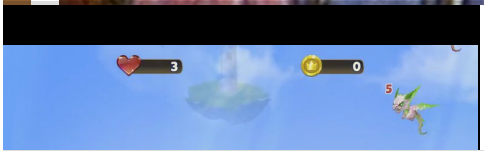
As the eldest son and heir of England's King Edward III Plantagenet, he had a huge responsibility to fight against England's greatest enemy, France. The **Black Prince** was very successful on the battlefield and showed tremendous courage. He was also cunning and intelligent and did not hesitate to lure the enemy into a deadly trap if he had a chance to do so.



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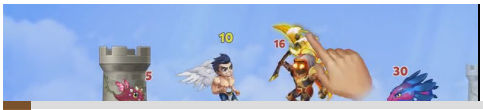

Left: The Black Prince being made a Knight of the Garter. Credit: Public Domain - Right: The Black Prince. Credit: Public Domain

His battles are well-documented, but there is plenty of disagreement about his personality.

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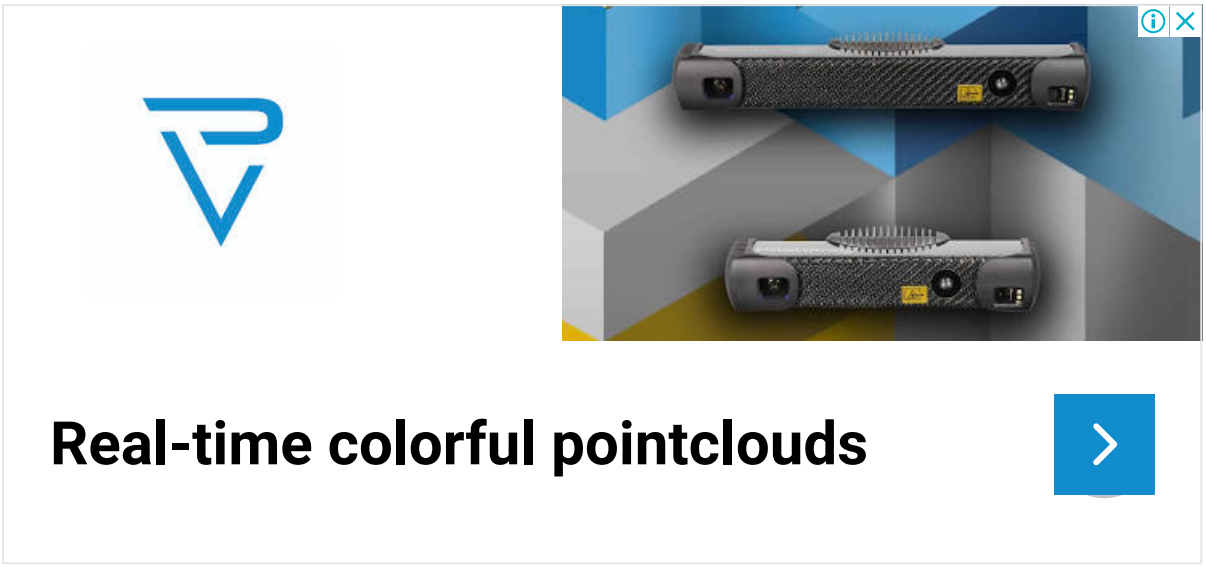

English and French historians present two completely different opinions of the Black Prince, whose tomb can be visited in the Canterbury Cathedral.

How Did The Black Prince Get His Name?

Edward of Woodstock's nickname is a subject historians fail to agree on. French historians argue that Edward of Woodstock's nickname can be traced to his dark character. He got the name Black Prince because his soul was black. He showed no mercy and he was heartless when he and his army plundered France.

The English explain the name in much simpler terms. They maintain the name Black Prince originates from the fact that Edward of Woodstock always wore black **knight armor** in battle.

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By doing so, he was easily recognized among other knights dressed in shiny armor.

What Kind Of Person Was The Black Prince?

It would indeed be a surprise to learn the Black Prince's enemy praised him as a good-hearted person considering how many atrocities he committed in France. It's no wonder French historians and writers portray the Black Prince as a pure manifestation of evil.

According to contemporary authors, the Black Prince enjoyed conquering his enemies, as well as inflicting emotional and physical pain.

His plundering in France between 1355 and 1356 gave him a very bad reputation.

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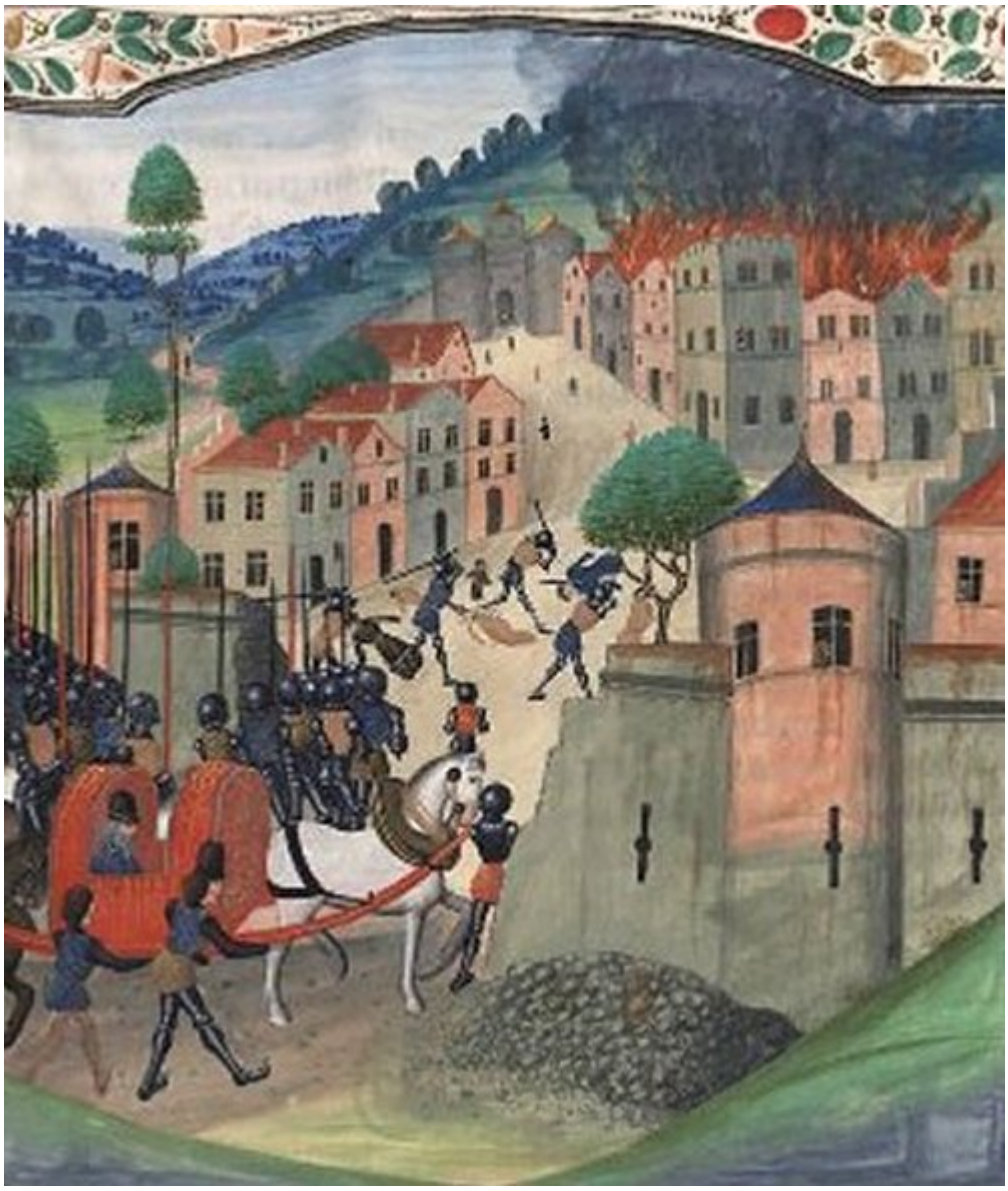
The French also accuse the Black Prince of being greedy beyond imagination. He left poor peasants and workers without any belongings and ordered the burning of downtowns and cities if inhabitants refused to give him all their possessions. He treated civilians in the most horrible and cruel manner. Chronicle writer jean le Bel said all men in the city of Caen had to witness how their mothers and sisters were murdered. The wife and daughters of each man had to suffer humiliation. As if this was not enough, the

Black Prince also ordered the burning of their homes.

According to French historical records, the Black Prince executed 3,000 defenseless men, women, and children in the city of Limoges.



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The English records on the other hand provide the modern world with a much nicer picture of Edward of Woodstock. They explain the Black Prince was a true, generous gentleman who treated people fairly and opposed all kinds of abuses and exploitation.

It was also said that he was faithful to his wife and became furious when his knights mistreated prisoners of war.

Depending on whom you listen to, the English or the French, you'll learn about the good and bad personality of the Black Prince.

How the Black Prince was in real life is today almost impossible to determine. Ancient sources present

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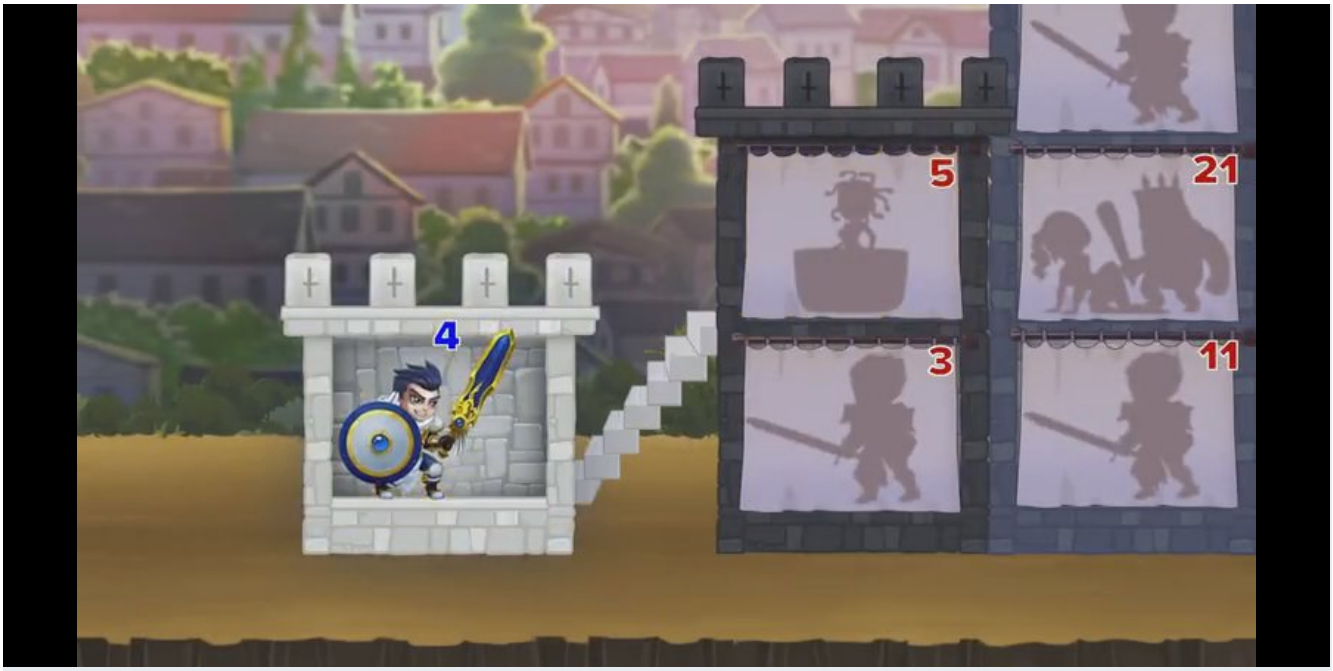

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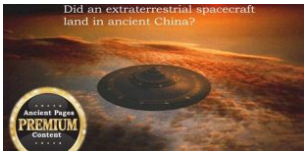

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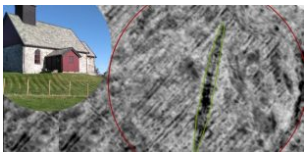

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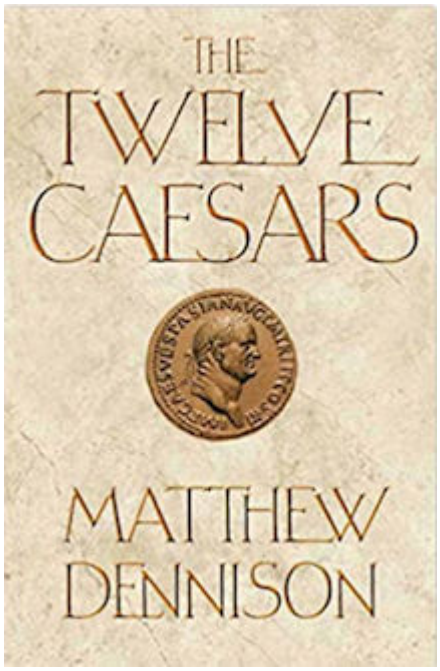

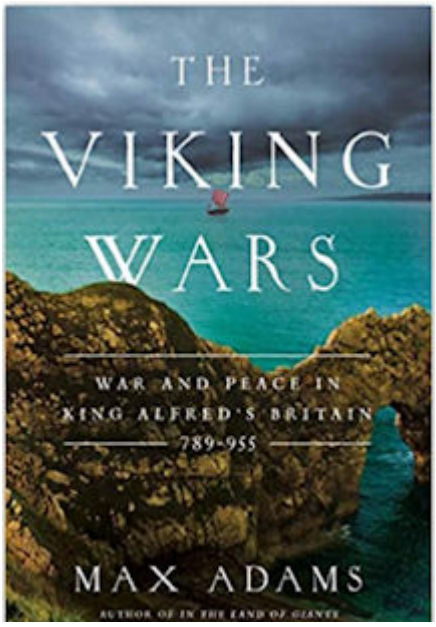

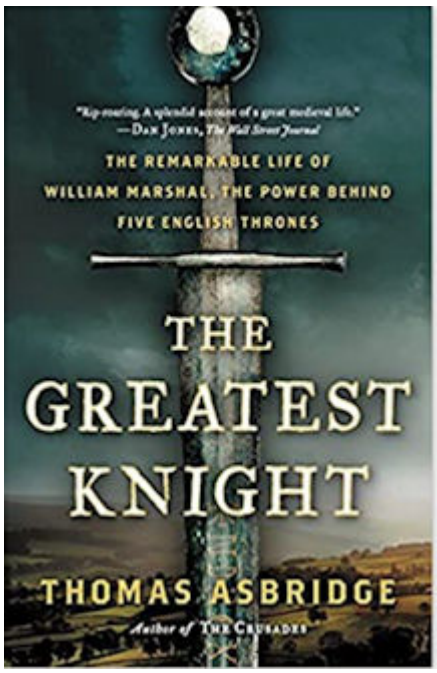

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Alors que les Africains et les Arabes dirigeaient l'Espagne, cet homme phénoménal y introduisit des habitudes qui changèrent l'Europe pour toujours. Le talent de ce génie multidisciplinaire, en fait comme vous allez le voir, un des hommes les plus influents de l'histoire médiévale.

Ziryab tenant son luth (auteur de l'illustration inconnu)

Abu al-Hassan 'Abu Ibn Nafi' est né en 5025 de l'**ère africaine** (789 après JC) en Irak actuel. On ne sait pas s'il était descendant d'Africains mis en esclavage par les Arabes ou alors des **premiers habitants africains de la Mésopotamie**. Beaucoup de falsificateurs essaient de soustraire cet illustre homme à l'héritage du monde noir, pourtant les sources sont claires concernant son apparence.

D'après les données de l'**Université de Californie à Santa Barbara**, la plus ancienne description documentée de Ziryab est celle du perse d'Espagne Isa al-Razi, fils de l'historien Ahmad al-Razi. Ahmad al-Razi, lui-même issu d'une prestigieuse famille d'historiens, naquit 30 ans après la mort de Ziryab et vécut à Cordoba, la ville du savant noir. Il fut donc en contact avec des contemporains de Ziryab. Isa al-Razi décrit Ziryab comme un *esclave noir*. Description reprise au 11e siècle par Ibn Hayyan et au 17e siècle par al-Maqqari. Enfin l'ouvrage de référence en histoire, l'Histoire générale de l'Afrique écrite par l'Unesco, dans son volume 3 en anglais et à la page 297, décrit Ziryab comme un *Noir*.

Abu al-Hassan montra très tôt un talent pour la musique, et en raison de sa peau extrêmement noire, de sa voix douce et chantante, et de ses manières hautement distinguées, il hérita du pseudonyme de Ziryab, c'est-à-dire *oiseau noir*. Ziryab fut à Bagdad l'élève ou l'esclave du musicien renommé Ibrahim al-Mawsili. Assez vite, il devint plus talentueux que son maître, et à la demande du calife Harun al-Rashid qui voulait entendre quelque chose de nouveau, Mawsili présenta son apprenti au souverain.

Ziryab, son luth entre les bras, chanta si bien qu'al-Rashid, bouleversé, dit qu'il devrait punir tous ceux qui l'avaient empêché jusque-là de connaître cet homme. Jaloux et sentant sa gloire lui échapper, Mawsili menaça Ziryab de tous les maux s'il ne quittait pas le pays.

L'oiseau noir parti donc pour l'exil avec sa famille, le tout financé par Mawsili. Il s'installa à Kairouan en Tunisie actuelle où il enrichi sa musique, et se fit vite connaître pour son talent. A cette époque, **les Noirs berbères du Maghreb – dits Maures ou Sarrasins – et les Arabes avaient conquis l'Espagne et le Portugal depuis près d'un siècle.** La péninsule ibérique était sous le règne de la dynastie arabe et noire des Umayyades, qui précéda celles des **Noirs almoravides puis des Noirs almohades.**

La réputation de Ziryab arriva jusqu'aux oreilles du roi Umayyade al-Hakam, qui le fit venir à Cordoba, capitale de l'Espagne maure. A son arrivée en 5058, Ziryab apprit la mort du Sultan mais le fils de ce dernier, le nouveau roi Abd-al Rahman II, grand amoureux des sciences et des arts, confirma l'invitation du musicien de Bagdad. Il l'installa avec sa famille dans une luxueuse demeure, avec un salaire confortable et lui donna carte blanche pour exprimer son génie.

La musique

Ziryab créa la première école de musique de Cordoba, et fut salué pour ses méthodes d'enseignement originales. Un bout de bois entre les dents ou une ceinture autour du ventre lui permettait de faire sortir des notes vocales difficiles chez ses élèves. Il ajouta une corde aux 4 du luth classique et révolutionna l'instrument.

Doté d'une mémoire phénoménale, il connaissait près de 1000 chansons par cœur. Il devint le musicien attitré d'Abd al-Rahman II. Il est considéré comme le père de la musique de l'Andalousie et un des pères de la musique du monde arabe.

La mode et l'hygiène

Ziryab a grandement influencé la mode et la cosmétique en Europe

Avant l'arrivée de Ziryab, les Européens changeaient leurs garde-robes deux fois par an. L'oiseau noir leur conseilla d'ajouter deux collections, pour coller aux 4 saisons.

Ziryab propagea également l'usage de tissus plus colorés et la lessive avec du sel qui rendait les vêtements plus propres. Les femmes à cette époque avaient l'habitude de porter les cheveux longs juste divisés par une raie au milieu. Ziryab introduisit nombre de nouvelles coiffures parmi lesquels la frange, qui fut fureur.

Il inventa ou tout du moins popularisa l'usage du dentifrice, et ajouta à sa fonctionnalité la notion de goût agréable qu'on lui connait jusqu'à nos jours. Il créa une école de cosmétologie et popularisa la crème épilatoire et les soins des sourcils chez les femmes, le rasage chez les hommes.

Il créa et popularisa des parfums et des déodorants, poussa les habitants à prendre deux bains par jour. Il se rendit maître de la mode en Europe. La moindre de ses recommandations et innovations était appliquée aussitôt. Il devint une véritable célébrité.

La cuisine et l'art culinaire

Ziryab inventa de nouveaux plats dont des desserts. Certains sont jusqu'à nos jours consommés en Espagne et en Algérie. Botaniste, il introduisit et mis à la mode les asperges. Il fit remplacer la lourde vaisselle en or et en argent par des services en crystal. Mais surtout, il révolutionna la façon de servir les repas.

Avant son arrivée, le repas était servi en un bloc dans une même assiette. Ziryab est l'homme qui scinda le repas en trois phases : **entrées-plat de résistante-dessert**. Le fameux art de la table qui fait la fierté voir l'arrogance des Européens aujourd'hui trouve donc son origine en un homme noir.

Ziryab est à l'origine de l'art de la table en Europe avec la division du repas en entrée-plat de résistance-dessert

Les sciences exactes et la politique

Ziryab était également érudit dans les domaines de la géographie, de l'astronomie et touchait un peu à toutes les sciences exactes. Toute l'aristocratie se bousculait pour discuter avec lui. Il fit venir des médecins juifs d'Afrique du nord et des astrologues indiens pour enrichir l'Espagne maure. Ce sont ces Indiens qui populariseront le jeu d'échecs en Europe.

L'oiseau noir était un conseiller de premier ordre et ami du Sultan, et était invité à donner son avis sur les questions politiques. L'homme devint si grand qu'Abd al-Rahman II se déplaça un jour pour lui rendre visite, à son retour de voyage. Ziryab était l'homme avec qui il fallait être vu. Le génie noir mourût à 68 ans, laissant ses 8 fils et ses 2 filles continuer valablement son héritage.

Cet Africain d'Irak est donc à l'origine du célèbre art de la table avec la division entrée – plat de résistance – dessert, des notions hygiénistes de l'Europe médiévale, et un des pères de la musique arabe et andalouse. Par ces réalisations majeures, Ziryab est un des savants les plus influents de tous les temps.

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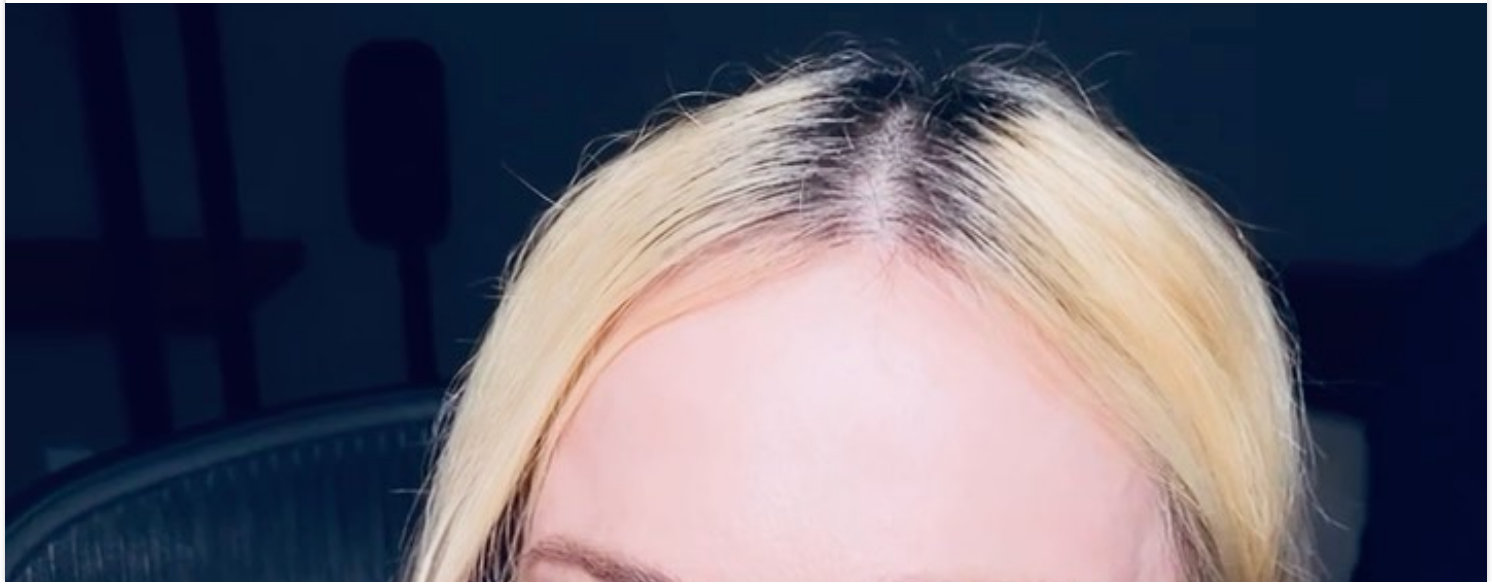

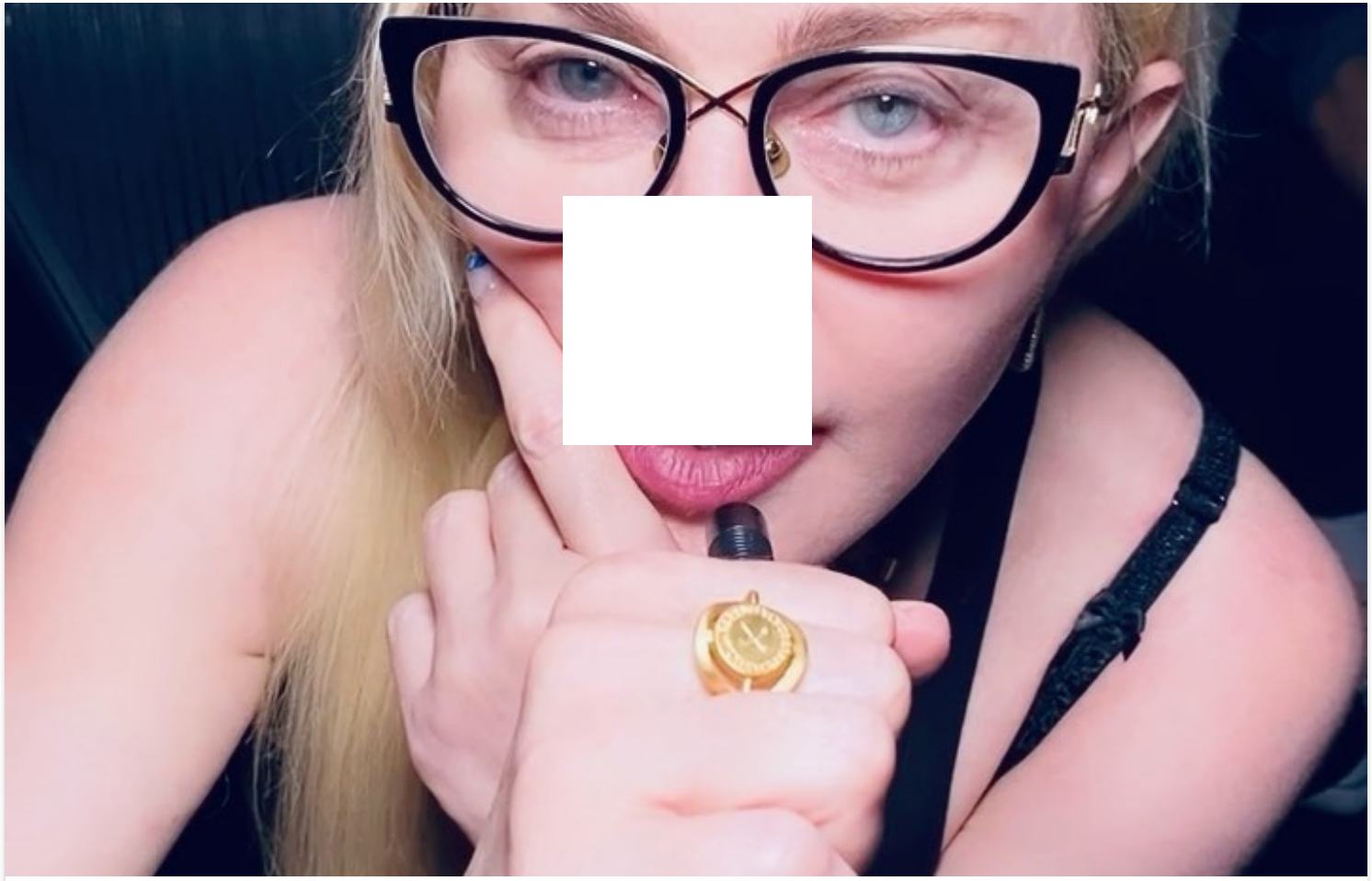

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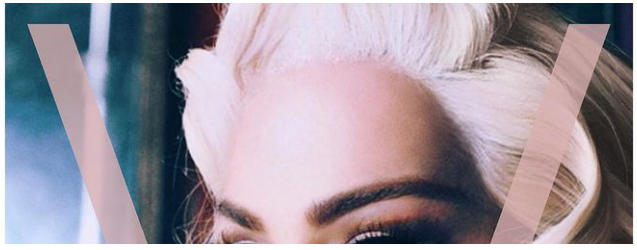

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Your Africa Nation
Muammar Gaddafi loved Barrack Obama like a son.

When Obama became the president of the United States , Gaddafi was one of the first African leaders who congratulated him and praised him.

Gaddafi probably believed his prophecy has come to pass, because he wrote in his Green Book published in 1975 that, “Black people will rule the world”.

Gaddafi also offered his support to Blacks in America in 1985, he assured them he will support them to have their own independent state and economy. When Minister Louis Farrakhan met Gaddafi in the 1980s, he offered his financial assistance to help sustain some Black communities economically in America, Gaddafi gave out about $5 million dollars with 0% interest to help support some Black people in America.

Gaddafi stood by South Africans during their fight against Apartheid regime in South Africa —he supported them militarily, morally and financially! He supported every single Black liberation movements in Africa and in the Diaspora!

Muammar Gaddafi upholds the legacy of the father of Pan-Africanism and the first Prime Minister of Ghana , Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's dream of a United States Of Africa. Gaddafi single-handedly funded African Union in order protect Africa from the influences of the colonialists.

Gaddafi helped put up Africa's first telecommunication satellite to enable Africans have easy access to the internet

and to avoid paying over $500 million dollars to Europe annually!

Gaddafi enjoyed comradeship with many Black leaders like Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe , Nelson Mandela of South Africa , Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso , etc —in the Diaspora, he was a good friend of legendary boxer Muhammed Ali, he adored Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr etc

*Gaddafi accused the United Nations during 2009 summit, for not doing proper investigation nor prosecuting those who were involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

During the United Nations (UN) Summit in 2009, Gaddafi once again formerly congratulated Obama and praised him and even called him son.

We true Libyans can not measure nor count the blessings, love and opportunities Gaddafi showered on us, we didn't ki.lled him, we loved him and still do —the western media told damnable lies about Gaddafi and Libya in 2011.

Our voices were not heard, we were not given the chance to tell our own stories, those who kil.led brother leader controls the media, and nowadays he who controls the media controls the world. Yes Gaddafi wasn't perfect, but he was not a bad person as the western rogue dictators portrayed him!

There was no Arabs, Blacks or White in G.addafi's L.ibya, we all lived together as one, even slavery was punishable by de.ath in Libya. Those who are trading captured African migrants in open slave markets today are not Libyans, they are illegal settlers and terrorists mercenaries whom the NA..TO brought into Libya to toppled Gaddafi's regime! They want to claim Libya for themselves!

Gaddafi personally loved Obama, perhaps due to his friendship and love for revolutionary African leaders whom he shared comradeship with, and due to the fact that other POTUS considered Gaddafi an enemy of the United States, he believed Obama would be different since he is Black. Little did brother leader knew Obama would team up with NATO to destroy Libya and get him ki.lled.

“I would like to seize this opportunity to congratulate our son, Obama, because this is the first time that he is attending the UN General Assembly in this capacity as the president of the United States , and we greet him because he also represents the hosting country of this gathering”. Gaddafi to Obama in 2009.

But to Obama, Hillary Clinton and the western cabals, including their ostensible media outlets... Gaddafi was a wicked horrible dictator and mad dog of the desert. These people are the real dictators, hypocrites and the biggest liars on the planet!

If Gaddafi was the problem as the western dictators claimed, why did Libya crumbled and became a failed state after they as.sassinated Gaddafi?

Now Libya's gold reserves are gone, billions of dollars is missing in Libya's foreign reserves and the same people who invaded Libya are now scrambling for Libyan oil

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Gaddafi was a deranged dictator. His own evilness was his downfall. He governed Libya the way Kim jong il governed North Korea. Gaddafi loyalist shot him while he was hiding in a sewer pipe. He was Absolutely evil to the core

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unfortunate reactions to which the revolt against those traditions may lead. After a study of Prof. Malinowski's work, we may indeed be inclined to think Mr. Ellis's statement that " Sex-taboos weigh at least as much on the civilised as on the savage mind " an under-statement.

GEORGE PITT-RIVERS.

Our Bookshelf.

West African Secret Societies : their Organisations, Officials and Teaching. By Capt. F. W. Butt-Thompson. Pp. 320 + 12 plates. (London : H. F. and G. Witherby, 1929.) 21*s*. net.

THE West African secret societies, according to Capt. F. W. Butt-Thompson, fall into three groups : the mystic and religious, the democratic and patriotic, and the subversive and criminal ; some are ancient pagan institutions, others are Mohammedan, there is a group of Mohammedan-pagan societies, and there are more modern ones. The various aspects and activities of the societies, such as organisation, officials, initiation, religious teaching, etc., are given in appropriate chapters with reference to particular societies ; thus the reader can appreciate what factors are common to most of them, and so is enabled to gain a bird's-eye view, as it were, of their general functioning. Finally, there is a very brief account of each society.

This is the first systematic book on the subject, and the author is to be commended for the considerable amount of information here summarised. Judging from the bibliography, he has searched diligently through the literature which has any bearing on his subject, and he appears to have got into friendly contact with many Africans in the different countries of which he treats, especially in Sierra Leone, but unfortunately there is no indication concerning what is due to original observation and what is taken from published sources, so there is no means of gauging the reliability of the statements here made.

It is a book that tells in brief many things about which we should like to know more, and though Capt. Butt-Thompson records such information as may be obtained by a white man concerning the old social discipline and morality, there must be much more of which probably only an African can enlighten us. As in many primitive communities, some of the ethical teaching, such as that given on pp. 208-9, is good enough for any people to practise, however advanced their scale of life ; for example, " Respect and obey your father and mother ". " Be just to your enemy ; rescue him when he is in danger, and never go out of your way to get him into trouble." " Stealing is undignified ; if you covet a thing, ask for it ; if it is refused, go without it." A people that preaches these maxims cannot lightly be dismissed as ' heathen ', nor can their secret societies always be branded as ' wicked '. The author makes us wish that we could get into real and close touch with the teachers of these doctrines, and work out with them a better and a fuller way of combining their knowledge and aspirations with our own for the benefit and advance of the African. A. C. H.

The Private Life of Tutankhamen : Love, Religion and Politics at the Court of an Egyptian King. By G. R. Tabouis. Translated by M. R. Dobie. Pp. xxiii + 322 + 16 plates. (London : George Routledge and Sons, Ltd., 1929.) 15*s*. net.

To attempt to recreate the atmosphere and reconstruct the conditions of a whole period of history so remote from our own times as the XVIIIth dynasty of ancient Egypt, requires considerable courage. It is a task to which the genius of the French language is perhaps more readily adaptable than our own. Certainly in one or two places this translation of Mlle. Tabouis' book on Tutankhamen carries less conviction than it would in the original. On the whole, however, it is a sound and informative piece of work such as should appeal strongly to the general public. The period with which she deals is one of the relatively few epochs in Egyptian history possessing an individuality and a character comprehensible by a reader who is not already acquainted with the phases of development of Egyptian culture in some detail.

An account of Akhenaton and his religious and social reforms necessarily occupies a prominent place in the book, which is thus given a certain dramatic unity, so much so that, instead of a life of Tutankhamen, it might well be regarded as the story of the rise and decay of the materialised ideal of a political and religious dreamer. M. Theodore Reinach contributes a preface, which is illuminating in the way it sets out in a few paragraphs the distinctive characteristics of Egyptian political development, which play so large a part in the history of Akhenaton's reforms, and also in giving the historical perspective necessary to appreciate the place of the XVIIIth Dynasty in Egyptian history.

The Life of Space. By Maurice Maeterlinck. Translated by Bernard Miall. Pp. 171. (London : George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., 1928.) 6*s*. net.

SINCE the publication of work on the theory of relativity during the War made this subject one of popular interest, there have been many attempts to interpret the significance of the theory in its relation to everyday life. The problem of the fourth dimension is one which occasionally is transformed from the symbolical language of mathematics to the imaginative fancy of popular writing. It is therefore with added interest that one turns to a book of this description by Maurice Maeterlinck. The work is divided into five sections, but the first one, namely, that of " The Fourth Dimension ", is the longest and gives various references to writers who, like Hinton and Ouspensky, have devoted considerable thought to the implications of the fourth dimension. Maeterlinck then deals with " The Cultivation of

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This is how the jews ,muslims and Christians /catholics connect with their spirits.
In Africa we have this knowledge from long ago, but when we do it they call us evil.
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~Oba Alamo Obatala Ifa

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Freedom From Mental Slavery
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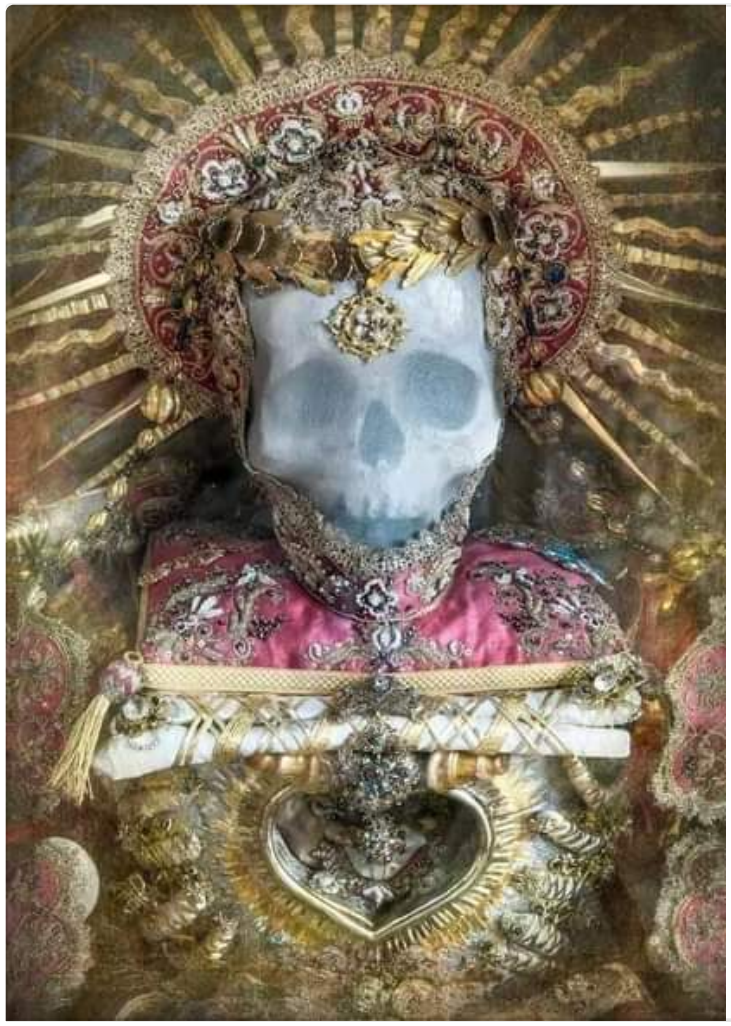

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Abubakari II Mansa (African king who Arrived America before Columbus)

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Abubakari II, Mansa (King) of the Mali Empire in the 14th century, led Malian sailors to the America(s), specifically present-day Brazil, almost 200 years before Columbus arrived. He ruled what was arguably the richest and largest empire on earth, covering nearly all West Africa.

Abubakari wanted to find out whether the Atlantic Ocean- like the great River Niger that swept through the Mali Empire had another bank, he had travelled extensively throughout and outside the African continent. Already owing most of the continent, His predecessor and Uncle Soundjata Keita, had already founded the Mali empire and conquered a good stretch of the Sahara desert and a great forest along the West African coast.

African-Guyanese historian Ivan Van Sertima, writing on the testimony of Emperor Kanku Musa recorded by the Arab Ibn Amir Hajib and transcribed by Al Omari in the 14th century in Egypt during the pilgrimage of Musa Explained:

"" lured by exploration, Abubakari II called engineers from the lake Chad who were known to build ships just like their Egyptians (kemetic) ancestors and to studied every ship on the Rivers Djoliba (Niger) and Senegal to help him launch a massive fleet on the Aethopian (Atlantic) Ocean. He also hired a large and diverse crews, sailors, traders, builders, artist warriors and learned men and he supplied them with large rations lasting two years. The fleet went across the western ocean relying on the unique system of drum communication".

Abubakari II handed his throne to his brother, Kankou Moussa, and set off on an expedition into the unknown in 1311.
“The emperor gave up all power and gold to pursue knowledge and discovery,”
His brother, Kankou Moussa (Mansa Musa) would become the richest man in all of history.

On Abubakari II’s arrival in Brazil...
"He decides that he will journey across the ocean to rule this new land he called "Boure Bambouk", after the riches goldfields of the Mali Empire. The third year in the fledgling colony of Boure Bambouk, the first under the direction of Abubakari II, sees its highs and lows. Abubakari establishes the first diplomatic contacts with the curious Tupi tribes of the region, encouraging trade with them.

Through this trade, the colonists of Boure Bambouk are first acquainted with New World crops, including corn, beans, peanuts, tobacco, cotton, and tropical fruits. Such agricultural commodities will allow the colony to become self-sustaining. Likewise, Old World livestock, such as cattle, sheep, and guinea fowl, are first introduced to the Tupi, as are cereal grains like rice, millet, and sorghum.

In 1314, Abubakari sends a boat back to Mali to petition his brother for more support. Mansa Musa is impressed by the new crops presented to him, and garners more settlers and aid to send to Boure Bambouk. Thus begins a back-and-forth exchange of Bamboukian goods in return for Malian assistance. Agriculture of corn, beans, peanuts, peppers, and cotton will set off a population explosion in Mali, that will provide future settlers from across the sea."

Beyond Columbus, evidence of African contributions to American civilization includes "importing the art of pyramid building, political systems and religious practices as well as mathematics, writing and a sophisticated calendar".

Van Sertima cites the Aztec divinity Quetzalcoatl who is sometimes represented in Mexico as a Black man with a beard, dressed in white, who arrived in 6 cycles after the last man who came from the foreign lands.

Others also say the presence of stones heads with 'African features' of the ancient Olmec Civilization in South America, prior to the Aztecs and Mayans, is even more proof.

Mant mounting evidence suggest that African presence in the Americas before Columbus, it may be fair to say that Africa's relationship with the Americas did not start with slavery. But with sailors, explorers and kings.

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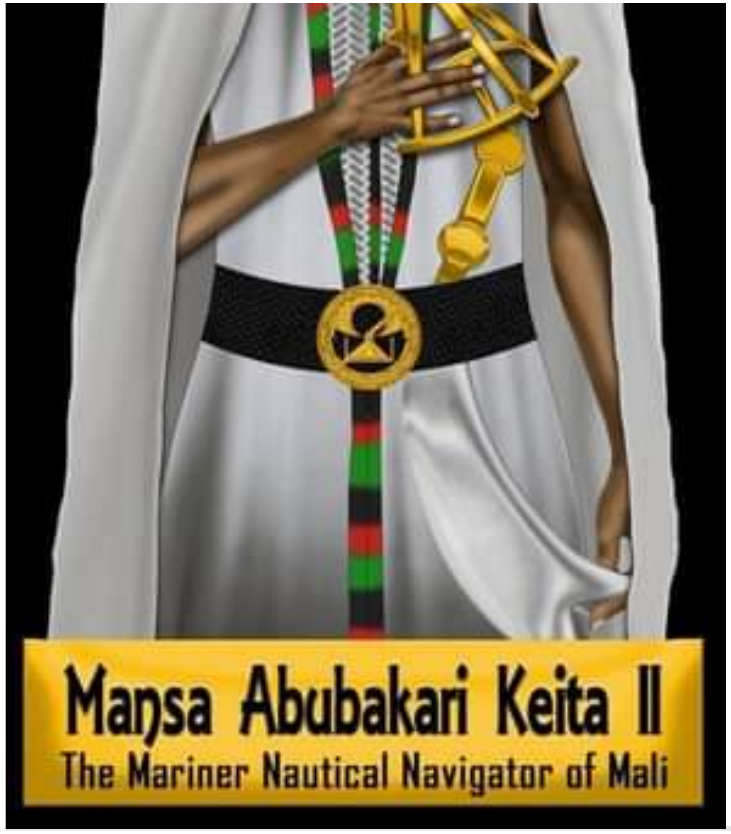

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A Day In The Life Of A Medieval Executioner In Their 16th-Century

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The daily life of a medieval executioner was not easy. They did more than simply chop off heads and break prisoners on the wheel. Trying to uphold justice and set an example for their community was only one part of an executioner's duties; they also served as medical professionals and sometimes as spiritual guides, helping the condemned accept their fate and beg forgiveness before God. Occasionally, other villagers ostracized executioners for having a grim job, and yet, as they say, “It’s a job and somebody has to do it.”

But what was it like for these people to wake up in the morning and begin a day possibly fraught with hate, boredom, or extreme danger? What devices for executions did they use back in the Middle Ages? And what about the psychology of an executioner? Fortunately, history has handed down the detailed story of Master Franz Schmidt, an executioner in 16th-century Nuremberg.

The following account comes from Schmidt's diaries, and gives a strange and rare glimpse into the daily life and practices of a medieval executioner.

Some Days There Might Be Multiple Executions, But Today There Is Just One

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The stereotypical image of a 16th-century executioner is of a burly, bare-chested fellow in a black hood, wielding a massive axe. This mask may send shivers down the spines of kids today, but the town executioner was likely proud of his well-paying job.

For other executioners across Europe, sometimes they had several victims to deal with in the same day. If you lived in the time of Henry VIII, you hardly had time for a break - there are estimates of as many as 72,000 executions during Henry's reign.

You would have had your day cut out for you, so to speak. But this time, your task is different. Today, on August 13, 1577, you have but one execution before you. You will not behead bands of pirates or break the bones of your victims on the wheel. Your charge is a man named Hans Vogel, and your duty: Send this repentant sinner off to the promise of salvation.

Executioners Often Inherited Their Job

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You recently arrived in Nuremberg from Bamberg, your birthplace. This will be your first execution in your new home. Vogel's crime was burning an enemy to death in a stable, and for this you must do your job. You think back to how you came to your profession: "Like father like son," they say. But your father's profession was more by default than by design.

The vicious Bavarian magistrate Albrecht II wanted three men hanged. Without an executioner at hand, he picked your father Heinrich out from the crowd and forced him to perform the execution or face a hanging himself. What's a father to do?

Once your father did it, however, nobody wanted to have anything to do with him. As was the tradition for the son of an executioner, you took up the same occupation. You were 18 when you became executioner under your father's supervision in 1573, and since then, you have performed 361 executions and 345 minor punishments - floggings, as well as ear or finger amputations.

You've executed criminals by rope, sword, the breaking wheel, burning, and drowning. And yet, despite the dishonorable nature of his profession - according to others, anyway - your endearing name: Meister Franz. You're a respected member of the community for your piety. But let us return to

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Executioners And Prisoners Often Became Acquainted

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As is customary with prisoners, you've gotten to know Vogel - after all, you are personally sending him off to eternity. If he had serious wounds or were otherwise ill, you would have nursed him back to health, fulfilling the duties of your secondary profession as a medical consultant.

You might have also requested the execution's delay so he could face a proper death with his health intact. You must have thought it fitting “vogel” meant bird, and if he were truly repentant, he would have assuredly ascended to heaven.

It was not uncommon for prisoners like Vogel to receive visitors, such as family members or the relatives of the victim seeking reconciliation. You knew deep down: Forgiveness is divine, and you must've felt joyful when one condemned killer accepted some oranges and gingerbread from his victim’s widow. You saw it as a sign that she had wholeheartedly forgiven him.

You also might contemplate your role as someone who metes out justice in the name of society and - above all - God. It is your professional and sacred duty to serve as an agent who balances divine and earthly authority.

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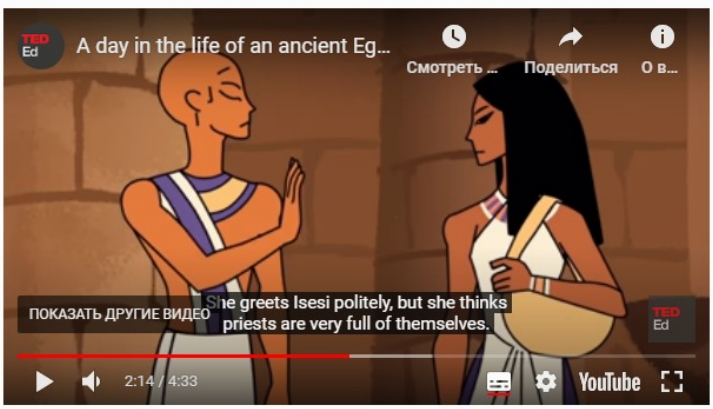

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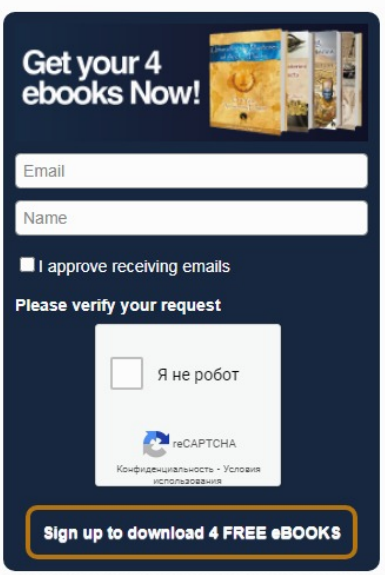

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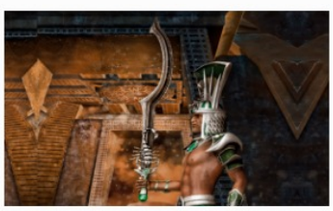

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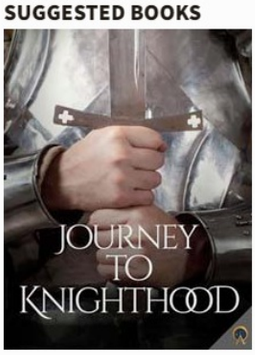

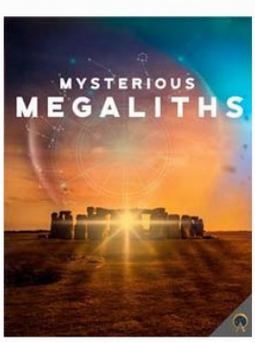

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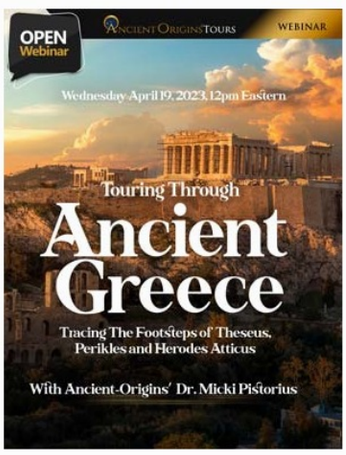

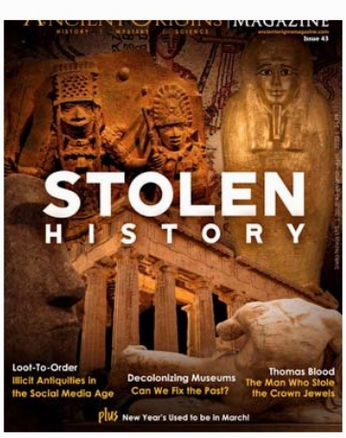

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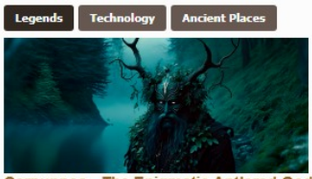

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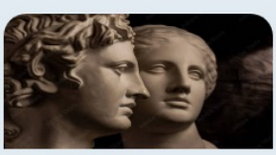

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The term Loango coast describes a historically significant area of West Central Africa extending from Cape Lopez or Cape Catherine in

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If vampires existed in our modern age, it would be easy to imagine them in New Orleans, creeping from the shadows of the crypts in the St. Louis Cemetery or prowling for victims in the unlit alleys of the French Quarter. In the Crescent City, beauty and darkness go hand in hand and history steps forward to make itself known in the present day. Ancient legends of these immortal creatures made their way to America along with immigrants and adapted to their new land. One of New Orleans's most enduring vampiric legends has its **roots in old European folklore.**

According to the stories, sometime in the early 1900s a mysterious man arrived in New Orleans under the name Jacque St. Germain. Handsome, elegant, wealthy, entertaining, extravagant, mysterious, and a bit curious, his reputation preceded him, and he was soon a hit in New Orleans society.

The Enigmatic Comte Saint Germain. (***Palabras en Libertad)***

The Eccentric Jacque St. Germain

The eccentric Jacque St. Germain is said to have taken residence at the home located at 1039 Royal Street. St. Germain was apparently a cavalier and quite the lady's man, frequently seen with a beautiful woman on his arm while strolling through the French Quarter, or clubbing in elegant locales late into the night. He delighted in throwing elaborate dinner parties for the city's socialites. His parties were highly anticipated due to their lavish cuisine, fine wine, and entertainment. Most relished, however, was his own conversation. St. Germain fascinated his guests with stories of France, Italy, Africa, and even Egypt.

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Visitors were delighted and amused by his eloquent grasp of the English language. They were a bit confused, however, when he spoke of events hundreds of years in the past in such precise detail as though he himself had participated. Many guests placed little value in the truth of his tales, simply embracing them for the entertainment value during their visits to his home.

Not long after his arrival to New Orleans, St. Germain claimed he was a direct descendant of the **Comte de St. Germain** , a close friend and servant to King Louis the XV in the 18th century. His claim aroused skepticism, but his resemblance to the Comte was uncanny. Eagle-eyed guests noted that portraits never depicted the Comte as older than forty, the same age that Jacque St. Germain had appeared since he'd arrived in New Orleans.

Rumors started to spread in jest that Jacque St. Germain may in fact be the very celebrated Comte St. Germain himself, somehow rendered **immortal** and ageless. Jacque seemed to enjoy the mystery he had created around his persona, and neither confirmed nor denied it.

*An image said to represent the Comte de St. Germain. (**The PJV**)*

Although St. Germain's catered parties were highly celebrated, the host was said to have relished in his guest's satisfaction of the offered feasts without partaking himself, often standing apart from the table drinking from a lavish chalice, presumably filled with wine. During dinner he offered fantastical recollections of his adventures for his guests' enjoyment. The very strange habit of not partaking in meals at his own soirees, coupled with his remarkable resemblance to **the Comte St. Germain,** had some in the city suggesting in good fun that perhaps the mysterious man was in fact **a vampire.**

A Sinister Turn of Events

These rumors took a sinister turn several months after St. Germain's arrival to New Orleans, when the police were called to St. Germain's home to investigate the circumstances leading to a woman who had seemingly fallen from his gallery, a full story above.

His guest, a woman who was rumored to have been **a prostitute,** had in fact leapt from his balcony, rather than fallen, as bystanders had originally surmised. While she survived the fall, she was terrified. People on the street surrounded her and tended to her needs while help was rounded.

Hysterical, the woman ranted that she had jumped to escape St. Germain, who had bitten her neck. She screamed and sobbed out her story, claiming she was only able to escape when her assailant was briefly distracted by a rather loud knocking on his door.

*Representation of a vampire who has bitten someone. (**CC0**)*

The woman was taken to the hospital as soon as possible, and the police, suspecting that she had become delusional, told the very well-known, affluent, and respected St. Germain not to bother coming in for questioning at this late hour, but rather to please visit the police station in the morning to go over the accounts of the evening. The police were confident that there was a reasonable explanation for what had transpired.

The next morning, St. Germain never appeared at the police station. In fact, to everyone's chagrin, he had completely vanished overnight, leaving the majority of his belongings behind.

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Legend suggests that upon breaking into his house, the police were cautious and in great anticipation of what they might encounter. On the second floor of the house they discovered a series of open but corked wine bottles. Upon closer investigation, they discovered the large collection of bottles were filled with a terrifying mixture of wine along with large quantities of **human blood.**

Jacque St. Germain was never seen again. He disappeared just as mysteriously as he had arrived. As one can only imagine, his contemporaries were shocked at this scandal, feeling both betrayed and fooled, and probably a little disappointed that the fun had come to an end.

Jacque St. Germain or the Comte de St. Germain?

Questions remained unanswered and this is where the legend of Jacque St. Germain as a vampire began to flourish. Had “the” Comte St. Germain of the 1700s made his way to America?

20th-century New Orleans socialites noted Jacque St. Germain’s resemblance to 18th century nobleman the Comte de St. Germain and the similarities between the two don’t end there. The stories of both St. Germains closely parallel each other, although the elder has a great deal more written material to sink your teeth into. So much mystery, speculation, and silliness exist in writings around the Comte’s persona that at times, one could almost conclude him a fictional character - but for the fact that many affluent leaders and prominent personalities of the time make note of his existence.

*Count of Saint Germain. (**Public Domain**)*

A letter from Horace Walpole, the 4th Earl of Oxford, to his friend Horace Mann provides the first unchallenged reference of St. Germain:

> *"An odd man, who goes by the name of Comte St. Germain. He had been here these two years, and will not tell who he is, or whence, but professes that he does not go by his right name. He sings, plays on the violin wonderfully, composes, is mad, and not very sensible. He is called an Italian, a Spaniard, a Pole; a somebody that married a great fortune in Mexico, and ran away with her jewels to Constantinople, a priest, a fiddler, a vast nobleman. The Prince of Wales has had unsatiated curiosity about him, but in vain."*

With no official birth records available, the true origins of the Comte St. Germain are a matter of some disagreement among historians. Prominent 19th-century Theosophist (a branch of occultism) Isabel Cooper-Oakly alludes in her book *The Comte de St. Germain, the Secret of Kings* , that he was most likely born at Lentmeritz in **Bohemia** at the end of the 17th century, and is said to have been the youngest son of Prince Franz-Leopold Ragoczy, of Transylvania and the Princess Charlotte Amalia of Hesse-Wahnfried. Because of the tumultuous political environment at the time, it is said that

as an infant he was placed under the care of the last **Medici family,** Gian Gastone, which many have speculated may have contributed to his very rich education.

Since that publication, many later writers have repeated his beginnings as a Ragoczy as fact. However, in the very well-researched work *The Comte De Saint Germain, Last Scion of the House of Rakoczy* , author Jean Overton Fuller confirms that it is only speculation.

*Portrait of Francis II Rákóczi (painted by Ádám Mányoki). (**Public Domain**) Some scholars believe the Comte de St. Germain was part of the 'House of Ragoczy'.*

More Strange Stories of the Comte de St. Germain

St. Germain's refusal to give his true name, except to the King of France, Louis the XV, seems to indicate that he was in fact protecting some house of royalty. While it was common to use many titles in that day and age, it was highly unusual and suspect to not give up one's true identity when asked by a figure of authority. However, the acceptance of his presence so close to the king also indicates that the king was satisfied with his explanation of his origins.

Very much like Jacque St. Germain in New Orleans, the Comte St. Germain spun fantastical tales, purportedly claimed to have had conversations with **Cleopatra** and **The Queen of Sheba,** and professed to have been present during remarkable historical milestones, many of which took place over 500 years prior.

*Comte St. Germain, a fictional character in the series Outlander loosely based off the historical figure. (**CC BY SA**)*

Cooper-Oakly explains that some of the historical confusion surrounding The Comte's claims stems from his tremendous use of a variety of titles, as was customary at the time, a custom that was tolerated in French Society to present that one was not simply a commoner, but rather came from some service to the King.

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The Comte de Saint Germain is said to have been an aristocrat with no profession. However, he certainly must have profited from his association with King Louis XV of France, as well as his diplomatic involvement with other political leaders. In fact, it was his ability to produce funds in abundance, whenever necessary, that had him under suspicion of being **a spy.**

*King Louis XV of France, trusted St, Germain completely. Painting by Maurice Quentin de La Tour (1748). (**Public Domain**)*

Stories also say the Comte de St. Germain was well accomplished in a vast variety of areas. He was ambidextrous, a great musician, a linguist, and **a noted alchemist.** There are countless tales of him precipitating diamonds out of thin air, or changing worthless stones into precious jewels, manipulating metal into gold, fine tuning imperfect diamonds into fused masterpieces, and creating an elixir of life, which many in his circles at the time felt must have been responsible for his own youthful appearance and health.

Perhaps there is only one St. Germain and he has lived across centuries, ageless, with no need for nourishment but the curious mix of wine and human blood discovered in his rapidly abandoned house in New Orleans.

*Comte de Saint-Germain & Richard Chanfray, the main who claimed to be the Count in the 1970s. (**The PJV**)*

Top Image: Artist's representation of a vampire (**CC0***)*

By **Marita Woywod Crandle**

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Histoire de la Martinique

L'**histoire de la Martinique** est relativement récente en raison de la rupture coloniale et du recouvrement des données archéologiques après l'arrivée des Européens l'île prendra le nom de « Martinique » évolution de « Madiana » employé originellement par les indiens Caraïbes[1].

L'île est habitée de façon intermittente par différents peuples amérindiens jusqu'à leur quasi-extermination par les occidentaux à la suite de l'installation des Français en 1635. À partir des années 1670, la déportation massive d'esclaves noirs africains bouleverse une nouvelle fois la composition de la population de l'île. L'histoire de la Martinique est marquée par les guerres d'influence entre empires coloniaux européens, l'évolution des activités agricoles, les catastrophes naturelles et le choix singulier de la décolonisation par assimilation à la République française.

Carte de la Martinique datant de 1742

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Les premiers peuplements de la Martinique

On(qui?) [réf. nécessaire] pense que les petites Antilles ont connu la présence de l'homme entre −10 000 et −5 000 mais il n'en existe à ce jour aucune trace. Les plus anciennes traces d'êtres humains des petites Antilles se trouvent sur le site de *Norman Estate* à Saint-Martin et sont datées d'entre −2 400 et −1 900 av. J.-C. (voir Amérindiens des Antilles). Les premières traces des Amérindiens à la Martinique ont été archéologiquement attestées du Ier siècle.

Ces premiers habitants viennent d'Amazonie et sont de culture saladoïde, du nom du site éponyme vénézuélien de Saladero. Ils sont généralement qualifiés d'arawaks bien que ce terme imprécis désigne plus largement une famille linguistique à laquelle se rattachent de nombreuses populations amérindiennes d'Amazonie dont les populations Kali'na ou Caraïbe.

Cette population produisant des céramiques extrêmement décorées a occupé surtout les contreforts de la Montagne Pelée. Ils pratiquaient l'agriculture, la pêche et la cueillette. Le site archéologique de Vivé, sur la commune du Lorrain, est caractéristique de cette première occupation de l'île. Ce site d'habitat sur le bord de mer a fait l'objet de fouilles entre 1996 et 2001. Il est également au cœur d'un projet de découverte et de recherche porté par la Communauté des communes du Nord de Martinique[2].

Le niveau d'occupation saladoïde est scellé par une couche éruptive de la Pelée datée du IIIe siècle de l'ère chrétienne. La campagne de 1999 a fait apparaître une couche d'abandon en place recouverte par la cendre d'une éruption du volcan.

Éruption précolombienne de la montagne Pelée

Le peuplement de la Martinique est marquée par une rupture liée à l'éruption de la montagne Pelée en 295 qui aurait décimé ou tout du moins forcé à l'exil les populations de l'île.

Les populations arawaks reviennent aux alentours de l'an 400 et ce serait vers 600 que les populations dites « caraïbes » seraient arrivées à leur tour dans l'île.

Ces populations plus récentes semblent s'installer, en revanche, préférentiellement dans la zone sud de la Martinique. Elles se rattachent à la culture suazoïde, du nom du site éponyme de Savane Suazey à la Grenade, et ont été pendant longtemps désignées sous l'appellation de « caraïbe ». Le site archéologique de la plage de l'Anse Trabaud, sur le littoral atlantique de la commune de Sainte-Anne, qui a été en partie fouillé par Louis Allaire, archéologue canadien, est un site de cette période finale, peut-être pratiquement contemporain de l'arrivée des premiers Européens aux Antilles. Le site de la plage de Dizac au Diamant est, quant à lui, daté du IXe siècle.

Ces populations ne sont pas des populations radicalement différentes des populations saladoïdes, comme on a souvent voulu le faire croire en suivant de trop près le témoignage de « chroniqueurs », premiers auteurs d'écrits sur les nouveaux territoires de l'Amérique. Ces chroniqueurs, souvent religieux, sont notre seule source écrite sur les premiers temps de la colonisation, les populations amérindiennes des Antilles ne possédant pas d'écriture.

Pour l'instant, on ne possède que peu de données sur les populations ayant occupé l'île entre le site de Vivé (vers 300) et l'occupation du Diamant (vers 800). La connaissance du néolithique antillais est encore très lacunaire, les études et les fouilles répondant aux critères modernes étant encore rares. Cependant, une thèse de doctorat[3] a été soutenue en 2003 sur les premières occupations amérindiennes de la Martinique. Les tombes en conque de lambis dans les cimetières sont des témoignages amérindiens qui utilisaient la conque pour annoncer la mort[4].

Caraïbes et Arawaks

Il était, jusqu'à très récemment, couramment admis que les Arawaks avaient été exterminés par les Caraïbes. Cependant, il semble que cette affirmation ne soit plus aussi nettement acceptée (*voir* Peuple Caraïbe).

Les premiers contacts avec les Européens

On prête généralement cette découverte de la Martinique par les européens à Christophe Colomb lorsqu'il accoste sur le site de l'actuelle commune du Carbet le 15 juin 1502 au cours de son quatrième voyage vers les « Indes ». Néanmoins, il semble admis que ce soit Alonso de Ojeda qui ait découvert l'île en premier lors de son expédition de 1499-1500[5,6]. Elle figure sur la carte établie par Juan de la Cosa en 1500[7] et on la retrouve ensuite sur la carte d'Alberto Cantino (1502) sous le nom de *Ioüanacéra* ou *Joanacaera*[8] (formé du préfixe *ioüana* = iguane et du suffixe *caéra* = île) c'est-à-dire *l'île aux iguanes*[9,10].

Christophe Colomb avait entendu les Arawaks (Taïnos) parler de l'île lors de son passage à Hispaniola au cours de son deuxième voyage (ces propos sont rapportés par Pierre Martyr d'Anghiera). Pour les amérindiens l'île était peuplée exclusivement de femmes[11]. Ils l' appelaient *Matinino* , nom que Colomb traduisit par *isla de las mujeres* , « l'île aux femmes ». et non l'île aux fleurs ainsi que l'affirment l' *Encyclopædia Universalis* ou la *Britannica*. Comme Colomb avait, par décret, le monopole des découvertes des nouvelles Indes, il privilégia Matinino à Joanacaera.

Sur le planisphère de Johann Ruysch (vers 1507-1508) figure pour la première fois le nom de *Matininia*, que l'on retrouve sous la forme *Matenino* sur la carte anonyme (de 1519) de la bibliothèque de Wolfenbüttel. En France, la carte de Nicolas Desliens de 1541 porte *Matinina*. Outre ces noms adoptés par les cartographes, on trouve mentionnée dans la cédule royale de 1511" *Real provision que los Indios Caribes se pueden tomar por esclavos"* , l'île de *Matinino* alors décrite comme habitée par les Caraïbes.

Dans la cartographie italienne du milieu du XVIe siècle, apparaît le surnom actuel de *Madinina* (avec un *–d-* à la place du *-t-*).

Le passage au cours du XVIIe siècle au nom actuel de Martinique est dû au fait que Saint Martin jouissait alors d'une grande renommée en France. Par analogie avec la Dominique voisine (Dominica en latin et anglais), le nom de l'île a été déformé en Martinique (Martinica).

Les Espagnols sont les premiers colons européens à s'installer au Nouveau Monde dans les Grandes Antilles puis sur le continent mais ils délaissent les Petites Antilles qu'ils jugent trop petites et peuplées d'Indiens dangereux. En revanche, les Hollandais, les Français et les Anglais y font souvent relâche pour faire *aiguade* (ravitaillement en eau), s'approvisionner en vivres, et commercer avec les Amérindiens[12] durant tout le XVIe siècle et le début du XVIIe siècle.

L'anonyme de Carpentras est l'auteur du plus ancien document connu sur la Martinique. Il rapporte son séjour dans l'île avec les équipages du capitaine Fleury du 21 avril 1619 au 11 février 1620. Ils cohabitent avec les Caraïbes qui les accueillent et commercent avec les français, les anglais et les hollandais mais sont en guerre avec les espagnols. Ce récit mentionne les chefs Salomon et Pilote. Ce dernier est encore cité en 1640 par Bouton Jacques dans *Relation de l'établissement des français depuis l'an 1635*.

Les débuts de la colonisation à partir de 1635

Le 15 septembre 1635[13, 14], le flibustier Pierre Belain d'Esnambuc débarque dans la rade de Saint-Pierre avec 150 colons français qui ont été chassés de l'île Saint-Christophe où ils étaient établis depuis 1625. Il installe ainsi la première colonie dans l'île, pour le compte de la couronne de France et de la Compagnie des îles d'Amérique. Les premiers établissements français en Martinique sont *Le Fort Saint-Pierre* (actuelle ville de Saint-Pierre) fondé par d'Esnambuc, et la ville du *Fort-Royal* (actuellement Fort-de-France) fondée par les gouverneurs De Baas et Blenac.

Pierre Belain d'Esnambuc débarquant à la Martinique en 1635.

Les premiers moulins à sucre de la famille Trézel

À la demande de la Compagnie des îles d'Amérique, le marchand de Rouen, d'origine hollandaise, Daniel Trézel a installé en 1640 le premier moulin à sucre de la Martinique, trois ans après que Peter Blower eut fait de même à l'île anglaise de la Barbade. Jacques Dyel, gouverneur du Parquet, exploitera pleinement cet apport une dizaine d'années plus tard en 1650, lorsque la Compagnie des îles d'Amérique sera ruinée et qu'il la rachètera pour 41 500 francs.

En 1654, selon le témoignage d'Antoine Biet, de retour de Guyane, les hollandais fuyant le Brésil sont accueillis plutôt en Guadeloupe, de laquelle il racontait retour de trois bateaux venant du Brésil, que les Hollandais venaient d'abandonner définitivement après dix années de combat contre les Portugais, la période hollandaise de l'histoire du Pernambouc.

« Ils étaient environ 1200 parmi lesquels il n'y avait pas 50 Hollandais naturels »[15], tous les autres étant métis ou esclaves nègres », qui « voulurent suivre » leurs maîtres[15], écrit-il en 1664 dix ans après, dans un témoignage indirect, le seul du passage des Hollandais, sujet à caution car le gouverneur Houel avait besoin de légitimer alors développement de l'esclavage.

Les plus riches des Hollandais avaient cependant fui le Brésil dès les années 1640. Au Brésil, les planteurs portugais se soulèvent contre les Hollandais dès 1642, et Fernandès Vieira gagne deux batailles importantes en 1645[16]. En 1636, les premiers esclaves furent tous vendus à crédit mais en 1644 et 1645, la proportion vendue au comptant passe à respectivement 78 % et 100 %, reflet de l'appréhension des Hollandais, qui sentent que le Brésil va leur échapper[17] très prochainement[18].

Les conflits avec les indiens caraïbes

L'installation et l'expansion des Français ont créé tensions et un conflit continu avec les autochtones. Avec la mort du gouverneur du Parquet éclate la guerre de 1658 contre les indiens caraïbes.

Plus de 600 Français se regroupent avec la bénédiction des prêtres de l'île pour attaquer les Caraïbes dans leurs territoires réservés par l'accord de paix du 21 décembre 1657 avec la volonté d'éliminer toutes présences indigènes dans l'île. Les Caraïbes sont massacrés et perdent les derniers territoires qui leur étaient réservés. Les survivants se réfugieront dans les îles de Saint-Vincent et de la Dominique. De là, ils organiseront par la suite plusieurs expéditions punitives contre les colons dans les îles voisines.

Cette victoire stimule la colonisation française plus à l'est, incarnée par Pierre Dubuc de Rivery, qui fonde une dynastie de planteurs de sucre. Organisateur d'une milice dans le bourg de Trinité pour repousser les Caraïbes, il reçut en 1671 des terres à défricher, allant de la presqu'île de la Caravelle au bourg de Trinité. La famille du Buc y construisit 7 sucreries. En 1671, la canne à sucre est encore peu développée en Martinique : elle occupe deux fois moins de terre que la culture du tabac[19], pratiquée par de nombreux petits colons blancs, sur des plantations nécessitant très peu de capitaux[20].

Les Amérindiens sont peu à peu repoussés ou chassés. Cependant, une frange de cette population « caraïbe » demeure sur place dans un fort état d'acculturation se fondant petit à petit dans le reste de la population[21].

Guerres entre empires européens: compétitions dans les Antilles

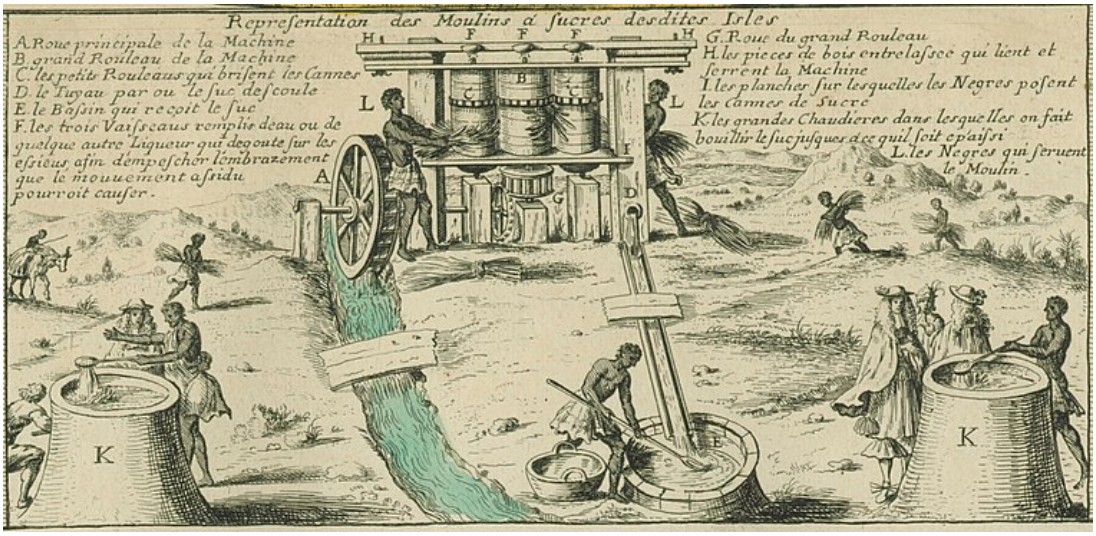
Le XVIIe siècle est marquée par de nombreux conflits en Europe. Les alliances se font et se défont entre les grandes puissances et les Antilles sont le théâtre de nombreux affrontements.

Alors que la paix anglo-néerlandaise vient d'être signée, l'imposante flotte hollandaise de l'Amiral de Ruyter attaque la Martinique le 19 juillet 1674. Les Hollandais débarquent mais, bien qu'ils soient beaucoup plus nombreux, sont vaincus lors de la bataille du Fort-Royal également appelée bataille du rhum. Cette débâcle et la victoire française lors de la guerre de Hollande marquent la fin des velléités coloniales hollandaises en Amérique.

La lutte se concentre entre les Français et les Anglais (et, après 1707, date de la fondation du Royaume-Uni, les Britanniques). Tous les grands conflits européens ont leur composante caraïbe. C'est notamment le cas de la guerre de Sept Ans qui vaudra à la France la perte de nombreuses possessions au profit de la Grande-Bretagne. La Martinique deviendra ainsi, par deux fois, possession britannique, mais pour d'assez courtes périodes. Elle restera définitivement française après 1816.

Au XIXe siècle, l'activité économique de la Martinique bénéficie de la perte par la France de Saint-Domingue (aujourd'hui Haïti et la République dominicaine), principale colonie française des Antilles au XVIIIe siècle. Saint-Pierre, capitale de la Martinique et principale ville des Antilles au XIXe siècle, connaît alors une prospérité que seule l'éruption volcanique catastrophique de la montagne Pelée du 8 mai 1902 viendra interrompre, et dont elle ne se remettra jamais complètement.

L'instauration de l'économie sucrière par l'esclavage



Croquis d'un moulin à sucre avec des esclaves au travail et des administrateurs de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales en 1667.

Durant les premières décennies de l'occupation française, l'île est productrice de denrées coloniales fournissant de forts profits : tabac (petun), roucou, indigo, cacao, le tabac de la Martinique étant alors très apprécié. La crise du tabac de la seconde moitié du XVIIe siècle ruine les premiers planteurs qui se tournent vers la production de sucre. La monoculture de la canne à sucre va bientôt modeler le paysage et devenir partie intégrante de la culture créole. Elle dominera l'économie du pays jusqu'à la seconde moitié du XXe siècle.

La culture de la canne à sucre telle qu'elle est pratiquée dans « l'habitation sucrière » demande une importante main-d'œuvre que la métropole ne peut fournir. Si la culture du tabac ou de l'indigo avait pu se faire avec les « engagés », la traite d'esclaves noirs provenant des côtes de l'Afrique est avancée comme unique solution susceptible de fournir les effectifs nécessaires à la culture de la canne à sucre.

Les engagés venaient sous contrat avec un planteur pour une durée de trois ans (d'où leur surnom de « trente-six mois »). Le planteur couvrait les frais du voyage et exigeait ensuite de l'engagé un travail semblable à celui de la main d'œuvre servile. Mais, à la différence de l'esclave, s'il réussissait à survivre aux terribles conditions de vie et de travail qui lui étaient imposées, l'engagé recouvrait sa liberté à l'issue des trois années de son contrat et se voyait allouer une terre lui permettant de devenir à son tour planteur.

La culture de la canne est synonyme de traite négrière par le commerce triangulaire (Europe, Afrique, Amérique) ou plus souvent en « droiture », entre les ports français (Bordeaux, Nantes) et la colonie. Par manque chronique d'espèces métalliques, le troc domine, tandis que la piraterie maintient le danger, même au cours des périodes de paix.

L'esclavage se développe à partir de la période 1671-1674

Le père Labat décrit dans ses ouvrages la société esclavagiste du XVIIe siècle. Les pratiques religieuses et militaires européennes y sont jugées plus ritualisées et ordonnancées que celle des Amérindiens. Des « engagés » blancs de 36 mois sont utilisés pour la fortification de l'île. Une fois affranchis, ils obtiennent des lopins de terre. Les plus riches planteurs recherchent alors une nouvelle main d'œuvre meilleur marché, en s'inspirant du succès des planteurs de sucre de la Barbade, où une élite militaire proche de la dynastie Stuart a importé des esclaves noirs en masse.

En 1638 l'administration refuse le droit à un capitaine de la Martinique de s'approvisionner en esclaves en Afrique[22]. Les premiers trafics d'esclaves via les Hollandais touchèrent la Martinique vers 1641. La culture du sucre fut tentée en Martinique dès les années 1640, en s'inspirant de la réussite de la Barbade, mais sans succès. Il faut attendre les années 1650 pour qu'elle s'implante, et plus lentement qu'ailleurs. Les indiens caraïbes résistent plus longtemps qu'à la Guadeloupe où un traité fut signé dès 1641 par Charles Lièvard de l'Olive pour les déporter à la Dominique. Mais les esclaves noirs n'arrivent pas assez vite, faute de filière pour la traite négrière, alors pratiquée, à petite échelle, par les seuls Hollandais. Le sucre est une culture violente, qui nécessite de grandes propriétés et consomme des esclaves jeunes, rapidement épuisés au travail intensif de la coupe et du transport des cannes, effectué sous la menace du fouet. Leur espérance de vie étant ainsi basse, il faut régulièrement les remplacer par de nouvelles recrues[23]..

L'explosion du nombre d'esclaves correspond aux décisions prises à Versailles par Louis XIV entre 1671 et 1674 pour favoriser la culture du sucre au détriment de celle du tabac. Entre 1674 et 1680, le nombre d'esclaves en Martinique double. Entre 1673 et 1700, il a déjà sextuplé.

Les années 1680 : explosion du nombre d'esclaves à la Martinique et à la Guadeloupe

Le nombre d'esclaves baisse après 1664 dans les deux îles. La Guadeloupe, défrichée dès les années 1640 et contrôlée par un seul propriétaire, avait en 1660 environ 6 000 esclaves soit deux fois plus que les 3 000 de la Martinique[24], qui met les bouchées doubles à partir de 1674 et prend l'avantage dès 1680.

La population d'esclaves martiniquais diminua d'abord, dans les neuf années qui suivent la création en 1664 de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales de Colbert. Son remplacement en 1673, par la compagnie du Sénégal entraîne au contraire une multiplication par 4,5 dans les 14 années qui suivent. De 1687 à 1700, la progression se poursuit, mais plus lentement (+32 % en 13 ans), selon *L'Administration des finances en Martinique, 1679-1790*, de Gérard Marion[25].

1640	1660	1664	1673	1680	1682	1683	1686	1687	1696	1741
1 000[26]	3 000[24]	2 700	2 400	4 900	8 216	9 554	10 733	11 215	15 000	15 071

En Martinique, les planteurs ne possédaient toujours que 2 400 esclaves en 1673, contre 2 700 dix ans plus tôt en 1664, au moment la création de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales[27]. Le Roi et les grands planteurs reprochent à cette compagnie « fourre-tout » de se disperser en Nouvelle-France (présent Québec) et d'être peu efficace dans la traite négrière.

La Martinique en 1681. Atlas Van der Hagen, bibliothèque royale des Pays-Bas.

Louis XIV abolit donc en 1671 le monopole de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales. La traite négrière est alors ouverte à tous les ports français, pour la doper par la concurrence. La Compagnie des Indes occidentales, en faillite, est dissoute en 1674. La Guadeloupe et la Martinique passent sous l'autorité directe du roi Louis XIV, qui pousse la culture de la canne à sucre, plus gourmande en capitaux mais beaucoup plus rentable, en donnant des terres à des officiers supérieurs en Martinique, où le sucre est alors moins développé qu'à la Guadeloupe.

En Guadeloupe aussi, les planteurs de sucre se plaignent de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales: leur population d'esclaves a diminué de 40 % en 7 ans, passant de 6 323 personnes en 1664 à 4 627 en 1671. La diminution se poursuit dans les années 1670: la Guadeloupe ne compte plus que 2 950 esclaves en 1680[28], deux fois moins qu'en 1664, car la « privatisation » de traite négrière après 1674 profite surtout à la Martinique. La Guadeloupe suit, avec un temps de retard, à partir de 1680, le nombre d'esclaves doublant en 20 ans pour atteindre 6 587 en 1700, puis 9 706 en 1710, selon *Histoire et civilisation de la Caraïbe* de Jean-Pierre Sainton et Raymond Boutin[29].

1656	1664	1671	1680	1683	1687	1700	1710
3 000	6 323[26]	4 627[26]	2 950[26]	4 109[26]	4 982[26]	6 587	9 706

Louis XIV avait croisé dès 1669 la veuve Scarron, marquise de Maintenon, dite « la belle indienne » car elle a passé son enfance en Martinique. Le roi prête aussi l'oreille à son ministre de la Défense, Louvois qui dirige la coûteuse guerre de Hollande (1672-1676), contre l'avis de Colbert et contre les Pays-Bas, détenteurs de l'asiento.

Ce monopole d'importation d'africains est concurrencé par la création en 1673 de la Compagnie du Sénégal, dirigée par le célèbre amiral Jean-Baptiste du Casse, dans le sillage de la Compagnie Royale d'Afrique, fondée en 1672 par le duc d'York Jacques Stuart, cousin de Louis XIV et futur roi d'Angleterre. La Compagnie du Sénégal, comme la Compagnie de Guinée qui lui succède en 1700, institue la traite négrière à grande échelle.

L'investissement des Français et des anglais dans le commerce triangulaire, massif et simultané, fait flamber le prix des esclaves, alimentant de nouvelles filières. Il contribue à l'essor des ports français de Nantes et de Bordeaux, il fait en même temps baisser le coût du transport des esclaves au profit des planteurs de sucre. Les forts se multiplient sur le littoral africain. Dans les sept années qui suivent la création de la Compagnie du Sénégal, le nombre d'esclaves double en Martinique. En 25 ans, il sextuple[27]. La Guadeloupe est rattrapée et dépassée.

Les planteurs de sucre chassent les producteurs de tabac

Vue de Fort-Royal, vers 1750.

La spéculation immobilière sur les terres à sucre éjecte les blancs les moins fortunés, par ailleurs pénalisés par la ferme du tabac. Sa création en 1674 par Louis XIV entraîne la ruine rapide du tabac français. Le tabac produit en Virginie par les grands planteurs jacobites comme William Berkeley, moins taxé, profite de la contrebande. La Virginie passe de 2 000 esclaves en 1671[30] à 110 000 en 1750. Selon Fernand Braudel, les exportations de tabac de la Virginie et du Maryland sextuplent entre 1663 et 1699 avec le « passage du travail des blancs à la main d'œuvre noire », qui provoque la révolte de Nathaniel Bacon.

Le premier client de la Compagnie du Sénégal est le plus riche planteur de sucre de la Martinique: le capitaine Charles François d'Angennes, marquis de Maintenon, gouverneur de Marie-Galante depuis 1678, lui commande 1600 esclaves en 1679. Il a le monopole du commerce sucrier avec le Venezuela espagnol et habite au Prêcheur, près de Case Pilote, deux paroisses jésuites[31], où vivent le quart des esclaves de Martinique en 1680[32].

Le Roi précipite en 1680 l'histoire de la culture des plantes sucrières en donnant terres et titres de noblesse à tout planteur qui installe sur ses terres plus de cent esclaves, comme l'intendant Jean-Baptiste Patoulet[33], ou le capitaine de milice Antoine Cornette. Autre grand planteur en 1683, Nicolas de Gabaret, qui intègre la Liste des gouverneurs de la Martinique en 1689, associé de Charles François d'Angennes dans la raffinerie de à Mouillage[34]. L'amiral Jean-Baptiste du Casse assure la livraison de main d'œuvre. Dès 1680, on recense 99 plantations de plus de 20 esclaves, cinq fois plus qu'en 1669[33].

Entre 1674 et 1692, le nombre de sucreries double. Saint-Pierre de la Martinique devient la capitale des Antilles françaises. Les esclaves les plus jeunes et les plus résistant sont réservés à l'élite de grands planteurs nobles[27]. Le code noir de 1685 limite le métissage et règlemente la torture des esclaves.

Le 1er novembre 1755, la Martinique et les Petites Antilles sont balayées par le raz-de-marée provoqué par le Tremblement de terre de Lisbonne. Les communes de La Trinité, de Fort-Royal et du Lamentin sont les plus touchées[35].

Les révolutions de la fin du XVIIIe siècle : la question des relations entre la métropole et ses colonies

Guerre de Sept Ans

La Martinique est attaquée une première fois par les Anglais en 1759 puis une seconde fois en 1762. Fort-Royal et la colonie tombent aux mains des Anglais le 12 février 1762. Elle est rendue à la France un an plus tard à la suite de la signature du traité de Paris.

Reprise des hostilités contre les Anglais pendant la révolution américaine

Le combat de la Martinique en 1779. L'île joue un rôle essentiel pour la flotte française pendant la guerre d'Amérique.

En 1778, la France s'associe avec les fraîchement proclamés États-Unis d'Amérique pour prendre sa revanche sur la Grande-Bretagne après la guerre de Sept Ans.

- Combat de la Martinique (1779)
- Bataille des Saintes

L'abolition ratée

À la veille de la Révolution française en 1788, Brissot crée la *Société des amis des Noirs* à Paris. Malgré les efforts de ses membres les plus éminents comme l'abbé Grégoire ou Condorcet, elle ne peut obtenir l'abolition de l'esclavage auprès de la Constituante. La déclaration des droits de l'homme et du citoyen de 1789 tout comme la constitution de 1791 tolère l'esclavage.

Dès 1789, la Martinique est déchirée entre le pouvoir officiel révolutionnaire soutenus par les Pierrotins (habitants urbains de Saint-Pierre) et les békés (grands planteurs blancs), partisans de la royauté.

En août 1791, débute l'insurrection des esclaves dans le nord de Saint-Domingue.

Le 4 avril 1792, l'assemblée législative française élève au rang de citoyen tout homme de couleur libre et envoie le commissaire Rochambeau en Martinique pour faire appliquer cette loi. L'Assemblée de la Martinique, qui s'intitule désormais Assemblée Constituante de la Martinique, accepte de promulguer cette loi. Elle refuse, en revanche, de laisser débarquer Rochambeau et ses hommes.

Plus tard, la Martinique entre en insurrection et arbore la cocarde blanche du parti royaliste. Les patriotes républicains abandonnent la colonie et se réfugient à la Dominique. Le 1er décembre 1792 arrive le capitaine de vaisseau Lacrosse chargé par la Convention de faire triompher la République toute récente ; la guerre éclate. Dubuc, leader des royalistes martiniquais se rend à Londres. Lacrosse, lui, se rend à Sainte-Lucie qui est fidèle à la République et rallie les hommes de couleurs libres à la Révolution.

L'Assemblée de la Martinique reconnait la République le 9 janvier 1793, le gouverneur Béhague et les royalistes s'enfuient. Le roi est guillotiné le 21 janvier. Rochambeau, nommé gouverneur de la Martinique en janvier y arrive le 3 février. Il s'installe à Fort-Royal, rebaptisée *Fort-République* ou *République-ville*, et dissout l'Assemblée coloniale. Il ferme tous les ports de l'île au profit de Saint-Pierre. Cette attitude écarte du régime de nombreux planteurs qui étaient disposés à se rallier à la République. Certains émigrent et vont renforcer le parti des royalistes émigrés à Trinidad. Ces émigrés tentent avec l'appui des Britanniques de reprendre la Martinique. La flotte britannique se présente le 7 mai 1793 devant Case-Navire, mais son action mal coordonnée n'aboutit pas. Rochambeau prend des mesures d'exception.

Le 29 août 1793, Sonthonax décrète l'abolition de l'esclavage à Saint-Domingue.

Le 16 septembre 1793, les propriétaires blancs de l'île s'insurgent et entament une contre-révolution royaliste. La Convention abolit l'esclavage sur tout le territoire national par le décret du 4 février 1794. Le 6 février 1794, la flotte britannique du Lieutenant général Grey, forte de 16 000 hommes, bloque la Martinique. Rochambeau s'enferme avec quelques hommes dans les forts de la République et de la Convention. Résolu à se défendre, il repousse les ultimatums des Britanniques et soutient un siège de 43 jours. Saint-Pierre est prise par les Britanniques le 16 février, sans que l'abolition de l'esclavage décidée par la Convention le 4 février n'ait pu entrer en vigueur. Le Traité de Whitehall est signé avec les Anglais par les colons royalistes menés par Dubuc le 19 février.

La Martinique et les guerres du Premier Empire

Le 21 mars 1794, la domination militaire de l'île par la couronne britannique est totale. L'esclavage est maintenu et l'ordre établi en échange de la très lucrative fiscalité sur le sucre. Ce pacte avec les Britanniques dure de 1794 à 1802.

L'île redevient française le 25 mars 1802 dans le cadre de la Paix d'Amiens mais l'esclavage est maintenu par Napoléon (alors 1er consul) via la Loi du 20 mai 1802. Les mariages mixtes sont entravés du fait d'une réapplication progressive du Code noir par Richepanse, notamment à partir de son arrêté du 17 juillet 1802 retirant la nationalité française aux noirs et « gens de couleurs ».

Occupation anglaise de 1809-1814

La Paix d'Amiens est rompue dès 1803, et les combats reprennent aux Antilles. Après la prise de Sainte-Lucie et de Tobago, la flotte anglaise impose un blocus des côtes de la Martinique et tente un débarquement en novembre 1803. L'attaque échoue, mais les Britanniques s'emparent du Rocher du Diamant qu'ils fortifient. En 1805, le regroupement des flottes franco-espagnoles en provenance d'Europe et destinées à la conquête de l'Angleterre s'effectue à la Martinique.

En avril 1805, le rocher est repris à l'initiative de l'amiral espagnol Gravina lors de la bataille du rocher du Diamant. Néanmoins la flotte combinée fuit peu après devant l'arrivée de Nelson.

Le 30 janvier 1809, le général Beckwith et 12 000 hommes débarquent en Martinique et assaillent Saint-Pierre qui est évacuée. Les Anglais provoquent la désertion de masse, en menaçant les colons qui combattent avec les Français de faire confisquer tous leurs biens. Le 2 février, ils prennent Fort-de-France et assiègent le Fort Desaix où les forces françaises se sont réfugiées. Villaret de Joyeuse capitule le 24 février. L'année suivante, c'est au tour de la Guadeloupe de tomber.

Les Britanniques favorisent les colons en maintenant l'ancien régime esclavagiste. En raison du blocus continental, le sucre ne peut être exporté qu'en 1813. Les esclaves et les mulâtres, hostiles à l'occupant, se révoltent en 1811. La répression anglaise est terrible.

Napoléon est vaincu, mais la Martinique, comme la Guadeloupe sont rétrocédées à la France, contrairement à Tobago et Sainte-Lucie, par le Traité de Paris le 30 mai 1814.

Le 11 janvier 1839, la Martinique est secouée par un tremblement de terre majeur qui, cumulé à un incendie, ravage la ville de Fort-de-France. Quatre ans plus tard, le 8 février 1843, un autre séisme majeur fait de gros dégâts dans l'île.

L'abolition de l'esclavage et l'immigration

Après une première abolition ratée sous la révolution, abolition annulée par Napoléon et annulation confirmée au retour de la royauté, ce n'est que le 27 avril 1848 que Victor Schœlcher, alors sous-secrétaire d'État à la Marine et aux Colonies de la Seconde République, appose sa signature au bas du décret mettant officiellement fin à l'esclavage. Le 22 mai 1848 (date commémorative en Martinique), avant même l'application du décret, les esclaves martiniquais se révoltent et obtiennent l'abolition de l'esclavage par le gouverneur Claude Rostoland le 23 mai[36].

En 1848, la population de Martinique comptait à la veille de l'abolition 121 130 habitants, répartis comme suit : 9 542 Blancs, 38 729 affranchis et 72 859 esclaves.

Dans la seconde moitié du XIXe siècle, la Martinique fut concernée par de nouvelles immigrations. La plantocratie locale, soucieuse de renouveler la main d'œuvre après l'abolition de l'esclavage[37], suscita l'arrivée dans l'île de 37 008 engagés sous contrat : 25 509 Indiens venant de Pondichéry, Madras et Calcutta, 10 521 Congos (engagés venus d'Afrique) et 978 Chinois en provenance de Shanghai et Guangzhou (Canton).

Aux chiffres de l'immigration officielle, il faut rajouter 119 Indiens arrivés de la Caraïbe anglaise, et 6 Chinois en provenance vraisemblablement des mêmes îles. Il convient enfin de mentionner pour mémoire, la venue à la même période de quelques centaines de Madériens et d'Européens.

Le 6 mai 1853 accoste à Saint-Pierre l'Aurélie, un navire en provenance de Karikal avec à son bord 313 "engagés" indiens. De nombreux autres bateaux arrivent pendant les trois décennies suivantes.

En ce qui concerne les mariages mixtes pour les Chinois, il y a eu entre 1858 et 1902 à Fort-de-France : 12 Chinois avec des Chinoises, 15 Chinois avec des Créoles, deux Chinois avec des Congos, et deux Chinois avec des Indiennes. Les couples mixtes entre Indiens et femmes de couleur durant cette période sont rares mais ont débuté dès leur arrivée en 1853 dû au manque flagrant de femmes du côté de leur communauté. En 1900, il restait 4 665 Indiens, 5 371 Congos et 432 Chinois.

Les Chinois, quant à eux, se sont rapidement intégrés à la population locale en abandonnant rapidement les champs de cannes pour se tourner vers le commerce.

Sur 10 521 Congos, il n'y eut en effet que deux à retourner en Afrique. Au 31 décembre 1900, secondes générations comprises, il restait 5 345 Congos, soit près de treize fois plus que les 432 Chinois, qui n'eurent qu'un rapatrié. Les Indiens comptèrent 11 951 rapatriés.

La Martinique n'a alors jamais connu de graves tensions inter-ethniques malgré son passé très mouvementé et les différentes communautés vivent en relative harmonie.

Contrairement à beaucoup d'idées reçues, il y a toujours eu des Amérindiens aux Antilles françaises. Cependant à partir du milieu du XIXe siècle, les Amérindiens ont été de plus en plus confondus avec les immigrants asiatiques à cause de leur ressemblance physique très proche.

En 1861, de nombreux martiniquais participent à l'intervention française au Mexique décidée par Napoléon III. Outre le peloton de gendarmes à cheval et la compagnie du génie colonial, une compagnie de volontaires créoles recrutés sur l'île se joint à l'expédition.

La grande crise sucrière (1884-1905)

L'éruption de la montagne Pelée de 1902

Panorama des ruines de Saint-Pierre après l'éruption de la montagne Pelée en 1902.

L'éruption de la montagne Pelée en 1902 a durablement marqué les esprits. Le 8 mai 1902, une terrible éruption provoquant la formation d'une nuée ardente tue tous les habitants de Saint-Pierre (à l'exception d'un prisonnier du nom de Louis-Auguste Cyparis, ou Sylbaris, sauvé par l'épaisseur des murs de son cachot) et des environs de la ville (30 000 morts). Le 30 août suivant, alors qu'un géologue s'était déplacé de Paris et avait prévenu du danger d'une nouvelle éruption, une nuée ardente tua encore 1 300 personnes au Morne Rouge.

An tan Robè, la Seconde Guerre mondiale

À la suite de la débâcle de l'armée française en juin 1940, le maréchal Pétain nomme l'amiral Georges Robert, Haut commissaire de la France aux Antilles. Dès lors, il devient le représentant du régime de Vichy en Martinique, où il est en poste.

Il gère la situation des possessions françaises face aux intérêts britanniques et surtout américains. Avec ces derniers, il obtient une sorte d'arrangement à l'amiable qui cantonne les possessions françaises d'Amérique dans une certaine neutralité et entend préserver ainsi la souveraineté nationale sur les colonies. Il veillera aux réserves d'or de la Banque de France entreposées provisoirement au fort Desaix à Fort-de-France.

L'amiral Robert impose un régime de rigueur et de répression accaparant les rares ressources disponibles et en particulier la nourriture qui n'arrivait dans l'île que via les ravitaillements américains. Le 9 mai 1942, l'Amiral Hoover dénonce les accords franco-américains passés pour les Antilles et exige l'immobilisation de tous les navires français dans la zone. Il impose alors un blocus sur les îles françaises d'Amérique, qui aggrave encore les conditions de vie des Antillais.

L'absence de commerce avec la métropole entraîne une pénurie quasi générale et une disette chronique. Les produits de première nécessité comme la farine, la viande salée, le savon, le tissu firent défaut et furent remplacés tant bien que mal par des productions locales. La mortalité infantile crût de façon dramatique.

L'amiral Robert était un collaborateur zélé qui affichait clairement son mépris des populations de couleur. Il a tout fait pour empêcher le ralliement des Antillais et des Guyanais aux forces françaises libres multipliant les exactions contre les dissidents. Pourtant de nombreux Martiniquais ont rejoint par des moyens de fortunes, les îles anglaises de la Dominique et de Sainte-Lucie pour ensuite renforcer les troupes du général de Gaulle en Angleterre.

En avril 1943, la population se soulève contre l'administration vichyste autour du Comité Martiniquais de Libération Nationale (CMLN) avec les leaders Victor Sévère et Emmanuel Rimbaud. Le 24 juin, la foule est dans la rue à Fort-de-France aux cris de «Vive la France, Vive de Gaulle». Le 29 juin 1943, la 3e compagnie basée au camp de Balata et placée sous l'autorité du Commandant Tourtet, entre en mutinerie et se joint au mouvement de résistance.

L'Amiral Robert quitte contraint et forcé l'île en juillet 1943. Le pouvoir est aussitôt remis entre les mains d'Henri Hoppenot, l'ambassadeur de la France combattante à Washington, qui proclame le ralliement de la Martinique à la France libre le 14 juillet 1943[38]. Louis Ponton venu d'Afrique équatoriale devient le nouveau gouverneur de la Martinique.

Les aînés martiniquais évoquent encore cette période en disant « an tan Robè », c'est-à-dire « du temps de Robert ».

L'assimilation et la course vers l'égalité de droit

La situation des Martiniquais après guerre est misérable. La Loi de départementalisation de 1946, défendue par le jeune député martiniquais Aimé Césaire, proclame l'assimilation des citoyens martiniquais à la nation française, instituant une forme de décolonisation inédite.

Si certains militants anticolonialistes se montrent critiques sur la départementalisation, lui préférant l'indépendance, d'autres soutiennent le projet en raison de la menace que représentent les États-Unis. Selon Daniel Guérin, auteur de *Les Antilles décolonisées*, « Certains possédants antillais, blancs ou même mulâtres, ne verraient pas sans déplaisir les États-Unis s'installer aux Antilles où le flot montant des revendications sociales met en danger leurs privilèges »[39].

Ce n'est qu'en 1996 sous la présidence de Jacques Chirac que les martiniquais obtiennent une égalité de droit complète avec les Français de métropole et l'accès complet aux mêmes aides sociales. Le SMIC ultramarin est aligné sur celui de France métropolitaine.

Répression coloniale et émancipation à la Martinique

Le 20 décembre 1959, un banal accrochage entre un automobiliste métropolitain blanc et un motocycliste martiniquais noir déclenche trois jours d'émeutes à Fort-de-France, connues comme « les Trois Glorieuses », en référence aux trois journées révolutionnaires parisiennes de juillet 1830[40]. Ces émeutes font 3 victimes - trois jeunes gens, tués par les forces de l'ordre (Christian Marajo, Julien Betzi et Edmond-Eloi Véronique dit « Rosile » âgés respectivement de 15, 20 et 21 ans[40]) - et ébranlent durablement les Martiniquais. Il s'agit de la première grande crise qui intervient après la départementalisation de 1946[41].

Juridiquement, le Conseil d'État considère dans un avis de 1947 que : « les départements algériens sont des départements d'outre-mer »[Texte 1]. Dans le cadre d'un appareil répressif plus vaste dans un contexte tributaire de l'effervescence des évènements d'Algérie, le 15 octobre 1960 est prise l'ordonnance Debré qui autorise les pouvoirs publics français à procéder à l'exil forcé en métropole des fonctionnaires de l'Outre-Mer soupçonnés par le pouvoir gaulliste d'encourager à la subversion et à l'agitation anticolonialiste par leur prises de position. Cette ordonnance, condamnée par le Conseil d'État, ne sera abrogée que le 10 octobre 1972[42].

En mars 1961, les ouvriers agricoles de l'île se mettent en grève pour réclamer des augmentations du salaire et une amélioration des conditions de travail. Le 24 mars, trois responsables syndicaux sont arrêtés dans la matinée. Devant les protestations, les syndicalistes sont relâchés le soir même, quand les gardes mobiles décident de tirer sans sommations sur la foule devant l'église du Lamentin. Cet épisode, resté dans l'histoire sous le nom de la « fusillade du Lamentin », fait trois morts - la couturière Suzanne Marie-Calixte et les ouvriers agricoles Alexandre Laurencine et Édouard Valide - ainsi que de nombreux blessés. À cette occasion, Georges Gratiant, maire communiste du Lamentin, prononce le célèbre « discours sur les trois tombes » pour dénoncer la répression coloniale. Les 22 et 23 avril 1961, à Paris, est créé le Front antillo-guyanais pour l'autonomie (FAGA) entre autres par Édouard Glissant, Marcel Manville, Albert Béville et Cosnay Marie-Joseph[43] qui seront tous deux interdits de séjour dans leur île[44].

Le 14 octobre 1962, sous l'impulsion de quelques étudiants, est créé l'Organisation de la Jeunesse Anticolonialiste Martiniquaise (OJAM). Le 23 décembre, le Manifeste de l'OJAM est placardé sur tous les murs de l'île afin de commémorer les émeutes de 59. Les 18 jeunes auteurs de ce manifeste sont arrêtés, emprisonnés à Fresnes et accusés d'atteinte à la sûreté de l'État. Ils sont jugés, lors d'un procès politique en 1964 qui se soldera par un acquittement général. Dans le même temps, le BUMIDOM est créé en 1963 pour favoriser l'émigration des habitants des départements d'outre-mer vers la France métropolitaine.

Un lycéen est abattu en 1971 par la police lors de la venue du Ministre Pierre Messmer[45]. Le 14 février 1974, les gardes mobiles métropolitains s'attaquent à des ouvriers agricoles de la banane qui font grève au lieu-dit Chalvet à Basse-Pointe, occasionnant de nombreux blessés par balles et un mort[43]. Deux jours plus tard, le corps d'un étudiant de 17 ans - Georges Marie-Louise - tué par les forces de l'ordre est retrouvé abandonné non loin, provoquant de nouvelles manifestations qui se soldent par une augmentation de salaires mais laissent un souvenir marquant[43]. Au début des années 1980, plusieurs attentats à la bombe sont perpétrés contre des bâtiments de l'État français en Martinique - le siège de Radio France Outre-Mer, Palais de Justice, gendarmerie... - revendiqués par l'Alliance révolutionnaire caraïbe[46].

L'indépendantiste Alfred Marie-Jeanne, membre du Mouvement Indépendantiste Martiniquais fondé en 1978, est élu député en 1997 puis président du conseil régional de la Martinique l'année suivante.

Projet de valorisation culturelle et patrimoniale

Dans les années 2000 est lancé par la président du Conseil régional de la Martinique Serge Letchimy un projet de valorisation culturelle et patrimoniale de la Martinique[47], dirigé depuis 2011 par l'écrivain Patrick Chamoiseau notamment à Saint-Pierre et aux Trois-Îlets[48,49]. Il vise à faire participer les Martiniquais au balisage mémoriel de leur île pour se réapproprier leur espace et leur histoire (amérindienne, esclavagiste et coloniale).

Quelques dates relatives à l'histoire de la Martinique

- 130 apr. J.-C. : apparition des premiers habitants de la Martinique: les Arawaks originaire d'Amérique du Sud.
- 295 apr. J.-C. : les Arawaks sont décimés à la suite de l'éruption de la montagne Pelée.
- 400 apr. J.-C. : retour des Arawaks et repeuplement de l'île.
- 600 apr. J.-C. : une autre civilisation, les Caraïbes, originaire d'Amérique du Sud, exterminent les Arawaks et s'installent sur l'île pendant plusieurs siècles.
- 1502 : le 15 juin, Christophe Colomb découvre la Martinique. Il est le premier européen à découvrir officiellement l'île.
- 1635 : le 17 septembre, prise de possession de la Martinique par Pierre Belain d'Esnambuc, sous la protection de Richelieu, au nom de la *Compagnie des Isles d'Amérique*. Début de la colonisation française. P. Belain d'Esnambuc fonde la ville de Saint-Pierre.
- 1642 : Louis XIII autorise la déportation d'esclaves africains dans les colonies : début de la Traite des Noirs.
- 1669 : le Gouverneur Jean-Charles de Baas fonde la ville de Fort-Royal (aujourd'hui Fort-de-France).
- 1674, décembre : la Martinique est rattachée au Domaine du roi.
- 1766 : le 2 août naissance à Saint-Pierre de Louis Delgrès, chef de la résistance contre les troupes du général Antoine Richepanse envoyées par Napoléon 1er pour rétablir l'esclavage en Guadeloupe.
- 1793 : le 4 février, Jean Baptiste Dubuc signe les accords de Whitehall à Londres soumettant la Martinique aux Britanniques tant que la royauté ne sera pas rétablie en France. Cela garantit notamment le maintien de l'esclavage.
- 1794 : la Convention vote l'abolition de l'esclavage, qui ne sera pas appliquée à la Martinique du fait de l'occupation par les Anglais.
- 1794 : les Anglais débarquent en Martinique le 6 février. Le Général Rochambeau capitule le 21 mars après un siège de 43 jours au Fort Saint-Louis.
- De 1794 à 1802 : première occupation anglaise (8 ans) de la Martinique. Le Traité de Whitehall du 19 février 1794, signé à Londres entre la Couronne britannique et les grands planteurs de la Martinique, de la Guadeloupe et de Saint-Domingue, leur permet d'échapper à la Révolution française et de bloquer l'abolition de l'esclavage votée le mois précédent par la Convention.
- 1800 : le sainte-lucien Jean Kina, colonel dans l'armée d'occupation anglaise, est arrêté alors qu'il tente de se joindre à des esclaves insurgés. Le gouverneur de la colonie le sanctionne en l'expulsant vers les États-Unis.
- 1802 : la Martinique est restituée à la France par le traité d'Amiens du 25 mars 1802.
- 1802 : après le Traité d'Amiens, Napoléon Bonaparte maintient l'esclavage à la Martinique par la Loi du 20 mai 1802. La Martinique est tenue sous la main de fer du Capitaine Général Villaret-Joyeuse.
- 1809 : débarquement anglais du 30 janvier 1809, capitulation de Villaret-Joyeuse le 24 février.
- De 1809 à 1814 : seconde et dernière occupation anglaise (5 ans) de la Martinique. Retour d'une politique favorable aux colons esclavagistes.
- 1814 : la Martinique est restituée à la France par le Traité de Paris du 30 mai 1814.
- 1822 : insurrection d'esclaves au Carbet faisant 2 morts et 7 blessés. La répression fut impitoyable, 19 esclaves condamnés à mort, 10 condamnés aux galères, 6 au fouet, 8 à assister aux exécutions.
- 1823 : arrestation de Cyrille Bissette, Fabien et Volny pour la diffusion de l'opuscule *De la situation des gens de couleur libres*. Lors du procès en première instance Bissette est condamné au bannissement à perpétuité du territoire français, il fait appel et la Cour Royale le condamne à la marque et aux galères perpétuelles.
- 1848 : signature le 27 avril par le gouvernement provisoire du décret d'abolition de l'esclavage dans toutes les colonies françaises.
- 1848 : les 22 et 23 mai, Révolution antiesclavagiste à Saint-Pierre et signature sous la pression des esclaves insurgés du décret d'abolition de l'esclavage par le Gouverneur Claude Rostoland.
- Au XIXe siècle, les principaux défenseurs de l'abolition de l'esclavage en Martinique furent Victor Schœlcher, Cyrille Bissette, Auguste-François Perrinon et Pierre-Marie Pory-Papy.
- 1870 : insurrection du sud de la Martinique à la suite d'une altercation entre le béké Codé et l'artisan Lubin. Codé est lynché par la foule et de nombreuses usines à sucre sont incendiées dans le sud de l'île. La répression fut impitoyable, 74 condamnés dont 12 fusillés, les autres ont été déportés aux bagnes de Guyane et de Nouvelle-Calédonie. Les leaders de cette insurrection sont Louis Telga, Eugène Lacaille et une femme, Lumina Sophie dite « Surprise ».
- 1881 : le 21 juillet, inauguration du lycée de Saint-Pierre, premier lycée laïque de l'histoire de la Martinique. À partir de 1882, ouverture de nombreuses écoles laïques sur toute l'île grâce à l'acharnement du député Marius Hurard, le père de l'école laïque en Martinique.
- 1900 : lors d'une grève à l'usine du François, la répression policière occasionne la mort de 10 ouvriers agricoles.
- 1902 : le 8 mai, l'éruption de la montagne Pelée détruit entièrement la ville de Saint-Pierre faisant 30 000 morts.
- Le 25 juin 1913 : Aimé Césaire naît à Basse-Pointe.
- Le 20 juillet 1925, Frantz Fanon naît à Fort-de-France.
- Le 21 septembre 1928 : Edouard Glissant naît à Sainte-Marie.
- 1932, un avion se pose pour la première fois sur le sol martiniquais. il effectue la liaison Cayenne - Antigua et dépose un passager.
- 1945 : le 27 mai, Aimé Césaire est élu Maire de Fort-de-France puis député.
- Le 19 mars 1946 : la Martinique devient un Département d'Outre-Mer. Le premier Préfet de l'île est Pierre Trouillé. Georges Gratiant est élu en 1946 premier Président du Conseil Général du nouveau département.
- 1948 : le 4 mars au Carbet, sur l'habitation Lajus, à la demande du propriétaire Jaques Bailly, les gardes mobiles envoyés par le préfet Trouillé tirent sans sommation sur des ouvriers en grève. Le bilan est de 3 morts et deux blessés graves.
- 1948 : « L'affaire des 16 de Basse-Pointe ». Le béké Guy de Fabrique est assassiné sur l'habitation Leyritz à Basse-Pointe. 16 coupeurs de canne sont accusés du meurtre. Lors du procès retentissant qui s'est déroulé à Bordeaux, ancien port négrier, les 16 ouvriers agricoles ont été acquittés faute de preuve[50].
- 1950 : mise en service de l'aéroport de Fort-de-France

- 1959 : trois jours d'émeute à Fort-de-France à la suite d'une altercation raciste sur la place de la Savane. La répression des CRS fait 3 morts, Marajo, Rosile et Betzi[51].
- 1962 : première revendication indépendantiste en Martinique. Il s'agit de l'affaire autour du Manifeste de l'OJAM (Organisation de la jeunesse anticolonialiste de la Martinique). Les auteurs de ce manifeste sont 18 jeunes étudiants Martiniquais. Ils ont été condamnés pour atteinte à la sûreté de l'État et emprisonnés à Fresnes. Puis ils ont été acquittés après 2 ans de procès.
- 1965 : le premier avion gros porteur, un Boeing 707 atterri à la Martinique.
- 1974 : au mois de février, grève agricole dans le secteur de la banane. La répression policière fait 2 morts, Georges Marie-Louise et Rénor Ilmany.
- 1983 : la Martinique devient une région à part entière avec la création d'une nouvelle collectivité, le Conseil Régional. Aimé Césaire est élu premier Président du conseil régional.
- 1996 : l'égalité sociale entre la France et les DOM est réalisée sous la présidence de Jacques Chirac. Alignement du SMIC des DOM sur celui de la France métropolitaine.
- 1997 : l'indépendantiste Alfred Marie-Jeanne est élu député de la Martinique puis en 1998 il est élu président du Conseil Régional. C'est une première dans l'histoire de la Martinique.
- 2003 : une évolution institutionnelle été envisagée, dans laquelle le conseil régional et le conseil général fusionneraient en une institution unique. Cette proposition a été rejetée à 50,48 % (abstention 56,06 %) par le referendum du 7 décembre 2003.
- 2005 : le 16 août, crash d'un vol charter de la compagnie colombienne West Caribbean entre le Panama et la Martinique. L'avion un MD80 avec à son bord 160 passagers dont 152 martiniquais s'écrasait après quelques heures de vol à proximité de la ville de Machiques au Venezuela. Cet accident d'avion avait provoqué une grande émotion au sein de la population martiniquaise.
- 2008 : Aimé Césaire meurt le 17 avril à l'âge de 94 ans, il fut député et maire de Fort-de-France durant 56 ans. Des obsèques nationales lui ont été rendues le 20 avril 2008 à Fort-de-France, en présence du chef de l'État et devant plusieurs milliers de personnes réunies au stade Pierre Aliker.
- 2009 : grève générale du 5 février au 14 mars
- 2010 : les 10 et 24 janvier 2010, deux référendums sont organisés sur l'évolution statutaire et organisationnelle de la Martinique. La première question posé était « Approuvez-vous la transformation de la Martinique en une collectivité d'outre-mer régie par l'article 74 de la Constitution, dotée d'une organisation particulière tenant compte de ses intérêts propres au sein de la République ? ». Comme le résultat a été non à 78,89 % (abstention 44,65 %), un second vote a eu lieu avec pour intitulé : « Approuvez-vous la création en Martinique d'une collectivité unique exerçant les compétences dévolues au département et à la région tout en demeurant régie par l'article 73 de la Constitution ? ». Le résultat de ce second vote a été positif à 68,30 % (abstention 64,19 %). Le projet de loi organique visant à créer un statut de collectivité unique a été présenté en Conseil des ministres le 26 janvier 2011. Seules la Martinique et la Guyane seront dotées de ce statut. La première élection des membres des assemblées de Guyane et de Martinique aura lieu en décembre 2015[52].

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ILLUMINATI, SORCIÈRES ET ORGIES Voici ce qui est célébré le 1er mai

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Le 1886er mai ou Journée internationale du travail est une journée qui commémore les victimes des grandes manifestations ouvrières à Chicago en XNUMX, mais ce n'est pas la seule fête célébrée ce jour-là.

La nuit de Walpurgis est célébrée dans la nuit du 30 avril au 1er mai, et aujourd'hui elle est officiellement célébrée dans les traditions scandinaves, allemandes et baltes.

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Il tire son nom moderne de Sainte-Walbourge (710-779), une sainte et nonne connue pour son jeûne. C'est officiellement une fête chrétienne, mais depuis le XVIIe siècle, la croyance selon laquelle les sorcières se rassemblent la nuit de Walpurgis s'est répandue en Allemagne, et cette croyance est devenue plus tard une

partie de la culture populaire.

Selon la légende, cette nuit-là, les sorcières se rassemblaient sur la montagne Broken (Allemagne) où elles communiquaient directement avec les dieux, organisaient des rituels de sacrifices sanglants et sacrifiaient souvent des enfants - c'était l'inspiration du "Faust" de Goethe.

cette journée est célébrée en l'honneur de la nature et de la fertilité. A cette occasion, des feux sont allumés, des jeux sont joués et des danses sont exécutées dans la partie de la nature autour du pilier autour de laquelle sont noués des rubans d'une couleur qui symbolise le phallus. Dans ces jeux rituels, les anciennes divinités démoniaques Baal, Green Man, Pan, Green George sont également mentionnées, et une orgie a eu lieu cette nuit-là.

À cause de tout ce qui précède, Anton Sandor Levey a fondé l'Église néo-sataniste ce jour-là. Comme cette institution est encore assez banale, la nuit est utilisée pour la drogue et les orgies.

Le mois de mai a été nommé d'après la déesse grecque de la fertilité Maia, qui est étroitement associée à la déesse romaine Bona Dea, qui est célébrée aujourd'hui. Ce n'est que le premier mai, dans l'Empire romain, que le sacrifice du sang a été dépénalisé, il était symbolisé par un serpent, et il était surtout célébré par les esclaves.

Un mélange intéressant de diverses manifestations prouve que les peuples anciens avaient des dates identiques de célébration de la nature, des forces positives et négatives et des dieux traditionnels.

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In Her Own Image: Slave Women and the Re-imagining of the Polish Black Madonna as Ezili Dantò, the Fierce Female Lwa of Haitian Vodou

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Abstract
This article negates the stereotypes of slave women in Haiti as weak, passive and compliant to colonialism and also challenges the archetype of hypersexualised bodies without minds. The Vodou Lwa Ezili Dantò is discussed with the aim to reclaim a cogitating Black female subjectivity. We evince that slave women's agency, their creativity and resistance to colonial paradigms were manifested in sacrality, as we explore how the Polish Black Madonna became Haitian Vodou spirit Ezili Dantò. We uncover what female metaphysics reveal about the memories, complexities and identities of the women responsible for their engendering.

Keywords Women · Vodou · Slavery · Ezili Dantò · Haiti · Gender · Polish Black Madonna · LGBTQ · Black women · lwa · Agency · Possession · Africa · Afro-Caribbean · Anthropology

«*Tunnel de larmes*
Qui mène au pays du vide
Nostalgie sans lendemain
Qui balance au pôle du regard
Conduis mes lunes au logis fertile de LIBERTE...»
Marie-Soeurette Mathieu, Invitation, Lueurs et Quinze poèmes d'éveil

Ezili Dantò is a Vodou spirit, what is known by Vodouisants as a lwa. She is the compassionate mother of the oppressed and abused, protector of women and children, victims of sexual assault, the forgotten and more recently, lesbians. Ezili is far more

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sensuous, not to mention cantankerous, than the Virginal Marian advocation from which she was inspired. Considered *cho*, a 'hot' spirit, Ezili Dantò is invoked for love spells, often those which involve sensuality and lust. She is thus often alluded to by Vodouisants as a lwa of love, jealously, passion and sex. As she is mute, those 'mounted' by her spirit, may lose the capacity to speak. They may dance erotically. She is equally known for her uncontrollable wrath and her vindictive nature. Voduisants relate that she exacts vengeance on those who harm women and children. Ezili's moods are myriad, plunging from the apogee of joy to the depths of despair. She is a complex character.

In this article, by unravelling the chronicle of Ezili Dantor, we reclaim the history of Haitian women as active agents in the inception of the Vodou religion. Little literature exists on women's role in forging faith in this context. Black women have frequently been ignored or ethnocentrically conceptualised in the literature that relates to the New World (Bush 1990; Gautier 2010; Dayan 1994; Kafka 1997; Morrissey 1989). Enslaved women have often been reduced to caricatures that portray them as passive, feeble victims compliant in their New World roles and in need of a protector. They have been reduced to their physicality, either as asexual stereotypes, such as the 'mammy', the nurturing mother, or the hardy fieldworker (Coppola 2012:28). Inversely, Black women have been hypersexualized as aggressive sexual predators whose appetites are 'at best inappropriate and, at worst, insatiable' (Hill Collins 1990:83). We still have not divested ourselves of the images of our dark colonial past, which perdure, as studies of depictions of Black women in Hip Hop, Hollywood, pornography and TV culture attest (Harris-Perry 2011; Williams 2011). Symbolically, violent representations remain crucial 'in the ideological justification for race, gender and class oppression' (Hill Collins 1990:68).

Many recently published historical accounts continue to neglect the role of women in the Haitian colony (Donnadieu 2014; Dillon and Drexler 2016; Geggus 2002; Girard 2014). Dayan is one of the few authors who has produced novel and probing work which examines the experiences of Haitian women during the colonial era, as well as exploring the meanings attributed to feminine Vodou lwas (Dayan 1994, 1998). Her work analyses these topics through a literary lens, as well as appealing to social psychology. Her primary focus is on how Haitian women have been portrayed diachronically in narrative fiction and how such work has informed, as well as reflected, the cultural imagination. There is also a growing, yet still limited corpus of historical work by authors such as Bush, Gautier, Morrisey and Kafka (ibid) that seeks to include women in accounts of colonial life. Yet, this offers no insights on women's religious roles nor their cultural heritage. Our article differs from existing scholarship, in that it takes an anthropological stance that seeks to understand Haitian women's histories, roles and cultural legacies through the exploration of the Vodou lwa, Ezili Danto.

We coalesce the examination of historical texts and colonial records with ethnographic fieldwork data to reinterpret existing research, focusing on themes salient to anthropological discourse. These are topics that have not been hitherto alluded to in such a context: agency, weapons of the weak and power from below. As anthropologists, we seek to trace cultural continuities in religious praxis, referring to African belief and social mores. As trained scholars of religion,[1] our angle differs from that of the above-cited authors. In this article, we explore what female metaphysics reveals about the agency, complexities, contradictions, memories and identities of the women

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responsible for their engendering, through the lens of Ezili. If as Feuerbach (1967:187) and Nietzsche (2010) assert 'man created God in his own image', then our question is how have female divinities been made in the image of women?

We evince that Ezili Dantò, like the spiritual practice she belongs to, goes beyond dichotomies. *Modus significandi* metamorphose with malleability. Ezili subverts binaries. She confounds gendered and racial stereotypes to provide palimpsestuous and polysemous meanings that are multilayered and multivocal. Above all, in describing the history of Ezili Dantò, we aim to illume 'the invisible Black woman' (Bush 1990) and reclaim her agency. We argue that if Ezili deeply resembles slave women it is because she is a sacred manifestation of the agency of those bondwomen. They sought psychically and physically through spirituality to resist the misfitting metaphysics and models of self and other imposed upon them by the colonialists. Today, women continue to appeal to Ezili to subvert binaries and question stereotypes.

As has been suggested, stereotypes entrenched in Cartesian dualism reduce Black women to a body without mind: 'the Other', who is both 'primitive' and 'animal-like' (Lyons and Lyons 2004:9). Represented as inferior, irrational, non-cogitating beings, these images have denied Black women their intelligence, agency, complexity and ability to creatively navigate, negate and challenge the mechanisms of power and the people who have sought to oppress them. The static stereotypes of passive female slaves that still infect much of the literature on the New World are a post-colonial carbuncle that continues to ooze colonial conceptions, thereby obfuscating the realities of Black women, that we seek to salvage.

A perusal of colonial archives (de Coulon 1797; Garran 1979-1814; Tarbé 1791) reveals that Black women were far from being passive and weak. Some history books written in the last decades on the colonisation of the Caribbean assert this, although they do not explore female faith. These largely remain a niche 'genre'. Usually penned by women (for women), this corpus seeks to counterpoise the innumerable narratives that treat slaves as a genderless mass. The authors aim to dislodge accounts that celebrate the victories of male leaders and that ignore the role of Black women in resistance, as well as their unique ordeals given the triple oppression of sexism, racism and economic hardship (Chancy 1997).

Much historical literature makes no mention of the denial of enslaved women's basic human right to bear and raise their children (Morrissey 1989). This combined with the rigours of the *Code Noir*, which compelled all slaves to be divested of their names, culture, and language, provides ample evidence for why it was 'arguably women who were more troublesome than men' thus more likely to seek to resist the reign of terror of their White Masters (Bush 1990:63). Whilst Toussaint l'Ouverture, Henri Christophe and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, to name but a few, are writ large in accounts, enslaved women 'have remained nameless' (Gautier 2010:221). The handful mentioned is briefly bracketed off as minor anecdotes, such as Suzanne Béliar, Toya Montou and Marie-Jeanne Lamartinière. Yet many bondwomen participated as freedom fighters in the Haitian revolution, commanding sections of the army that led to their independence from their slave masters. Vodou high priestesses termed *Manbos* — such as Cécile Fatiman another character who makes but a fleeting appearance in some accounts, whilst is discredited in others (Geggus 2002) — played a vital role in providing 'superhuman courage' and spiritual strength to insurgents (Gautier 2010:227). But what of the women whose names have not appeared in historical records? Our novel research proposes that Ezili, although revealingly a mute spirit, may provide some clues

as to the complex personas of the women who engendered her, embodied her during possession and served her spirit.

The enslaved woman's participation in Vodou, we propose, was an act of resistance. It was a means by which to assert her spirituality. It also comprised a creative and ratiocinating tactic to reformulate and refashion her own conceptions of gender and personhood through manipulation of multiplicities of meaning. To participate in any rituals other than Catholic was punishable by whipping and branding. Furthermore, anyone apprehended at a gathering already branded would be sentenced to death. We must surmise that women who took part in Vodou rituals were undeniably the obverse of the stereotypes of passive and simplistic Black women that abound.

These women, despite being violated, tortured and exploited, refused to be immured by the subordinate roles imposed upon them by their slave masters. They escaped the latter's clutches as through possession they negated the boundaries of personhood and agency, as Janice Boddy has described in reference to the Zar Cult of Northern Sudan (Boddy 1989). When Haitian women were mounted by lwa, such as Ezili, they interrogated and reassessed notions of self and other, as well as defying colonial authority structures. As Covington-Ward suggests 'the spiritual realm often provides access to an alternative form of authority through which people can upset the prevailing social order through effective use of their bodies' (Covington-Ward 2016:11). Likewise, as Castor has described in reference to Ifà worship in Trinidad, rites of possession create sites of social action where communities can express forms of spiritual citizenship (Castor 2017). Much like in Trinidad, in Haiti, through Vodou rituals, women could honour the lives and appease the spirits of those lost in the slave trade outside of the proper rituals and far from home, reclaiming social justice.

We will commence by providing a brief history of Haiti, as well as supplying a description of some of the many difficulties endured by bondwomen. We will also offer a brief background on Vodou. Information will be presented on the religious and cultural contexts from whence the slaves originated so as to clearly draw parallels and furnish the reader with a frame of reference that will situate our argument on Ezili. The latter will be elaborated in part two of this article.

The mixed methodology that is the basis of this article, consisted of perusal of colonial archives and historical records, digital and traditional ethnography, participant observation as well as formal and informal interviews with Voduisants, both online and in person. One of us has worked in person with a wide-range of Vodouisants since 2001, most of whom of Haitian origins, in Latin America and the USA, namely in New Orleans and Florida. The other researcher conducted digital ethnography joining numerous Vodou-forums (such as forumhaiti.com), groups on Facebook (such as Katiopa Kamit) and other networking sites. They also interviewed various Vodou-practising Haitian immigrants in Canada who were part of the cultural group *la Maison d'Haiti,* based in Montreal, Canada. The Anthropologist in our team of two, is an Africanist by training, specialising in West African religious traditions and the Religious Studies scholar is a Brazilianist who has published extensively on Afro-Brazilian Umbanda and Candomblé. As most of the slaves originally hailed from West and Central Africa, we also used our knowledge of these traditions and cross-referenced resources from this region, as

well as Brazil and Cuba, to gain deeper perspectives and seek to understand the *longue durée* of religious activities and cultural values. We reinterpreted pre-existing research on Vodou as well as historical accounts based on our mixed methodological approach.

The Ineffable Barbarity of Slavery

If Hispaniola's production was prodigious, it was due to the barbarous exploitation of slaves who initially received no emolument, and later were paid a pittance. Between 1681 and 1791, over 860,000 Africans consisting of men, women and children were shipped to Saint-Domingue. Multitudinous people were required to work the plantations, after the Indigenous population had been decimated. Due to the inhumane conditions, many Africans died both in Haiti, and also aboard the slave ships. These were floating concentration camps. Sailors cognisant of the atrocities adopted the aphorism 'Beware and take care of the Bight of Benin; For the one that comes out, There are forty go in' (Rediker 2008:17).

Africans of variegated classes, ethnic groups, ages and genders, usually snatched during formal warfare, informal raids or kidnapping were sold into slavery. Chained together, they endured the atrocities of imprisonment, violence, rape, disease and premature death. A plethora of people peppered the plantations from across West and West Central Africa, including Senegambia and the Gold Coast (Moreau de Saint-Méry 1797). Egregious working conditions, paltry nutrition, poor shelter, interminable work hours, corporal and capital punishment entailed that life expectancy was shockingly short.

The *Code Noir* legitimised the dehumanisation of slaves, legally defining slaves and their offspring as the chattel of their owners. It forbade them from speaking their own language, utilising their own names — new ones were allotted — and from practising their cultural mores, including their own religions. Large gatherings of slaves were prohibited. Estate owners were encouraged to baptise their slaves and compelled to instruct their slaves in Catechism. Likewise, planters purposely parted newly arrived Africans from members of their cohort. They did so to ensure that linguistic, cultural and communal bonds were severed, seeking to create a *tabula rasa* upon which the non-identity of slave could be inscribed. Nevertheless, far from assimilating, relinquishing and becoming 'docile' bodies, many slaves, both men and women, overtly and covertly resisted.

The Aberrant Position of the Bondwoman

Black women have frequently been ignored in accounts of resistance in Haiti. Many history books on the Caribbean appear to omit the role of women *tout court* (Buck-Morss 2009; Coupeau 2008; Donnadieu 2014; Dillon and Drexler 2016; Dubois 2012; Geggus 2002; Girard 2014). Their *sui generis* difficulties, namely the triple oppression and intersections of sexism, racism and economic hardship are overlooked. As outlined, bondwomen have been portrayed as passively accepting their New World roles. In some academic scholarship, such as that by the anthropologist Peter Wilson, they have

been described as 'more readily and firmly attached' to White society than their male counterparts (Wilson 1973). Nonetheless, perusal of colonial records reveals that Black women were frequently punished for their everyday acts of resistance, such as refusal to work or purposeful sabotage of tasks (Bush 1990:56; Garran 1979-1814; Tarbé 1791)[2] thereby negating views of compliant Black women. Kafka (1997) has combed colonial records noting that women featured in many protests against abominable working conditions, sometimes they were the leaders or acted alone as agitators. We suggest in this article that women also took active roles in Vodou, embodying lwa, such as Ezili Danto, who served as a means to assert themselves and contest colonial impositions.

The colonial literature of the epoch reveals the misogynoir of the White colonisers who hypersexualised Black woman. When visible, they were only so as silent bodies that were depicted as 'dark and debased' (Dayan 1994:8). White women were in contradistinction the apotheosis of the Victorian values of submissiveness, piety and purity. Women of colour in the Caribbean have also been depicted as possessing 'strong reproductive bodies, apt for the hard work in plantations', once again 'representing the opposite of the weakness and delicacy of the White female body' (Ruiz 2012:3).

Although forced sexual relations were common, some slave women learnt the value of sexual relationships with White men. We cannot discount that in some circumstances actual amorous affairs developed (Gautier 2010:150). Nevertheless, such relationships might be pursued by Black women as a strategy to improve their *modus vivendi* (Morrissey 1989:147*)*. Although bondwomen might engage in relationships with their White masters to reap financial benefits, or in the hopes of being manumitted, often they were intimidated into such sexual relationships. Moreau de Saint-Méry, whilst reiterating the myth of hypersexualized African women, for example as resorting to their 'native charms' to get their way, acknowledges that for male slaves 'the honour of their wives and chastity of their daughters were matters of the slightest consideration for the masters' (1797:39).

Although the *Code Noir* proscribed mutilation, it condoned whipping. Total or semi-nudity was enforced during whip-lashings. Bondwomen were often subjected to the sadistic, twin torture of rape and whipping. Rape is the ultimate form of 'dehumanisation, objectification, and domination' (Anderson 2012:625). According to the colonial paradigm, Jezebel stereotypes not only vindicated the commodification of bodies in the profitable business venture that was slavery but also furthermore justified the sexual abuse of women by White slave-owners (Harris-Perry 2011:55–56). The labelling of Black women as promiscuous and lascivious exonerated masters from rape, which was *ipso facto* not a crime.

It is likely that Black women rather than tractable, would have been more zealous than Black male slaves to resist the colonial system. Although some might have had privileged positions through relationships with White men, the majority were at the nadir of the skin and gender hierarchy that was the stanchion of colonial ideology. Many Black male slaves had low paying jobs in construction and agriculture. Nevertheless, numerous men were given access to skilled labour as sugar boilers, valets and

[2] See also how slave women were said to have plotted to have their white masters killed in National Archives, Paris, D/XXV/28, p.287, 'Troubles de Saint Domingue: Règlement de Police sur la culture et les cultivateurs, Procès-verbaux relatifs à l'exécution de ces règlements et autres pièces au soutien des opérations et de la correspondances des commissaires civiles, février 1794' (28 Feb. 1794).

watchmen (Moitt 2001:43). Such roles could potentially improve their status and economic autonomy. Black women had no access to such roles, were economically persecuted, and paid less than their male counterparts for the same work.

During the early days of slavery, plantation owners deemed pregnancy an impetus to production, as the bondwoman would be unable to work as productively. It was customary for slave owners to beat pregnant woman, delivering blows to their wombs, thereby ensuring miscarriage. In the French West Indies, women were often staked to the ground next to a hollow and whipped until the unborn child fell into the trough (Gautier 2010:86). Miscarriages were frequent due to gruelling toil. When a woman did manage to complete her pregnancy, slave owners seldom demonstrated an interest in ensuring children's well-being. Bondwomen were deprived of the right to raise their children. Their young might at any time be wrested from them and sold to other plantation owners. The father might also be traded to another planter. Paternity was disregarded by slaveholders. Marriage between slaves was illicit. The fact that Ezili Danto, as we will describe, is often depicted as a wrathful mother, ready to protect her child at all costs, we believe, reflects this dark history and the onerous experiences of motherhood in the Caribbean colony.

Women, however, did not blindly accept such circumstances. They resisted in multifarious ways. Although, due to ties to children and the dangers of the road, women were less likely than men to resort to *marronage*, they found other creative ways to manifest their agency. Some covertly resisted, feigning sickness to escape work hours or intentionally damaging crops. Others mounted official protests.[3] Some joined resistance groups. Others sought undercover roles in the slave revolt, spying on their masters, poisoning their food or stealing supplies to source the slave army.

Vodou formed an important mode of resistance. The revolution began in 1791 with a Vodou ceremony at Bois Caïman that was led by a female priestess, or *Manbo,* Cécile Fatiman, who led proceedings, alongside Boukman Dutty, an *oungan* or male priest. Fatiman has been excluded from many accounts that rely on colonial records and by historians who omit the role of women from chronicles, such as Jean Fouchard (2017). Yet accounts, such as Etienne Charlier (1954), that rely on the testimony of descendants of participants and analysis of local lore confirm Fatiman's presence. We were told by numerous devotees that during the ceremony — and this claim is supported in many academic accounts, as well as frequently depicted by Haitian artists — that Fatiman was mounted by Ezili that very night. According to Karine, a Voduisant from Orlando, 'the *manbo* started dancing listlessly, mounted by the spirit, Ezili Dantò. At the end of the ceremony she sacrificed a black pig to Ezili for protection. All the attendees were then invited to anoint themselves with the blood as they vowed to unite and kill their White oppressors.' Despite her central role in that ceremony, Cécile Fatiman disappears from historical narratives and like the nimieties of silent Black Haitian women, is effaced. Nevertheless, we argue that an analysis of Ezili Dantò will allow for a better understanding of the women who created her largely in their own image.

[3] For example, National Archives, Paris, D/XXV/37, 'Troubles de Saint Domingue: Lettres et Pétitions de divers individus et autres pièces adressées aux Cer Polverel, l'un des Commissaires N(aux) Civiles, mars 1794' (3 March 1794).

Vodou Vivified: a New Faith in a New World

Vodou must be understood as born from a cocktail of convictions that coalesced in the New World. Vodou has been misconstrued and portrayed as barbaric, bacchanalian, orgiastic and even satanic. The 'imagined religion' which permeates Western popular culture has little to do with the actual practice serving 'as a venue for the expression of more-or-less undiluted racial anxieties, manifested as lurid fantasies about Black peoples' (McGee 2012:232). Tellingly, practitioners have typically chosen not to objectify Vodou as a religion. They state that they 'serve the spirits'. Static definitions of religion demand self-reflexivity. These reflect our preconceptions rather than emic understandings that, as in the case of Vodou, involve ambivalence, and contradiction (Bellegarde-Smith and Michel 2006).

Haitian Vodou's inception commenced with communities of captives assembling together. They sought succour in spirituality, wishing to preserve and celebrate their mystical metaphysics, cohering congeries of complex ritual acts and beliefs. Faced with onerous conditions, captives sought to propitiate spiritual forces to intervene. More importantly, the repressive context of plantation life prevented them from expressing themselves. Africans 'nurtured the desire for both physical and cultural freedom' hence they utilised whatever 'means were available to them to preserve and perpetuate their sense of self', their cosmologies and ontological *weltanschauung* (Edmonds and Gonzalez 2010:113). Despite the interdictions of the *Code Noir*, which penalised large gatherings of slaves and prohibited African spiritual practices, captives furtively slunk into the womb of the night to meet in the woods and perform their rituals and dances in secrecy.

Initially, captives hailed from disparate regions of the African continent which had diverging beliefs and dissimilar languages. This made spoken communication arduous. Nevertheless, their spiritual practices had common elements, such as spirit possession, supplication and sacrifices to spirits related to nature, ethnobotany, ancestor worship as well as rituals led by male and female priestesses, as we have previously evinced (Our Publication 2003). Due to such affinities, religion comprised a sacred lingua franca. Vodou also allowed during what Westerners call possession, — a term which Vodouisants do not employ — for those mounted by spirits to enact different personas and express their own unique conceptions of self, gender, place and time.

Many academics have chosen to focus on the *fons et origo* of Vodou, which points to the multiplicity of ethnicities and creeds that were meshed to create a spiritual practice that has been compared to gumbo. Some scholars, such as de Heusch and Métraux, have insisted on the *Africanicité* of Vodou (Métraux 1959; de Heusch 1989).[4] To make such statements is to undermine the creativity and agency of those diverse people brought together in Haiti who from myriad influences created new spiritualities. Such assertions also shirk the Amerindian influences in Vodou and overlook the Freemason and Catholic elements which were ingeniously intermingled.

Lwa, or spirit entities, come from three main families, or *nanchon* (nations): Rada, Petro and Ghede. Rada spirits are said to be of Dahomeyan origins. According to Voduisants, they are calm and cool. Ghede are the spirits of deceased ancestors. Ancestor worship, as detailed, is ubiquitous across much of Africa. Petro lwa were

[4] For example, Métraux wrote that Vodou has 'in structure and spirit remained essentially Dahomean' Ibid, 32.

greatly influenced by Kongolese and Angolan cosmology.[5] Ezili Dantò is a Petro lwa. The Petro spirits are known to be 'fiery' and 'angry' (Edmonds and Gonzalez 2010:111). Whereas the drumbeats played for Rada spirits are measured and timely, those of the Petro are strident and syncopated. It is during drumming that spirits are said to mount the participants who are their horses, *chwal*. The appellation of Vodou rituals reveals founders came from disparate African nations.[6] Such rites generally take place to seek advice, healing and to perform service to the spirits.

In her Image

A lwa in Haitian Vodou is a spirit. There are numerous lwa, they are also known as '*misté*', mysteries, or '*anvizib*', invisibles. They have many manifestations which evoke the metaphysics of the multiplicity of personhood. Lwa are spirits who serve as intermediaries between the Supreme Creator, *Bondye* (Bon Dieu, God). He is a *deus otiosus*, a distant figure that cannot be propitiated as lwa such as Ezili Dantò can. Lwa aid human beings in their daily affairs and may carry messages from the dead. The primary medium of approaching lwa is through ceremonies led by priestesses, *manbo* and priests, *houngan*. Each lwa has its own distinct persona, specific dances, drum patterns, songs and tastes for particular worldly items. They also have their own *vévé*,[7] used to summon them. Lwa must not merely be prayed to, indeed Vodou is not so much about belief but rather praxis (Bellegarde-Smith and Michel 2013:463). A Vodou practitioner must make sacrifices to influence the spirits and enter into a relationship of reciprocity with them so that petitions will be looked upon favourably. Experienced initiates, *hounsi*, are regularly mounted by lwas during rituals, enabling them to take on the characteristics and powers of that spirit so that the mysteries may be spoken.

Lwa, also may mean image. How have female lwas been fashioned in the image of those women that hewed them from their memories, experiences, desires, ontologies and need for agency? It is beyond the scope of this paper to explore the innumerable female lwas. Nevertheless, Ezili Dantò, her story, iconography, philosophy and performance, may offer us a glimpse into the past to unseal the hushed casket of the women who have long been silenced. After all, 'Haitian history has been written by men' (Dayan:17) about men, as we previously detailed.

During slavery, as outlined, African women were subject to ineffable exploitation and dehumanisation by colonisers both physically and mentally, forcing them to abandon the structures, languages, customs and cultures whereby they could convey their sense of self and experiences (Coppola 2012:31). Yet equally by omitting enslaved women's unique ordeals from the historical record, they have been depersonalised, muted and denied agency. When Black women have appeared in literature and colonial records, it is as a hypersexualised, corporal presence or the simplistic mammy, in toto as 'African/Caribbean woman as body without mind and as

[5] Indeed, many lwa bear names of Kongo origin such as Simbi, Nkita and Mbumba, spirits that are well-known in the sacred practices of lower Zaire (see de Heusch 1989: 293).

[6] For example, Rit Seneka indicates its origins from Senegal, as does Rit Bizango, which refers to Bissango Island. Rit Boumba which refers to a river in Cameroun whilst Rit Ibo refers to the Igbo people of southern Nigeria (Jil and Jil 2009: 160).

[7] These are geometrical patterns that represent the lwa generally used to invoke them.

primitive "other"' (Anim-Addo 2007:11). Our examination of the lwa, Ezili Dantò, aims to counterpoise this tendency and display what Philip terms 'thinking Black female subjectivity'(Philip 1997:135).

Ezili, and other female lwa, could be said to have been 'made in the image' of captive women, allowing them to articulate themselves. As Barber evokes, in her work on the Yoruba and their connection to their Orisa 'the idea that gods are made by men, not men by gods' is not only a 'sociological truism' but also a 'central impulse to devotion' (Barber 1981:724). It is women who made and to this today continue to be mounted by Ezili, a lwa whose complex, shifting, multifaceted persona goes beyond simplistic depictions of Black women to evince an omnifarious conception of personhood, that is unbounded by binaries and interrogates the categories created by colonial, Cartesian and patriarchal paradigms. Ezili must not only be construed as a spirit who empowered women who had no rights nor voice but also as a sentient, contemplative mode of self-generated resistance and expression. Before we analyse Ezili Dantò, we must first recall the origins of the women who engendered her, served her and adored her as this will allow us to understand their context and how Ezili represents continuity and change.

Herstories

Once again, the roles that enslaved women would have maintained in their homelands have been neglected in historical accounts. Thanks to the hard work of female scholars such as Dayan, Bush inter alia, we now have a solid corpus that relates the ordeals of slave women in the Caribbean. Yet there remains scant speculation about, or investigation into, the origins of these women. This may be due to the lack of hard evidence detailing the contextual origins of slave women, however, given the records maintained by slave traders, it does not take a vast leap of imagination nor hyperbolic indulgence to hypothesise.

In pre-colonial West and West Central Africa, from whence many of the slaves hailed, we are aware that women played an active, participatory role in many societies, which anthropologists have confirmed in their studies of the region. As Farrar points out, 'female title-holders placed in the highest levels of the political order were a common feature of ancient and pre-colonial African political systems' (Farrar 1997:579). Some of the Caribbean bondwomen would have originally also been slaves in Africa before their departure to the New World, since some communities chose to provide traders with their extant servants. Yet historical records attest that many women were captured during informal warfare and raiding. These bondwomen, therefore, originated from a wide range of sectors within African society (Geggus 1982; Rediker 2008) and indubitably would have had positions of power in their native lands.

Research into the native regions of these slaves confirms that not all but numerous women in West and West Central Africa maintained important roles politically, economically and spiritually. Such as amongst the matrilineal Akan peoples, where the *Ohemmaa*, Queen Mother, was not only responsible for electing the king but also under certain circumstances might assume full control of central authority thereby becoming the 'king', the *Omanhene* (Rattray 1969:81–85). In Benin, women held active, combative roles and fought during conflicts against outside aggressors. Much has written

about the female regiments who came to be known as 'the Amazons of Dahomey' (Law 1993). Women also occupied important roles in their religious traditions, such as amongst the Yoruba where *Iyaláwo* and *Ìyánífá,* priestesses, were highly respected for their mystical powers. Even today amongst the Yoruba, 'women possess certain extraordinary power equal to or greater than that of the gods or ancestors' reflected in terms such as 'our mothers, the gods of society, owners of the world' noting that this power can be 'beneficent or destructive' (Drewal and Drewal 1983). In the kingdom of Kongo, elite women exercised indirect as well as direct power, controlling entire sections of the country, whilst in the Angolan empires of Ndongo and Matamba, women took formal control of the state (Thornton 2006). As Bádéjo avouches, an analysis of mythicoreligious iconography, cosmology and oral literary traditions reveal that African women enveloped 'a complex matrix of power' (Bádéjo 1998:94).

It is impossible to confirm, and we cannot generalise as per all captive women, nevertheless it is unquestionable that some African women enslaved in Haiti came from societies where concepts of gender and gendered roles were entirely dissimilar to those subordinate roles they had to take on in the Haitian colony, cultural communities wherein women yielded economic, spiritual and/or political power. They also hailed from societies where concepts of personhood were vastly different. As anthropologists, Comaroff and Comaroff (2001) have evinced, the notion of the person as circumscribed and static is distinctly European. African people have other metaphysical models, these are often dynamic, whereby personhood is processual, rather than a mode of 'being' it is a mode of 'becoming'. The idea of 'autoplexy' to describe notions of African personhood, suggests 'playing and shifting with a multiplicity of …roles and identity patterns' (ibid: 273). Amongst the Akan, we also note conceptions of 'the multiplicity of the self' which are central to Vodou (Strongman 2008).

By exploring the iconography and personality of Ezili Dantò, and analysing it, we can better understand how this lwa provided a sense of continuity for slave women, allowing them to encapsulate memories of their homelands whilst also providing a means to record their actual experiences. Importantly, this lwa was a means for women to resist possession by the White man, his ontologies, and subservient roles thereby eschewing and, even if but temporarily, escaping physical as well as metaphysical impositions. As Boddy suggests, possession may negate the boundaries of personhood and agency and alter 'women's perceptions of themselves, each other' as women experience 'formlessness' (Boddy 1989:6, 274). As we will detail, Ezili is transformative, yet also transcends Cartesian and binary models, whilst re-appropriating positions of powerlessness to reclaim agency and mystery for herself. This divulges much about the women who created her. As Levinskaya has pointed out, religions do not exist primevally but are 'man-made' (Levinskaya 1993). In this case Ezili is 'woman-made'.

Ezili

The name Ezili is believed to derive from the Fon word Azlí, which refers to a lake and to the Vodun spirit of the lake. But Ezili is not of Fon origin alone. Water spirits are ubiquitous across Africa. As van Stipriaan points out 'in West-African … religions, water spirits, which are more often than not female, have played or still play a prominent role' (van Stipriaan 2003). As these aquatic spirits traversed the water, they

encountered local beliefs and were morphed by those who conceived of them for their needs. Equally, Taino Amerindians venerated a spirit of fresh water and fecundity, known as Atabey. Her characteristics also imbued this lwa. Born on Haitian soil, Ezili is the spiritual child of many mothers of myriad origins and she has multiple manifestations that, existing simultaneously, attest to the complexities of her makers. Ezili, like her Taino and African ancestors, has long been associated with water, and even in the eyes of devotees today is a symbol of sexual fertility, a cosmic womb, a mother of the world (Desmangles 1992:131).

Ezili exists in multiple guises, Ezili Freda, Lasyrenn and Granne Ezili to name but a few aspects of this lwa. It is beyond the scope of this paper to consider them. Our focus is Ezili Dantò. Her surname, Dantò, we were told, is said to come from *D'En tort*, which means Ezili of the 'wronged'. This evinces her distinctness as per other manifestations of Ezili, as she is the lwa who wrathfully exacts vengeance for those who have been maligned and abused. From our understandings of the conditions that slave women found themselves entrapped in, Ezili clearly represents their anger at their situation and likely allowed them to express social justice through the spiritual realm by honouring the memories of those harmed.[8]

Her story commences in the midst of the slave revolts. Polish legionnaires were sent by Bonaparte to quell the unrest that was shaking France's richest colony. The war was cruel. The Poles garbed inappropriately for, and unaccustomed to the tropical climes, were decimated by the rebellious slaves, as well as by diseases such as yellow fever. Numerous Poles, treated poorly by the French, switched sides as the revolution progressed. They brought with them their most important religious icons, notably Our Lady of Czestochowa (Rzeznik 2016), one of many Black Madonnas of mediaeval Europe (Fig. 1). There is no consensus as to why these Virgins were depicted with dark skin. Arguments vary, some suggest that the images may have been created to match the appearance of Indigenous people or that they were blackened over time due to smoke and ageing. Vodouisants, as we have seen, were banned under the *Code Noir,* from propitiating their own spirits. Ever innovative, they re-appropriated the Catholic saints whom they were encouraged to venerate, as part of the Vodou pantheon of spirits. Notwithstanding, they did so not through a Christian optic but rather transubstantiated these saints syncretically into representations of a lwa. This meant slaves could attend church and appear to be following the *Code Noir*, whilst mentally invoking Vodou spirits. As we have previously detailed Damballah, for example, the sky lwa whose *vévé* is dioscuric serpents, was syncretised with St. Patrick, who in Christian iconography is depicted with a snake at his feet (Our publication).

Gazing at the visage of Our Lady of Czestochowa, it is not effortful to imagine her tantalising appeal to Vodouisants, in particular female initiates, who identified her as one of the many aspects of Ezili, naming her Ezili Dantò (Cvetnić 2017). The chromolithographs of the *mater salvatoris* depict a Black-skinned Virgin, with two long scars on her cheek. In the crook of her left arm she protectively clutches a Black Christ child. Her expression is stoic, yet compassionate. The wounded visage of Our Lady of Czestochowa must have carried potent significance to the Haitian people who had been physically and psychologically scarred at the hands of the colonisers. In the horrors of the colony, where mothers struggled to protect their children from their

[8] As Castor points out in her work on Ifà worship in Castor (2017, 152).

Fig. 1 Our Lady of Czestochowa

White masters and might be separated from them at any time, the Black Madonna's tender and defensive stance to her child evoked important emotions for slave women. These are surely what led Vodouisants to ascribe particular powers and characteristics to Ezili that spoke of their trials and tribulations.

Noegenesis: A Sacred Multiplicity of Her

Our gods, goddesses, and deities represent our trajectories, memories, vulnerabilities, possibilities and the incomprehensibilities we encounter. They are a bricolage of that

which we esteem, the desires and dreams of innumerable people and their fight for social justice. Haitian women engendered and embodied Ezili Dantò, in order that specific notions of femininity be honoured, explored and kept in existence. Through the spirit medium of Ezili they inscribed their memories, evinced their values, contesting the identities imposed upon them as they represented womanhood in its multiplicities, contradictions and mysteries.

Lewis argues that women's possession cults are 'thinly disguised protest movements' in societies where women are oppressed (Lewis 1989, 26). Yet although possession may prima facie appear as social resistance, when women receive the spirits, this may allow them to 'continually rework contradictions' and achieve healing through 'depersonalization and reconstitution' (Comaroff 1985:226, 232). In a state of trance, women may, through mind-displacing manipulation, experience multiple subjectivities since spirits 'obliterate their mounts' consciousness in order to fully articulate a wholly "other" persona in the act of possession' allowing them to 'to mediate, subvert, or reinforce… relations, conventions, and contradictions that are often the echoes of … her own muted voice' (Masquelier 2001:157–158). Likewise, we must recall the 'importance of bodily movement for carrying cultural ideals and histories', and passing these on to others, noting how bodily gestures may reclaim power for communities 'as a way of remembering' (Covington-Ward 2016:13) thereby allowing communities to prevent their subaltern stories from being erased.

Slave women in Haiti were dehumanised. Ezili, we argue, was a tool for women to express their many facets and histories. They were robbed of their identities, forced to be subordinate to colonialists who exploited them, abused them, raped them, stole their children to sell to others. The Virginal figure of the Black Madonna replete with her Christian chorography bore little relevance to the experiences of slave women. They re-appropriated her, translating her into their own terms to map new mythologies and metaphysics. Through this noegenesis, the Black Madonna became Ezili Dantò.

Whereas in Poland, Our Lady of Czestochowa was claimed to be 'Healer of the Sick, Mother of Mercy and Queen of Poland', in Haiti she was re-imagined as a protector of women and children, as well as the sexually abused as devotees across the Americas have explained to us. Today Ezili continues to have this reputation. She is described by Vodouisants as a fierce mother who protects people, and this has been extended, as we were informed, to the LGBTQ community in more modern times. Yet we should not question the assumption that lesbians did not exist during the colonial era and might have been inexorably drawn into possession by Ezili. We should recall, that even if the term lesbian is a Western construct, that unlike in colonial, Western, Victorian society, in pre-Colonial African communities, such as amongst the so-called 'Amazons of Dahomey', the women warriors of Benin — a region where many slaves were captured from same-sex female relationships were common, as were woman to woman marriages (Blackwood and Wieringa 1999:42).

Mary, as a spiritual mother, was meek, mild and full of mercy. Ezili whilst gentle and compassionate with women and children, was synchronously envisaged as a battle-axe who vindictively exacted vengeance on those who harmed women, children and the abused. Ezili is sacrality suffused with the storm of anger of women who suffered ineffable physical and mental cruelty. The women who were beaten, who were raped, who lost their children, whether to miscarriage or to estate owners who sold them to others and who indubitably maltreated those children. Slave women could neither

forgive nor forget, thus neither can Erzulie. She bears 'the traces of torture and revenge' (Dayan 1998:35). Ezili *Ge Rouje* (red eyes), as Laetitia, a Haitian immigrant living in Florida explained to us, is the shadow of Dantò, Ezili at her most bellicose. She represents abused, irate women over the ages. Ezili is depicted with sanguineous sockets seeping blood and animus. Indeed, we were told by Laetitia, as well as other Voduisants, that one of Ezili's colours, aside from navy blue, is blood red.

In the Polish image, Our Lady of Czestochowa wears seven jewels in her crown. Likewise, Dantò's characteristic number is seven. In Christianity, the number seven is of import, referring to the seven sacraments, the seven deadly sins, the seven joys and sorrows of Mary. Yet again, this element is morphed into maternal terms by bondwomen, whilst also disclosing their dolor, as well as determination. We were told by numerous female Vodouisants both on-line and in person, that Ezili's seven jewels refer to her beloved seven children, but also alludes to the seven jabs of a knife she endured, as the song 'Seven Stabs' relates. This song is well known by most Vodouisants and we recorded variations of the same verses in various locations across the Americas:

Set koud kouto, set koud pwenyad
Prete'm dedin a pou m'al vomi sang mwen
Sang ape koule
Seven stabs of the knife, seven stabs of the dagger
Hand me that basin, I am going to vomit blood
The blood runs down

Prima facie this appears to be a song about Ezili's defeat. As we were told, far from this, it depicts the lwa's power and obdurate ferocity. Notwithstanding multiple stab wounds, she can still hold a basin, vomit blood and persevere. Another song that we noted used during rites related to Dantò also evokes her determination and belligerent nature:

J*ou ma' koule*
Jou ma' koule
Jou ma' koule
Map vomi sang mwen bay yo
The day I am run down
The day I am run down
The day I am run down
I will vomit my blood and give it to them

This song describes how even when worn down and defeated, justice will still be meted out by Ezili. Kerline described to us how 'handing a basin of her blood to someone shows how vexed she is', it also symbolises her readiness to retaliate. The mythology of the seven stabs wrests victory from defeat. We believe that, if seen through the lens of memory, this song could well be interpreted as a record of the torments endured by bondwomen. At a deeper level, it screams defiantly of the mental as well as physical strength of the Black slave mothers, who contested the power of the colonialists whose abuse could spill their blood, break their bones but not crush their spirits. In singing these lines, Vodouisants continue to embody and honour the memory of abused slave

women who resisted being beaten down, mentally, even if they were abused physically by slave drivers.

Polish sources have various hypotheses as to why the portrait of Our Lady of Czestochowa has a scarred cheek. One of the commonly recounted explanations is that these were inflicted by irate Hussites who in 1430 attacked the Pauline Monastery where the icon was housed (Niedźwiedź 2010). Denouncing Marian devotion, they pillaged the shrine, desecrating the Black Madonna with three sword slashes to her right cheek. Haitian mythology has again altered this account to co-align with realities of life in the colony. Voduisants frequently related to us that Ezili Dantò's scar is the result of wounds she received fighting in the Haitian Revolution. Women fought alongside men. Debbie, a Vodouisant from Orlando, told us that Ezili Dantò is believed to have possessed Manbo Marinette, a female revolutionary who fought in the war for independence against France who she has now become syncretised with.

Manbo Marinette's name means dry wood. It is recounted that Marinette was burnt alive for fighting against the French and for her part in the Bois Caiman ceremony that launched the revolution. Marinette is symbolised by Anima Sola, the Catholic image of a female soul amidst the flames of purgatory. Joan of Arc is also used to represent Marinette. As Debbie related to us, the legend is that the *Manbo*'s tongue was cut out by her own people, who feared she would give away her secrets if captured. Those possessed by her spirit can only utter 'ke-ke-ke' or 'de-de-de'. Like Ezili, Marinette is mute.

The fact that slave women chose to create and venerate a spirit that cannot speak, speaks volumes about the muzzled voice of Black women, who, as has been described, have long been depicted as a weak, wordless, non-cogitating, corporal mass. Yet in the guise of Ezili, bondwomen re-appropriated silence as strength, for her secrets cannot be stolen. Her thoughts cannot be extracted and are hers alone. As anthropologists such as Ardener (1975), and Hill (2010) have contended as a 'muted group', women appear inarticulate in the context of their surroundings, as well as vis-à-vis the men who appear to dominate them. Yet women manifest other ways to express themselves. Hill's work on female Sufi religious leaders has revealed that the dissociation of women from their voices in West Africa 'owes … much to West African traditions of power and nobility' (Hill 2018: 205). In Western phallogocentric schemas, the voice has been equated with power. Nevertheless, alternative paradigms evince the prepotency of not needing to speak to deliver a message. This simultaneously evokes the ambiguity and remoteness of silence, avowing a transcendental intimation beyond the mundane modulations of vocalisation, and moreover, in that which cannot be defined, allowing for the preservation of mysteries. And of course, lwa are known as '*misté*'.[9] Ezili Dantò despite, or perhaps because of, her tonguelessness is one of the most beloved and revered *misté* of them all.

Notwithstanding her mysticism, Ezili also evokes the multiplicity of changing sentiments of the slave women who shaped her. As we have seen Ezili's sentiments include rage and maternal love. She is a *cho*, a 'hot' spirit of passion, vengeance, as well as jealousy. Some Voduisants related that the lwa's scars are the result of a quarrel with her sister Ezili Freda, over a lover. She stabbed Freda with her dagger, who then scarred her with the poniard. Contrary to the Marian advocation from which she was

[9] *Misté* means mysteries.

engendered, Ezili Dantò is sensuous and passionate. She is often invoked in love spells, as well as supplicated for conception and childbirth. In Vodou, the Christ child that features in the Polish icon is transformed into Ezili Dantò's lover and son, Ti-Jean, according to some Vodou practitioners. Yet we were also told, that for some, the babe is considered her daughter Anais, also known as Ti Koukoun. Aside from her possible love affair with Ti Jean, Ezili is said to be married to the lwa known as Simbi Makaya, who is the master magician, or Ogou, who is the lwa of power, depending on the Vodou variant. She is intimately linked to the realm of reproduction. Vodouisants see no contradiction between her purity, virginity and her sensuality, promiscuity. Virginity in Vodou cosmology is understood unorthodoxly, rather than a physical condition it implies beauty, a transcendence that 'she is of another world, another reality' (Deren 1970:144). One undefiled by the corruptions of the profane mundane.

Furthermore, as Bádéjọ points out Western, patriarchal paradigms 'confused the relationship between women and nature by demanding that women be virginal and motherly at the same time' (Bádéjo 1998:101). Ezili Dantò displaces unnatural models of femininity replacing them with the lived realities of slave women. This includes not only enjoyment of one's sexuality but also inversely contesting the unwanted claims made on women's bodies by colonisers. Rage is a way of reclaiming one's psychic domains and an affront to those who try to enforce roles such as physical and sexual submissiveness, but sensuality is also a means to assert one's physical autonomy. When those mounted by Ezili dance erotically, their bodies and sexuality are overtaken by the spiritual forces in the form of the divine feminine, dispossessing themselves of male colonial control. If situations of sexual abuse and rape must be understood 'as an affront to the embodied subject …. a sexually specific act that destroys (if only temporarily) the intersubjective, embodied agency and therefore personhood of a woman' (Cahill 2001:13), then possession by Ezili reveals how the spiritual realm may disrupt the extant social order providing an alternative form of embodied, spiritual authority that supersedes all others.[10] Cultural performances of the body may delegitimate the status quo and bolster communities through common appeals to sacred authority.

Ezili Dantò also reveals bondwomen's complex understanding of sexuality, as the lwa subverts gender dualisms. Ezili is tough, hard-working and independent yet at other times she is feminine and maternal, with a penchant for perfume. Sometimes her masculine traits lead her to be seen as androgynous (Conner 2005:143). Vodouisants related to us that she is the defender of lesbians. She may vacillate between feminine and masculine traits. Today, some Vodouisants claim that although Ezili Dantò is a single mother who has given birth, she is bisexual or even a lesbian herself. She is said to oscillate in her attractions towards the genders. It is largely women who are mounted by Ezili's spirit, but the lwa does not discriminate. Male, female or transgender *hounsi* may become a *chwal* for the lwa, regardless of their gender or sexuality, and potentially become re-gendered. In Vodou trance 'self can be substituted temporarily by subjectivity of another gender' (Strongman 2008:14). The lwa's non-dualism and gender fluidity, as well as the complexity of the gender dynamics involved in what Westerners term possession, harkens to Black women's desire to maintain a metaphysics which hails from African origins and desist from accepting the edicts of Catholicism. Whilst Western, Cartesian philosophy situates the self as static and steadfast, African

[10] As Covington-Ward (2016, 3–4) evinces as per possession in the Congo and political authorities.

ontologies, as we have seen, allude to a self that exists as a process, transcorporeal and uncircumscribed in its multiplicities. In the space of the colony, where gendered roles according to Victorian dictates, of active male versus passive female were combined with the racism to lower Black women to the nadir, Ezili Dantò, a lwa that unsettles the precepts of such gender and sexual norms, reveals that bondwomen contested the codes of gender. Ezili morphed a Marian model of meek femininity into a means of subverting submissive status and deconstructing dualistic directives through sustentation of African metaphysics.

Indeed, the items which *hounsi* gift to their *lwa* on Tuesdays, her day, reveal the complexities, memories and fears of the slave women who created Ezili. She is said to have a love for the trappings of femininity, such as a fondness for luxurious French perfume, in particular *Rêve d'Or* and *Magie Noir*. Today, Voduisants typically spritz the scents around her *ogatwa*, altar. She is said by many to like strong cigarettes, rum (preferably Barbancourt), crème de cacao and sometimes wine. She also has a penchant for silver or white gold jewellery, and rings with blue or red stones in them. The desire for such items, is not a 'dream of luxury' (Deren 1970:138), as Dayan has pointed out (1995), but rather a memory and mimicry of the excesses of the colonialists whose opulent lifestyles came at the expense of the backbreaking toil of slave labour. They had the power to deny or grant slave women extravagances, gifting them such items, but these often came at a high cost, in return for sexual relationships that may have been established *nolens volens.* If these led to children, mothers had no rights over them. From our analysis, we believe this explains why, on her *ogatwa,* the *lwa* also asks for masculine, phallic items, usually daggers, knives, swords, and other sharp objects. These, we argue, are re-appropriated as weapons of female protection and retaliation, recalling the many injustices done to slave women. Yet when Ezili also requests dolls, she reveals slave women's longing for maternity, and the gift of childhood innocence. Her *vévé* an ornate heart with a dagger piercing it, evokes the wounded heart of the slave woman, seeking love in a space of death.

In the Polish depictions of the Black Madonna, the Christ child clutches a Bible, which Vodouisants believe represents a coffin. Thanatological symbolism and memento mori pervade Vodou. After all, due to brutal exploitation, physical and mental abuse by the colonisers, life for slaves 'was nasty, brutish and short' (Hobbes 1651). The fragility of life was omnipresent. Death was always near. Adult and infant mortality rates were exceptionally high (Morrissey 1989:120). Yet, death is not something to be feared within the Vodou paradigm, but an 'undeniable existential truth' and 'an imminent homecoming' where spirits welcome the deceased into the eternal paradise of Guinea, a mythologised, Africanised promised land where the ancestors await (Cosentino 2012:136–138).

Conclusion

As Michel and Bellegarde-Smith posit Vodou is a form of humanism (Bellegarde-Smith and Michel 2006, 2013). It provides a practical means of comprehending the world, as well as ways of being in the world. McCarthy Brown asserts that Vodou is not only a 'repository for wisdom accumulated by a people who have lived through slavery, hunger, disease, repression, corruption, and violence—all in excess but also allows

Voduisants to cope with suffering whilst strengthening survivors and survival instincts' (McCarthy Brown 2010:10). Ezili Dantò, although mute like the voice of slave women in Haitian history, tells the story of bondwomen, who ripped from their homes and dehumanised by the horrors of colonialism, reimagined, rehumanised and mysticised the Black Madonna in their own image. Ezili is a window into their memories, vulnerabilities, and identities. Far from being passive and weak, slave women resisted in many ways whether through profane means, such as armed resistance, or in seeking solace in the sacred. They fled into the depths of the forests where they assembled vespertinally with menfolk far from the prying eyes of the colonialists. There they engendered powerful *lwas* such as Ezili Dantò, reclaiming their identities, preserving their past, rewriting the present and unsettling the patriarchal paradigms that impinged upon them.

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Jeffrey Epstein a visité la Maison Blanche de Clinton 17 fois

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Des documents nouvellement obtenus montrent que le pédophile Jeffrey Epstein a visité la Maison Blanche des Clinton à 17 reprises, dont deux fois en une journée à trois occasions distinctes.

« Epstein, qui est décédé en 2019, a rendu visite à Bill Clinton au manoir exécutif sur une période de trois ans, la première invitation ayant eu lieu juste un mois après son investiture en janvier 1993 », rapporte le *Daily Mail*.

> *« Les journaux montrent que le défunt financier s'est présenté 14 jours distincts, faisant même deux visites en une seule journée à trois occasions différentes. »*

Les documents détaillent comment Epstein se rendait spécifiquement dans l'aile ouest, rendant presque certaine sa rencontre avec le président Clinton.

Les invitations d'Epstein ont été envoyées par *« les plus hauts conseillers et assistants de Clinton »*, y compris un qui a plus tard occupé le poste de secrétaire au Trésor, montrent les journaux.

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RETROUVER UNE NAVIGATION PROPRE ET SÛRE AVEC BRAVE

Le premier témoin du procès de Ghislaine Maxwell, Lawrence Paul Visoski Jr, a déclaré lors de son témoignage cette semaine qu'il avait vu Clinton à plusieurs reprises dans le fameux jet privé *« Lolita Express »* d'Epstein.

Des photos apparues en janvier 2020 montrent Clinton posant avec la proxénète présumée Ghislaine Maxwell et une autre avec l'esclave sexuelle Chauntae Davies.

D'autres images ont été publiées montrant Clinton profitant d'un massage du dos de Davies lors d'un voyage humanitaire avec Epstein en Afrique en septembre 2002.

Les archives montrent que Clinton a effectué au moins 26 voyages à bord du *« Lolita Express »*, abandonnant les services secrets pour cinq d'entre eux.

Clinton nie avoir jamais visité la tristement célèbre *« île aux pédophiles »* d'Epstein, mais le documentaire de Netflix *Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich de Netflix « comprend une interview d'un employé de longue date de l'île affirmant qu'il y a vu l'ancien président »*.

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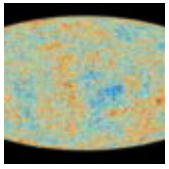

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Les 9 parties de l'Etre humain dans la pensée égyptienne et le Vodun

Le chiffre 9 est le chiffre sacré de l'Afrique. Nous l'avons expliqué dans notre article sur la **religion africaine**. Nos ancêtres ont donc egalement théorisé que l'humain est composé de 9 entités ontologiques et non pas 3 (âme, énergie, corps) comme cela est communément enseigné. Ces 9 entités sont dans la civilisation pharaonique :

LE DJET (ou sab) : Le corps physique, qui devient KHAT (putrescible et corruptible) âpres la mort.

LE SAHU : C'est l'entité spirituelle du corps qui entoure le corps physique

LE KHAIBIT : C'est l'ombre attachée au corps physique et qui reste invisible. Cette ombre devient LE SHOUT lorsqu'elle se détache du corps pour devenir visible sous l'effet de la lumière.

BA : C'est l'âme dynamique, mobile et volatile qui protège la momie, et insuffle le souffle vital à l'homme

LE REN : C'est le nom porté par la personne, le nom qui révèle l'essence ontologique de l'homme. Donner un nom est donc quelque chose d'important. C'est pourquoi dans nos traditions depuis la nuit des temps, les noms ne sont jamais donnés par hasard.

LE KA : C'est la force vitale transcendante, le réceptacle de l'énergie divine

LE IB : C'est le cœur non comme organe, mais comme siège de la conscience intime, comme siège de la pensée, siège des intentions et des émotions qui se manifestent a travers le corps physique

LE SEKHEM : La force irrésistible qui protège ou détruit l'homme

Le AKH ou AK : C'est l'esprit lumineux et impérissable, immortel du défunt ressuscité.

A titre d'exemple, on retrouve les mêmes entités ontologiques chez les peuples Adja-Fon du Bénin actuel, c'est à dire dans le **Vodun**. Les 9 entités sont :

AGBAZA : Le corps physique qui se désagrège (putrescible et corruptible)

OUTOU : C'est l'entité spirituelle du corps qui entoure le corps physique

YE (Yè) : L'ombre

WINSAGU : C'est l'âme dynamique, mobile

NYI : Le nom qui révèle l'être

L'INDON : La force vitale, c'est la force vitale transcendante, le réceptacle de l'énergie divine

AI : La conscience intime, le siège de la pensée

HONHNLON : La force qui protège ou détruit

SE (Sè) : L'esprit immortel impérissable, l'esprit divin du défunt

Il est possible de faire la même comparaison (celle qui à été faite avec les peuples Adja-Fon du Bénin) avec tous les peuples traditionnels (Yoruba, Bassa, Ewe, Akan, etc.....) qui sont sur notre continent.

Cette manière de concevoir l'Etre a joué un rôle central dans la compréhension de la mort et le culte des ancêtres comme nous l'avons expliqué **ici**

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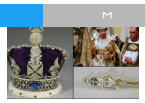

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Selassie, which translates to "Power of the Trinity."

A new spiritual movement, represented by his birth name, was also sparked by his coronation. It had its origins in Jamaica but is now widely practiced all over the world. Although its adherents are often referred to as "Rastafarians," the term "Rastafari" or "Rasta" is more commonly used. Rastafarians, who hold that Ethiopia is Zion, the promised land for Black people, have a deep ideological connection to the cult of Selassie.

One of the earliest to declare Haile Selassie divine was Father Joseph Hibbert. One of the first Rastafari preachers, he played a key role in spreading the religion across Jamaica in the 1930s. Father Joseph Hibbert was born in Jamaica in 1894, and he and his adoptive father moved to Costa Rica in 1911. He stayed there for about 20 years, "workin', learnin', and I return back to Jamaica 1931, the month of October, the 12th, I reach back in Jamaica. In an interview in 1983, he said, "I started properly to preach the Ethiopian Coptic Church in 1932."

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Father Joseph Hibbert

He rented 28 acres of land and grew bananas there while he was in Costa Rica. In 1924, he

became a member of the Masonic-affiliated Ancient Mystic Order of Ethiopia. Some have hypothesized that it was a Masonic-inspired fraternal organization called the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge. Before returning to Jamaica, where he “preached Haile Selassie as the King of Kings, the returned Messiah, and the Redeemer of Israel,” Hibbert became a Master Mason of this Order.

He established the Ethiopian Coptic Faith Ministry in the St. Andrew Parish, where he began preaching in the Benoah District. Later, he relocated his ministry to Kingston, where he met Leonard P. Howell, another preacher who was instructing Rastafarians. After collaborating with Howell for a while, Hibbert went on to found the Ethiopian Coptic Faith on his own.

Bible verses and stories from the Old Testament that, according to derekbishton.com, proved that “Ras Tafari is the reincarnated body of Jesus Christ” were included in Hibbert’s sermon. This is a new era, a new creation.

According to the website, Hibbert’s message centered around the concept of reincarnation. “Isiah was reborn as Elias, who can now be demonstrated to be John the Baptist (see Matthew 17). Jesus Christ has been reborn as Ras Tafari today. And John the Baptist reappeared as Marcus Mosiah Garvey, yet another herald, spokesperson, and trumpeter.

“Moses took the scroll of Joseph and freed the Israelites from Egypt by leading the children away from the country. To free all the children and all of Africa, Haile Selassie must have led an army of 80,000 men and fought in an aircraft for seven months.

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Emperor Haile Selassie is the “creator of Israel, the holy man of Israel, the king of men,” according to Hibbert and other Rastafari preachers.

A number of Rastas would find inspiration in Haile Selassie, from his speech to the League of Nations (which would later serve as the basis for Bob Marley’s hit song “War”) to his work in establishing the Organization of African Unity. Then, in 1948, he showed the Rasta community special treatment by allocating land in Shashamane for returnees from the Diaspora, including Rastas. Until the coup that ended his reign and drastically reduced the land granted to these repatriates, he paid several visits to their settlement.

It was in 1966 that Haile Selassie personally traveled to Jamaica to persuade Rastafarians to make the trek to Shashamane. Hibbert may have been among the Rastafari elders who had the opportunity to meet Haile Selassie during the trip.

Even though he had been dead since 1986, most Rastas remembered Hibbert as a legendary Rastafarian educator. Bongo Zack, a Rasta born in Jamaica but living in Houston, Texas at the time, recalled seeing Hibbert perform in Kingston in the early 1930s when he spoke with derekbishton.com.

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“When I was a young boy, the first thing I clearly recall is Mr. Hibbert marching in front of our house every Sunday while waving a red, gold, and green Ethiopian flag. Mr. Hibbert used to wear a white robe with a red, gold, and green sash and a leather belt with a cup to hoist a flag pole, and he would march right down to the corner and signal everyone that a meeting was going to take place that evening.

Looking up at this man brought back memories from when I was a young boy. Because I am a young man who has always worn trousers, and Mr. Hibbert was the first adult male I have ever seen in a robe, I found this to be particularly amusing. He was an unusual man from Costa Rica.

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Mystery Of The Black Irish People: Who Were They?

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Ellen Lloyd - AncientPages.com - You might have heard the term "Black Irish" before, but who were these people? Where did they live and come from?

The term "Black Irish" is generally used for people of Irish origin with dark features, black hair, darker skin, and dark eyes. Interestingly, the term is rarely referred to in Ireland but has circulated

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among Irish emigrants and their descendants for centuries.

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Ireland has been subject to numerous invasions from several different countries throughout history. The Celts arrived on the island about the year 500 B.C. The Vikings arrived in Ireland as early as 795 A.D. and funded the **Norse Kingdom of Dublin** in 839 A.D.

The Kingdom of Dublin ended in 1171 when the Normans arrived. The Normans faced these Hiberno-Norse kingdoms in Ireland, and gradually, society began to evolve into what is now known as Norman Ireland.

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It is very likely the Vikings would have stayed in Ireland much longer if it hadn't been for the **famous Irish hero Brian Boru** who dared to chase off the Vikings, often called dark invaders or black foreigners. The Gaelic word for foreigner is "gall," and for black (or dark) is "dubh."

Many of the invaders' families took Gaelic names that utilized these two descriptive words. The term' Doyle' is in Irish "O'Dubhghaill," which means "dark foreigner, " revealing their heritage as an invading force with dark intentions.

In 1588, members of the Spanish army were shipwrecked on the coast of Ireland. If they had stayed on the island and began families, their genes could have been spread throughout generations.

However, most historians believe that most of these Spanish soldiers were handed over to the British authorities and executed, so it's unlikely that any who survived could've impacted the country's gene pool.

During the Great Famine of 1845 to 1849, hundreds of thousands of Irish peasants emigrated to America. It resulted in their being labeled "black" because they escaped from this new kind of black death. After the famine, many Irish reached America, Canada, Australia, and beyond.

The relationship between Ireland and Britain was weak during the 1800s, which resulted in mistrust. The British government did not offer enough assistance to help solve the problems.

The British may have used 'Black' as a derogatory term.

It is challenging to determine when the term "Black Irish" was first used, but it seems several historical events in Ireland contributed to the word's birth. As we have seen, there are numerous theories about how the term originated.

The theory that the "Black Irish" are descendants of any small foreign group that integrated with the Irish and survived is unlikely. It seems more likely that "Black Irish" is a descriptive term rather

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than an inherited characteristic that has been applied to various categories of Irish people over the centuries.

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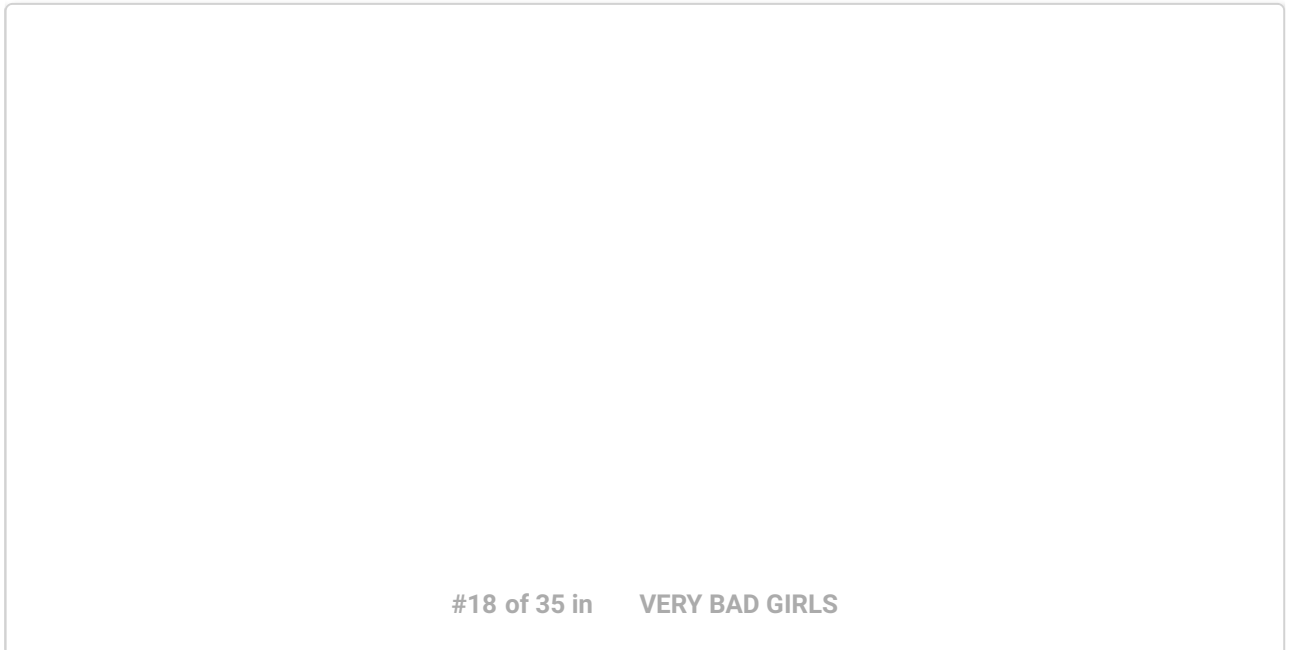

15 Disturbing Facts About Elizabeth Bathory, History's Most Murderous

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Who was Elizabeth Bathory? The most murderous woman in the history of the world, according to the *Guinness Book of World Records*. This Hungarian countess, who flourished in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, tortured and killed anywhere between 50 and 650 young women for pure pleasure. She reportedly bathed in their blood to keep herself young and sexy, watched them freeze to death for fun, and was allegedly one of the inspirations for the character Dracula.

These Elizabeth Bathory facts are just part of this intriguing woman's story. The real life of Elizabeth Bathory included her role as an incredibly rich and powerful noblewoman in Hungary/Transylvania. She was the niece of a king, mother of a secret love child, and a sexually adventurous dame who also happened to enjoy torturing women. Well-educated, she spoke several languages and spawned hundreds of gory legends that persist until this day.

As A Child, She Witnessed Terrible Scenes Of Torture

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As a little girl, the spoiled, petulant Elizabeth was never chastised for any bad behavior, even though she was prone to fits of rage and violence. From the time she was a young girl, she experienced seizures, wild mood swings, and terrible migraines.

She also observed scenes of horrific torture, including one episode where she watched local authorities slit open the belly of a living horse, cram a criminal inside it, and stitch it closed, leaving the living criminal to writhe and struggle until both the human and the horse were dead.

She Had A Secret Love Child At 13 And Married A Sadistic Husband

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After taking a lover at age 13 and giving birth to a secret love child, Elizabeth was married shortly before turning 15 to a nobleman named Ferenc Nadasdy. He was allegedly as into dark stuff as his wife, cruelly torturing Ottoman captives and sticking pieces of paper between his servants' toes and setting them on fire. For his ferocity in battle against Ottoman Turks, he earned the nickname "The Black Knight."

Her Aunt Was Rumored To Be A Murderous Bisexual Witch

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Elizabeth came from one of the most powerful noble families in Transylvania. Her uncle, Stephen Bathory, married the queen regnant of Poland and

Elizabeth came from one of the most powerful noble families in Transylvania. Her uncle, Stephen Bathory, married the queen regnant of Poland and was a fierce warrior, but things went left when it came to her aunt, Klara Bathory. Contemporary accounts state Klara took a lover who killed her husband, but rumor has it she smothered her second husband herself. Other accounts have Klara as a bisexual murderess who practiced sorcery in her spare time and instructed Elizabeth in the dark arts. (Of course, the sexuality of powerful women has also been used to condemn them, so all of these rumors need to be taken with a grain of salt.)

Eventually, Klara was imprisoned, but the legend grew: She became known as a sexually rapacious vixen who seduced her prison guards. Another story claims Klara and one of her male lovers were captured by an Ottoman pasha, who skewered the young man on a spit, and the Ottoman garrison repeatedly raped Klara.

She Supposedly Bathed In Virgins' Blood To Keep Herself Young

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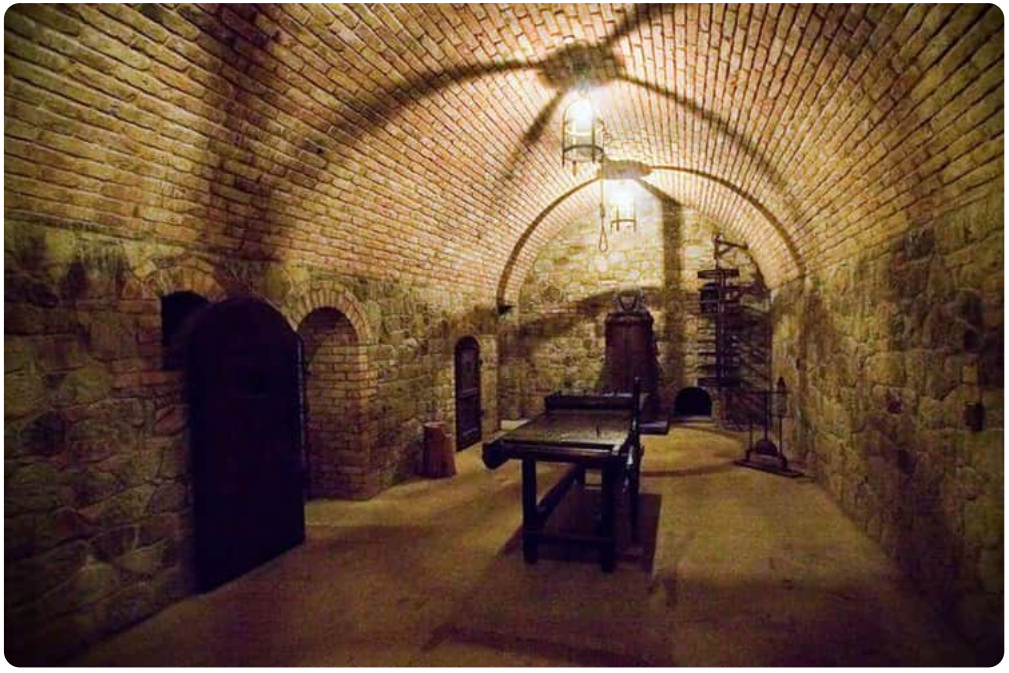
Elizabeth was reputed to have bitten her young female victims and sucked blood from their wounds, making her one of the inspirations for Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

Reportedly, later in her murderous career, she also bathed in the blood of the virgins she tortured, believing this would keep her forever young and beautiful. However, these stories of her literal bloodbaths come from a later account that mythologized and perhaps exaggerated her cruelty.

She Made Girls Freeze To Death In The Snow Or Burned Them With Hot Irons



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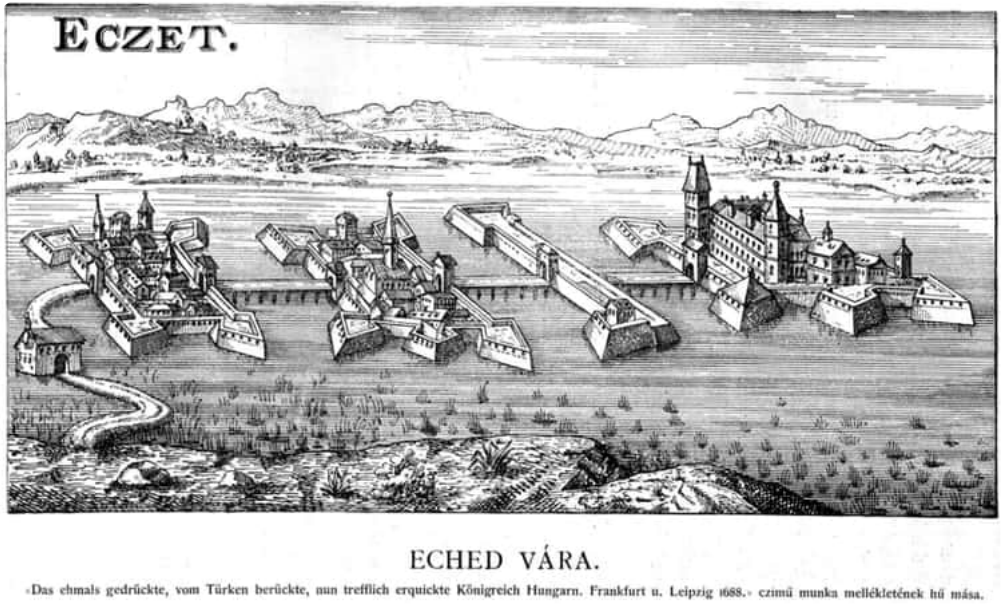
After marrying The Black Knight, Elizabeth expanded her torture tactics. She stuck young girls in spike-lined cages and hung them from the ceiling and

threw others in the snow, tossing cold water on them so they froze to death. Elizabeth enjoyed putting red-hot coins into servant girls' palms; she also thrust pokers into the fire and used them to burn her servants' faces. To top it off, she also tore off their fingers with pincers.

She Smeared Girls In Honey And Sent Them To Be Attacked By Bees



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Following the suggestion of her husband Count Nadasdy, Elizabeth smeared servant girls in honey and put them outside for a full day so they would be bitten by bugs and stung by bees. Though the two were frequently separated, Nadasdy would send his wife torture advice from the battlefield while he was away as a sort of "love letter."

She May Have Engaged In Cannibalism

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Along with the other ways she terrorized imprisoned girls, Elizabeth supposedly bit off chunks of their flesh. According to some stories, she forced one young woman to cook and eat her own flesh - and she may have partaken of human meat herself.

After Her Husband's Death, She Grew Even More Violent

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Eventually, Elizabeth outgrew her husband's torture tactics and began to learn new methods of wreaking havoc on those around her, especially servant girls. She wrote to Nadasdy that her servant Thorko had taught her a new method of cursing: "Beat a black hen to death, then smear the blood on your enemy or his clothes to condemn him."

After her husband died in 1604, Elizabeth became even more extreme. Records from her later trials indicate Elizabeth shoved needles underneath girls' fingernails or into their faces. She would bite chunks of flesh from their bodies or poke their breasts with sharp pincers.

The 'Blood Countess' Was Reputedly Also Very Promiscuous

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Nicknamed "The Blood Countess," Elizabeth was said to have a nearly unlimited libido. In addition to the teenage love affair that produced an illegitimate child, and then her husband, the count, Elizabeth seduced a local hunk named Ironhead later in life. Rumors of bisexuality only hail from centuries after her life.

Elizabeth May Have Been An Inbred Psychopath - Or A Victim Of The Patriarchy

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In an attempt to understand why Elizabeth was so murderous, scholars have investigated every aspect of her life. Was she clinically insane due to incest? After all, her parents were distant cousins (they were from different branches of the Bathory family), but that was pretty common in Renaissance Europe and not everyone from that time period was a serial killer. Others have argued that various brutalities she may have witnessed as a kid may have triggered her sadistic ways.

But perhaps Bathory's misdeeds were exaggerated because of her explicit sexuality, seen as a threat to the patriarchy. Her pursuit of multiple lovers, in and out of the marriage bed, could have been seen as threatening to the institutions supported by the male authorities who later condemned her. After all, we only know a few basic facts about her life, and a lot of her negative reputation comes from later accounts.

Elizabeth Tripped Herself Up When She Tried To Expand Her Torture Tactics

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For a number of years, Elizabeth was content to torture - and potentially bathe in the blood of - young peasant girls who came to serve her from nearby towns. But eventually the parents of local Average Janes caught on to her brutal ways and stopped sending their daughters up to her castle.

In her later days, Elizabeth became more daring. She began fostering young noblewomen from poor families across Transylvania and even Croatia, offering to teach them at a school for girls supposedly run out of her castle. But the parents of aristocratic girls could and did make a political fuss that caught the attention of local authorities (although conflicting reports state she may have passed local peasant ladies off as noble girls).

Elizabeth also gave herself away when she murdered a famous choir singer who couldn't - or wouldn't - belt out a tune for her. Unlike a poor peasant from the country, this well-known singer was immediately missed when she disappeared.

The King Of Hungary Finally Discovered Her Terrible Crimes

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Allegedly jealous of the Protestant Bathory-Nadasdy family's wealth, Matthias II, the Catholic king of Hungary, picked up on these allegations about Elizabeth and decided to get even. He and his parliament ordered the royal deputy in Hungary, Count George Thurzo, to investigate her. Perhaps they were suspicious because they believed in witchcraft, or perhaps a sexually powerful woman was threatening to their beliefs. Also, if Elizabeth - by now a widow - was tried and convicted, then all of her wealth would revert to the crown and all of the debts the king owed to Bathory would be erased.

Thurzo was a friend to the Bathory family, however, and he helped Elizabeth escape prosecution. As a result, Elizabeth wasn't put on trial herself, but her accomplices were.

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The Most Horrific Types of Medieval Torture

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This list of gross torture methods used in medieval times proves how these medieval torture devices were some of the most sadistic machines in history. Using devices like the Judas cradle, pear of anguish, and Spanish donkey, torture inflicted anguish on convicts, hostages, and disagreeable folks. History books call them horrific forms of torture, and most people wouldn't wish these sorts of treatments on their worst enemies. Read through this list of horrifying types of medieval punishment and be thankful that you were born a couple centuries after their presence.

1 The Judas Cradle

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Reaching the peak of its popularity during the Spanish Inquisition of the 1600s, this was also known as the Judas Chair or the Guilded Cradle. The Judas Cradle was a torture device where the victim would be placed on top of a wooden pyramid with the triangular end inserted in the victim's anus or vagina. Arms and feet were tied or weighted in order to ensure maximum pain as gravity slowly pulled the victim downward.

More often than not, the Judas Cradle was used to extract confessions or specific information from victims, so the addition of weights could increase the horror. Depending on the rate of the pyramid-sitter's progress, this torture could last anywhere from a few hours to a full day.

While the torture was not usually intended to be fatal, it often was. Since the device was never cleaned, survivors experienced a high incidence of infection, which was effectively a death sentence in the centuries before antibiotics.

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2 The Breast Ripper

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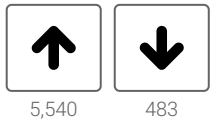
As you may have assumed from its name, torturers used the breast ripper primarily to inflict pain upon women. The claws were often heated up before being attached to the victim's exposed breasts. Women were strapped to a table or wall while a torturer pulled the device away. There was a similar device called the Iron Spider that was attached to walls and worked the same way with the woman pulled away from the wall.

If the victim wasn't killed, she would be left mutilated for life. This treatment was a punishment for accused adulterers, unwed mothers, witches, and heretics.



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3 Flaying

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Thought to have originated with the Assyrians, "flaying" broadly describes an ancient technique that was most popular in various Middle Eastern and African regions roughly 1,000 years ago. In the Middle Ages, it was frequently used to torture and execute criminals, captured soldiers, and those accused of witchcraft.

Usually, the victim was tied to a pole in a public square or high-traffic area of the community. Using a small knife, the torturer would methodically remove strips of the tortured's skin, peeling back sections to reveal the musculature beneath.

This slow process often began at the victim's face and proceeded down towards their feet. Many victims died from shock or blood loss before the torturer reached their hips. In some cases, the remaining skin was then publicly displayed as a warning against breaking the law or witchcraft.

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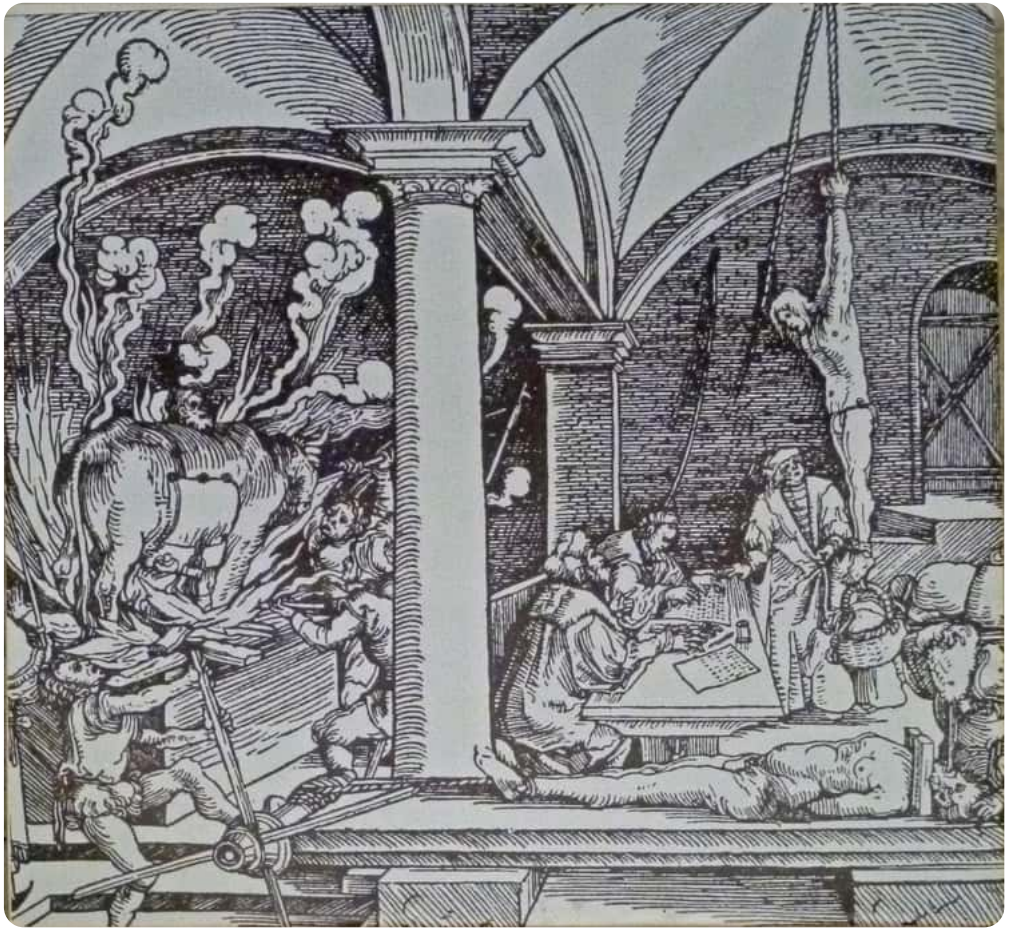
4 The Brazen Bull



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Possibly the most imaginative means of sadistic torment, the brazen bull unleashed pain on victims in ancient Greece. The tyrant Phalaris allegedly commissioned this torture device to exercise his sadistic streak. Victims were sealed inside the gleaming bull and slowly burned to death. A series of pipes on the inside made it sound as if the victim's wailing and thrashing were the sound of an actual bull, giving this torture implement a decidedly macabre streak.

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Even though this torture was not used commonly during the Middle Ages compared to its reputation in the Greek and Roman Eras, it was allegedly still used in Central Europe. This torture was similar to being boiled alive, just without the water.

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5 The Crocodile Tube

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A rare and slightly mysterious form of torture, the Crocodile Tube is thought to have been used only occasionally to extract confessions from accused heretics.

The victim was placed inside a spike-filled cylinder just big enough for their body, with head and feet exposed on either end. The tube was then shut, leaving the victim totally immobilized and impaled on the spikes.

And that's not all. There was often a small fire burning just beneath the cylinder, gradually heating the tube until the torturer extracted a confession – or the victim died. The torturer could inflict all manner of unpleasantness on the victim's exposed face and feet, mutilating their head and toes in order to hurry the process along.

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6 Impaling

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Less a method of torture than a means of execution, impalement was typical of medieval punishment due to its simplicity. It was exactly what it sounds like: a large spike was inserted longitudinally, usually via the anus and emerging around the chest, shoulders, neck, or head.

Like so many tortures, impalement didn't originate in the Middle Ages. In fact, impalement was codified as a punishment in the Code of Hammurabi in 1772 BCE. The medieval period did mark maybe the most notorious impalings, however, thanks to the aptly named Vlad the Impaler.

Vlad III Dracula relied on impalement to keep order in Wallachia, his little corner of 15th-century Romania. It was in his battles against the Ottoman Empire that resulted in historical notoriety, though, as he's said to have impaled as many as 20,000 Ottoman Turks outside the city of Targoviste in

order to dissuade the next wave from advancing.

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7 The Spanish Donkey

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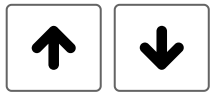
Known colloquially as a wooden horse or a Chevalet, the Spanish Donkey followed a similar principal as the Judas Cradle, letting gravity do most of the work. Victims – almost always women – were seated astride the apparatus, a vertical wood board with an inverted V-shaped wedge on top. Weights were then attached to their feet, placing all the combined pressure on that one sharp point to create a sensation like being split down the middle.

While there are accounts of this method being used on blasphemers during the Spanish Inquisition, the so-called Spanish Donkey is a play on a familiar form, one that extended to the United States, from the "riding the rail" punishments of the early Colonial Era to "The Mule," on which Confederate soldiers captured in the Civil War would ride until they lost consciousness.



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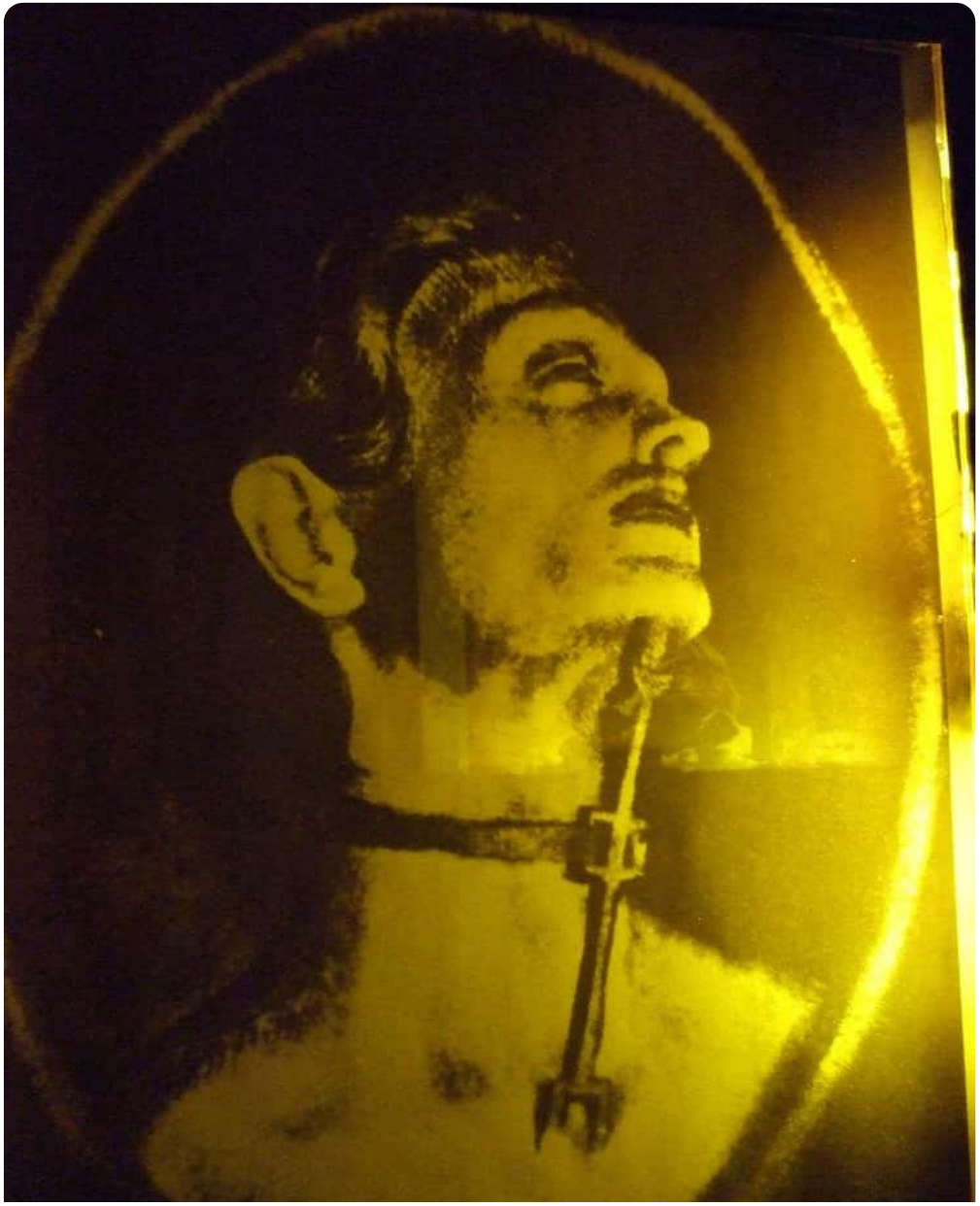
8 The Heretic's Fork



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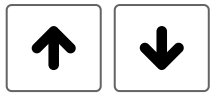
The Heretic's Fork was primarily used during the Spanish Inquisition. The instrument consisted of two forks set end to end and strapped around the victim's neck. The tines of the fork penetrated the flesh under the chin at one end and the upper sternum in the other. With their hands behind their backs, victims was made to kneel or stand upright. This forced any liars or blasphemers subjected to the punishment to strain to keep their chin elevated.

Obviously, sleeping, speaking, or even swallowing were impossible. As such, it's often speculated that the Heretic's Fork was just one part of the process, perhaps one used to silence a victim *after* obtaining a confession. In any case, this was not often a fatal torture, though the risk of infection was high.



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9 The Pear Of Anguish

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For years, examples of the Pear of Anguish have been displayed in museums as examples of late-medieval torture implements. In theory, this pear-shaped device would be inserted into a person's mouth, anus, or vagina, then a screw would be turned, causing the separate "leaves" to expand outwards, causing enormous pain and distension.

There are, however, no primary sources suggesting that this was ever the case, and there is no evidence of a Pear of Anguish even existing until the early 1600s, when, according to 1639's *L'Inventaire général de l'histoire des larrons*, thieves used similar mechanisms to gag victims.

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Historian Chris Bishop has largely discredited the notion that the Pears of Anguish that can be found in museums today were used for torture in the Middle Ages, but their actual use is mysterious. Bishop theorizes that what's now known as the Pear of Anguish could have a use as prosaic as "shoe-extenders, or sock-stretchers, or glove-wideners."

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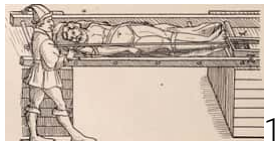
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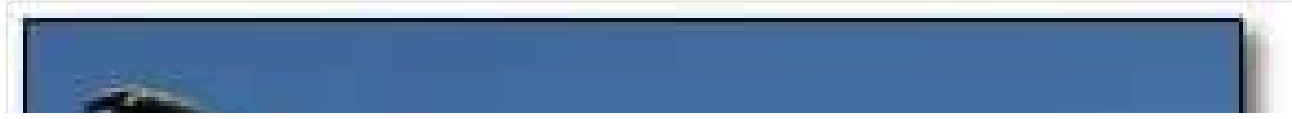

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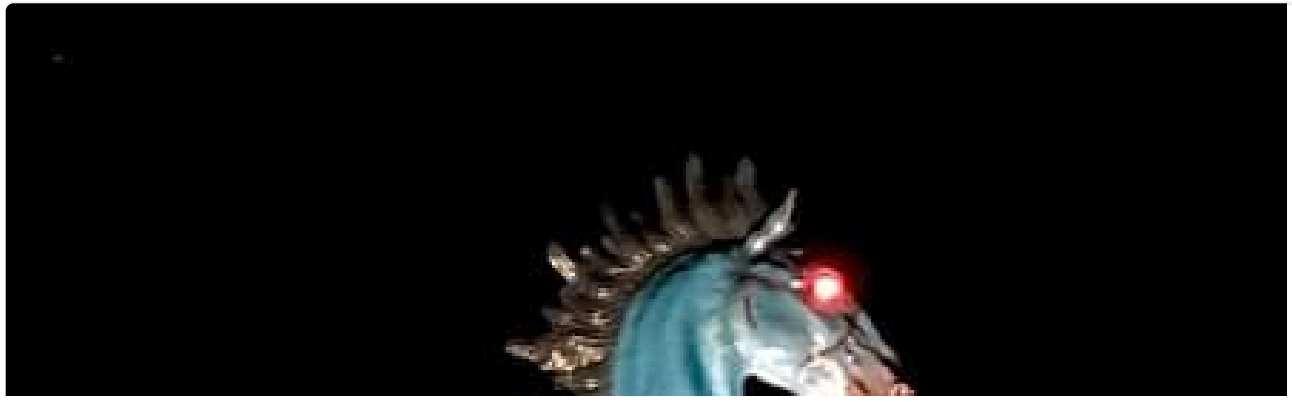

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Was this Massive Sword from the 15th Century used by a Giant Samurai?

The Norimitsu Odachi is displayed in its full glory at the Kibitsu Shrine in the Okayama Prefecture. The giant sword has captivated Japan and its foreign visitors with its size and grandeur.

The Norimitsu is so large, legends have stated that the weapon was once forged and wielded by a giant warrior. Other than its measurements, 12.37 feet in length and 31.97 lbs in weight, the exact origins of the Norimitsu Odachi continues to be shrouded in mystery.

A Look into the Mysterious Norimitsu Odachi

Samurais have been a part of Japanese culture since the start of the tenth century. They were fierce warriors who swore oaths to protect their respective clans. One of the things they were most renowned for was their primary weapon of choice: the sword.

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The giant sword is 12½ feet long (3.8m), the body being 7 ½ feet (2.3m) and the nakago 5 feet (150m). It weighs about 31lb 15.47249oz pounds (14.5 kg). 1)

There are a wide variety of blades produced by the skilled swordsmiths of Japan. The katana is without a doubt the most popular one due to its connection to the samurai.

A lesser-known traditional Japanese sword is the odachi, which literally translates to “large/great sword.” In order to be classified as an odachi, the weapon must have a blade length of 3 shaku (35.79 inches or 90.91 cm), though there have been some records of blades reaching around 6.56 feet in length.

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What was the purpose of the odachi?

The odachi functioned either as ceremonial objects or infantry swords. As an offering to a shrine's patron gods. Some odachi was actually used as an offering to the gods to protect warriors in battle. Others were displayed in temples as mythological symbols.

As a ceremonial object. Production of the odachi was at an all-time high during the Edo period where it was used in various ceremonies. Researchers have also stated that the odachi had a more "ritualistic" role when it came to war, similar to that of flags during a battle.

The odachi was also said to be a weapon of choice during the fourteenth century, specifically the Nanboku-chō period. This claim is backed up by literary works such as the Heike Monogatari and the Taiheiki.

As a weapon for war, the odachi's large size proved to be a problem. It was believed that samurai would carry it on their back or by hand.

During the Muromachi era, samurais would have their assistants carry the massive sword to help draw it during battle. Foot soldiers were more likely to carry the sword slung across their backs as opposed to katanas,

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which were typically carried on the side.

Fumon Tanaka, a traditional Japanese martial arts practitioner, uses a special drawing technique for a "shorter" odachi. It involves pulling out the sheath rather than drawing the actual blade. Swordsmanship schools around the country have adopted this method, as well as the Shin musō Hayashizaki-ryū and Iaidō.

Production and decline

Forging the odachi proved to be no easy feat. Their length made heat treatment more complicated due to its expense and technique. Polishing was quite the challenge too.

Because of their size, the odachi needed to be hung from the ceiling or carefully placed in a stationary position to be polished as opposed to normal swords that are merely moved over polishing stones.

The odachi's reverence dwindled down after the 1615 Siege of Osaka (Osaka Natsu no Jin), in which the Tokugawa Shogunate annihilated the Toyotomi clan. The loss was said to be due to the Shogunal government prohibiting swords above a set length. Odachi swordsmiths were forced to cut down the length to meet the standards.

So what is the truth behind the Norimitsu Odachi?

Everyone agrees that if the sword truly had an owner who took it out to battle, they would have been a giant of unproportionate measures.

However, if one were to disregard mythology and folklore, it looks like the Norimitsu odachi was nothing more than a ceremonial sword created by a skillful craftsman. Whoever was behind the forging of this beautiful weapon certainly wanted to showcase their skills—or wealth, for that matter.

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How Urban Planning Shaped Old Benin City

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I wanted to start this year's Black History Month by publicizing a very afro-centric perspective to urban planning by celebrating the physical planning of the West African Kingdom of Benin (Old Benin Kingdom), now known as the City of Benin in present day Nigeria (New Benin City). Urban planning schools in the west provide little insight about urban planning practices throughout the continent of Africa. We learn about medieval Italian and Greek cities, with little mention about the City of Benin, the Great Zimbabwe, Timbuktu in Mali, The Kingdom of Kush, and many others.

The Kingdom of Benin was an autonomous country, with an effective military and extremely talented and skilled artisan workforce. Benin City was the principal city of Edo (Bini) kingdom of Benin which flourished from the 13th–19th century, whose Oba of Benin (or traditional ruler) whose royal family is highly respected and revered to this today. The post colonial urban landscape is more dystopian, as it resembles most other auto-centric cities throughout the developing world. Although, modern Benin City's urban form is not even close to the uniqueness of its predecessor, its famous artisan works of Bronze sculptures decorated throughout the City provides a colorful remembrance of Old Benin City.

Benin City, had the largest walls made of earthwork longer than the Great Wall of China, developed the world's most famous art works from bronze, and utilized urban planning principles prior to European colonialism. Although, old Benin City is termed as ancient, it existed more recently than most have thought, possibly when your great grandparents were alive.

The following are excerpts from Andrew Godwin Onokerhoraye's *Urbanism as an organ of Traditional African Civilization: The Example of Benin, Nigeria / Urban Planning, Peer-Reviewed Journal Article, Civilizations 1975* *Institute of Sociology of the University of Brussels:*

Civil Engineering

"The rise of Benin lead to the development of a strong

defense system. The City of Benin developed a strong defense against external aggressors. The city was protected against enemy invasion by digging large ditches and building huge earthworks that involved considerable civil engineering

skills. Three ditches and earthworks were made around the city between the 12 and 15th centuries. With the inner wall most being the most sophisticated of the three walls, it is estimated that the entire project took a labor force of approximately 5,000 men working 10 hours a day for seven days a week for 9 months to be completed."

City Planning

"It was determined that good town planning is an important outcome of urban development in Benin. Benin City was designed differently from other Nigerian cities where there were just one or two main roads and smaller streets. Most of Benin City streets formed a chessboard pattern divided by intersecting approximately rectilinear streets."

Not that European standard should be upheld, but as Onokerhoraye explains, European visitors described Benin City's excellent layout, in 1602. A Dutch native, Dierick Ruiters described the main street of Benin as seven or eight times broader than Warne Street in Amsterdam. Dapper in 1668 said it has 30 straight streets about 120 feet broad with intersecting streets at right angles to them.

Arts and Crafts

"Arts and Crafts evolved as a form of economic activity among its inhabitants. Although agriculture provided the main economic base of the urban area, the concentration of a large number of people in Benin soon led to the development of various types of arts and crafts."

"Most of the important indigenous crafts of the kingdom were in the hands of special ward-guilds in the city. It is important to note that beautiful art pieces are ubiquitous to the new Benin City's common areas."

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ivory carvers, leather workers, weavers of special embroidered cloths, drum-makers, locksmiths, and carpenters. The blacksmith smelt iron, and fashioned agricultural implements for the farmers. They also produced domestic utensils and implements of war. Women too participated in the art industry, particularly in weaving."

Below are some of Benin City's artwork featured on @BeninCity Instagram page:

Benin Sculpture and Art

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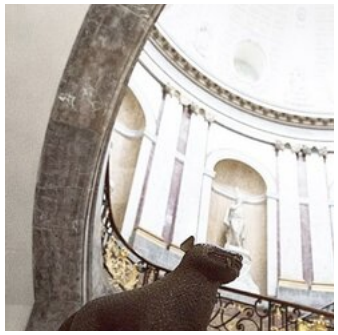

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Benin City was destroyed in 1897 by the British, who attacked after the Edo assaulted an earlier British expedition, which had been told not to enter the city during a religious festival but nonetheless attempted to do so. Before burning the city down, the British pillaged it, taking many of its famous bronzes, ivory, and other treasures.

Traces of the old wall and moat remain, but the new city is a close-packed pattern of houses and streets converging on the palace and compound of the oba (sacred king) and the government offices. In the main square is a statue of Emotan, a woman honoured for assisting a 15th-century prince attempting to regain power and who later became Oba Ewuare. The present oba retains traditional and advisory roles in government.

Old Benin City serves as a reminder that African civilizations thrived before and without European influences. The city should also be a reminder for future development throughout the continent for form following function, sustainability, arts, culture, and ingenuity as factors to design an inclusive and efficient city.

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Granada land is the promised land of Israel, due to its abundance in milk (pearls) & honey (Gold). In this blog post is embedded YouTube video from Khandrop entitled, "America the promised land instead of Milk we find pearls, and Gold instead of honey." This video is a good start to demonstrated that the Americas is the promised land, however, we have so much more evidence.

THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH WAS IN UTAH:

The Bestselling Book, "When Rocks Cry Out," by Horace Butler has already demonstrated that Peru was Jerusalem and that the Kingdom of Judah is in Utah, so this chapter should be no surprise. How did Mr. Butler prove that the Kingdom of Judah was in Utah? Well he used the King James Version Bible, Deuteronomy 34:1-3, which reads as follows:

1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

The strange thing about the description of the Kingdom of Judah given in

The strange thing about the description of the Kingdom of Judah given in Deuteronomy 34 is that all these Biblical place names can be found in Utah. Below is a list of Biblical place names in Utah (Judah) confirmed by Rabbi, Moshe Davis:

Manasseh, Utah.

Mount Nebo, Utah.

Mount Pisgah, Utah.

Jericho, Utah.

South **Gilead** Way, Utah

Ephraim, Utah.

Daniel, Utah (Dan is short for Daniel).

Nephi, Utah (short for Naphtali).

Moab, Utah.

Eden, Utah.
Goshen, Utah.
Jordan, Salt lake.
Mt. Carmel Junction Utah.
North Eden Canyon, Utah.
Zion Canyon, Utah.
Zion National Park, Utah.
Benjamin, Utah
Enoch, Utah.
Joseph, Utah.
Levan, Utah.
Providence, Utah.
Salem, Utah (Salem = Jerusalem).
Utah Nickname: Beehive State.

There is a mountain in eastern Nevada named Mount Moriah and it is over 12,000 feet high. In Utah, not only is there a River Jordan, but it runs out of a freshwater lake and into the Great Salt Lake, which is remarkably like the Dead Sea. There is also a Mount Nebo in Utah, approximately 12,000 feet high, so yes..., with evidence this strong, the real Judah was in Utah. People try to say that it was the Mormons that gave these places in Utah Biblical names to support their position as Jews; however, this explanation fails miserably, because there are no 12,000 feet high mountains in

modern-day Israel; therefore, the real Judah or Israel had to be in Utah, because it fits the description of the Kingdom of Judah perfectly.

The name "Utah" is derived from the name of the Ute tribe. It means "people of the mountains" in the Ute language.[16]. According to other sources "Utah" is derived from the Apache name "Yudah" which means "Tall." In the Spanish language it was said as "Yuta," subsequently the English-speaking people adapted the word "Utah." There is no J in Hebrew, therefore, Judah is Yudah, especially, when you consider the fact that the J and Y have the same meaning and numerical value and are interchangeable as a result.

ISLAM COMES FROM THE ORIENT (EAST):

Why is this YouTube video that I shared, "The Sacred City of Mecca: Have we got it wrong," correct?: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIw1OPH6QvM&feature=emb_logo. Well, because Islam comes from the Orient (the East, which is really the west). I see 10,000 butt-hurt Muslims disliked the YouTube video, well, because the truth hurts and it does not care who it offends. Now, when we include all of the Moorish/ Tartarian architecture that was in the Americas and still is, game over for the hijack. (see images of corn palaces in Iowa and in South Dakota for some examples). Islam is not foreign to the Americas, because Islam and all religions come from the Americas, since the Americas is the True old world. Everything that we have credited Africa and the Middle East for has to also be credited to the Americas too, because the Americas is the old world.

Civilization came from India Superior (Asia Major), aka, ancient India, which was in North America (see blog images). Yes, North America was once Asia, aka, the Orient (East), aka, India Superior. In this blog post is an old-world map by Orontius Finaeus from 1531 and a 1548 Spanish World map showing you India superior (Asia Major) and China being in North America, which is the true Orient or the far East. ***"The Orient is a term for the East": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orient***.

I did a blog post, "The Old World is the New World," which demonstrates that the Americas is Asia Major and I gave an image of the original compass that shows you that the Far East was actually our modern-day West (see blog image). This blog post and the blog image of the original compass proves that they flipped the compass and also the maps on us, because the Americas is the True old World: https://www.americaistheoldworld.com/the-old-world-is-the-new-world/.

Moslem Muurs, aka, Sufis, established Islam: https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/1442264222504540. I talk about Mu Discovered, Atlantis found, the Kaba, and so much more in my new book, "America is the True Old World," which can be purchased above by clicking on

the purchase link above.

These European masons took a blood oath to never reveal to the children of the Moors who they truly were. As Azeem Hopkins Bey quotes in his book, "What Your History Books failed to Tell you," George Washington Chairman of the Continental Congress of 1774 is documented saying: "If we would agree to take the Fezzes, and Turbans off the Moors' Heads and remove the sandals from their feet and enforce it with severe punishments, and also swear a death oath between ourselves to religiously, and faith fully not allow anyone to teach the Moorish Children whom they really are or who their forefathers were. And only allow the Moorish Children to be taught that they were truly Negros, Black people and Colored Folks." George Washington stated that 200 years from today the Moorish people would not know their nationality nor the national name of their forefathers also they would not know from which land or ancestors that they descended from." [end quote].

Islam was in America and had a big influence on America, because you have a total of 565 names, 484 in America and 81 in Canada, of villages, towns, cities, mountains, lakes, rivers and etcetera, are etymologically Arabic; which were designated by locals long before the arrival of Columbus. Many of these names are in fact the same as names of Islamic places; Mecca in Indiana, Medina in Idaho, Medina in New York, Medina and Hazen in North Dakota, Medina in Ohio, Medina in Tennessee, Medina in Texas, Medina and Arva in Ontario, Mahomet in Illinois and Mona in Utah, are just a few noticeable names at the outset. A closer analysis of the names of native tribes will immediately reveal their Arabic etymological ancestry; Anasazi, Apache, Arawak, Arikana, Chavin, Cherokee, Cree, Hohokam, Hupa, Hopi, Makkah, Mohician, Mohawk, Nazca, Zulu, and Zuni are only a few.

Yes, Islam was everywhere in the Americas. One just has to look for it, because you can see the evidence from Queen Califia (California), to Allah-Bumya (Alabama), to Tallah-Hasse (Tallahassee), to Medina Ohio, to Moorestown New Jersey, to Islamorada Florida, and to Al-hambra California; so yes, Moslems have left a big impact on America.

What happen to the Berbers/ Saracens (Moslems) of the Americas? Well, have you ever heard of the Spanish Inquisition, via, the Dum Diversas of 1452, issued by the Pope, authorizing Christians to enslave Saracens and non-believers and to take their lands, because no one disappeared? It's just that everyone has become ignorant. There are over 500 cities and towns in UNITED STATES named after Muslims and a huge part of Europe as well. The textbooks, History (His-Story), and education of today are all manipulated; therefore, Western Academics will not get us out of our deep sleep, because Western Academics is the Institution that has put WE THE PEOPLE (Lenape Muurs/ Washitaw) to sleep to begin with. We need our own Institutions and scholars that are not compromised by Oaths and by Western

Academics.

The Moor and Islam comes from the Orient (the far East): https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2584437584953859. What's also interesting is that "Oriental means Western Scholar who Studies Islam," according to the book, "Orientalism," by Edward Said. Islam came from the Orient: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orientalism.

Additionally, if you read subsection 4 of this Delaware Law it will tell you that the Lenape Indians were formerly known as Moors: https://law.justia.com/codes/delaware/2016/title-29/chapter-1/section-106. The Lenape were Delaware Muurs/ Moors, originally. However, the word Lenape means "WE THE PEOPLE" (the Preamble of the US Constitution), or "TRUE PEOPLE." Lenape also means Serpent or dragon (Naga/Nigga). Likewise, all of the Native American tribes and Indian names like Sioux and Dakota also mean serpent or Dragon, because the Muurs/ Indians named themselves after the Serpent wisdom that they worshipped when the Muurs ruled the world: https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2462245353839750.

Based upon the above, Islam did come from the Orient, but where at in the East (the Americas) did Islam come from? Did it come from Mecca Missouri, Mecca in South America, Mecca California, Media Indiana, Mecca Indiana, Morocco Indiana, or Morocco Illinois? Did it come from Sufism (Sophia), which was a science that comes from India? Do all religions come from India Superior in the Americas?: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnV0HAePvAQ&t=1875s. (NOTE: the video I just shared from "Liftingtheveil," on YouTube is about India being the oldest civilization is correct, but the Video failed to specify that it was the Mayan Indians (INDIA), and not the Indian from Hindustan/ India, that actually civilized the world.)

For more evidence that Indian and Moor is one and the same is my family history. The Chavis are descendants of the Berber Cherokee Chief, Ishmael Chavis: https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2610479292349688.

When you read the Chavis link I gave above, you will notice how Ishmael Chavis' son, John Chavis, became Black and African-American, which is the current racial classification for so-called black people to this very day. How was this racial classification possible when he was the son of a Berber Muur that was a Cherokee Indian chief? This is evidence of paper genocide against the Berber Indians, aka, Muurs, because you clearly see how the Chavis family was initially Berber Muurs (Saracens), then the family became Cherokee Indians, then the family became Mulatoes, then the family became Black; and now the Chavis Family and all of the other overthrown Muurs are called African-Americans to this very day. African-American is a new term that was invented by Jesse Jackson in the 80's when he ran

for president.

According to "Christopher Columbus was Driven by 3 winds," which can be read in its entirety at: https://www.commondreams.org/views/2014/10/11/christopher-columbus-driven-ill-winds?fbclid=IwAR2r32Iwc3jCgkqrkeXimwGj5alKZRQHqdWAGqcVtj9IhK2SFQSnDx8LpeU. "Columbus's Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria were driven across the Atlantic by the same ill winds that from 1095 to 1272 launched nine European Crusades to capture Moslem Jerusalem (Granada land: Israel/ promised land). Defeated and humiliated the invaders suffered staggering human losses, left royal treasuries depleted, and convinced Christian leaders to only pay lip service to another try.

Except for Christopher Columbus. Born Christopher Colon this ambitious Genoese craved adventure, was given to religious mysticism to the point he accepted God's personal command to free the Holy Land. He also saw God's hand in cloud formations, splashing waves, and distant stars, and had read a religious book that convinced him the world would end in 150 years. He claimed at sea he once saw three mermaids dancing on waves, and was sure in distant lands he would meet men with tails or heads of dogs. God had chosen him specifically to see Christianity victorious "throughout the universe." And he would follow His command to convert or destroy Moslems, Jews and other non-believers. Columbus's earliest sea experiences were as a youth serving on Portuguese slave-trading ships along Africa's Atlantic coast. He learned men, women and children could be captured and sold for enormous profits. With enough slaves and gold, even a lowly Columbus could finally end the infidel grip on Holy Land." [end quote].

Now, in the eyes of the Hijack Roman Hebrews (Knights Templar), aka, the Holy Roman Empire, the Habsburg Dynasty, the Holy Land was in possession of infidels, aka, Moslems (Muurs/ Moors); therefore, the Pope authorized the Knights Templar, via, the Dum diversas of 1452 to take Moslem Jerusalem (the Americas/ Granada land, or the promised land of Israel) away from the Muurs, whom were Saracens: https://the-red-thread.net/genealogy/andrews.html.

Here is the Dum Diversas, which authorized the Knights Templar (knights of Christ) to conquer Saracens (Muurs/ Moors) and pagans (Hebrews/ Jews), take their possessions, and to subject them to perpetual servitude (slavery): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dum_Diversas. This papal Bull and none of them were ever rescinded, which is the current problem that Muurs in the Americas face, as Saracens, whom are the RED ONES, aka, the lost Tribe of Israel. This papal Bull was issued against the Muurs, as Saracens, in order to take our Moslem-Jerusalem away from us, which was Granada land. Read this Facebook post that I wrote for evidence that the Americas is Granada (Israel/ promised land): https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2516310255099926.

Notice on the 1597 map of Granada Nova, you will see the famed seven cities of Cibola, aka, the seven cities of gold, surrounding a lake on the said map. Granada has the same name as the Pomegranate in Spanish. The Spanish word for the fruit is Granada and therefore the symbol of the promised land/ Israel, because the pomegranate appears throughout the streets of Granada in Spain, as you wander around the city. The Pomegranate is also associated with the promise land of Israel, because a pomegranate is a metaphor for the richness of the promised land of Israel (Deut. 8:8); in the Song of Solomon, Sulamith's cheeks are compared to halves of a pomegranate (Cant. 4: 3).

The pomegranate is a symbol of life and fertility, due to the many seeds, but also as a symbol of power (imperial orb), blood and death. Pomegranates already symbolized fertility, beauty, and eternal life, in Greek and Persian mythology. The Ancient Greeks considered a pomegranate a symbol of fertility and associated it with the goddesses Demeter, Persephone, Aphrodite, and Athena.

In Christian symbolism, the numerous seeds in this fruit represent the Church, unity in faith and a community of believers; in the same vein, a pomegranate appears in depictions of Mary as 'the Mother of the Church'. (See Madonna of the Pomegranate).

Pomegranates play an important role as a symbol of righteousness in Judaism, as they supposedly contain 613 seeds, which correspond to the 613 commandments of the Torah. Thus, at Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), Jews eat this fruit one seed at a time, for as many wishes as possible to be fulfilled.

In Buddhism, pomegranates, peaches, and lemons are considered three blessed kinds of fruit. The pomegranate when fully bloomed resembles the shape of the 6-pointed star of David, which is a Symbol of Judah. Yes, the ole saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words," is true in this instance.

The Koran mentions a pomegranate three times (6:99, 6:141 and 55:68), representing, for example, the good things created by God, whether earthly fruit or that of Paradise, hence it is also sometimes referred to as the 'apple of paradise'. In the Middle Ages, the resemblance between a pomegranate and an imperial orb made it a symbol of power. Albrecht Dürer painted two portraits of Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, holding a pomegranate, to represent the imperial orb. Since then pomegranates have been an aphrodisiac and are an ingredient of many love potions.

Now, that we know the significance of the pomegranate, let us talk more about Granada land (Israel/ Promised land), which covered a large portion of the Americas according to the maps I have shared in this chapter. The maps also show you the mythical city of Cibola, which was famous for its Seven cities of Gold. The mythical

city of Quivira was one of those 7 golden cities. Quivira is now in the Kansas (sons of Khan) state region, which is in Wichita territory. We also know that Wichita is a corruption of the Washitaw Muur Empire. The Washitaw Muurs were known as the Mound Builders and the Ancient Ones. The UNITED NATIONS has already recognized the Washitaw Muurs as the oldest indigenous people on the planet.

The old maps and links show you the mythical city of Anian (Ani/ Anu), which is heavily associated with the Kingdom of the mythological Priest-King/ Dragon-King/ Black Panther, Prester John. Yes, Anian was very real. "It is in the Mythical that we have the truth." ~ Greek proverb. My advice family is to look for the truth in every myth, because our history was so great that it was too much to hide; therefore, all of our great history that they couldn't hide from us they just told us that it was mythical so that we would not attach ourselves to the greatness. History is especially important, because it gives you a sense of competency and it lets you know who you once were, so that you can achieve the same results again. If history were not one of the most important subjects to learn they would not have spent billions, if not trillions, of dollars hiding your history from you.

Below are additional maps that we can use as evidence. I gave the links to the maps so that you can click on the links, so you can zoom in and see it for yourself.

1650, Barry Lawrence Ruderman Map of America from the Stanford Library: https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/vr898bw7334. Notice that this map shows you Cibola, Granada, and Quivira. Please click on the link I gave from the Stanford University library, so that you can zoom in to see it better.

1683, Manesson-Mallet, Allain, map of California and New Mexico. Please click on the link I gave from the Stanford University library, so that you can zoom in to see it better. Notice Nueva Granada on the map when you zoom in: https://exhibits.stanford.edu/california-as-a.../.../gr011nv4870

1660, Doncker, Hendrick, map of Nueva Granada and California as an Island. Please click on the link I gave from the Stanford University library, so that you can zoom in to see it better. Notice Nueva Granada on the map when you zoom in: https://exhibits.stanford.edu/california-as-a.../.../qt469cf8909.

1666, Loon, J. van, map of Nova Granada and California as an Island. Please click on the link I gave from the Stanford University library, so that you can zoom in to see it better. Notice Nova Granada on the map when you zoom in: https://exhibits.stanford.edu/california-as-a.../.../zy439mc5915.

1711 Map of California as an Island and the Gulf of California or Red Sea: https://exhibits.stanford.edu/california-as-a.../.../xy324jt5865. The significance of

this map is that it is further evidence to prove that the Americas is the promised land, aka, Granada, because the Khalifa Muurs or Israelites from California had to cross the Red Sea to get to Granada, aka, the Promised land/Israel, which is the land of Milk and Honey, due to its abundance of resources (wealth); especially, Gold (Honey) and Pearls/ Precious stones (Milk). Khandrop on YouTube did a great video to demonstrate that the Americas is the promised land: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxFDB_CBoZ0&t=2907s.

RFG Chosen One did a great youtube video called, "The Americas – The True Egypt and Israel": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7XveyiqtHs&t=3s, in which he explained that the America's has more natural resources than Africa. I agree with him too.

Here is another Red Sea map. This 1719 Map of California shows you California as an Island and the Gulf of California or Red Sea: https://exhibits.stanford.edu/california-as-a.../.../yc810rj3545.

Here is the Old Testament Map of America and it is another Red Sea map (see blog image). This map shows you Moab, Jerusalem, Egypt, Babylon, Mesopotamia, and etc. Notice the Red Sea that separates California from Granada land/ the promised land of Israel.

Also, in this blog post is a 1745 map of the state of California by R. W. Seale. This 1745 map shows you the State of California as an Island and it shows you that the Island of California was separated from Granada land (the rest of mainland America) by the Red Sea or the California sea. The Interesting thing about this 1745 map is that the map cartographer R. W. Seale said that he made this 1745 map as a satire, lol. No..., this map is no Satire and it is very real; especially, when you consider the other maps and links that confirm that California was once an Island separated from the promised land or Granada land by the Red Sea. Its too much evidence to say that this 1745 map is satire.

THE ISRAELITES HAD TO CROSS THE RED SEA TO GET INTO GRANADA LAND (the promised land/ Israel):

According to the Exodus story of the Bible found in the Book of Exodus 14:1-30, Moses led the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised land, but they had to cross the Red Sea to get to the Promised land (Granada land), because they were being chased by the Egyptians. Moses parted the Red Sea with his Rod or staff so that the Children of Israel could cross over to the promised land. The Egyptians that pursed Moses and the Israelites were drowned in the Red sea. So far, you have seen maps and links

showing you the state of California as an island and being seperated by the Red sea from Granada land/ the promised land of Israel.

The interesting thing about the landmass on the other side of the Red Sea, which was Granada land (see blog image and links of maps), is that Granada means Israel or the Promised land, since the word Granada, literally means "pomegranate" in Spanish. The Pomegranate is a symbol of the Star of David (a symbol of Judah/ Israel), because when this fruit is fully bloomed it resembles the 6-pointed star of David (see blog image). Previously, I demonstrated the power and riches of Granada land (Israel/ Promised land) by proving that the mythical 7 golden cities of Cibola were real. Cibola (Shamballa) is the origin of the word Calalus. Calalus, which was a Roman Jewish Colony in America, means promised land. Additionally, the State of California has it owns Holy land in San Diego, California called "Tierra Santa." Tierra Santa, Spanish for "holy land," or "holy ground", is a community within the city of San Diego, California. California is also called the Golden State, because of its abundance of Gold and it is famous for its Gold Rush.

Just to support the videos I shared from Khandrop and RFG the Chosen one, about the Americas being the land of Milk and Honey, we have to also factor in the Golden Kingdom of Queen Khalifa (Califia) in California and the seven cities of Cibola, which was surrounded by a lake in Granada Land. Queen Khalifa was a Muurish Empress whose empire stretched from Hawaii to South America. History writes off Queen Khalifa as a Spanish Myth, because she went to war with the Spanish. However, Queen Khalifa was no myth. She was real and she ruled over the Cushites or Ethiopians in the Land of Cush (the Americas).

Evidence to suggest that Queen Khalifa was real is the fact that she ruled over an Island. The evidence in this post confirms that the state of California, which was named after Queen Califia, was once an Island that was separated by the Red Sea from the Promised land of Israel or Granada Land (the rest of mainland America). More Evidence that Queen Califia was no myth is the fact that the seal of the State of California bears her image (see blog image). Also, a team of researchers has confirmed that Queen Khalifa and her Amazons were very real. This article is entitled, "The History of Queen Califia and the California Blacks:"https://eurweb.com/2015/04/19/the-history-of-queen-califia-and-the-california-blacks/. The DC Comic Book Character, "***Wonder Woman***," is based off of Queen Khalifa, because Queen Khalifa was a witch (a Priest-Queen) and a great warrior. Queen Khalifa was basically a female Prester John.

Totonteac is also one of the mythical golden cities of Cibola, so yes there was more than Seven golden cities of Cibola. Totonteac is also on virtually all the Granada maps that I shared in this blog, so yes it did exist too. There were 9 cities of gold in Granada Land if you add in the golden city of Quivira, Totonteac, and the 7 cities of Gold that

surround the lake in Granada Land. There were more than 9 because Queen Khalifa had a Golden Kingdom in California. Queen Khalifa use to walk around on gold dust because her Kingdom was just that rich. Plus, there were cities of Gold in Central and South America too that we can also factor in. The interesting thing about Totonteac is that Area 51 is built on top of this ancient golden city!

We know that Granada is associated with Maurs/ Muurs/ Moors, aka, Hebrew Israelite Muurs, because Granada was the Alma Mater of the Muurs; and I found a book, "The Anatomy of Melancholy: What it Is, with All the Kinds Causes, Symptomes," by Robert Burton, from 1628 that describes a inhabitant of Totonteac as being a Barbarian (which is just code for Berber/ Negro/ Indian) from Totonteac (see blog image of the Book diagram). Notice that the book quote also refers to the inhabitant of Tontonteac as a 'Saldanian Negro.' Saladin was an Islamic Blackamoor that was a General that fought during the Medieval crusades. This is significant because if a major Golden city like Totonteac had melanite (dark or Black) inhabitants that means that the other cities of Granada Land were just as melanite.

According to the online etymological dictionary, which is 21 different sources, we read this for the etymology of the name Moor: "North African, Berber," late 14c., from O.Fr. More, from M.L. Morus, from L. Maurus "inhabitant of Mauritania," from Gk. Mauros, perhaps a native name, or else cognate with mauros "black." Being a dark people in relation to Europeans, their name in the Middle Ages was asynonym for "Negro;" later (16c.-17c.) used indiscriminately of Muslims (Persians, Arabs, etc.) but especially those in India. If you notice the second definition in the etymon, the name Moor also means "Berber" which is one of our ancient race names as well. In the Negro Laws of South Carolina of 1839 reads as such: "The term Negro is confined to slave Africans (Ancient Berbers) and their descendants."[2] [1] The Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. 11: The High Empire, A.D. 70-192. (see image of the Negro Law that states that Negroes are descendants of the Ancient Berbers).

Indians were also called Niggers, which is a noun and adjective, according to the Oxford English Dictionary http://www.oed.com/viewdictionaryentry/Entry/126934 . (See Oxford Definition 3.a.). The Black/Copper color people that inhabit the continents from Canada until Argentina have been called the Americans since almost 100,000 years before even the USA existed as a country. Mahogany is a reddish-brown color. It is approximately the color of the wood mahogany. American (AMER'ICAN), adjective pertaining to America. AMER'ICAN, noun: a native of America; originally applied to the aboriginals, or copper-colored races, found here by the Europeans; but now applied to the descendants of Europeans born in America. Websters Dictionary 1828 – Webster's Dictionary 1828 – American: https://bit.ly/3iArg5i.

The Coronado Expedition (Invasion) had nothing to do with race, since the invasion

was all about seizing Granada Land/ the promised land of Israel from the Moslems, but mostly, the seven golden cities of Cibola, in which he found. Unfortunately, those seven cities of Gold were looted and the gold was shipped to Rome (the Vatican), England, Spain, France, London, and other Illuminati families. The Gold that was taken from the Americas enabled the Illuminati to take over the world, so now you all understand why Rome (the Eagle/ the phoenix) had to take the gold that once belonged to and was guarded by the Naga/ Dragon people, whom are the Chosen people.

Why were all of the Corn Places destroyed, except for the First Corn palace in South Dakota (dragon/ serpent), which still exists? Well, because the buildings did not fit in with the current narrative of the Americas being a uncivilized, New World, so most of the old world, pre-mud flood, buildings were either destroyed or converted into federal buildings, courthouses, Governor's mansion, Capital buildings, post offices, state buildings, Universities, and etc. Freemasonry also means, "the masonry that was free," because all Europeans had to do was dig out these Moorish/ Tartarian structures from the mud after the great comet of 1811-1812, had completely destroyed the Old World Order, via, massive earthquakes, massive tidal waves, massive Volcano eruptions, a great mud flood, and etc.

Please, read this Facebook post I wrote About the Fairhaven Hotel, because this post proves that it was a great mud flood that destroyed the Old World order that was ruled by Muurs. The legend of Fairhaven is that it was built by Vikings. I can believe that because the Vikings were Saracens/ Berbers and they allegedly discovered America first:
https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2090376994359923.

For more mud flood evidence, please check out the Tampa Bay (Bey) Hotel. Look at that beautiful Tartarian red brick:
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The US Capitol Building and all of the State Capitol Buildings in the UNITED STATES display Gothic and Greco-Roman Architecture, which is Moorish/ Tartarian craftsmanship. Yes, the Cherokee where the Real Romans and they built all of the Greco-Roman Architecture and the Cherokee Gothic Architecture in the Americas:
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Please read my blog from a few days ago, entitled, "Were the Muurs really the biggest Race Traitors and Sellouts," because the information relates to this post. Please, like and subscribe to my blog, because there's more to come. Thanks for listening and please donate to my cause of research because it takes resources to continue to bring you all this information.

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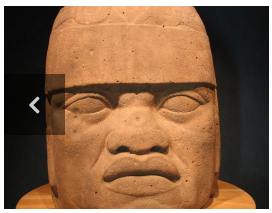

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A Glimpse Of Life In An Ottoman Sultan's Harem

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Rarely have women in history played a more deliciously mysterious role than that of the 600 years of the Ottoman Empire, when what is modern-day Turkey and lands from the Balkans to Syria sat at the center of a great Empire. These were the days of the harem, when women - and girls as young as seven years old - were held in a secret world where they could be governed, educated, and primarily *enjoyed* by the sultan and his court.

But as slaves or subjects? Given as gifts or claimed as spoils of war, these women represented the caliphate's power, wealth, and sexual prowess. Just like a scene from *Arabian Nights*, daily life in an Ottoman harem was a life suspended in a secret paradise full of sensual delights - as well as endless rules, expectations, and boundaries. Derived from the Arabic word *haram* meaning sacred or forbidden, the harem was part of a legendary patriarchy that tried to bottle the essence of woman, capture it in all its glory, and use it solely for its own felicity.

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The Ottoman Empire Evolved Into A Seriously Male-Dominated Society

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During the 8th and 9th centuries, Turkish nomads were pushed from their homes, eventually converting to Islam when the Mongols arrived on the scene. By 1299 CE, the Ottoman Empire was established, bringing a lot of changes to the region, including taxation, social shifts, and a great deal of religious indoctrination. Between 1299 and 1923 CE, it also brought about a cultural phenomenon known as "The Imperial Harem," which held all the wives, servants, female relatives, and sultans' concubines in the court. As the Empire expanded its territory, sultans came and went; economic and social institutions evolved from the Byzantine Empire; and Islam became the pervasive law of the land.

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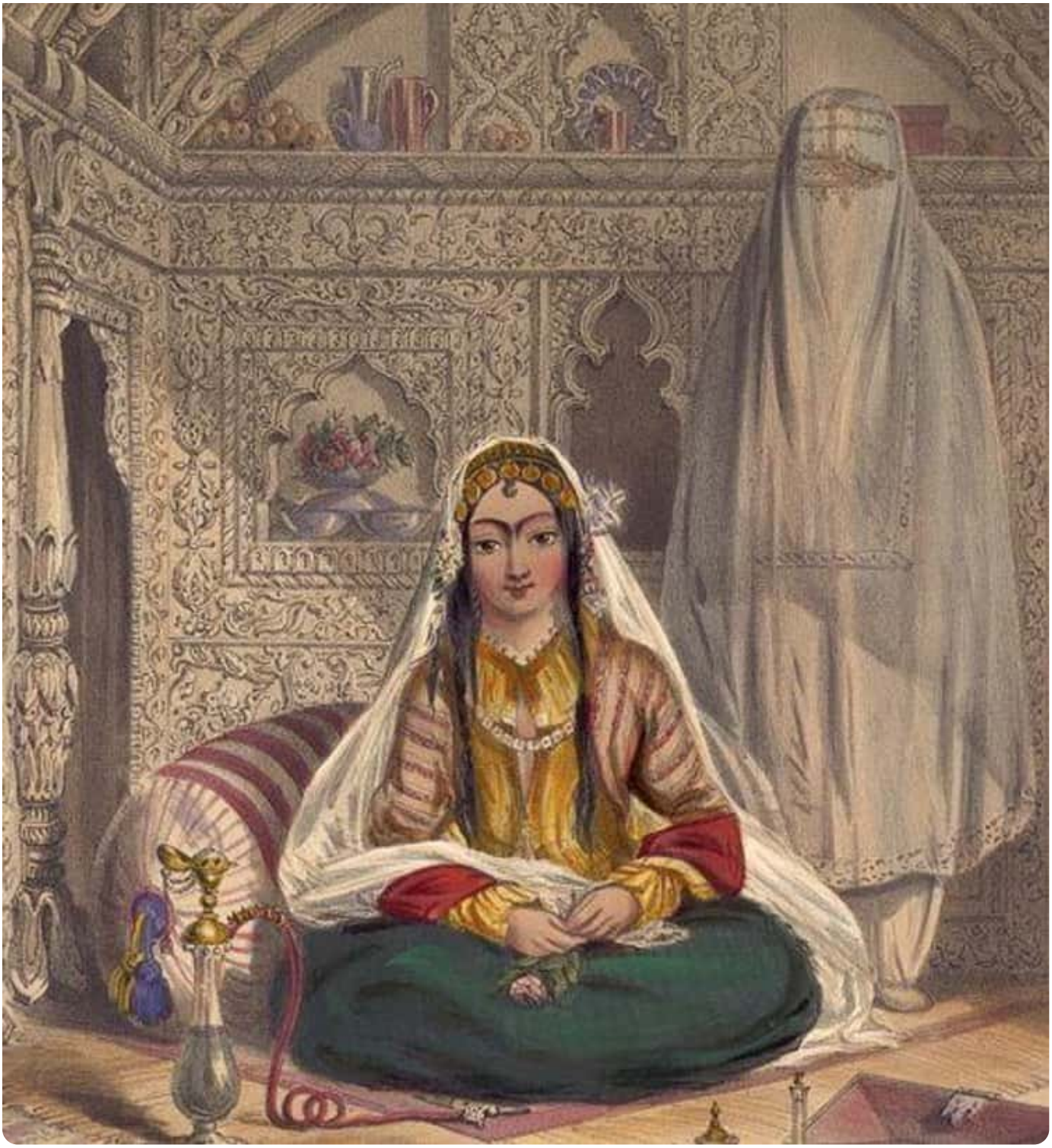

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The entrance to a harem was hidden away in the center of an elaborate court. The women who occupied these immaculate spaces rarely left the confines of the court - but at least their surroundings were drop dead gorgeous. Placed in an ethereal world of green and blue tiled rooms, outlined in gold and lined with plush furniture, the outside world became a distant notion, only glimpsed through the occasional view of the Sea of Marmara.

Eunuchs, some of whom could become quite powerful within the court, monitored the women of the harem. No one was allowed to see them unless first carefully inspected by senior officials who ensured there was no funny business on either end. It was also forbidden for men to look upon another man's harem. But it was just not the eunuch who could weasel his way into positions

of power. Women who lived in the harem, if they were smart and lucky enough, could also achieve great authority, respect, and wealth within the imperial court.

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The Harem Was Gorgeous

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The surroundings of the harem were beyond gorgeous. The center of the harem dwellers' realm was a great pavilion with a giant courtyard where the women could bathe in a pool or gaze upon a garden. It was blissfully peaceful and quiet, a place where contemplation and rest were commonplace. The courtyard was a gathering space for the women to read together, pray, or just share stories, and it offered a much-needed escape from the interiors of their confinement. Within their gilded cage were private apartments for the sultan and more than 400 rooms for sleeping, entertaining, and living.

The Imperial Harem typically housed scores of women, including the sultan's official wives, mother, daughters, female relatives, and servant girls. And of course, the eunuchs were always watching in the wings for any impropriety. The sons of the sultan also lived in the harem until they were about 12 years old, at which point they were considered men and allowed to appear as palace courtesans.

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Things People Believe About Historical Torture That Are Just Not True

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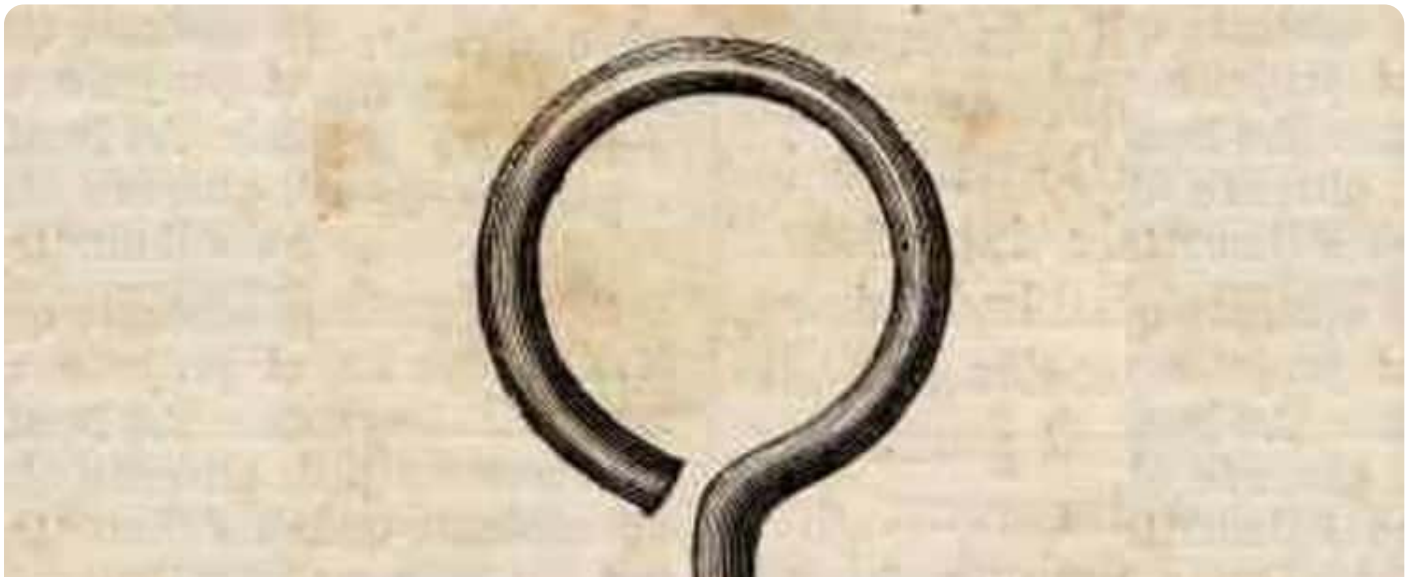
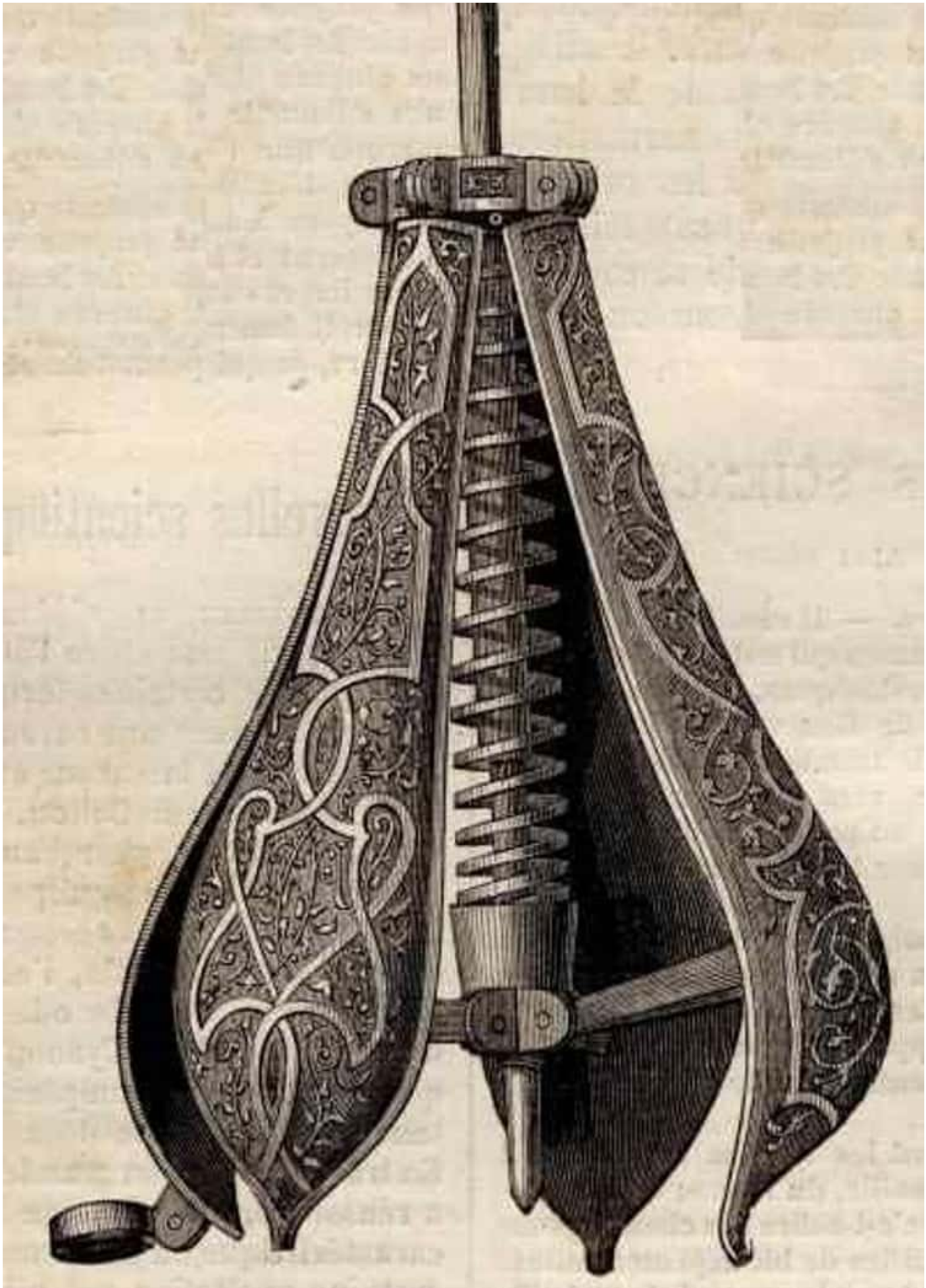
The iron maiden. The rack. The pear of anguish. Torture museums gleefully display these horrific devices, claiming they were used on thousands during the medieval era. But it turns out most of our beliefs about historical torture simply aren't true.

Nearly every article about gruesome torture devices includes forms of torture that never existed. Take the iron maiden, for example. It was invented in the 18th century to make the medieval era look more barbaric. Stories about bamboo torture pop up in literature, but there's no proof it ever took place. And the pear of anguish wasn't used to rip open orifices. In fact, it might have been a sock stretcher.

MYTH: Sexual Deviants Were Punished With The Pear Of Anguish





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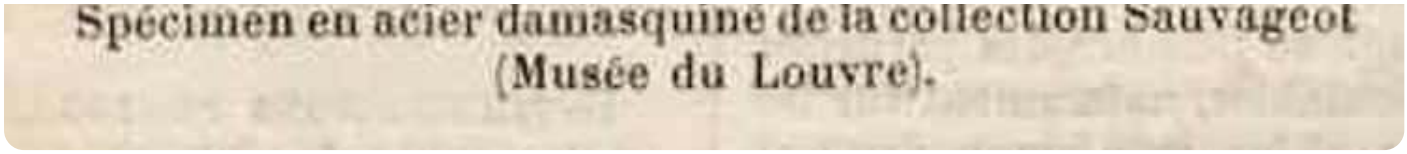

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The Myth: After being inserted into one of a victim's various orifices, the pear of anguish was screwed open until the skin was stretched beyond endurance.

Where You've Seen It: Torture museums.

The Reality: The first mention of the pear of anguish comes from the 19th century, with no evidence that the device was used for torture. A recent examination of devices in torture museums shows it was too weak to open inside a bodily orifice. On top of that, the latch device could never be opened while the pear was inside someone's body.

As for the objects themselves, historian Chris Bishop says they were possibly sock stretchers or glove wideners.

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MYTH: Criminals Experienced A Slow, Piercing Punishment In The Iron Maiden

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The Myth: Victims were forced into a dark chamber studded with spikes. When the doors closed, the spikes pierced their bodies.

Where You've Seen It: Movies, the internet, torture museums, you name it.

The Reality: The iron maiden was a phony invention from the 18th century. Writer Johann Philipp Siebenkees claimed that, centuries earlier, a Nuremberg criminal perished inside an Egyptian mummy case lined with spikes. By the 19th century, fake iron maidens were on display across Europe, particularly in torture museums.

Multiple sources repeated the false stories, turning the iron maiden into a legendary medieval torture device.

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MYTH: The Catholic Church Brutally Tortured Witches

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The Myth: The Catholic Church brutally tortured women to force them to confess to witchcraft.

Where You've Seen It: Across popular culture.

The Reality: Accused witches were indeed tortured across Europe, largely in the 16th and 17th centuries. However, the Catholic Church rarely tortured accused witches. During the 1609-11 Basque witch hunt overseen by the Inquisition, only two suspects out of thousands were tortured - and both received a reduced sentence of banishment rather than execution.

Secular authorities were much more likely to torture accused witches, especially to force victims to accuse others. This is what spurred the largest witch hunts. The Inquisition, by contrast, was comparatively less brutal to the accused.

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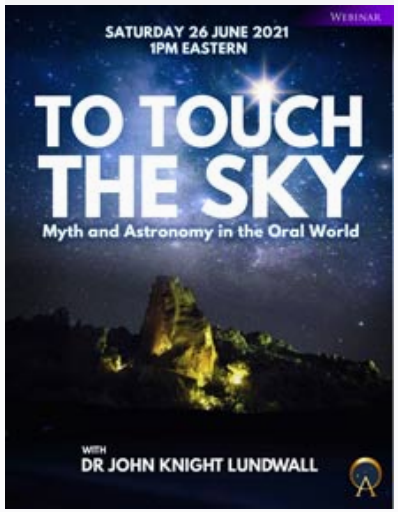

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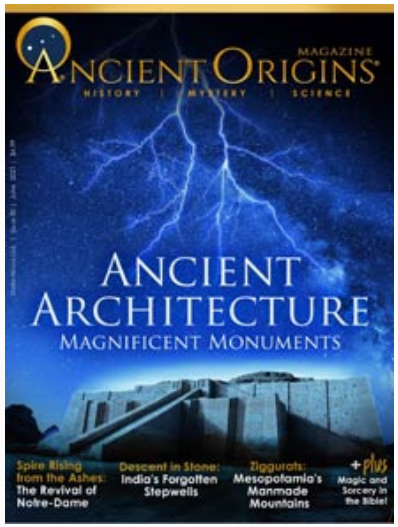

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Most of us are familiar with the images of the deities, kings and queens of Egypt; but for every one of the famous scenes reproduced from those times, smaller, more obscure supernatural figures are far more numerous. Many of these entities fall into a category of supernatural beings known as demons or daemons. They also have an ongoing existence after the pharaonic culture, the end of Paganism, the rise of Christianity, the coming of Islam, and even into our own modern era.

There is a clear continuity for these entities through time. When it comes to the old Egypt, the study of these supernatural entities is still in its infancy. Swansea University hosts a *Demon Things* database, established in 2016, and for budgetary reasons has a restricted timeline of 2000-1000 BC - but already it has thousands of entries.

Egyptian scene with demons. (Author provided)

Historically, the existence of something recognizable as demonic is first recorded even before written records, in images from Ice Age rock art. These entities have human bodies but with an animal head, the so-called "goat demon" being one of the earliest. Perhaps because this could also be a human wearing an animal mask, we call them demons rather than monsters.

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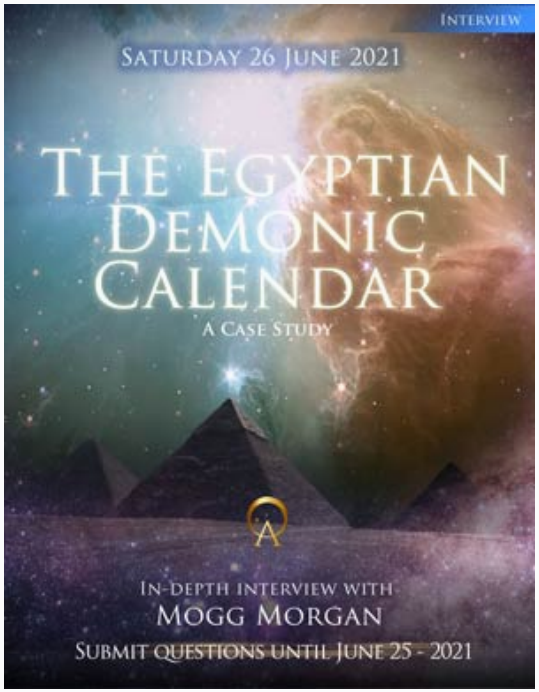

Monsters first make an appearance much later after the invention of writing, and are usually human-headed but with an animal's body. For instance, the terrifying Pazuzu as seen in the first few frames of the horror movie The Exorcist.

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My first exploration of the role of the demon in Egyptian magic was published in my book, *Supernatural Assault in Ancient Egypt* . Here **demons** are discussed alongside an Egyptian exorcism cult known as “Zar”. The meaning of Zar is uncertain but is likely from a north African language transplanted into Arabic as a loan word meaning “to visit” or “a visitation”.

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The Magical Folk Tradition of Zar

The Zar cult is a folk magical tradition from the North African and Near Eastern world, principally Egypt and Sudan, but also Iran. It makes use of music and dance to “exorcise” intrusive spirits or Djinn. I first learnt of the cult from I. M. Lewis’s classic study of *Ecstatic Religion a study of shamanism and spirit possession* .

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I was also much inspired by a chapter in Jan Fries ’ book on European trance technique known as *Seidr,* which he found analogous to the Zar tradition. In his book he reproduced an important foundation myth, as told to anthropologist Enno Littman’s in the 1950s. A female practitioner,

known as Mama (Baba for male) told him that Zar was first performed in ancient Egypt to cure a King's daughter of a mysterious ailment.

These days Zar rites are still very much practiced in Egypt, but tend to be seen as a women's mystery. In fact, I've even been told that the tradition is only really accessible to women, but in as far as this is true, which it definitely isn't in Iran or Sudan, it would be a modern development. In Egypt, the Zar tradition is entangled with "Belly", more accurately Beladi dancing. Beladi means "village dancing" a style of dance originally practiced in Upper Egypt by men in combination with a martial arts tradition of stick fighting.

A Zar ritual. (Mehr News Agency/ ***CC BY 4.0*** *)*

Possessed by Ghosts

In the 1930s Hans Winkler met several spirit mediums in Egypt and was able to record their stories in a lively account as "Ghost Riders of Upper Egypt". His principal informant was Abd al-Radi, a man regularly possessed by the ghost of his uncle, from which state he passed messages to those who came to seek his help.

Winkler combined this work with groundbreaking research on desert rock art, Sigils and “Characters” of Islamic sorcery, thus connecting the Islamic and pre-Islamic world of magical signs and symbols. As a Nazi, he soon returned to Germany and died in military service.

*Islamic stamped amulet, 19th-century India. Executed on a very thin white paper, the amulet comprises a number of magic squares, Qur'anic verses, and divine or holy names all intended to bring good luck or provide protection to its owner. (**Public Domain**)*

Over the last few years, several new studies have extended this work. Since the 1980s the academic study of magic has been revolutionized by practitioners and academics such as

Robert Ritner. He unraveled the details of **ancient Egyptian demonology** and showed how it eventually emerged as the driving force of all Egyptian magic.

Gods and Their Demonic Emissaries

The god Seth or Set is often advanced as the archetype of the demonic entity and leader of the demonic horde. Seth's "trickster nature" is well-known, but many of his "ambiguous qualities can be shared by other gods." So, for example, in what is arguably the world's oldest dramatic text, *The Contendings of Horus & Seth* , the otherwise good god Osiris threatens a demonic attack against the other gods in a celestial tribunal if they do not hurry and make a decision! The lioness goddess Sekhmet can also bring disease, being responsible for the annual epidemics of plague to strike Egypt in the dangerous interregnum between the old year and the new.

*Set, an ancient Egyptian deity. (**CC BY-SA 4.0**)*

Those who succumbed were struck down by one of her seven deadly arrows often personified as demonic emissaries. Demons such as *Hatayw*, *Shamayw*, and *Akhw* are common names in the Egyptian language. Hatayw is often translated as ‘Knife bearers’, ‘murderers’, ‘night spirits’. In the Late Egyptian language, the term is shortened first to Hawet, then Demotic Hayet, finally Coptic Shayet all meaning ‘inspiration’, ‘exorcism’, ‘doom’, ‘fate’, ‘fury’, or ‘curse’, depending on the context. Shamayw are ‘wandering demons’. Akhw variously as the ‘undead’, ‘transfigured dead’, ‘ghosts,’ rather like vampires. So perhaps Anne Rice’s fictional placement of the original vampire myth in ancient Egypt does have some basis in the mythology.

*Ram-headed demon, hands outstretched probably to hold two snakes. From a royal tomb in the Valley of the Kings, Thebes, Egypt. End of the 18th Dynasty, around 1325 BC. (Jon Bodsworth/ **Public Domain**)*

In the final millennial of ancient Egyptian history these demons became protectors in personal names such as Pa-na-hatayw or Nas-na-hatayw (both meaning “he of the slaughtering demons”). In Ptolemaic Thebes there was a full-blown cult of the Hatayw (genies) that had its

own dedicated prophet or *Hem-neter.* Later still one finds the cult of syncretic deity Tutu (twtw), originally an oases god who rose to national popularity in Egypt. Tutu's name means "image" of the "collectivity" of **disease-bringing demons!**

Horrible Plague-Bringers

Magic often involves interactions with disease entities, supernatural or divine personifications of terrible plagues or smallpox. Late classical cultures of Hindu Tantra and Kaula have the same deeply ambiguous, "daemonic" goddesses. This is a clear example of where one fights fire with fire. So although "the Egyptians did not live in terror of their gods' capricious whims nor was Egyptian theology fixated on the vindictive or jealous nature of a god in the manner of Genesis 20:5, healing spells often paired demons and gods together as possible causes of disease.

The Biblical 'Fifth Plague of Egypt'. (Wellcome Images/ ***CC BY 4.0*** *)*

The late Egyptian tale or Report of Wenamon has an episode in which Hatayw is translated as 'frenzied', and is used in a significant way to mean becoming possessed by a spirit, which then issues instructions to Wenamon to flee the city:

> *"when he sacrificed to his gods...the god seized one of his noble youths, [a medium] making him frenzied, so that he said: "Bring [the god] hither! Bring the messenger of Amon who hath him. Send him and let him go." Now, when the frenzied youth continued in frenzy during this night, I found a ship bound for Egypt, and I loaded all my belongings into it. I waited for the darkness, saying:*

> *"When it descends, I will embark the god also, in order that no other eye may see him."*

Hatayw is also used in the account of the Bentresh Stela, a monumental inscription of Persian times, although falsely ascribed to Ramesses II, presumably to give it extra clout. Evoking the name of a famous ancestor is standard practice in magical texts, Solomon being the most widespread example; see for example the pseudo-eponymous *Testament of Solomon* . It serves to give extra authority, that those hearing the contents, including spirits, will not risk contradicting —just in case.

*The Bentresh Stela. (**CC BY 3.0**)*

The Possessed Princess

This stele contains a long account of the relationship between Great King Ramesses and the distant princedom of Bakhtan, perhaps Bactria on the Pakistan/Afghan border. After a successful diplomatic exchange between the two kingdoms, they cement the relationship with a marriage of the Bactrian prince's sister, who becomes one of Ramesses many royal wives. Years later, news arrives from the young queen's homeland that a mysterious malady had seized the body of her younger sister, Bentresh, who is possessed by a spirit called an *Akhw*.

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Ramesses summons priests from the Theban *House of Life* attached to the temple of the moon god Khonsu, experts in magic and demonology. One is dispatched to Bactria to investigate and reports that the princess Bentresh is indeed **possessed** by a spirit and that he is an enemy whom he can defeat, although the priest first needs a special statue to finish the job. This kind of image-magic involving statues is the bread and butter of ancient sorcery. A statue representing a special form of the moon god called "Khonsu-who-determines-fate" is duly dispatched from the temple to Bactria.

Khonsu, an ancient Egyptian god depicted as a mummiform child with a moon disk on his head. (***CC BY-SA 4.0*** *)*

After a very long journey the “god” arrives and preparation are made for a magical protection to cure the stricken princess. Then the spirit speaks to Khonsu, saying: “welcome in peace, great god, who expels disease demons! Bactria is your home, its people are your servants, and I am your servant! I shall go to the place from which I came, so as to set your heart at rest about that which you came for. May your majesty command to make a feast day with me and the prince of Bactria.” Then the ‘god’ *motioned* approval to his priest, saying let the prince of Bactria make a great offering before this spirit.

While all this was happening the prince and his soldiers were very frightened, but they did what was required, organized a great feast for the entire day and at the end of it the spirit departed and the princess was cured. The technique of animating statues with divine entities is a core technique of Egyptian magical practice. The way the statue indicates its desire usually involves some kind of forward or backward movement, rocking or changing of position.

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How to Exorcise Demons? Say the Magic Word

The story is remarkably similar to the foundation myth of the modern day Zar cult as told to Enno Littman in the 1930s! It again shows that the “exorcism” in antique magic does not involve violent expulsion of a spirit, at least not as the preferred option. “Exorcism” is much more of a dialogue or transaction, which in this instance ends in a wild party at which all participants, including the sick person, undoubtedly had fun.

Both texts, the Voyage of Wenamun and the Bentresh Stela, use a similar technical **magical word** for the process of expelling the demon. This is the Hatayw – which has connotations of frenzied fury but also ecstasy leading to catharsis. It can be a power the magician casts or throws at a hostile entity, or a power that possesses the magician bestowing the ability to conjure and prophesize.

From the earliest times in the Old Kingdom it denoted a class of **disease entities,** but later, in the twilight of Egyptian culture, it meant the magician's power to enchant and conjure. It is from this base that the technique passed westwards into the grimoire traditions of Europe and eastwards to fuse with the religious impulse that in about the eighth to ninth century became Kaula and Tantra.

Demonology may well be making a comeback in our time as a complimentary therapy, an older version of the talking cure perhaps. Some research shows that Christianity's "Manichean" approach to demons may be bad for one's mental health. The ancient documents above demonstrate a more nuanced approach to **a demonic reality,** so the jury is still out as to whether this had a positive or negative effect on the ancient mind.

Top image: Bronze head of Pazuzu, 900-612 BC; Detail. Source: ***Public Domain***

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Tobacco pipes representing proverbs of the Asante (Representational Pipes), c. 1850 - 1930, Ghana.

“Representational Pipes are perhaps the most distinctive Ashanti pipe there is, and are common place in Museum Collections throughout Europe and Ghana. […]

Representational Pipes are easily identified by the sculpted bowl, which may take on any one of various anthropomorphic, zoomorphic or geometric forms (hence the name of the pipe type). As with most of the Asante visual arts, these forms are directly associated with proverbs.

That the pipes discussed here were used for smoking tobacco seems to be beyond doubt, for no such pipes have been found in a pre-European context. Rare are accounts of smoking herbs in pre-contact times. Yet historic documents are full of descriptions that tell of village residents trading for and smoking tobacco and illustrations show chiefs smoking pipes are common place. An example is seen in Isert’s tale of meeting the ruling chiefs at Ada, where two individuals are depicted smoking long stemmed pipes while seated in the middle of a palaver. Chiefs and other dignitaries are also portrayed holding tobacco pipes in Bowdich’s famous artistic rendition of greeting the Asantehene in Kumasi. These pipes are stylistically the same as those found in archaeological excavations.

By the end of the nineteenth century tobacco pipes became an attractive cultural curio for travellers to collect, and numerous tobacco pipes were brought back for display in museum collections across Europe”
-“On Tobacco Pipes in Asante”, by Brian Vivian

“Proverbial pipes were a luxury version of the daily smoking pipe. […] Some of these pipes had even been made as special commissions, which meant that their decoration exceeded their use value. The sculptural aspect of these pipes fits into the culture of which the known gold weights are a similar expression.

Tobacco consumption was not much less on the west coast of Africa than in Europe. Evidently tobacco originally came from the New World, supplied by European sailors either directly from Brazil or via a European country. The earliest mention of smoking comes from the English captain William Finch, who visited Sierra Leone in 1607. He discovered there

that tobacco was grown at almost every hut and he described the importance of this herb by noting that “tobacco is half of the Negro's food”

It is unknown when tobacco was introduced to Ghana, although it would not have been much later than in nearby Sierra Leone. In 1705 a certain Bosman writes that tobacco is growing on the coast of Ghana. All natives seem to smoke tobacco, even though the negroes dealing with the Westerners have a clear preference for the tobacco supplied by the Portuguese or even tobacco that comes directly from Brazil. Smoking seems so important that the natives spend their last penny on it. Bosman praises the Negroes who smoke Spanish or Virgin tobacco for their good taste, but ridicules those who are content with Amersfoort tobacco. Apparently the imported local Dutch crop was not very highly regarded at the time.

From that time pipes were known, described by Bosman, with a stem of reeds or wood of six feet long, on which a pipe bowl made of stone or clay. This pipe bowl is called Taa sen in the Akan language. The stem of the pipe is so long because the pipe is not held in the hand but the pipe bowl is resting on the floor while smoking. In addition to the long-stemmed product, shorter pipes are also known.

That smoking was socially established is proven by another note, namely by a certain Mungo Park who writes at the end of the eighteenth century that in almost every city there is a kind of stage where people come together and smoke a pipe. At that time, smoking was seen as a pleasant pastime.

Important persons had a servant who assisted with smoking. Such a pipe keeper packed the pipe, lit it and monitored the fire, in other words they accompanied the entire smoking process.

For most pipe smokers, smoking was primarily a group event intended for moments of rest and relaxation. Tobacco was also burnt at funerals, to make the expulsion of the soul easier. When smokers died, it was customary to place their favourite pipe under their pillow, along with some tobacco.”
-Adapted from Don Duco, “Tobacco pipes representing proverbs of the Asante”, via Amsterdam Pipe Museum

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"This example would have had a separate, very long wood or reed stem. Its rectangular base steadied the pipe as it rested on the ground. It is in the form of a hornbill, taking the pose of the sankofa bird of Asante proverbs. It refers to the wisdom of looking back to discover how to go forward."

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with convex bowl on raised and weighted base with two triangular feet on the front and a flat bottom, ascending upright stem with modest stub. Bowl vertical tracks alternating with very fine and coarse lines, the bowl opening hemisphere with constricted ring. Stem three twisted smooth embossed bands between which two bands with four squares each with crosses. Stub with longitudinal strokes. Thin orange-brown engobe. Decoration originally rubbed with chalk.
Date: 1800-1880

Comments: One of the most common subjects executed in a skilful way. The repeating ornamental surface makes this pipe simple and peaceful in contrast to many pipes that are quite overwhelming. Nevertheless this pipe represents excellent craftsmanship and a great skill in shaping ceramic objects.

Meaning decoration: Depicted is a cooking pot or family pot in Akan language Abusua kuruwa."

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with high bowl on flat foot with two forward points, rising straight stem with stub. Bowl front embossed snake body with three zigzag around the bowl, neck and head end at the top of the stem with a sitting bird. Stem with three-storey layout with geometric-filled beds. Bowl base front between the protruding legs a rectangular roughened field, stem at the back a second seated bird. Stub ribbed along the length.

Date: 1850-1890

Comments: Unusual in its size as well as in its design because of the height which made it possible to zig zag the snake over bowl and stem so that an almost characteristic stylization is achieved. The bird motive on the stem shows the usual abstraction among the Ashanti art.

Meaning decoration: Depicted is a snake that normally lives on the ground and rarely takes a bird from the sky, this remarkable deed refers to lots of luck or an exceptional bargain."

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"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with figural bowl, flat bottom and rising stem with small stub. Bowl sitting bird on a flat rectangular base, looking left, the wings slightly spread, the bowl placed in the body, the smooth bowl opening protruding from the back of the bird, foot square with weighted corners, milling in between. Stem concentric bands alternately smooth and hatched. Under the stub a smooth button, small round stub with longitudinal strokes.

Date: 1800-1880

Comments: A beloved motive that is depicted in many different ways, this example is sturdy and craft fully executed with a scarce pattern of geometrical motives indicating the feathers of the bird.

Meaning decoration: In the iconography of the Asante four birds are distinguished: the eagle, crow, hawk and cockerel. This pipe depicts the eagle that refers to the expression: By coming and going the bird builds its nest, in other words for all labour time and patience is needed, finally leading to a result."

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"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with two bowls on a weighted base with flat bottom and two triangular feet on the front, rising stem with stub. Both bowls are of a double-conical shape, the right-hand carving of standing windows, the left with three knotted cones referring to a star shape, each point decorated with radial lines, a foot between the two paws of rectangles filled with a cross. Stem four concentric embossed bands between which geometric scratching of rectangular fields with cross. Decoration filled in with chalk.

Date: 1840-1890"

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with figural bowl, flat rectangular foot and rising stem with stub. Bowl standing leopard on four legs, the tail curled against the bowl opening, the head left and strongly stylized. The animal is covered with pressed circle holes that are derived from a mottled skin. Rectangular base with buttons on the corners, the raised edges with roughened fields. Stem light four-sided with panels on which incised geometric decoration, stub longitudinal standing lines. Decoration with traces of rubbed white chalk.
Date: 1840-1900

Meaning decoration: The leopard refers to the proverb: Kurotwiamansa toe nsuo mu a neho foe na ne ho nsensane woe hoe. The animal (kyeretwie or kurotwiamansa) is depicted as the symbol of strength: when fallen in the water only his skin becomes whet, not his spots. The meaning is that strong animals do not show a change in character when the circumstances change. Also: When the rain falls on the leopard, he gets wet on his skin, but the spots never disappear

(Rohrer p 15)."

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with figural bowl on a cylindrical base with two protruding rectangular points and an ascending stem with a discreet stub. Bowl a lying cochlea with the point on the right and the opening on the left, the cylindrical trunk with two intersecting rings, one smoothing the other with cogs, foot with a carved edge on the front and the sides, a hatched connection band between the two protruding points. Stem decoration in three concentric bands divided into compartments with geometric filling, under the stub a button. Stub with longitudinal lines.

Date: 1830-1880

Meaning decoration: When the snail is hiding, it will grow, also said as Far from the guns the soldiers are the oldest. Explanation: As long as you stay out of the danger there is no risk. Another expression says: Should there exist only snails and tortoise, a rifle would never be heard in the forest."

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"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with figural bowl on an elevated base with hollow bottom, rising stem with discreet stub. Bowl lying an elongated oval fruit of the hibiscus with alternately hatched and smooth lines, the stem of the fruit to the right, bottom pointed. Foot front and side simple kerfsnee of triangles. Stem concentric bands alternately smooth and with rages. Stub along with cogs. Brown-red semi-matt engobe.

Date: 1860-1910"

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with funnel-shaped figural bowl, without heel on weighted base and rising stem with stub. Bowl horizontally in high relief an oval-shaped drum with alternately roughened and smooth strips and flattened end pieces in which a hollow, placed on hollowed out flat base with two feet at the front and decorated with carvings. Stem alternately smooth, lightly curved bands and narrow strokes and unobtrusive round stub. Red engobe, decoration filled in with white chalk.

Date: 1850-1900"

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with figural bowl on flat rectangular base with slightly convex base, rising stem

with stub. Bowl front sitting monkey, the right hand in front of the mouth, the left hand on the left knee. Bowl on both sides three horizontal notched bands with chip carving decoration. Stem four millings, stub small longitudinal millings. Black-baked.

Date: 1910-1930

Meaning decoration: Hand on the cheek refers to something wrong that happened and need a deep thought. The monkey says: When you place something in my mouth, I will take a good word from my mouth to tell you."

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with figural bowl on a rectangular, slightly hollow base, rising stem and stub. Bowl front sitting male with shorts, holding a rectangular box with both hands on the head. Bowl on both sides three incised geometric bands with kerfsneewerk. Stem four millings, stub fine crossed (raderingen) cogs. Black-baked.

Date: 1910-1930

Meaning decoration: Hands on the head is a sign of mourning for the loss of near relatives."

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Ashanti representational pipe.

"Description: Tobacco pipe of earthenware with bucket-shaped bowl with figural element, geometric foot with two points and rising stem with stub. Bowl halfway in relief straight through the pipe bowl stabbing a lying fish with high back, the head to the left, the skin structure indicated by crosswise strokes. Foot on the base carved ornament with between the legs a rectangular field with standing incised lines. Stem alternately bands of standing stripes and smooth. Stub simple zigzag line. Decoration rubbed with lime.

Date: 1850-1900"

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Ashanti gold pipe, pre-1874.

"A composite tobacco pipe (tao-hyefuo) consisting of a lost wax cast gold pipe bowl (a) and its associated wood stem (b)

decorated with gold wire with a sheet gold mouthpiece. The pipe bowl itself constitutes a hollow circular tube into which the mouthpiece fits and is decorated with an alternating series of plain and patterned undulating rings. The patterning consists of lines of evenly spaced dots. The curved foot of the pipe is extended at the front to form a squared off rest which is decorated with two panels of vertical zig-zag decoration and a middle panel of lines of vertical dot patterning. The other end of the foot is cast in the form of a scroll. The pipe bowl is surrounded by a corolla of six conical spikes decorated with a series of dot patterns. The hollow wood stem is decorated with a continuous length of twisted two filament wire, perhaps brass or an alloy of brass and gold, which is coiled around it at intervals. The mouthpiece is made from a piece of sheet gold that has been folded into a long cone and the edges soldered together. It is decorated with gold wire that was first coiled into a spring-like form and then wound around it. The tip of the mouthpiece is formed by two rings of gold wire which have been soldered on and a single ring encircles the lower end."

-The British Museum

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"It is clear that the tobacco pipe in the Ashanti culture has played an important role, both for men and for women. Important persons have a servant who assists with smoking. Such a pipe keeper packs the pipe, lights it and monitors the fire, in other words they accompany the entire smoking process. Such an elite smoking situation complete with servant for the pipe is depicted in an Ashanti bronze. An almost regal person sits on a chair, a guard stands behind him, the long pipe rests with the bowl on the ground, the pipe keeper takes care of it."

-"Tobacco pipes representing proverbs of the Asante", via Amsterdam Pipe Museum

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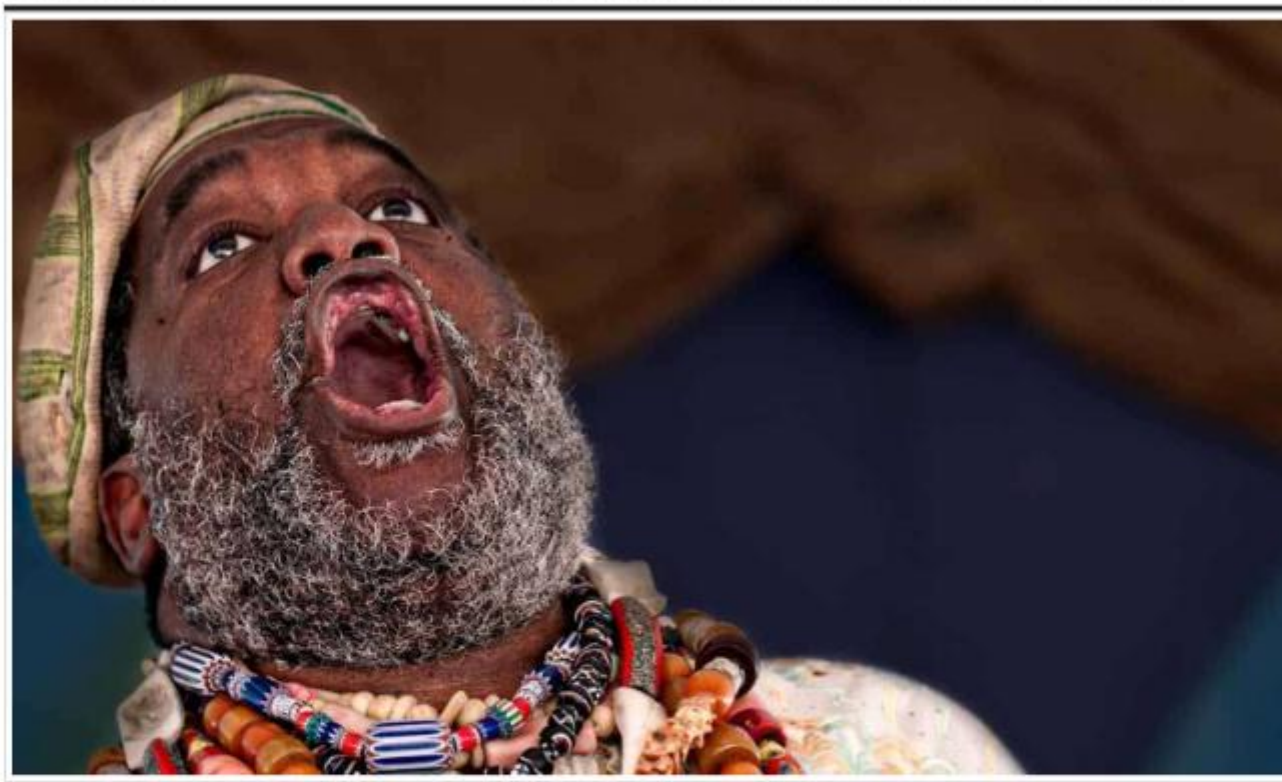

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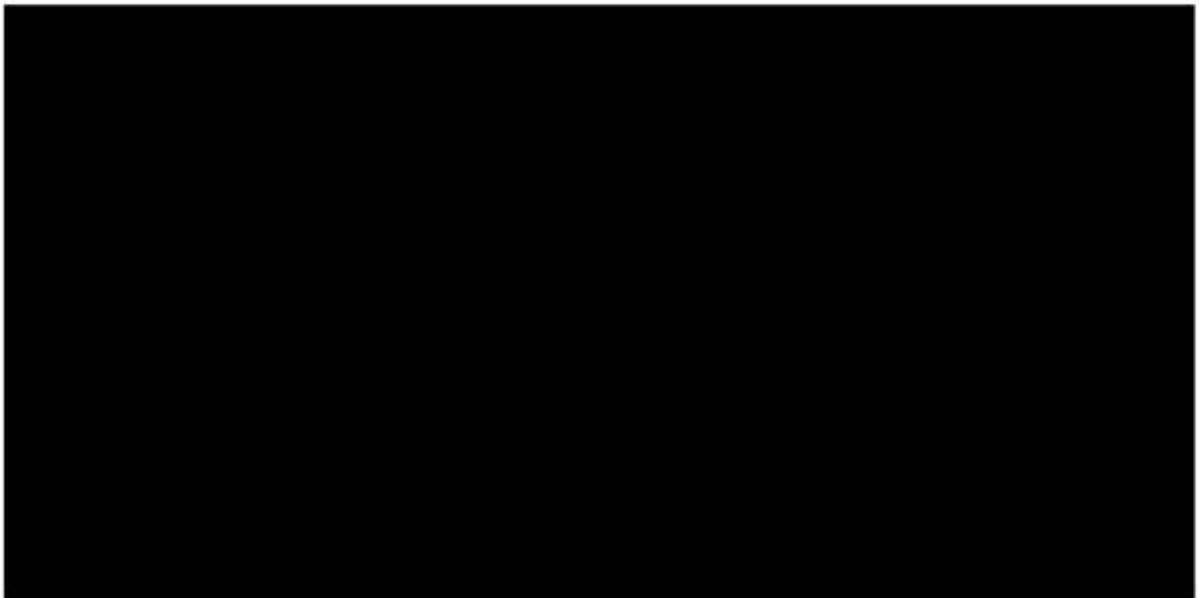
Singer-Storytellers: The Griot Tradition in We Africa

Griots, also known as *jeli* or *bards*, are traditional West African storytellers who have played a crucial role preserving the oral history and cultural heritage of their communities for centuries. With their unique blen storytelling, and oral history, griots bring to life the stories of their people, giving voice to their struggles a and keeping their cultural traditions alive. From birth to death, from war to peace, from love to loss, the ta griots are as diverse as they are captivating. Their music, steeped in emotion and rhythm, creates a pow unforgettable backdrop to their stories. Join us on a journey through the rich and fascinating world of gric storytellers.



The Griots - Africa's Master Storytellers

Today griots can still be found in many parts of West **Africa**. They live among various African ethnic mino as the **Mande peoples** , Fula, Hausa, Songhai, Tukuloor, and many more as well as among even smalle Many have also left their ancestral lands behind and emigrated. Traditional griot storytellers can be found that have large migrant African populations such as the United States and France.

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*Griot also known as jeli or jail in some regions (Circa 1901). (**Public domain**)*

It is believed that the term griot comes from the French term "guirot" which in turn came from the Portugu "criado." This was the masculine singular term for servant and aptly describes the griot's role in their trad communities, as a servant to the community.

While griot is the term predominantly used in English, African **languages** have their own names which th refer to griots. In northern Mande areas, griots are known as *jèli*, while in the south they are known as *jal* other hand, the **Yoruba** refer to them as *arokin* while the Ful peoples refer to them as *gawlo*.

Generally speaking, after “griot” the most common name for them is “jeli.” This comes from the Manding which refers to the combined knowledge of the griots and their hereditary nature.

What Do Griots Do?

Griots are seen as the keepers of both African history and the traditions of their native peoples. They use storytelling, and oral history to preserve their cultural heritage. This makes them an essential part of Wes society.

Important social gatherings such as weddings and festivals often include a griot. It is the griot’s job to sin the hosting family’s history. When conflicts break out between warring factions or families it is the griot’s the disputes and function as a mediator by using their centuries of historical knowledge.

The mutual respect and familiarity both sides tend to have for the griot means that it is safe for the griot t communicate with both sides without fear of being attacked. As respected members of society, both parti know that attacking the griot would be unwise.

Griots are skilled musicians as well as orators. They’re known for their unique musical style which includ traditional instruments such as the kora (a stringed instrument), the balafon (similar to a **xylophone**), an (a uniquely shaped **drum**).

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*A griot tells stories through music. They are highly skilled in many instruments including the African kora instrument) seen here. (© **Jorge Royan** / **CC**)*

These instruments are used to accompany the storytelling and give their tales a rhythmic and melodic ba This music is highly emotional and evocative. It helps bring the stories to life and makes them memorabl

Many of the stories griots tell revolve around real historical events. These can be small in scale, like indiv histories, to recounting major historical events like wars and battles. They are also responsible for remin of their cultural heritage. This means recounting stories about the gods and the spirits of their ancestors.

These tales are normally used to impart moral lessons and cultural values to the younger generations. T can also take on a political edge with the griot using them to praise their patrons and to sing the praises local leaders.

Griots also have a strong moral obligation. It is often down to them to supply a voice for the marginalized oppressed within their communities. The stories griots tell highlight social and political issues like poverty and human rights abuses. Their songs promote peace, justice, and equality and give hope to those who suffering.

Becoming a Griot

Griots are their own ethnic group and tend to form an endogamous caste (meaning they usually only ma griots). This means griots are born into the role and receive their training from family members, who pass skills and knowledge from generation to generation.

Learning these skills is no easy task. Not only must they learn the arts of oral history, music, and storytel very young age, but they must learn huge amounts of history. It is a role that comes with a lot of respons small amount of pressure.

The Sahel Epics

A classic example of the type of story griots are responsible for sharing is the *Sahel Epics* . These stories from the Sahel region of **West Africa** and are some of the most important cultural expressions of the peo region.

These stories usually feature heroes and heroines who embark on epic journeys and face head-on great Traditionally these stories incorporate elements of folklore, religion, and real history.

*Sundiata Keita as presented in Civilization VI. (**CC BY NC SA 3.0**)*

if not thousands, of versions of this tale but they usually follow similar story beats.

It is usually said Sunjata was born under unusual circumstances, covered head to toe in thick hair, and p from the waist down. The more fantastical versions of the story have the young hero inheriting magical p his mother, which he uses to give himself the ability to walk. His magical gifts (or disability) then lead him from his community. After some years away he then returns as a powerful military leader.

Upon his return, he defeats the kingdom's evil sorcerer-king, Sumanguru Kante, and expels him and his the Mande homeland. The story then usually goes into detail about how Sumanguru fell to darkness by b obsessed with a magical balafon (similar to a xylophone) that belonged to forest genies. He eventually g hands on the magical instrument, but only after his sister sacrifices herself to the genies as payment. Su uses the magical instrument to rule Western Africa until Sunjata's eventual intervention.

The epic of Sunjata has remained a popular story to this day. It is said that if one tried to combine all the versions of the story and tell it as one it would take days to complete. The epic is so popular that lyrics fr have been adopted into the national anthem of Mali.

One of the reasons epics like this have remained so popular in West Africa is the fact they have a perso connection to the listeners. A young person from Mande will hear the griots praise the names of their anc they tell the Sunjata epic.

Sunjata's family name is Keita, which is a popular family name to this day, giving many listeners a familia to this ancient story. While the epics of other cultures, like the ancient Greeks, have remained static over centuries, the epics the griots tell continue to evolve, constantly adapting as their audiences change.

Griots In History

Griots aren't just repositories of history; they have their own fascinating history. While they have always t play the same cultural role, how they have been treated and their social standing has tended to change f time and from place to place.

For example, in the Mali Empire of West Africa (which lasted from 1226 to 1670), the griots were highly r and it was tradition for royal family members to give each other griots who acted as royal advisors.

The griots became an aristocratic caste and each higher-ranked family of **warrior kings and emperors** jatigi) had its own family of griots. In Malian tradition, you couldn't be a griot if you didn't have a jatigi, anc couldn't be called a jatigi if you had no griot. Most villages also had their own family of griots who were re for recording and retelling local histories etc.

On the other hand, things were very different for the griots who lived with the Mande people. In these soc griot was known as a jeli and they acted as advisors, singers, and storytellers. Unlike the griots within the Empire, however, these griots did not enjoy such high social standing. It was believed the griots held dee connections to the spiritual world and that their talents gave them social and political power over people. distrust and meant they weren't always respected or well-loved by the Mande people.

Ancient tradition singled the griots out as a separate people with their own caste. This meant that in the v they were treated differently than the Mande people. For example, griots were sometimes buried in trees in the ground because people believed doing so would pollute the earth. Griots also suffered from other s seclusions, a prime example being the fact that for a long time, the Mande people banned them from ma outside of the griot caste.

Despite their important role in preserving cultural heritage, griots have faced an increasing number of cha recent years. Many griot communities have been displaced by war, famine, and other types of violence. T to a tragic loss of local knowledge and traditions.

In some cases, the griots have faced persecution, and their instruments and cultural artifacts have been Thankfully despite these challenges, the griots have not backed down and their tradition continues to thri parts of Africa. In recent years many African countries have instituted laws banning any persecution of th

Griots are the keys to the past. In a place where history has mostly been passed down through genera they sing about happenings in the past, and about personalities in the present. (Emilia Tjernström/ CC B)

Today many proud young African people have chosen to take up the mantle of the griot to carry the tradi future. In recent years there has been a growing interest in griot culture and many griots have become pu figures on the international stage. They have increasingly been invited to perform at international festival concerts all over the world, sharing their unique cultural heritage with audiences of all ages, races, and b

The power of human voice in preserving cultural heritage

In conclusion, the tradition of the griot storyteller is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the i of preserving cultural heritage. Through their music, storytelling, and oral history, griots bring to life the st people and keep their cultural traditions alive.

Despite the challenges they have faced in recent years, the griot tradition continues to thrive, and the sto griots will continue to be told for generations to come. The griots are a reminder that the power of the hu and the power of storytelling can overcome any obstacle, and that the cultural heritage of our communitie something worth preserving and cherishing for all time.

Top image: The ancient storyteller known as a griot uses their voice, sounds and music to tell stories abo Source: tomalu/AdobeStock

By Robbie Mitchell

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ТЕХНОЛОГИИ И НАУКА

Был плавучей крепостью для короля. Ученые обнаружили новые артефакты на затонувшем корабле XV века (фото)

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Дании.

Флагманский корабль "Gribshunden" королевского датского флота затонул еще в 1495 году. Впервые его обнаружили на дне Балтийского моря, недалеко от берега рядом с городом Роннебю, Швеция, еще в 1970-х годах. Только в 2013 году ученые смогли идентифицировать его как военный корабль, который принадлежал королю Дании, Норвегии и Швеции Хансу в 2013 году. Через два года началось тщательное исследование этого корабля. А недавно была проведена очередная научная миссия. Новое исследование предполагает, что этот корабль служил настоящей плавучей крепостью для короля Ханса, ведь здесь были обнаружены пушки, пистолеты, арбалеты и кормовая надстройка судна, пишет Live Science.

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Ученые под руководством Брендана Фоули из Лундского университета, Швеция, недавно закончили новое исследование корабля "Gribshunden". Новые находки предполагают, что флагман королевского флота служил для устрашения врагов и мог перевозить большое количество орудий и солдат.

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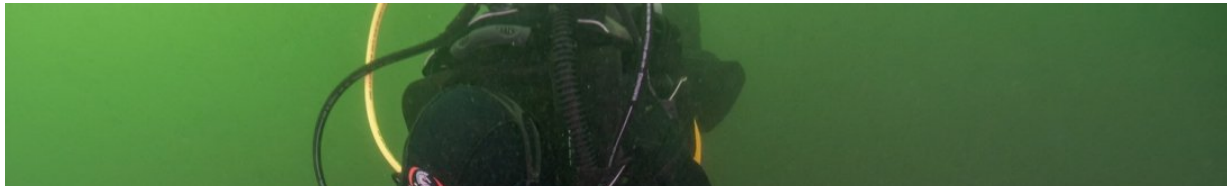
"Этот корабль, который был плавучей крепостью короля Дании Ханса был длиной 30 метров. Это было одно из первых судов, на котором размещалась артиллерия. Также стоит заметить, что при постройке корабля использовалась новая технология, благодаря чему "Gribshunden" был больше и прочнее некоторых своих современников конца XV века", — говорит Фоули.



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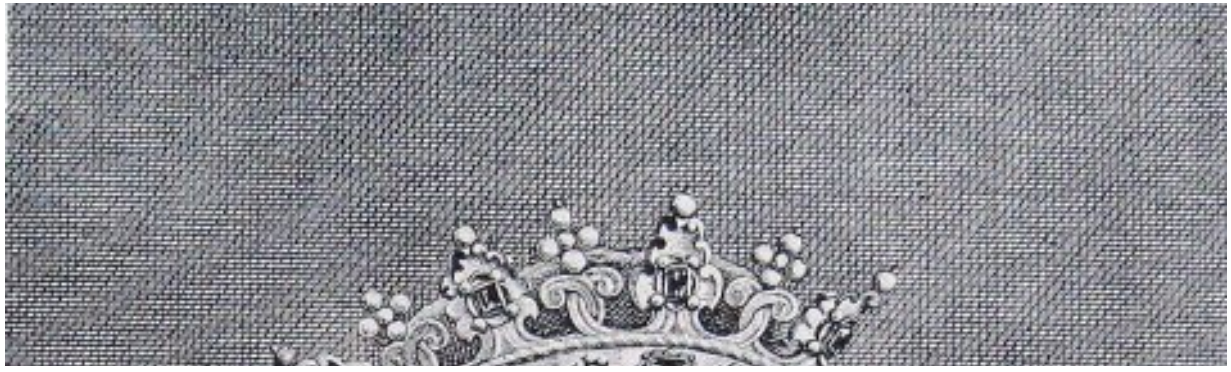
По словам ученого, этот корабль король Ханс использовал так, как не делал ни один король того времени. Король Дании Ханс (1455-1513) правил страной с 1481 года по 1513 год, также он был королем Норвегии с 1483 по 1513 годы, а еще королем Швеции с 1497 по 1501 годы. Ученые считают, что король Ханс использовал свой флагман с середины 1480-х годов для устрашения соперников и часто путешествовал на нем перемещаясь между разными частями своего большого королевства.



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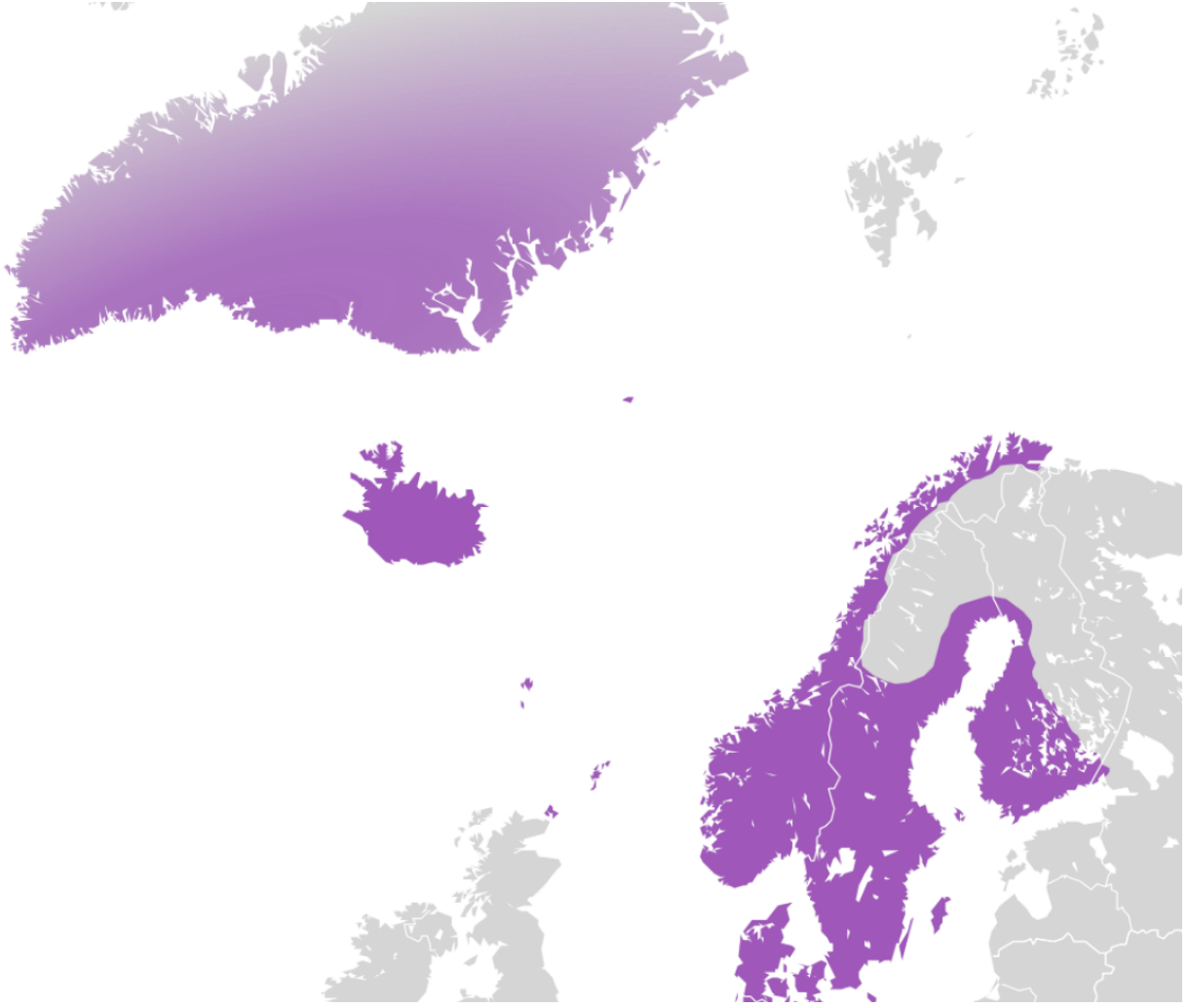
"Швеция долго не подчинялась прямому управлению короля Ханса несмотря на то, что Дания, Норвегия и Швеция заключили еще в 1397 году Кальмарскую

Швеции. Но за два года до этого, Ханс сел на свой корабль и отплыл в Швецию для очередных переговоров. Когда король и его свита находились на борту корабль таинственным образом затонул, предположительно после того, как вспыхнул пожар. Свидетели тогда указывали на то, что в результате погибли 150 человек", — говорит Фоули.



Территория датского королевства по Кальмарской унии на 1600 год
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По словам Фоули, многие пушки с корабля были вероятно спасены вскоре после затопления, потому как новое исследование корабля показало наличие меньше 20 орудий. Также ученые считают, что корабль затонул в результате взрыва пороха, так как на это указывает большая пробоина.

"Это один из первых кораблей, на котором перевозили порох. Поэтому о специальных мерах безопасно еще не думали", — говорит Фоули.

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Ученые считают затонувший корабль "Gribshunden" прототипом для создания кораблей эпохи Великих географических открытий, на которых плавали Христофор Колумб и Васко да Гама.

Как уже писал *Фокус*, ученые обнаружили корабль, который отправил на "Титаник" предупреждение об айсберге. Его потопили в период Первой мировой войны.

Также *Фокус* писал о том, что у берегов Израиля спустя 1300 лет был обнаружен затонувший древний торговый корабль.

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В Великобритании крохотный особняк выставили на продажу за более чем $305 тысяч (фото)

29 декабря 2021 в 22:44

Фото: Twitter | Один из самых маленьких особняков в Великобритании выставлен на продажу

Дом сделан в георгианском стиле и имеем площадь около 40 квадратных метров, а часть его жилых помещений находится

за 225 000 фунтов стерлингов (примерно 303 508 долларов). Это великолепный дом в георгианском стиле, внесенный в список II категории, который описывают как "овеянный историей", пишет The Mirror.

Будь всегда в курсе событий вместе с телеграм-каналом Быстрый Фокус.

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Крошечный дом в поместье Гримстон-Парк в Тадкастере, Северный Йоркшир, которое было излюбленным местом британской монархии с 1800-х годов, имеет размеры всего 10 футов 5 дюймов на 8 футов 6 дюймов над землей и площадь всего 408 квадратных футов (примерно 38 кв.м).

Дом в форме куба выставлен на продажу за четверть миллиона фунтов, вместе с подземным жилым помещением и винтовой лестницей.

Это одна из двух сторожек, которые можно найти у входа в загородный дом в георгианском стиле II категории в парке.

Другой похожий дом был продан за 250 000 фунтов стерлингов в 2020 году. Средняя цена дома в городке Тадкастер составляет 338 000 фунтов стерлингов.

Как выглядит крошечный особняк?

Вниз по лестнице находится подвал длиной 13 футов с крошечной гостиной, кухней и ванной комнатой, обставленной характерной мебелью. Французские двери ведут в уютный сад с кустами и зоной отдыха.

Спальня

Роскошный домик построен из блоков известнякового ашлада, а фигура воина на коленях находится на ступенчатой крыше.

Снаружи есть лужайка в саду с садовой мебелью и чугунными перилами.

Ванная

Основное здание было преобразовано в элитное жилье и небольшой поселок, которым могут наслаждаться и новые владельцы этого крошечного дома.

Само поместье было посещено многими британскими монархиями с 1800-х годов и впервые появилось в Книге Судного дня в 1086 году. Оно может похвастаться потрясающей сельской местностью, находится в пределах досягаемости от инфраструктуры Tadcaster.

Внешняя часть дома

Крошечные дома стали популярны в последние годы, поскольку люди исследуют новые способы жизни, пишет издание.

Ранее Фокус писал о маленьком сборном домике, в котором живет Илон Маск после того, как продал всю свою "земную недвижимость".

Теги: #ВЕЛИКОБРИТАНИЯ #ИСТОРИЯ #ПРОДАЖА #ДОМ

Вчера 09:36

В окружении Елизаветы II объяснили причину ее панического страха за жизнь принца Уильяма

28 декабря 23:41

Мальчик с IQ выше, чем у Альберта Эйнштейна, инвестировал в криптовалюту

28 декабря 15:52

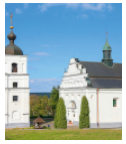
В Великобритании продали коллекцию миниатюрных бутылок виски за почти £30 тысяч (фото)

Вчера 13:54

Как у народных депутатов. В Словакии найден римский диплом, дающий привилегии его владельцам

15 декабря 13:38

"Домовина України". Где все же похоронен Богдан Хмельницкий



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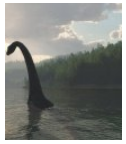

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Леди Гага продала свой дом в Голливуде дочери Мика Джаггера

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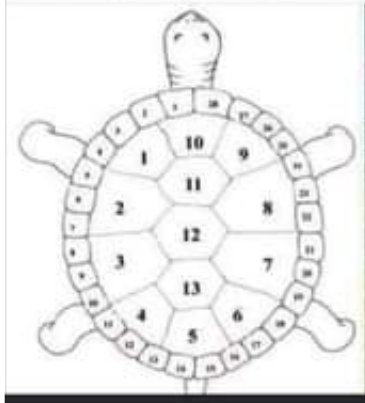
13 moons & 28 days on all turtle shells. This equals 364 days, plus one day of rest. All indigenous people around the world knew the wisdom of the turtle and followed a 13 month calendar; after all, there are 13 moon cycles in a year & 27-29 days per cycle.

It's almost as if white man subtracted one month in order sever the connection between the people and the sun, moon & stars, which are themselves a giant clock.



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Roopa Mudliar

Also we indians hv all our festive days based on our 13 month calender but the colonization changed the education system to 12 months
Another point i can add is at the entrance of all our ancient temples we hv tortoise engraved in stone and after we bow down to it we enter to pray
So much simiarities in this vast and different culture

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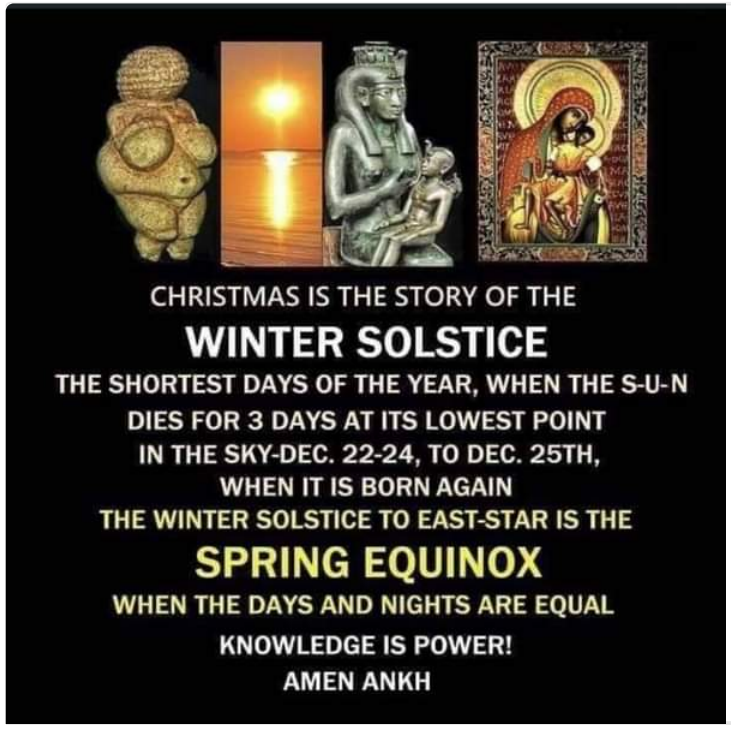

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Nimrod - the LORD of Christmas

The 25 December marked the birthday of Nimrod - not Jesus. Tammuz (often confused as Baby Jesus) was born of two pagan gods: (Nimrod - A sun God) and the Moon Goddess of Ancient Babylon (The Queen of Heaven). Mother and Child worship were common pagan practices during this time and so Tammuz and the Queen of Heaven are still worshipped today in many religions under many different names, for example, in Roman Catholicism, the statue of the Virgin Mary is actually not Mary but the the Queen of Heaven, and the so called baby Jesus in a manger is actually Tammuz.

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I'd like to see your sources for Nimrod's birthday on December 25th.

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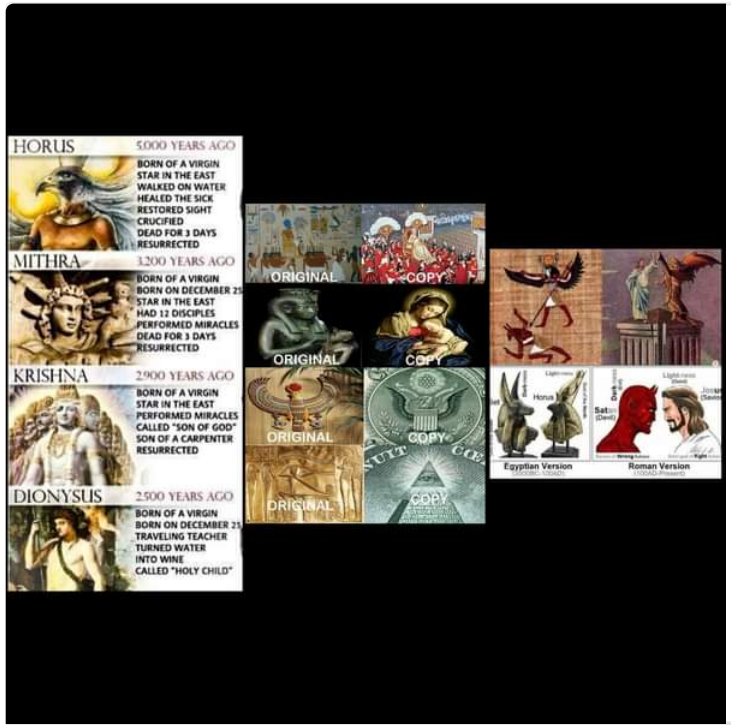

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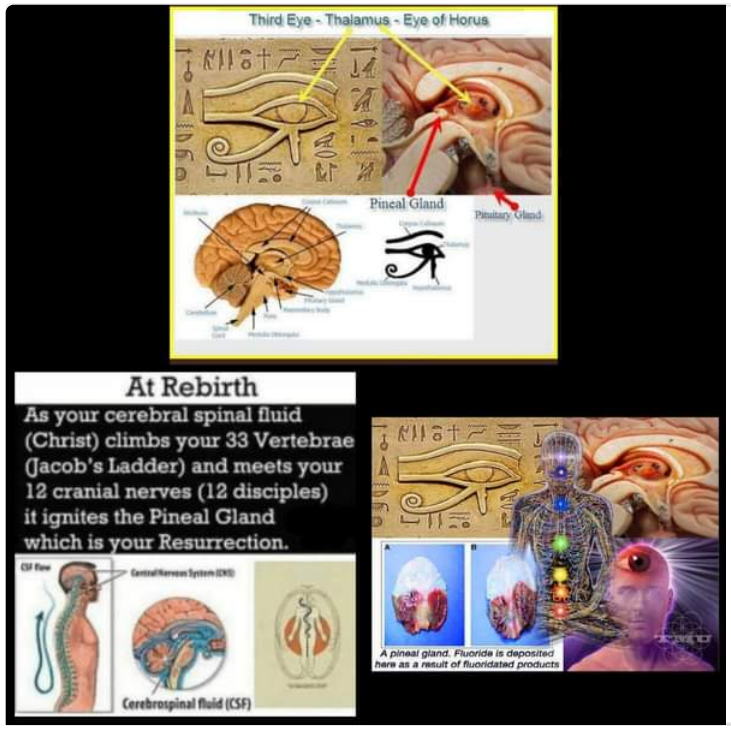

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Marcuz Shaw

Actually I have read parts of text that they never put in bible or the missing books and text descriptions of Caesar-and who we call Jesus. Wild cause almost everyone I talked to never seen these texts. It talks about what he looks like. They had to remove it, cause they were making Jesus Jewish and he never was. He was related to Europeans and Greek. So now they have an agenda to switch identities of religious figures, they have made Buddha a fat guy. And more. It's krazy how everyone doesn't know

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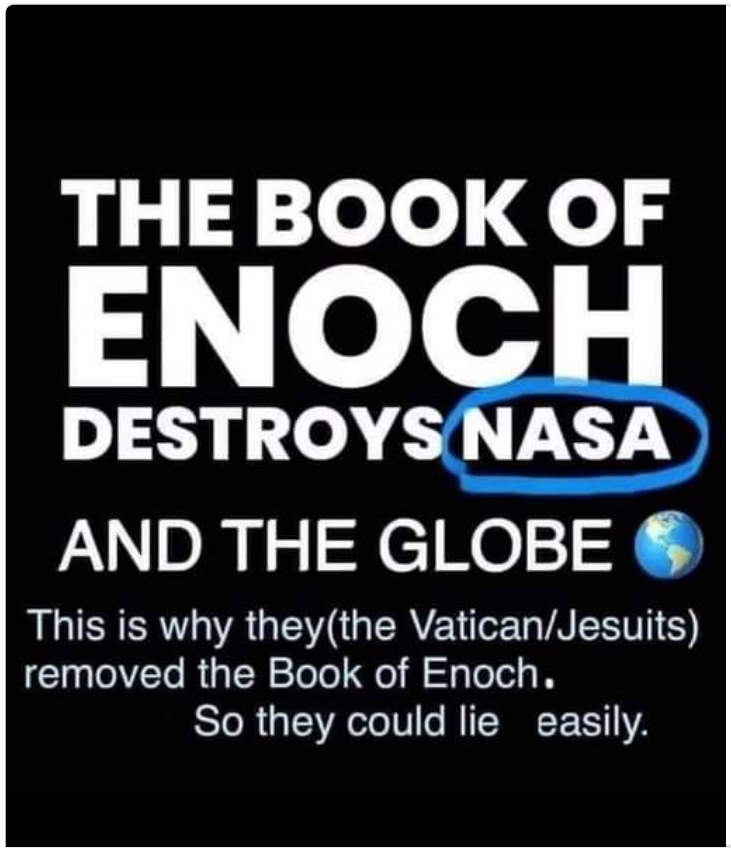

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Ведьминские города Украины: 4 места, где можно встретиться с колдуньей

Вчера, 18:10

Хэллоуин — это праздник, когда разная нечисть выбирается наружу, верили древние люди. Поэтому последняя ночь обросла легендами и сказаниями. Хоть

получили звание "ведьминских". В каких украинских городах до сих пор можно встретить колдунью — читай в нашем материале.

Киев

irena_skripak
Andriyivskyy Descent

Смотреть профиль

тайн. Официально в Киеве расположены 4 лысых горы, хотя утверждением местных жителей их ровно 13! Именно на Лысых горах собирались ведьмы на свои шабаши, поэтому, если ты хочешь острых ощущений посети одно из ведьмовских мест в столице.

Конотоп

ruslan_kramarenko07
Конотоп Сумская Область Конотопская Ведьма

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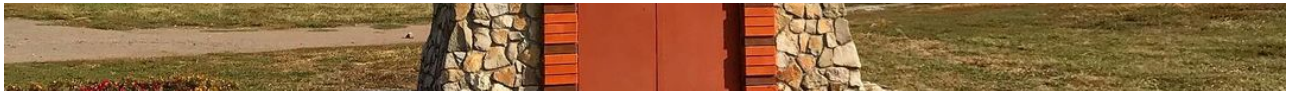

"Ведьминскую" славу Конотоп получил после обнародования повести Григория Квитки-Основяненко "Конотопская ведьма". Поэтому ты можешь приехать в этот город и попытаться найти ведьм здесь. Главной контопской ведьмой считается героиня повести Явдоха Зубиха. В одном из писем писатель утверждал, что повесть написана на основе народных рассказов и реального факта утопления ведьм. Так что вполне вероятно, что гуляя по улицам Конотопа можно встретить несколько ведьм.

Тетиев

tetiiv_tourist
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Смотреть профиль

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Небольшой городок в Киевской области также обрел славу ведьминского центра Украины. Рассказывают, будто в XX веке этот неприметный городок облюбовали ведьмы. Они выходили на Панскую гору для проведения своих обрядов. В это сложно поверить, но местные сравнительно недавно вызывали полицию, чтобы правоохранители наказали ведьм. Случилось это в 2013 году (!), когда в Тетиеве была засуха, а в селах в округе лил ливень. Местные жители заявили в правоохранительные органы, что несколько девушек, проживающих на Панской горе, залезли на крыши своих домов и размахивают трусами, отгоняя дождь. Полиция приехала на вызов и на удивление увидела описанную картину. Протокол не составляли, а вот белье изъяли и сожгли, и после этого в Тетиеве пошел долгожданный дождь.

Каменец-Подольский

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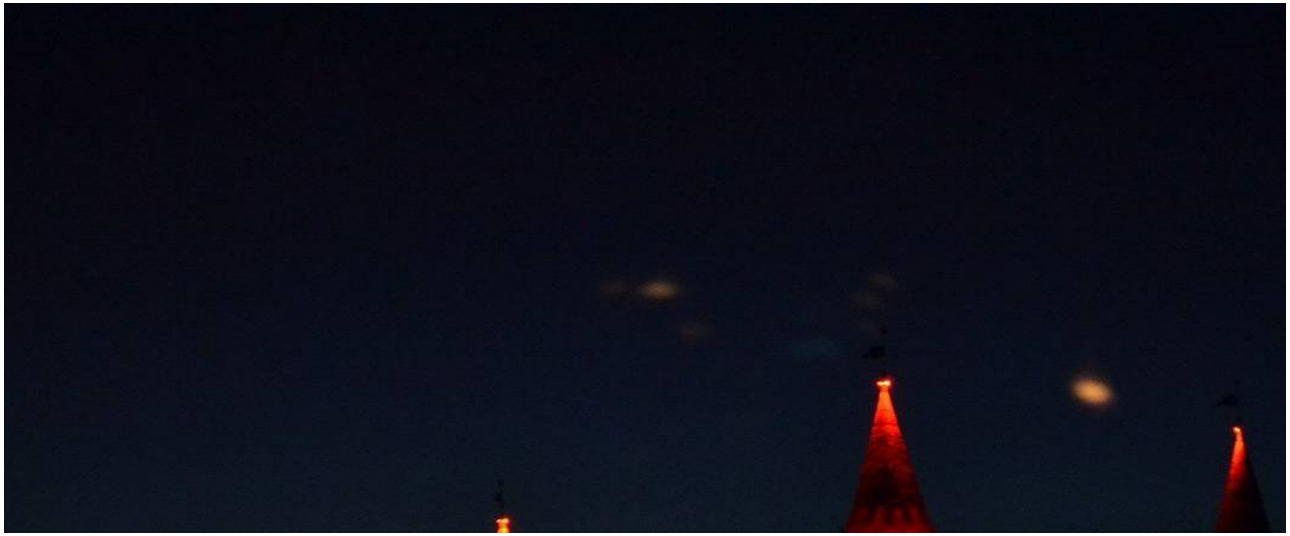

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Красивый средневековый город Каменец-Подольский также имеет в своем архиве "историю о ведьмах", да не одну, а почти 200! По словам историка и экскурсовода Анастасии Донец, которая проводит тематические экскурсии по городу "Охота на ведьм", в городе в XVII – XVIII веках рассматривалось около 200 дел "о чарах". Более 70% обвиняемых были женщины, им приписывали порчу имущества, урожая, кражу скота. Судьи к таким делам относились довольно-таки скептически, и не выносили суровых приговоров. Ведьм обязывали либо компенсировать ущерб, либо ограничивались предупреждениями.

Ранее мы рассказывали, **какие 4 дела стоит совершить на Хэллоуин.**

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Дежурившего у гроба королевы Елизаветы II 18-летнего гвардейца нашли мертвым (фото)

02 октября 2022 в 18:15

Рядовой Бернелл-Уильямс служил в гвардейском кавалерийском полку "Королевские и синие"

ездой и мечтал попасть на службу в элитный королевский полк.

Гвардеец Джек Бернелл-Уильямс, участвовавший в похоронах королевы Елизаветы, найден мертвым в казарме в Гайд-парке. Об этом сообщил британский таблоид Daily Mail.

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Издание пишет, что 18-летний солдат сыграл ключевую роль в процессии, когда гроб ее Величества везли от Вестминстерского аббатства мимо Букингемского дворца к Веллингтонской арке.

Полиция в смерти гвардейца не нашла ничего сверхъестественного и назвала ее "неожиданной". Врачи хотели вернуть парня к жизни, но попытки не увенчались успехом.

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В день похорон королевы семья солдата с гордостью публиковала видеозапись участия сына в церемонии. Журналисты отмечают, что его 42-летняя мать Лора из Бридженда в Южном Уэльсе очень эмоционально отреагировала на известие о смерти сына.

"Никогда не думала, что скажу это, но вся наша семья убита горем из-за внезапной кончины нашего замечательного сына Джека Уильямса", — написала женщина в соцсетях.

Где служил Джек Бернелл-Уильямс?

Рядовой Бернелл-Уильямс, служивший в британском гвардейском кавалерийском полку "Королевские и синие", был одним из новобранцев Конного полка домашней кавалерии.

"В это трудное время мы помним о семье и друзьях солдата, мы просим уважать их частную жизнь", — сказал представитель британской армии.

Бернелл-Уильямс с детства увлекался верховой ездой. У парня была мечта вступить в элитный королейский полк, второй по старшинству в иерархии британской армии. Помимо выполнения церемониальной охраны монарха, полк является передовой бронетанковой разведчастью.

Бернелл-Уильямс с детства увлекался верховой ездой

Напомним, что ночью перед похоронами Елизаветы II умерла ее подруга и фрейлина, 88-летняя леди Мэри Рассел.Она была одной из шести женщин, которые несли шлейф королевы в 1953 году, когда ее короновали.

Желающие прощаться с королевой Елизаветой II до сих пор едут в Виндзорский замок и стоят в очереди.

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Материалы по теме

Вчера 16:03

Король Великобритании и принц Уэльский: появилось новое фото монаршей семьи

27 сентября 13:22

Любимая фрейлина королевы Елизаветы скончалась за день до ее похорон

29 сентября 20:02

Прощание не закончилось. Сотни людей стоят в очереди, чтобы увидеть могилу королевы Елизаветы

29 сентября 16:11

Кузен покойной королевы Елизаветы выставил на продажу родовое поместье

Вчера 20:38

Всего 11 венков: в России похоронили Бориса Моисеева (фото, видео)

27 сентября 16:31

Кейт Миддлтон показала, с чем сочетать яркое пальто осенью

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Принц Гарри заявил, что был рожден как донор органов на случай, если что-то случится с его старшим братом

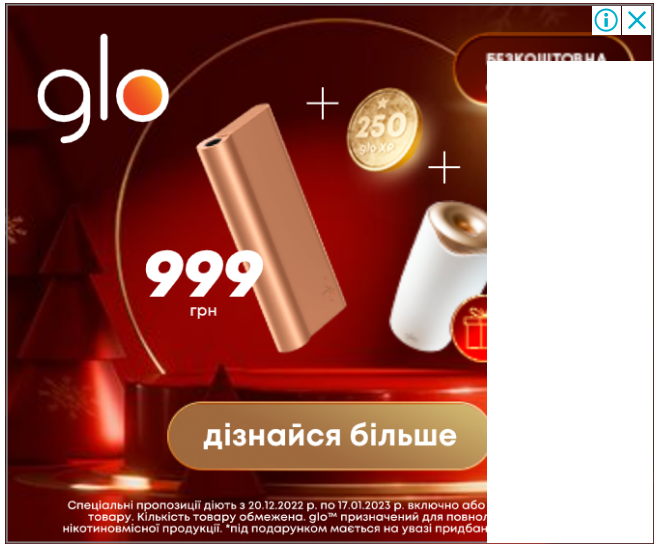
Вчера 21.16

Принц Гарри младше брата на два года

Фото: EPA

Британский принц Гарри считает, что был рожден для того, чтобы при необходимости стать донором органов для своего старшего брата, принца Уильяма. Об этом 10 января написало издание Daily Mail, ссылаясь на отрывки из мемуаров принца Гарри под названием Spare.

В мемуарах принц Гарри пишет, что его родили на случай, "если что-то случится с Уильямом". Он уточнил, что подразумевает донорство крови, почки или костного мозга.



Младший сын короля Великобритании Чарльза III написал, что в семье его старшего брата называли наследником, а его – запасным. Принц Гарри признался, что чувствовал это с самого детства, а когда ему было 20 лет, его отец якобы пошутил, что выполнил свой долг, так как супруга, принцесса Диана родила ему "наследника и запасного".

Принц Уильям пока что не комментировал заявление младшего брата.

Контекст:

> Диана Спенсер вышла замуж за принца Чарльза 29 июля 1981 года в 20-летнем возрасте. В браке у пары родилось двое детей: принц Уильям (1982) и принц Гарри (1984). Принцесса Диана и принц Чарльз расстались в 1992 году, а официально оформили развод в 1996-м.
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> Принцесса Диана погибла 31 августа 1997 года в результате автокатастрофы. Водитель автомобиля, в котором она ехала со своим возлюбленным Доди аль-Файедом, не справился с управлением, когда машину преследовали фотографы на мотоциклах, и врезался в стену туннеля перед парижским мостом Альма на набережной Сены.
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> История о потере девственности – не единственная, которую принц Гарри описал в мемуарах. Ранее различные редакции получили разные фрагменты из книги, в которых, в частности, принц Гарри рассказал, как на него напал старший брат и как Чарльз III " садистски шутил о том, что не является его настоящим отцом". Кроме того, принц Гарри признался, что они с братом отговаривали отца жениться во второй раз , опасаясь, что его избранница будет им "злой мачехой".

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МАТЕРИАЛЫ ПО ТЕМЕ

Принц Гарри заявил, что его мачеха сотрудничала с британской прессой, чтобы отбелить свой имидж "злодейки"
9 января, 2023 22.19

Принц Гарри рассказал, что убивал в Афганистане "плохих парней". "Талибан" отреагировал

7 января, 2023 17.26

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"Меняй – не меняй командующих объединенными группировками, а терпеть придется до конца". Подоляк после назначения Герасимова напомнил о словах Путина про "красавицу"

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Ученые обнаружили скелеты более 100 младенцев времен Древнего Рима

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Данный населенный пункт был древним морским портом, расположенным у побережья Средиземного моря. Он сохраняет как религиозное, так и историческое значение.

Археолог Росс Восс исследовал разветвленную канализационную систему города Ашкелон в Израиле и обнаружил останки более 100 младенцев. Об этом пишет Grunge.

В рамках этого исследования были обнаружены скелеты крошечных детей, которым на момент смерти было меньше недели. Анализ показал, что младенцы были совершенно здоровыми.

Так, исследователи предполагают, что древние секс-работники и их работодатели занимались детоубийством.

"На основе доказательств, найденных во время археологических раскопок, считается, что детоубийство было широко распространенной и социально приемлемой практикой среди древних римлян. Существует еще одно место под названием Гамблден (Hambleden), где также обнаружили примерно 97 скелетов младенцев, которые, похоже, умерли при схожих обстоятельствах.

Мы часто ассоциируем детоубийство с убийством младенцев женского пола во времена, когда девочкам предпочитали мальчиков. Но подавляющее большинство младенцев, найденных на этом месте, были мужского пола. Одна из теорий состоит в том, что они оставляли маленьких девочек жить, чтобы потом они выросли и работали в борделе, как их матери, но никто точно не знает", - заявили археологи.

Напомним, ранее в Мексике археологи в пещере, которая была затоплена в конце последнего ледникового периода, нашли скелет доисторического человека.

В Перу нашли массовые детские жертвоприношения

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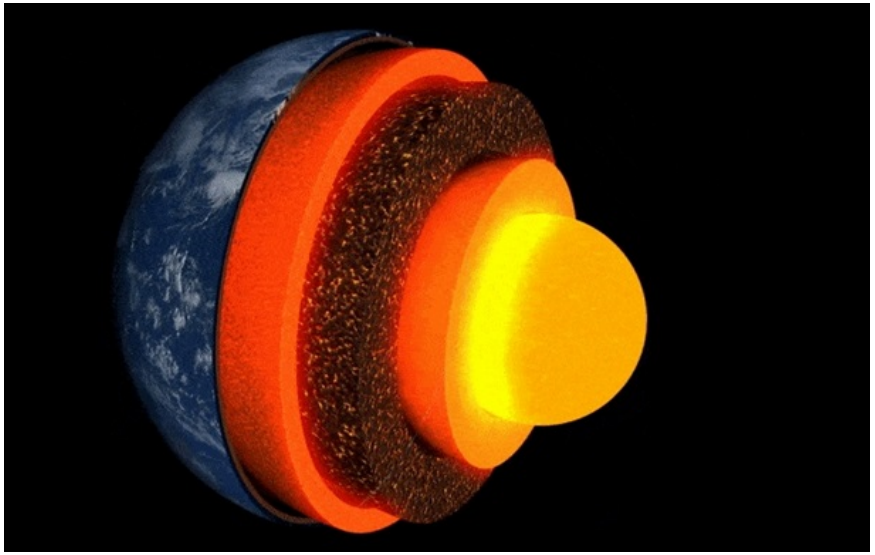

Недра Земли остывают быстрее, чем предполагалось – ученые

Иранец расшифровал арабскую надпись на шлеме Ивана Грозного

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ТЕХНОЛОГИИ И НАУКА

Хранят секрет уже 200 лет. Ученые стоят на пороге разгадки тайны детских мумий на Сицилии (фото)

05 января 2022 в 15:50

Фото: The Guardian | Катакомбы капуцинов в Палермо

Исследователи хотят узнать больше о жизни и смерти 163 детей, которые похоронены в гробнице ордена монахов-

Останки 41 ребенка из 163 детей, которые похоронены в катакомбах ордена капуцинов в Палермо ученые Стаффордширского университета будут изучать с помощью рентгена. Они хотят узнать кто были эти дети и от чего они умерли. Некоторые из детских тел мумифицированы, а от некоторых остались только скелеты. Вот уже 200 лет они хранят свои секреты, сообщает The Guardian.

Будь всегда в курсе событий вместе с телеграм-каналом Быстрый Фокус.

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В знаменитой подземной гробнице в городе Палермо, на севере острова Сицилия находится 1284 тела. Из них там лежат 163 ребенка. Некоторые из тел подверглись мумификации, а некоторые тела разложились до костей. Это самая большая коллекция мумий в Европе.

Катакомбы капуцинов в Палермо

Фото: Facebook

Ученые под руководством Кирсти Сквайрс из Стаффордширского университета в январе этого года начинают исследовать эти тела в попытке рассказать истории 41 ребенка, которые были захоронены здесь в период с 1787 по 1880 годы. Ученые не знают ни личности детей, ни причины их смерти, ни истории их болезней, так как описательные ярлыки, прикрепленные к телам давно стерлись.

Катакомбы капуцинов в Палермо

Фото: Facebook

"С помощью рентгеновского аппарата мы хотим сделать сотни снимков тел с разных ракурсов. Мы надеемся, что тайна жизни и смерти этих детей будет открыта. Есть архивные записи с именами и датами смерти, мы сопоставим полученные данные с этими записями и надеюсь узнаем, кем были эти дети и от чего они умерли", — говорит Сквайрс.

Эти катакомбы когда-то предназначались исключительно для умерших монахов ордена капуцинов. Со временем они стали популярной, хоть и мрачной достопримечательностью Палермо.

Монахи впервые обосновались в церкви Санта-Мария-делла-Паче в 1534 году. Они создали специальную могилу для своих умерших, но, когда она заполнилась, новых покойников поместили в отдельный склеп, пока не будет выкопана новая братская могила.

Когда дело дошло до перемещения тел из переполненного хранилища, монахи обнаружили, что 45 эксгумированных умерших монахов были мумифицированы естественным образом, и их лица были узнаваемы, что было воспринято как деяние Бога.

Катакомбы капуцинов в Палермо

вдоль стен первого коридора новой могилы. В 1787 году жителям региона, включая детей, разрешили размещение в катакомбах после их смерти.

До сегодняшнего дня ученые уделяли особое внимание только мумиям взрослых.

"Многие мумии являются результатом естественного обезвоживания. Остальные подвергались химической обработке. Последние, как правило, лучше сохраняются", — говорит Дарио Пиомбино-Маскали, который работает вместе с британскими учеными.

Катакомбы капуцинов в Палермо

Фото: Facebook

По его словам, некоторые мумии детей действительно хорошо сохранились. Есть тела, которые даже похожи на спящих детей.

Последними покойниками, которых поместили в катакомбы, были умершие в начале 20 века.

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Внебрачная дочь князя Монако показала фото всех его детей

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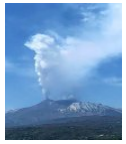

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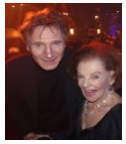

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Asmās : le plat emblématique des Almohades

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Résumé

Cet article se propose de mettre en lumière l'évolution sociale et politique des Almohades à travers la consommation d'un plat connu sous le nom berbère d'*asmās*. En effet, les sociétés de leur région d'origine, le Haut-Atlas occidental et l'Anti-Atlas, étaient restées jusqu'au début du Ve/XIIe siècle en dehors de toute influence étatique notable : dans ces zones de montagnes, les décisions importantes mettant en jeu le devenir du groupe étaient du ressort des communautés villageoises. Or, dans un laps de temps relativement bref, les membres de tribus maṣmūḍa, prenant le nom programmatique et militant d'« Almohades », initièrent un mouvement qui aboutit à la diffusion de structures étatiques dans ces sociétés. En effet, les Almohades reprirent certaines institutions des Maṣmūda, en les détournant de leur emploi primitif. L'*asmās* en fait partie : la consommation de ce plat servait initialement à sceller un lien, soit pour faire la guerre à un autre clan ou à une autre tribu, soit pour conclure une alliance matrimoniale ; elle marque dorénavant le serment d'allégeance privée (*bay'a ḫāṣṣa*) prêté au calife mu'minide, et établit une séparation nette non seulement entre les gouvernants et les gouvernés, mais également entre les gouvernants.

Mots clés

Almohades – Maṣmūda – Ibn Tūmart – *asmās* – étatisation

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Abstract

This article aims to highlight the social and political evolution Almohad through the consumption of a dish known by its Berber name *asmās*. Indeed companies in their region of origin, the Western High Atlas and Anti-Atlas, remained until the early fifth / twelfth century without any significant state influence: in these mountain areas, important decisions involving the future of the group rested with the village communities. However, in a short period of time, members of tribes Maṣmūda, taking the programmatic name of "Almohad" introduced him a movement that led to the diffusion of state structures in these countries. Indeed Almohades regained some institutions Maṣmūda, by diverting them from their primary job. The *asmās* in part: consumption of this dish was originally used to seal a link, either to make war on another clan or tribe to another, or to enter into a matrimonial alliance. It now marks the oath of allegiance private (*bayʿa ḫāṣṣa*) lent to the Muʾminid Caliph, and makes a clear distinction not only between government and the governed, but also between those who govern.

Keywords

Almohades – Maṣmūda – Ibn Tūmart – *asmās* – genesis of the state

Quand on interrogeait un des plus grands saints (*quṭb*) qu'ait connu le Maghreb, le *šayḫ* Abū Yaʿzā[1] (m. 572/1177), contemporain des Almohades, sur la façon dont il avait obtenu tant de faveurs divines, il répondait invariablement : « En faisant don de nourriture (*iṭʿām aṭ-ṭaʿām*) »[2]. Ce saint personnage, ainsi que nombre d'autres santons berbères du Maġrib al-aqṣā, acquit auprès de ses coreligionnaires une réputation durable[3] en tenant tête aux autorités almoravides, puis almohades, en se distinguant comme censeur des mœurs et en accomplissant certains « miracles », par exemple en domptant des lions,

1 Afin de mettre en perspective l'importance de ce personnage dans le cadre de la vie spirituelle du Maghreb, on peut se référer à Émile Dermenghem, *Le culte des saints dans l'islam maghrébin*, Paris, Gallimard (« Tel »), 1954. Juan José Sánchez Sandoval, « Abū Yaʿzà, un santo maghrebí del siglo XIIe a la luz del *TAŠAWWUF ILÁ RIĞÁL AL-TAṢAWWUF* », *Al-Andalus Magreb*, 7 (1999), p. 271-293.

2 Al-Tādilī, *al-Tašawwuf ilā riǧāl al-taṣawwuf*, éd. Aḥmad Tawfīq, Rabat, Publications de la Faculté des lettres de Rabat, Université Mohammed V, 1997, p. 220.

3 La majorité des saints les plus vénérés au Maroc ont vécu à l'époque almohade (Abū Yaʿzā, Abū ʿAbd Allāh Amġār, Abū Šuʿayb, Abū Muḥammad Ṣāliḥ, etc.).

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symboles par excellence de la vie sauvage. Cependant, de l'aveu même de celui qui fut leur chef de file, la base de leur pouvoir charismatique, assimilé à des miracles (*karāmāt*), provenait non seulement de leur capacité à procurer de la nourriture, mais aussi de la distance qu'ils prenaient vis-à-vis des habitudes culinaires de leur temps. En effet ces soufis se démarquaient des pratiques de leurs contemporains (*ḫarq al-ʿāda*), en premier lieu de celles de la classe dirigeante, soit en refusant de partager les repas collectifs, soit en acceptant pour seule nourriture celle qu'ils avaient eux-mêmes produite, pour éviter, affirmaient-ils, de consommer des biens mal acquis ; le rapport à la nourriture et aux repas paraît être ainsi très clairement un aspect constitutif de la sainteté.

Dans le contexte des sociétés du Haut et de l'Anti-Atlas, majoritairement peuplés de tribus maṣmūda, peu étatisées jusqu'au début du Ve/XIIe siècle, les repas pris en commun étaient des moments forts où se réglaient les différends et où des liens divers et des alliances se nouaient ou se dénouaient. Au cours de ces agapes, un plat semble avoir joué un rôle très important, mais il paraît disparaître dans le système du pouvoir almohade, à moins qu'il n'ait changé de nom : l'*asmās*. Des indices concordants permettent d'en cerner non seulement la composition, mais aussi l'usage social et la façon dont celui-ci s'est transformé. Il convient dans un premier temps de revenir sur la source qui évoque le plus clairement l'*asmās*, parce qu'elle présente bien des spécificités qui demandent à être éclairées.

1 À la recherche des traces de l'*asmās*

L'*asmās* n'est mentionné que dans une seule source, dont on ignore jusqu'au titre[4] ; ce qui est fâcheux, si l'on considère que le titre avait, dans un contexte où régnait la controverse, une résonance souvent programmatique. L'absence de titre contraste avec la longueur de celui de la chronique d'Ibn Ṣāḥib al-Ṣalāt (m. seconde moitié du VIe/XIIe siècle) : *Don de l'imamat à ceux qui étaient humiliés avant que Dieu n'en fasse des guides et des héritiers avec l'apparition d'al-Mahdī à la tête des Almohades contre les Voilés* (*al-Mann bi-l-Imāma ʿalā l-mustaḍʿafīn bi-an ǧaʿalahum Allāh aʾimma wa-ǧaʿalahum al-wāriṯīn wa-ẓuhūr al-imām al-Mahdī bi-l-muwaḥḥidīn ʿalā al-mulaṯṯamīn*). Ce long titre exprime le parti

4 Cet ouvrage a été publié une première fois sous le nom de *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade, Fragments manuscrits du legajo 1919 du fonds arabe de l'Escorial*, éd. et trad. Évariste Lévi-Provençal, Paris, Paul Geuthner, 1928. Il a fait l'objet d'une réédition en arabe en 1971 par ʿAbd al-Wahhāb b. Manṣūr, sous le titre de *Aḫbār al-Mahdī Ibn Tūmart*, Rabat, Dār al-Manṣūr, 1971.

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pris de l'auteur et fonctionne comme un paradigme englobant l'ensemble des événements rapportés[5]. Telle est généralement la forme des titres des ouvrages courtisans, qui relèvent le plus souvent du panégyrique[6]. Or l'auteur de la chronique présentée ici, Abū Bakr ʿAlī al-Ṣanhāǧī, surnommé al-Bayḍaq, était très proche des Almohades, et cela devait nécessairement apparaître dans le titre.

Ce texte d'al-Bayḍaq a été découvert sous forme de fragments par Évariste Lévi-Provençal dans le fonds de l'Escorial, en 1924, dans des liasses (*legajos*) qui avaient échappé jusque-là aux différents recensements de manuscrits arabes, entrepris depuis le XVIIIe siècle[7]. Or le terme *asmās* est déjà mentionné dans le *Supplément aux dictionnaires arabes* de Reinhardt Dozy, publié en 1881, avec la définition suivante : « repas, festin »[8]. On ne peut établir avec certitude où l'orientaliste hollandais a pu rencontrer le terme. A-t-il eu accès aux *legajos* ? Plus vraisemblablement c'est dans le *Vocabulista* qu'il l'a découvert[9]. Ce dictionnaire arabe-latin, rédigé dans la première moitié du XVe siècle est traditionnellement attribué, sans grande justification, au Catalan Ramón Martí[10]. À l'appui de cette hypothèse, la définition et l'orthographe du mot sont identiques dans le *Supplément* et dans le *Vocabulista* : *asamas*, sans *alif* long [ā]. Cette graphie est due sans doute à la volonté de Ramón Martí et des auteurs d'époque mérinide en général de se démarquer des chroniqueurs des époques almohade et suivantes, qui avaient pour règle de retranscrire toutes les voyelles du berbère par des voyelles longues en arabe : *alif*/ā pour a, *yā'*/ī pour i ou *wāw*/ū pour u[11].

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5 Maribel Fierro, « El título de la crónica almohade de Ibn Ṣāḥib aṣ-Ṣalāt », *al-Qanṭara*, 24 (2003), p. 291-293.

6 À l'inverse, le fait de ne pas choisir un titre grandiloquent indique généralement chez l'auteur l'affirmation d'une position de neutralité, sans doute inspirée à la fois par la crainte de l'arbitraire du pouvoir en place et par le désir de marquer une certaine distance avec lui. C'est le cas par exemple de l'ouvrage de ʿAbd Allāh, le dernier souverain ziride de Grenade (r. 465/1073-483/1090, m. 488/1095) et de celui d'Ibn ʿIḏārī (m. après 711/1312) ; en effet ces deux auteurs utilisent respectivement les termes, assez neutres, de *tibyān* et de *bayān*, que l'on peut traduire tous deux par « exposé ».

7 Manuscrit 1919.

8 Reinhart Dozy, *Supplément aux dictionnaires arabes*, Leyde, E.J. Brill, 1881, I, p. 24.

9 Celestino Schiaparelli, *Vocabulista in arabico publicato por la primera volta sopra un codice della biblioteca riccardiana di Firenze*, Florence, Tipografia dei successori Le Monnier, 1871, p. 16.

10 Voir Jean-Pierre Molénat, « Contacts linguistiques dans la péninsule Ibérique médiévale », *Les échanges culturels au Moyen Âge*, Paris, Publications de la Sorbonne (« Histoire ancienne et médiévale », 70), 2002, p. 111.

11 Nico Van den Boogert, « Medieval Berber Orthography », *Études berbères et chamito-sémitiques : mélanges offerts à Karl-G Prasse*, dir. Salem Chaker, Paris-Louvain, Peeters, 2000, p. 360.

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À ce propos, l'auteur du *Vocabulista*, outre qu'il traduit ce terme par « *convivium* », soit repas, festin[12], fait une remarque intéressante, à savoir que l'on ne rencontrait l'*asmās* que dans dans la partie occidentale d'al-Andalus[13]. Or le manuel de chancellerie d'al-Balawī, *al-ʿAṭāʾ al-ǧazīl*, révèle la présence dans cette région[14] d'*iqṭāʿ*s attribués à des tribus almohades[15], ce qui est confirmé par al-Maḫzūmī (m. 658/1260), qui affirme que des membres de l'appareil d'État almohade, majoritairement des soldats, s'étaient implantés en al-Andalus avec femmes et enfants[16]. L'occupation d'al-Andalus n'était pas uniquement le fait de soldats et de leurs chefs : dès le début de la conquête de Séville par les Almohades, les parents d'Ibn Tūmart, les Ayt Umġār, s'installèrent dans l'ancien palais ʿabbādide avec leur famille, au sens le plus large du terme[17], et aussi leurs troupeaux, ce qui causait bien des désagréments aux citadins[18]. À partir de ces informations, on peut supposer que cette domination politique a incité leurs sujets andalous à adopter certaines habitudes culinaires de l'élite au pouvoir, d'autant plus que la présence des femmes et des esclaves[19] facilitait l'importation de plats typiquement maghrébins, à commencer par le couscous[20]. Il est peu probable que l'*asmās* ait été un apport des conquêtes

12 Félix Gaffiot, *Dictionnaire latin français*, Paris, Hachette, 1934, p. 427.

13 Schiaparelli, *Vocabulista*, p. 16.

14 Ahmad Azzaoui, *Nouvelles lettres almohades*, Kénitra, Publications de la faculté des lettres et des sciences de Kénitra, 1996, I, p. 315-327.

15 Il faut comprendre une division de l'armée qui avait pour assise un recrutement tribal et régional.

16 Al-Maḫzūmī, *Taʾrīḫ Mayurqa, crónica arabe de la conquista de Mallorca*, éd. et trad. Nicolau Roser Nebot, Palma de Majorque, Universitat de Les Illes Balears, 2008, p. 69. D'après cette source, ces Almohades font l'objet de massacres de la part des Andalous au cours des troubles des années 1220. Un certain nombre d'Almohades cherchèrent alors refuge à Majorque où ils réussirent à conserver le pouvoir jusqu'à la prise de l'île par les chrétiens. Pour al-Maḫzūmī, cette mésentente entre Almohades et autochtones fut la cause de la perte de Majorque.

17 Il semble qu'elle comprenait femmes, enfants, clients et esclaves. Lors de la tentative de prise du pouvoir par les Ayt Umġār à Marrakech, al-Bayḍaq y signale la présence d'esclaves, fer de lance de l'insurrection.

18 Ibn ʿIḏārī, *al-Bayān al-muġrib fī aḫbār al-Andalus wa-l-Maġrib*, éd. Muḥammad Ibrāhīm Kattānī et *alii.*, Casablanca-Beyrouth, Dār al-Ġarb al-islāmī-Dār aṭ-ṭaqāfa, 1985, p. 36.

19 Ibn Ṣāḥib al-Ṣalāt, *Taʾrīḫ al-mann bi-l-imāma*, éd. ʿAbd al-Hādī al-Tāzī, Beyrouth, Dār al-Ġarb al-islāmī, 1987, p. 214. Le contingent almohade, tant dans sa composante berbère qu'arabe comprenait des esclaves. Sans que cela soit sûr, on peut supposer qu'il s'agissait de pages (*ġilmān*).

20 Mohamed Oubahli, « Une histoire de pâte en Méditerranée occidentale : des pâtes araboberbères et de leur diffusion en Europe latine au Moyen Âge », *Horizons maghrébins*, 55 (2006), p. 50.

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musulmanes du IIe/VIIIe siècle, bien que le Šarq al-Andalus ait accueilli de nombreux Berbères[21].

Même si, comme nous l'avons dit plus haut, l'ouvrage rédigé par Abū Bakr ʿAlī al-Ṣanhāǧī est incomplet, il est exceptionnel à bien des égards. En premier lieu, il a été rédigé par un compagnon d'Ibn Tūmart, c'est-à-dire un témoin direct des événements rapportés. L'auteur n'hésite pas d'ailleurs, le cas échéant, à se mettre lui-même en scène. Son œuvre se présente donc comme « une véritable chronique de faits vécus ». Cependant, dans les fragments qui nous ont été conservés, l'auteur ne précise pas d'où il était originaire, ni ce qu'il faisait en Ifrīqiya au moment de sa rencontre avec Ibn Tūmart. D'après les caractéristiques de la langue berbère qu'il utilise, G. Marcy a suggéré qu'il était probablement originaire de l'actuelle province d'Azilal[22], située entre la région où domine le *tamaziḫt* (Haut-Atlas central et Moyen-Atlas) et celle où domine le *tašelḥit* (Haut-Atlas occidental et Anti-Atlas). Cela va à l'encontre de l'hypothèse émise par Évariste Lévi-Provençal selon laquelle un autre compagnon d'Ibn Tūmart, à savoir ʿUmar Aznāg[23] pourrait être le frère d'al-Bayḏaq, du fait qu'il portait également l'ethnique d'al-Ṣanhāǧī ; rien ne peut étayer cette hypothèse et on ne sait si ʿUmar Aznāg était originaire des Ṣanhāǧa du midi, c'est-à-dire du Haut-Atlas central ou du versant nord du Haut-Atlas occidental, où se trouvaient également des Iznāguen. Par ailleurs, al-Bayḏaq écrit sa *nisba* sous une forme arabisée (al-Ṣanhāǧī) tandis que ʿUmar Aznāg conserve la forme berbère originelle.

Si al-Bayḏaq a été abondamment cité par les chroniqueurs ultérieurs, jusque dans la seconde moitié du VIIIe /XIVe siècle, par exemple Ibn al-Qaṭṭān (m. seconde moitié du VIIe/XIIIe siècle), Ibn ʿIḏārī (seconde moitié du VIIe/XIIIe siècle), Ibn Ḫaldūn (m. 808/1406) ou Ibn Simāk (m. 783/1381), on ne sait sur lui que ce qu'il a bien voulu nous en dire, soit très peu. Néanmoins son nom nous donne peut-être quelques indications. De prime abord, on pourrait penser, avec É. Lévi-Provençal, qu'il fait référence au pion du jeu d'échecs ; cependant on peut difficilement admettre cette étymologie parce qu'Ibn Tūmart était un

21 Voir à ce sujet Pierre Guichard, *Structures sociales orientales et occidentales dans l'Espagne musulmane*, Paris–La Haye, Moutons-École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (« Civilisations et sociétés », 60), 1977.

22 Georges Marcy, « Les phrases berbères des *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade* », *Hespéris*, 14 (1932), pp. 61-77. Cet avis n'a pas été remis en cause par la recherche contemporaine qui a juste souligné la ressemblance entre l'idiome employé et celui des Ayt ʿAṭṭāb.

23 Aznāg, pl. iznāgan, est la forme originelle de Ṣanhāǧī. Cet ethnonyme signifie celui qui a la peau foncée en rapport avec leurs origines sahariennes.

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vigoureux censeur des mœurs qui interdisait les jeux de hasard, le plus souvent associés à la consommation de vin. Comme l'a récemment proposé ʿAlī Ṣidqī Azaykū[24], il vaudrait mieux rapprocher ce surnom d'un autre sens possible de *bayḏaq*, à savoir celui de « guide », le surnom n'étant alors qu'une mauvaise traduction du berbère *afadad*. L'*afadad* avait comme fonction non seulement d'indiquer le chemin et de tenir la monture du voyageur, mais aussi de permettre à celui-ci de traverser en sécurité les territoires des différentes entités tribales ; cela passait par des négociations et sans doute parfois par le paiement de droits de passage. Cette fonction, caractéristique des sociétés sans État[25], n'existait pas en Orient, et cela expliquerait pourquoi on a eu des difficultés à lui trouver un équivalent en arabe.

Si cette hypothèse est juste, alors Abū Bakr ʿAlī pourrait avoir reçu le *laqab* d'al-Bayḏaq (« le Guide ») lors du retour d'Ibn Tūmart de son voyage en Orient. À l'aller, l'initiateur du mouvement almohade avait gagné l'Égypte par mer. Au retour, pour se rendre de l'Ifrīqiya au Maghreb central, puis occidental, Ibn Tūmart s'en serait remis à Abū Bakr ʿAlī al-Ṣanhāǧī qui connaissait bien le chemin. Par la suite, peut-être en souvenir de ce voyage, al-Mahdī (m. 524/1130) lui aurait confié la tâche de conduire sa mule Tamwīmaq[26]. À la lumière de ces données, il semble bien que le *laqab* d'al-Bayḏaq ait été lié à la fonction de guide, et c'est sans doute pour cela que les sources d'époque mérinide n'appellent plus Abū Bakr ʿAlī que par ce qui est devenu sa *šuhra*.

La langue maternelle d'al-Bayḏaq était le berbère ; cela explique qu'il en cite des phrases entières[27] ; avec le dictionnaire arabe-berbère d'Ibn Tūnart (m. 567/1172) achevé en 546/1151, son ouvrage est celui qui nous fournit le plus de données sur l'état du berbère médiéval. Nous ne devons donc pas nous étonner si le terme *asmās* y apparaît et seulement là. En outre il semble que ce soit uniquement un terme *tašelḥit*[28], parlé dans l'aire géographique de prédilection des Maṣmūda, c'est-à-dire le sud du Maġrib al-aqṣā ; le terme n'y désigne plus

24 Ṣidqī ʿAlī Āzāykū, *Namāḏiǧ min asmāʾ al-aʿlām al-ǧuġrāfiyya wa-l-bašariyya l-maġribiyya*, Rabat, CEHE-IRCAM, 2004, p. 89-93.

25 Dans le Maroc pré-colonial, Charles de Foucauld a largement fait état de l'habitude, pour traverser le territoire de tribus ne payant pas d'impôts au gouvernement central, d'employer des *zettāt*s, qui, à la différence des *afadad*, devaient appartenir au groupe gentilice dont le territoire était traversé.

26 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, p. 124.

27 Marcy, « Les phrases berbères des *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade* », p. 61-77.

28 É. Lévi-Provençal affirme, dans le glossaire des *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, que le mot était employé à Salé pour désigner un « grand plat de terre » dans lequel on plaçait les peaux destinées à être tannées. Cette information n'a pu être confirmée.

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aujourd'hui un mets spécial. Selon le lexique d'Antoine Jordan[29], il désigne au début du XXe siècle une « chaudière », ou le « fourneau du fondeur ou du teinturier ». De la racine berbère M.S, on peut dériver en *tašelḥit* un verbe, *smuss*, qui signifie « faire bouger, mettre en mouvement ou battre un liquide », dans un contexte évoquant un plat à base de céréales. Le terme *asmās* désignait ainsi vraisemblablement un plat à base de céréales, cuit soit dans une cuve bâtie sur une chaudière, soit dans un grand récipient de forme spécifique. Nommer le contenu (nourriture) par le contenant (cuve bâtie sur une chaudière) est une métonymie courante[30] en cuisine : voir le tajine au Maghreb, la terrine en France, ou la paella en Espagne.

Une autre hypothèse serait qu'*asmās* soit le nom archaïque du couscous ; il aurait d'abord désigné l'ustensile qui servait à le cuire, connu actuellement au Maghreb sous l'appellation de *kaskās*, et ensuite le plat lui-même. Mais il existe d'autres possibilités : ainsi Georges Marcy déclare-t-il : « Le terme *asmās* est à rattacher, avec préfixation d'un "s" instrumental, à la racine M.S qui signifie être fade, privé de sel. *Asmās* désigne donc – autant qu'il semble – un repas apprêté sans sel, non assaisonné »[31].

ʿAbd al-Wahhāb b. Manṣūr (1920-2008), historiographe du Royaume du Maroc, propose une troisième hypothèse : *asmās* serait un nom berbère du Sūs renvoyant à une sorte de bouillie faite avec de la farine séchée au feu (*sawīq*), accommodée avec du beurre rance (ou simplement du beurre)[32]. Même si cela reste invérifiable, il est important de noter qu'il présente toujours l'*asmās* comme un plat solidement ancré dans la tradition prophétique, donc à forte charge symbolique. En effet le *sawīq* est attesté, entre autres, par le célèbre traditionniste al-Buḫārī (m. 256/870), pour qui il est par excellence le plat de rupture du jeûne : « Le messager de Dieu dit à l'un des présents : "Untel, descends ! Et mélange-nous le *sawīq* avec de l'eau !" »[33]. Un tel hadith est bien dans l'esprit des sources pro-almohades qui cherchaient sans cesse à rattacher, si ce n'est à identifier, la geste d'Ibn Tūmart et la *Sīra* du Prophète[34]. Le voyageur tangérois Ibn Baṭṭūṭa (m. 770/1368-1369 ou 779/1377) précise que le *sawīq* était un plat que préparaient les pèlerins maghrébins et égyptiens au moment où

29 Antoine Jordan, *Dictionnaire Berbère-Français*, Rabat, Omnia, 1934, p. 78.

30 Je remercie Abdellah Bounfour pour ce rappel qu'il m'a fait.

31 Marcy, « Les phrases berbères des *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade* », p. 73.

32 Al-Bayḍaq, *Aḫbār al-Mahdī Ibn Tūmart*, dans Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, p. 33, note 50.

33 Al-Buḫārī, *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Buḫārī*, éd. et trad. Mokhtar Chakroun, Paris, al-Qalam, 2005, p. 408.

34 Pascal Buresi et Mehdi Ghouirgate, *Histoire du Maghreb médiéval XIe-XVe siècle*, Paris, Armand Colin (« Cursus »), 2013, p. 57-63.

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ils arrivaient à destination : la consommation rituelle de ce plat marquait leur entrée dans l'aire sacrée du *Ḥaram*[35].

2 Le plat de l'engagement contractuel

Il convient d'abord d'analyser la conjoncture politique et anthropologique dans laquelle apparaissent les diverses mentions de l'*asmās*, de façon à savoir si elle a varié ou si elle est restée identique durant toute la période. La première occurrence du terme est liée à Ibn Tūmart et à un moment crucial pour l'histoire du mouvement almohade : celui de l'acte fondateur. Après un voyage de plusieurs années en Orient et au Maghreb, Ibn Tūmart revient dans son village natal d'Igīlīz-des-Harġa (Igīlīz n-warġān), situé dans l'Anti-Atlas central, à une soixantaine de kilomètres au sud-est de Taroudant[36]. Il est suivi de disciples venus de tous les horizons et viendrait d'affronter verbalement le pouvoir almoravide à Marrakech, puis à Aġmāt[37]. Afin de sceller le pacte entre lui et les différents membres de l'assistance, on ordonna de préparer l'*asmās*. Le plat une fois prêt, al-Mahdī y répandit du sel et dit : « "Ceci est le pacte de Dieu et celui du Prophète, qui nous lie, nous et vous, conformément au Coran et à la Sunna". Les gens[38] affirmèrent alors : "L'*imām* [le « guide »] ne mange, ni ne boit !" Il les dévisagea, puis saisit alors, dans sa main, une épaule de mouton (*kabš*), il en prit avec le bout de ses doigts (*qaraṣa*), et le mit dans sa bouche : "Je mange comme tout le monde, je bois comme tout le monde, je suis un homme parmi les hommes et il me faut ce qu'il leur faut !". Puis il ajouta : "Vous mangez comme mangent eux-mêmes les prophètes[39]". »

Ici l'Histoire et le mythe se confondent. Le chroniqueur nous propose une vision du monde où les individus et les groupes se distinguent selon des principes hiérarchiques clairs : le guide, les disciples et les autres ; le personnage principal apparaît comme le maître des symboles. Au moment où il pose l'acte

35 Ibn Baṭṭūṭa, *Les voyageurs arabes*, éd. et trad. P. Charles-Dominique, Paris, Gallimard (« La Pléiade »), 1995, p. 810.

36 Voir, à ce sujet, Jean-Pierre Van Staëvel et Abdallah Fili, « "Wa-waṣalnā ʿalā barakat Allāh ilā Īgīlīz" : à propos de la localisation d'Igīlīz des Harġa, le *ḥiṣn* du Mahdī ibn Tūmart », *al-Qanṭara*, 17 (2006), p. 153-194.

37 D'après Ibn Qaṭṭān, c'est dans cette ancienne capitale des Maṣmūda qu'il aurait dénoncé le serment d'allégeance qu'il avait prêté aux Almoravides, marquant ainsi ostensiblement son entrée en révolte.

38 Dans le contexte almohade, le terme arabe *nās* (« les gens ») renvoie aux personnes qui ne sont pas, ou ne sont pas encore, incluses dans la sphère du pouvoir almohade.

39 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, trad. p. 117.

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fondateur de son mouvement, Ibn Tūmart est mis en scène ; son attitude, sa gestuelle et son discours créent un mythe appelé à se perpétuer dans des pratiques durables. Il s'arroge ainsi le pouvoir magique de définir et de délimiter des groupes (Dieu, les prophètes, dont lui-même et Muḥammad, les fidèles, les autres) par de simples gestes et par des déclarations performatives. Son attitude, la position de ses mains, certains mots et certaines formules prononcés à l'ouverture du repas, contribuent à nouer le contrat (*ʿaqd*) et inaugurent une pratique destinée à inscrire dans la réalité ce qu'il fait ou dit.

D'après le texte ci-dessus, trois éléments composent l'*asmās* : la viande, le sel et les céréales. La viande provient de l'espèce domestique par excellence : le mouton ou le bélier (le terme arabe ne fait pas la différence, mais il s'agit d'un mâle), comme pour la Fête du sacrifice (*ʿīd al-aḍḥā*). Il s'agit de la viande de prédilection pour sceller et célébrer les unions au Maghreb. Il n'est pas impossible qu'elle ait également été la viande la plus appréciée et qu'elle ait constitué un marqueur de la différence entre urbains et ruraux. Dans la notice qu'il consacre à Abū Yaʿzā, un *šayḫ* de la campagne, berbère et illettré, l'hagiographe Ibn al-Zayyāt at-Tādilī (m. 628 ou 629/1230-1231) rapporte les faits suivants : le *šayḫ* devine (miraculeusement) que l'un de ses hôtes, venu de Fès pour lui rendre visite – on peut donc le considérer comme un modèle de l'urbanité et de la civilisation (*ʿumrān*) –, se plaint du caractère rudimentaire du plat qu'on lui a présenté, un plat d'orge (*ṭaʿām šaʿīr*), agrémenté de mauve (ḫubbayzā) cela alors même qu'on leur a fait l'insigne honneur de manger seuls dans une pièce, isolés du reste des convives, sans-doute des ruraux. Le *šayḫ*, pour lui donner une leçon, lui sert en personne un plateau avec deux pains de froment (*raġīf min al-burr*) ainsi qu'une grande écuelle de viande de mouton grillé[40] (*ṣaḥfa fīhā laḥm mašwī luḥūm al-ḍaʾn*). Pour finir, il affirme pouvoir servir ce plat pendant un mois, ce qui indique le rôle prépondérant joué par la viande de mouton, en tant que viande de prestige associée aux élites urbaines mais aussi aux moments forts où à la campagne on recevait des invités de marque.

Au début de la période mérinide, Ibn Razīn al-Tuǧībī (m. seconde moitié du VIIe/XIIIe siècle), fournit une indication qui va dans le même sens. L'auteur énumère les différents types de couscous (*kuskusū*), mais réserve l'épithète de « succulent » (*laḏīḏ ǧiddan*) pour le couscous à l'agneau gras[41]. Or il semble que son ouvrage soit le reflet d'une cuisine aristocratique, réservée à une élite. Quant au bélier, en milieu berbère, il pourrait avoir fait longtemps l'objet

40 Ibn al-Zayyāt al-Tādilī, *al-Tašawwuf*, p. 220.

41 Ibn Razīn al-Tuǧībī, *Faḍālat al-ḫiwān fī ṭayyibāt al-ṭaʿām wa-l-alwān*, éd. Mohamed Benchekroun, Rabat, 1983, p. 89.

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d'un culte, peut-être jusqu'au Ve/XIe siècle[42]. Il n'est donc pas étonnant que plusieurs tribus maṣmūda, et non des moindres, comme les Hazmīra[43] ou les Banū Izīmmar[44], aient un nom dérivant de la même racine que le terme qui désigne cet animal en *tašelḥit* : *izīmmar*. De même le prénom Izīmmarān est attesté dans la chaîne onomastique du dignitaire almohade Abū Bakr b. Izīmmarān[45] ou bien dans celle de Tīn Izīmmarān (« celle des béliers »), la mère de ʿAbd Allāh b. Yāsīn, le fondateur du mouvement almoravide. Enfin une importante bourgade des Dukkāla était appelée Ilā Iskāwan (« celui qui porte des cornes »), toponyme renvoyant à un ancien culte rendu au bélier[46].

Le sel quant à lui avait la réputation de chasser les esprits malfaisants ; dans le passage d'al-Bayḍaq, cette vertu lui vient directement de Dieu (*baraka*). Tout le terme bélier, le mot « sel » en *tašelḥit, tīssīnt*, servait à former un prénom chez les Maṣmūda. Ainsi, un membre du groupe des Cinquante (*ahl al-ḫamsīn*) s'appelait Abū Muḥammad ʿAbd Allāh b. Tīssīnt al-Ḫulāsī[47]. Enfin, les céréales formaient la base de l'alimentation, même si nous manquons d'informations sur leur préparation ; É. Lévi-Provençal[48] se demande s'il s'agissait de bouillie ou de couscous.

Par ailleurs, nous sommes très mal renseignés sur les rapports qui ont pu exister entre les pratiques d'Ibn Tūmart et celles des Maṣmūda, les sources arabes médiévales étant très limitées sur le sujet. Même si la comparaison avec la période contemporaine expose au risque d'anachronisme, on doit noter que la scène décrite plus haut présente des similitudes avec la cérémonie du

42 Sur cette question, voir Yassir Benhima, « Quelques remarques sur les conditions de l'islamisation du Maġrib al-Aqṣâ : aspects religieux et linguistiques », dans *Islamisation et arabisation de l'Occident musulman médiéval* (*VIIe-XIIe siècle*), éd. Dominique Valérian, Paris, Publications de la Sorbonne (« Bibliothèque historique des pays d'islam », 2), 2011, p. 315-331.

43 C'était une des tribus maṣmūda les plus nombreuses. Elle résidait en partie dans le Haut-Atlas occidental et en partie dans la plaine connue aujourd'hui sous le nom de Haouz. C'est sur son territoire qu'est construite la ville de Marrakech. Hazmīra est l'arabisation du nom Izīmmarān « les béliers » ou « les moutons ». De fait, les noms de tribus tirés du monde animal étaient fréquents au Maghreb (Haskūra, Haylāna, Banū Dġūġ, etc.).

44 L'auteur anonyme du *Kitāb al-Ansāb* précise que Banū Izīmmar correspond au berbère Ayt Izīmmar ou Idā w-Izīmmar. Cette tribu résidait au nord de l'Oued Sūs. Cet ethnonyme a aujourd'hui disparu.

45 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, p. 72.

46 Ibn al-Zayyāt al-Tādilī, *al-Tašawwuf*, note 145, p. 131. Cette bourgade porte aujourd'hui le nom de Sidi Bennour.

47 *Ibid.*, p. 52.

48 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'Histoire almohade*, p. 231 du glossaire.

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maʿrūf, telle que Jacques Berque a pu l'observer dans le Haut-Atlas occidental[49] : « Il s'agit d'un rite saisonnier incombant à un groupe à l'égard d'un saint. Il comprend ordinairement un sacrifice sanglant (*tiġersi*), mais se différencie d'autres réunions, telles que *tinubga*[50] ou *tiwilt*[51] qui, elles, n'ont pas de portée religieuse »[52].

L'anthropologue marocain Abdallah Hammoudi précise qu'au cours de cette cérémonie, « des querelles et des litiges étaient exposés au groupe réuni, qui tentait de les résoudre à l'occasion de sacrifices et de repas collectifs[53]. »

La consommation d'une nourriture rituelle, dans la cérémonie du *maʿrūf* comme dans celle de l'*asmās*, scelle les rapports d'un groupe avec le mandataire du sacré. Dans ces sociétés, hier comme aujourd'hui, ce qui importe, ce n'est pas tant la communion avec le groupe que l'aspect contractuel du geste. Dans le texte d'al-Bayḍaq, le sacrifice sanglant, qui est sous entendu, ainsi que la consommation d'un repas en commun interviennent au moment précis où al-Mahdī voulait resserrer les rangs autour de sa personne pour créer une force capable de résister militairement aux Almoravides, en se prémunissant contre la défection ou la trahison de ses nouveaux partisans. Ce n'était pas là un risque imaginaire puisque, pour écraser la rébellion d'Ibn Tūmart, les Almoravides comptèrent d'abord sur l'appui d'une partie des Harġā, qui appartenait à un contingent dirigé par le gouverneur du Sūs[54].

Un autre source médiévale révèle comment Ibn Tūmart se servait des structures et des rouages de la société des Maṣmūda pour les rallier à son mouvement : il s'agit de la chronique almohade d'Ibn al-Qaṭṭān, qui relate comment al-Mahdī se rendit à Tifnūt[55] au pays des Hintāta[56], et proclama en berbère :

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49 Il serait plus exact de dire : « se pratiquait ». En effet, Jacques Berque et Paul Pascon sont retournés chez les Seksawa dans les années 1970 et ils y ont constaté la dégénérescence, voire l'agonie, de ces rites, naguère si importants.

50 Frairie où se rencontrent deux groupes.

51 Agapes accompagnées de palabres entre groupes.

52 Jacques Berque, *Structures sociales du Haut-Atlas*, Paris, Presses Universitaires de France (« Bibliothèque de sociologie contemporaine »), 1955, p. 279.

53 Abdellah Hammoudi, *La victime et ses masques : essai sur le sacrifice et la mascarade au Maghreb*, Paris, Éditions du Seuil, 1988, p. 84.

54 Ibn Ḫaldūn, *Kitāb al-ʿIbar*, éd. ʿĀdil b. Saʿd, Beyrouth, Dār al-kutub al-ʿilmiyya, 2010, VI, p. 243.

55 Tout à la fois vallée et nom d'une localité du Haut-Atlas occidental, située non loin de l'actuelle bourgade d'Aoulouz.

56 Hintāta (forme berbère Intān) était le nom d'une des plus puissantes et des plus nombreuses tribus du Haut-Atlas. Celle-ci contrôlait le col stratégique du Tizi n'Test, et donc les passages entre le Sūs et le Haouz, axe essentiel de l'économie du Maroc ancien. Elle joua

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« “La lumière se trouve au pays des Harġa et vous, Hintāta, êtes dans l’obscurité”. On prépara à manger ; après quoi ils se joignirent à lui[57] ». Cette citation est à apprécier à l’aune du fait que d’après les sources arabes médiévales le surnom du Mahdī était *asāfū* en berbère[58], soit le « tison », la « lumière » ou le « flambeau »[59]. Plus tard, après la mort d’Ibn Tūmart, *asāfū* devint le cri de guerre, *tazuggayt* en berbère[60], servant à galvaniser les troupes juste avant le combat : « Le calife cria aux soldats assemblés avant la bataille “*asāfū*” et ils répliquèrent en “langue occidentale” : “O flambeau, nous approfondirons la *sunna* à ce propos ; ce n’est pas ainsi que nous avions déterminé le partage (*an-neġzu s-sunnat wer-d-am-nabṭī*[61])”. Et tous, fantassins et cavaliers, poussèrent des cris” »[62].

Nous ignorons les modalités pratiques du repas pris chez les Hintāta et nous ne savons pas si Ibn Tūmart y participa, mais il est clair que ce repas pris en commun est le moment fort où le pacte est scellé, rendant irréversible l’engagement des contractants. L’événement a une importance politique considérable, proportionnelle à la puissance de la tribu ralliée. De plus, la consommation d’un repas en commun est associée, dans une vision pro-almohade de la narration des faits, à la lumière. Le ralliement de cette tribu à la cause défendue par Ibn Tūmart est ainsi corrélé au repas pris en commun.

3 Le dévoiement d’une pratique

Ce récit, gestes et paroles compris, va dans le même sens que celui d’al-Bayḍaq, dont le propos est de démontrer que, dans une société aux ressorts relativement égalitaires et sans unité politique, al-Mahdī est parvenu à imposer sa

un rôle de premier plan d’un bout à l’autre de l’histoire de la dynastie, d’où l’importance de la scène de ralliement.

57 Ibn al-Qaṭṭān, *Naẓm al-ǧumān*, éd. Maḥmūd ʿAlī Makkī, Beyrouth, Dār al-Ġarb al-islāmī, 1990, p. 134-135.

58 Mehdi Ghouirgate, « La langue berbère au Maghreb médiéval : un enjeu politique majeur », *Revue des Études berbères de l’INALCO*, 7, sous presse.

59 Suivant les sources, il aurait mérité ce surnom soit en raison de son érudition exceptionnelle, soit à cause de l’habitude qui était la sienne d’étudier la nuit dans la mosquée de son village natal (Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d’histoire almohade*, p. 163-164 ; Ibn Ḫaldūn, *Kitāb al-ʿIbar*, VI, p. 241).

60 Ibn Ḫaldūn, *Le livre des exemples*, éd. et trad. Abdesselam Cheddadi, Paris, Gallimard (« La Pléiade »), 2003, p. 571.

61 Marcy, « Les phrases berbères des *Documents inédits d’histoire almohade* », p. 74.

62 Lévi-Procençal, *Documents inédits d’histoire almohade*, p. 163-164.

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volonté, ses directives, son commandement, ses institutions et son ordre non seulement à ses partisans, mais également à l'ensemble des habitants du sud du Maġrib al-aqṣā. Ce procédé permet de jeter le discrédit sur l'ennemi, voir de le diaboliser[63] : ennemis de l'intérieur, traîtres à la cause, considérés comme apostats, par exemple, Ibn Malwiyya (m. 524/1130) ou la tribu des Hazmīra ; ennemis de l'extérieur comme les Almoravides ou les chrétiens. Le chroniqueur rapporte comment le fondateur du mouvement almohade, juste avant la cérémonie de l'*asmās*, s'était installé dans une grotte[64] à l'entrée de son village natal, Igīlīz n-warġan ; là, « il édifia une maison, un magasin et les murs d'un jardin. Un rocher se trouvait près de l'entrée de la maison : l'Impeccable venait s'y asseoir et les gens de l'assemblée de la tribu (*ǧamāʿa*) faisaient un cercle autour de lui ». Un jour :

> Yalliltan[65], y avait étendu pour l'Imām, à même le sol, en guise de tapis, un burnous. Voyant cela, Ismāʿīl Igīg lui dit : "O mon frère, ce n'est qu'un burnous que tu donnes comme tapis à la lumière de la science ? La lumière ne doit être que sur la lumière !" Dépouillant alors son *kisāʾ*, il l'étendit à terre et dit à l'*imām* : "Assieds-toi là, tu es plus digne que moi de cette étoffe, et Dieu nous a ordonné de te traiter avec honneur. Puisse-t-Il te témoigner son agrément !"[66].

Le fait que le *kisāʾ* soit offert par un homme lettré, probablement doté d'une certaine influence, puisqu'il a été en mesure de fournir à Ibn Tūmart une escorte de deux cents hommes armés est significative. Tout comme pour l'*asmās*, la mise en scène est destinée à marquer une différence et à affirmer une supériorité, alors que les participants sont situés côte à côte, dans un même espace. Ibn Tūmart se retrouve ainsi en hauteur, sur un rocher, tout comme plus

63 Voir à ce sujet, entre autres, Nevill Barbour « La guerra psicológica de los Almohades contra los Almorávides », *Boletín de la asociación española de orientalistas*, 11 (1966), p. 117-130.

64 Sur le culte dont fit l'objet cette grotte, cf. Pascal Buresi, « Les cultes rendus à la tombe du Mahdī Ibn Tūmart à Tinmāl », dans *Lieux de cultes : aires votives, temples, églises, mosquées*, éd. Société d'Étude du Maghreb Préhistorique Antique et Médiéval, Paris, CNRS Éditions (« Études d'antiquités africaines »), 2008, p. 273-280.

65 Ibn al-Zayyāt al-Tādilī a consacré une notice biographique à un homme de ce nom, p. 381. D'après Aḥmad Tawfīq, note de bas de page numéro 185, il signifie, « celui qui les a secourus ». C'est un indice de plus qu'il existait un réseau de significations, claires pour les contemporains, mais que nous pouvons à peine entrevoir aujourd'hui.

66 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, trad. p. 116.

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tard à Tinmāl, où il allait siéger sur une pierre carrée[67], dont la forme rompait avec la figure du cercle, qui symbolisait traditionnellement l'égalité de chaque membre de l'assemblée de la tribu. Cette rupture de l'ordre égalitaire du cercle de l'assemblée et la position en hauteur par rapport à celle-ci préfigurent le trône des souverains almohades et la hiérarchie du mouvement qu'ils ont mis en place.

Dans le cadre d'une civilisation matérielle où l'on s'assoit traditionnellement par terre, dans le meilleur des cas sur des tapis, s'asseoir sur le même burnous avait une forte charge symbolique, marquant l'égalité. Ainsi, quand les deux dirigeants almoravides, Abū Bakr b. ʿUmar (m. 480/1087-1088) et Yūsuf b. Tāšfīn (r. 453/1061-500/1107), décidèrent de négocier un accord à l'amiable, ils se rendirent à un endroit situé à équidistance de leurs positions respectives, entre Aġmāt et Marrakech, dans un lieu-dit qui prit par la suite le nom de la Plaine du burnous (Faḥs al-burnūs) ; ils descendirent de cheval et s'assirent sur un même burnous[68]. Ici, Ibn Tūmart s'installe sur un habit que l'on pressent plus raffiné que son fruste burnous ; même si les termes utilisés ne permettent pas de l'affirmer avec certitude[69]. Ce geste représente un acte de soumission, d'autant qu'Ibn Tūmart ne partage pas le burnous, mais s'y assoit seul. En outre ce passage insiste sur l'humilité d'Ibn Tūmart respectueux des traditions, alors que ce sont ses pairs qui l'élèvent au dessus d'eux sans qu'il ait besoin de réclamer la préséance, ce qui est un topos dans les sources médiévales musulmanes.

C'est d'ailleurs immédiatement après cet épisode qu'al-Bayḏaq, avec une grande cohérence, expose la scène de l'*asmās*[70] où al-Mahdī, dans son propre village natal, aurait mangé ostensiblement de la viande devant un public qui n'est pas expressément nommé, mais que l'on devine composé de l'assemblée (*agrāw ǧamāʿā*) des Harġa et de ses compagnons. Il s'agissait pour lui de couper court aux rumeurs qui lui attribuaient une nature divine, mais pour mieux proclamer son impeccabilité (*ʿiṣma*), qui était un attribut du Prophète[71]. Cette qualité, sujet d'incompréhension dans le reste du monde musulman, alimenta,

67 Ibn al-Qaṭṭān, *Naẓm al-ǧumān*, p. 139.

68 Ambrosio Miranda Huici, « Un fragmento inedito de Ibn ʿIḏārī sobre los Almorávides », *Hespéris-Tamuda*, 2 (1961), p. 58.

69 Dozy, *Dictionnaire détaillé des noms des vêtements chez les arabes*, Leyde, E.J. Brill, 1845, p. 73-80.

70 Cette scène est à rapprocher de ce que dit Claude Lévi-Strauss dans *La Pensée sauvage* : « Les repas dits totémiques instaurent la contiguïté, mais seulement en vue de permettre une comparaison, dont le résultat escompté est de confirmer les différences ». Cf. Claude Lévi-Strauss, *La pensée sauvage*, La Flèche, Agora, 2004, p. 116.

71 Cette notion ne cessa de poser des problèmes aux musulmans. D'après Ibn Ḫaldūn, elle constituait le seul aspect répréhensible de la doctrine d'Ibn Tūmart.

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à travers les siècles, les rumeurs d'hétérodoxie, et de chiisme, entourant le fondateur du mouvement almohade. À ce propos, l'auteur d'époque mérinide, Ibn Abī Zarʿ (m. entre 710 et 720/1310-1320), parmi ses attaques contre Ibn Tūmart, note que les Maṣmūda invoquaient son nom au début (*fātiḥa*) de chaque repas[72] en lieu et place de celui de Dieu comme il était habituel de le faire. Cette mention concorde d'ailleurs avec les informations fournies par al-Bayḍaq, selon qui les Maṣmūda avaient tendance à rendre un culte quasiment idolâtrique à Ibn Tūmart. Preuve de la pérennité du culte rendu en milieu maṣmūda à Ibn Tūmart, un notable du Sūs, ʿAbd Allāh b. Ibrāhīm al-Tāsāftī (m. première moitié du XIIe/XVIIIe siècle), qui se rendit en pèlerinage à Tinmal au début du XVIIIe siècle se scandalise encore que des gens refusent de dire une parole de bénédiction quand ils évoquent al-Mahdī[73].

Comme l'affirme Abdallah Laroui, al-Mahdī n'était pas « un ambitieux sans scrupules qui aurait réussi dans un Maghreb à demi-païen, mais plutôt un théologien, un esprit féru de rigueur dogmatique qui vivait aux prises avec une Croisade en pleine expansion »[74] ; néanmoins Ibn Tūmart récupéra au nom de sa Cause tout ce qui pouvait être utilisé dans la société peu étatisée où il évoluait ; aussi, tout en renforçant son pouvoir personnel, il transforma celle-ci profondément. Il se servit des institutions sociales anciennes, de type horizontal, où les décisions étaient prises de manière collégiale, et les fit évoluer vers un système beaucoup plus vertical. Puis ʿAbd al-Muʾmin (m. 558/1163) semble s'être inscrit dans la continuité, tout en donnant une tournure plus personnelle à son pouvoir, pour le rendre moins dépendant de l'assemblée des premiers partisans d'Ibn Tūmart, majoritairement maṣmūda. Finalement, en nommant ses enfants aux principaux gouvernorats de l'Empire en 550/1156, le premier calife almohade fit évoluer le système prophétique des origines vers une monarchie héréditaire. L'instauration du pouvoir personnel du calife se fit graduellement, et on trouve la trace de ce processus dans un extrait de l'ouvrage d'al-Bayḍaq qui évoque la conquête du Maġrib al-aqṣā par ʿAbd al-Muʾmin ; à

72 Ibn Abī Zarʿ, *Rawḍ al-Qirṭās*, éd. ʿAbd al-Wahhāb b. Manṣūr, Rabat, al-Maṭbaʿa l-malikiyya, 1999^{2}, p. 227.

73 ʿAbd Allāb b. Ibrāhīm al-Tāsāftī, *Riḥlat al-wāfid fī aḫbar al-wālid*, éd. Ṣidqī ʿAlī Āzāykū, Kénitre, Université Ibn Ṭufayl, 1992, p. 36.

74 Abdellah Laroui, « Sur le mahdisme d'Ibn Tumart », *Mahdisme : crise et changement dans l'histoire du Maroc. Actes de la table ronde organisée à Marrakech par la Faculté des sciences humaines de Rabat du 11 février au 14 février 1993*, dir. Abdelmajid Kaddouri, Rabat, Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines, Université Mohammed V (« Colloques et séminaires », 35), 1994, p. 12.

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propos de ses relations avec la confédération des Gazūla[75], il rapporte les faits suivants : « Alors, le calife réunit un *agrāw* (conseil de la tribu en berbère) au cours duquel il les exhorta, puis leur dit : "Adhérez-vous au parti almohade ? – Oui, répondirent-ils" »[76].

Avant le développement de structures étatiques au Maghreb occidental et central, l'*agrāw* consistait en une assemblée où, dans un contexte guerrier, les hommes de la tribu se tenaient armés et échangeaient leurs points de vue sur les décisions à prendre[77]. Or ici, non seulement c'est le premier calife almohade qui convoque le conseil, mais en plus il ne donne la parole que dans la mesure où il est certain d'emporter l'assentiment des hommes assemblés. Il faut noter que si l'État au Maghreb, même au stade embryonnaire, ne pouvait se passer de l'esprit de corps de la tribu (*ʿaṣabiyya*), il s'est construit aussi, plus ou moins ouvertement, contre lui. Nous sommes là en présence d'une logique de dévoiement des anciennes institutions tribales dans le sens d'un exercice plus solitaire et beaucoup plus autoritaire du pouvoir.

La seconde occurrence de l'*asmās* se trouve dans un passage portant sur une série de mariages contractés par des Almohades à Mahdiyya[78] avec des femmes qui faisaient partie du butin fait sur les Almoravides. C'est à cette occasion que le premier calife almohade, ʿAbd al-Muʾmin, prit pour épouse la fille du dignitaire almoravide Māksan[79] b. al-Muʿizz (m. avant 1143), gouverneur de Melilla[80]. Même si nous avons peu de renseignements sur ce dignitaire, il semble que le premier calife almohade ait pratiqué une véritable politique matrimoniale : il prit des épouses de différents lignages, en privilégiant ceux qui contrôlaient des territoires importants. C'est ainsi que l'important gouvernorat du Sūs fut confié au fils que ʿAbd al-Muʾmin avait eu d'une femme de la

75 Cette tribu, une des plus puissantes du sud marocain, dominait toute la partie sud-est de l'Anti-Atlas ; si l'on en croit le géographe Ibn Saʿīd al-Maġribī, cette montagne portait le nom de Ǧabal Ǧazūla. Aujourd'hui seule une vallée porte ce nom. *Igzūlen* (sing. *iguzūl*), signifie « ceux qui sont de petites taille ». Après sa participation à l'aventure almoravide, une fraction de cette tribu s'installa dans la région de Cadix où un village porte encore le nom d'Alcalá de los Gazules. Ils devaient ainsi assurer la sécurité de l'axe Algésiras-Séville. Toujours dans le cadre de l'appui donné aux Almoravides, ils étaient aussi installés dans la trouée de Taza, axe vital entre le Maghreb occidental et central. D'où l'importance de leur ralliement aux Almohades et de la cérémonie qui l'accompagne.

76 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, trad. p. 155.

77 Ṣidqī ʿAlī Āzāykū, *Namāḏiǧ*, p. 112.

78 Il s'agit d'une localité qui se situait à l'est de Melilla, non loin de l'actuelle frontière algéro-marocaine.

79 Māksan signifie en berbère « le combattant ».

80 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, trad. p. 153.

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tribu des Lamṭa qui dominait la région depuis le Ve /XIe siècle au moins[81] et avait été la première tribu almoravide à se rallier aux Almohades en faisant défection à Tāšfīn b. ʿAlī (r. 537/1143-539/1145 ou 541/1147). Cet exemple permet de supposer que tous ces mariages s'inscrivaient dans une politique de contrôle des territoires, politique dont profitaient jusque-là les Almoravides. S'il en est bien ainsi, ces unions avec les filles des dignitaires almoravides soumettaient celles-ci certes à une forme de domination, mais qui n'avait rien à voir avec l'asservissement que représente l'esclavage. C'est dans ce contexte qu'intervient le repas, qui, avec la dot (*ṣadāq*), constituait le nœud de l'engagement pris et le point central de la cérémonie.

Un autre passage de cet extrait met en lumière la magnanimité du Prince : quand le premier calife almohade s'empara d'un groupe de femmes, épouses ou filles de seigneurs almoravides, l'une d'elles, connue sous le nom de Tamāgūnt, le prit violemment à partie, ce qui entraîna leur libération, sans qu'on leur eût fait aucun mal. On peut néanmoins déceler dans cette anecdote la volonté du calife de ménager une fraction des Almoravides. Certains d'entre eux firent d'ailleurs défection par la suite et rejoignirent les Almohades, à commencer par Anegmār[82]. D'après ce qui précède, il est assez remarquable qu'É. Lévi-Provençal ait traduit directement *asmās* par « grand repas pris en commun »[83]. Similaires sont les traductions, espagnole proposée par Ambrosio Huici-Miranda : *comida en común*[84], ou anglaise, plus récente, d'Henry Terence Norris : *common meal*[85].

On retrouve ce plat dans un autre contexte politique, toujours lié au caractère contractuel des rapports du pouvoir avec les tribus : après avoir maté l'insurrection des Gazūla et étouffé une tentative de restauration almoravide, ʿAbd al-Muʾmin reçoit à Salé les *šayḫ*s de la tribu rebelle ; il attend le moment où l'on consomme l'*asmās* pour leur pardonner solennellement et leur octroyer la *baraka*, terme qui renvoie ici certes probablement à la faveur divine liée au pouvoir charismatique du calife, mais plus matériellement aussi au don de

81 Cela dura jusqu'à l'arrivée des tribus arabes Maʿqil qui les vassalisèrent à la fin de la période almohade, en profitant des troubles occasionnés par l'affaissement de l'État central dans les années 1220-1230.

82 Le nom de ce personnage signifie en berbère « le chasseur ». C'est à lui qu'on confiera la délicate mission de réduire la révolte d'Ibn Hūd al-Māssī.

83 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, trad. p. 153.

84 Huici Miranda, *Historia política del Imperio almohade*, Grenade, Universidad de Granada (« Archivum », 83), 1956 (réimpr. 2000), I, p. 64 et 222.

85 Harry Thirwall Norris, *The Berbers in Arabic literature*, Londres-New York-Beyrouth, Longman Group-Librairie du Liban (« Arab Background Series »), 1982, p. 170.

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biens, d'habits, de chevaux, de numéraire, etc., qui allaient les attacher plus sûrement encore.

L'*asmās* est évoqué une dernière fois dans un cadre bien éloigné du sud du Maġrib al-aqṣā, puisque la scène se déroule dans l'enceinte du palais almohade de Séville, en 557/1162 : le gouverneur de la ville, Abū Yaʿqūb (futur calife, r. 1163-1184), apprenant la mort de son père, accueille une délégation de dignitaires qui viennent lui remettre le pouvoir et lui prêter allégeance (*bayʿa*). L'*asmās* est alors consommé, probablement pour renouveler le geste du fondateur du mouvement almohade, en terre étrangère, et galvaniser l'esprit de corps (*ʿaṣabiyya*) des Maṣmūda. La chose était d'autant plus nécessaire que la situation était critique ; le gouverneur de Séville voulait s'emparer du pouvoir par une sorte de coup de force[86] en éliminant l'héritier présomptif, Abū ʿAbd Allāh Muḥammad (m. 571/1175), qui était probablement le petit-fils d'un dignitaire almoravide. Il semble qu'en accord avec son frère utérin Abū Ḥafṣ (m. 575/1179), il ait entrepris de s'emparer du trône et d'affermir son pouvoir en s'appuyant sur les règles fondamentales de l'almohadisme, en même temps que sur les solidarités tribales. En effet l'héritier présomptif buvait du vin, ce qui était contraire au rigorisme mis en place par al-Mahdī, et pouvait justifier qu'il soit déchu. En outre, de tous les fils du premier calife almohade, Abū Yaʿqūb et Abū Ḥafṣ étaient les seuls à descendre d'une Maṣmuda, et pas des moindres puisque leur mère, Ṣafiyya (m. seconde moitié du VIe/XIIe siècle), était la fille d'un compagnon d'Ibn Tūmart, Abū ʿImrān Mūsā b. Sulaymān[87] (m. avant 558/1163).

Pour se concilier les *šayḫ*s almohades, dont le soutien était indispensable, les deux frères firent appel à l'esprit de corps des Maṣmūda. Il se pourrait qu'en berbère, le terme *gʷma* ait été utilisé à l'origine pour désigner uniquement le frère utérin[88], ce qui renforçait la position des deux frères et leur permettait d'exclure tout élément étranger au legs tūmarto-maṣmūdien, à commencer par leur principal rival, l'héritier présomptif Abū Muḥammad, soutenu par ʿAbd

86 Huici Miranda, *Historia política*, I, p. 220-221.

87 Cet homme était originaire d'Ansā (près de l'actuelle Taliouine) ; bien qu'il fût aveugle (*kafīf*), il était *qāḍī* de son état ; on peut donc supposer que, pour étudier la jurisprudence, tout comme Ibn Tūmart, il avait quitté le sud du Maġrib al-aqṣā à la recherche du savoir. Alors qu'à l'origine il appartenait à la tribu des Imādidān, il fut incorporé aux Ahl Tinmāl ; c'est là une preuve de la faveur dont il jouissait auprès d'Ibn Tūmart, et aussi auprès de ʿAbd al-Muʾmin.

88 Catherine Taine-Cheikh, « Morphologies et morphogénèses des diminutifs en zénaga », *Articles de linguistique berbère : mémorial Werner Vycichl*, dir. Kamal Naït Zerrad, Paris, L'Harmattan (« Tira-langues, littératures et civilisations berbères »), 2002, p. 449.

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al-Salām al-Gūmī (m. 554/1159), le vizir du premier calife almohade[89]. La place accordée à l'*asmās* dans le dispositif narratif permet à al-Bayḍaq de mettre en avant la double fidélité qui lie désormais intrinsèquement ceux qui le consomment à Ibn Tūmart, aux Maṣmūda et à leurs valeurs. En effet l'immense majorité des *šayḫ*s almohades étaient des Maṣmūda et les deux termes étaient souvent utilisés indifféremment dans les sources. Du point de vue des Almohades qui n'appartenaient pas aux Maṣmūda, ou qu'à moitié comme Abū ʿAbd Allāh Muḥammad la consommation de ce plat pouvait être considérée comme un élément de distinction, permettant d'inclure des personnes dans la sphère du pouvoir, ou de les en exclure : il y avait ainsi d'un côté ceux qui consommaient l'*asmās* et de l'autre ceux qui faisaient partie de la masse des conquis, ou éventuellement des élites qui n'avaient pas été conviées.

D'ailleurs, parmi ces derniers, les propres frères d'Abū Yaʿqūb furent éliminés physiquement un peu plus tard. La consommation de l'*asmās* n'était qu'un moyen parmi d'autres pour créer un ordre qui résultait de rapports dissymétriques. Dans le récit, le partage de ce plat apparaît comme partie prenante de stratégies institutionnalisées de distinction par lesquelles le groupe dominant tentait de rendre permanentes et naturelles, donc légitimes, les différences de fait, en redoublant symboliquement les hiérarchies de position dans la structure sociale des gouvernants. En outre l'emploi du berbère, puisque les Almohades donnèrent une traduction institutionnelle à leur langue, le berbère des Maṣmūda[90], et le port d'un habit distinctif[91] participent d'une logique de pouvoir similaire.

Enfin, le *Kitāb al-Ansāb*[92], source anonyme de l'époque almohade, évoque un incident survenu entre le premier calife almohade et les membres de la tribu d'origine d'Ibn Tūmart, les Harġa. Si ce passage ne mentionne pas explicitement l'*asmās*, il y fait peut-être allusion. Les événements se situent à un moment crucial, puisqu'il s'agit de la succession d'Ibn Tūmart, alors que personne n'avait encore réussi à s'imposer définitivement à la tête du mouvement almohade. Un repas en commun est présenté comme un enjeu de pouvoir très

89 Celui-ci était un parent de ʿAbd al-Muʾmin, et à ce titre, il s'était attiré la haine des *šayḫ*s almohades. Sa légitimité ne provenait pas d'une quelconque proximité avec al-Mahdī, mais de sa parenté avec le premier calife muʾminide.

90 Ibn Ṣāḥib al-Ṣalāt, *Taʾrīḫ al-mann bi-l-imāma*, p. 411 et 434. Ibn Marzūq, *al-Musnad al-ṣaḥīḥ al-ḥasan fī maʾāṯir wa-maḥāsin mawlānā Abī l-Ḥasan*, éd. et trad. María Jesús Viguera, Alger, al-Šarika l-waṭaniyya li-l-našr wa-l-tawzīʿ, 1981, p. 344.

91 Al-ʿUmarī, *Masālik al-abṣār fī mamālik al-amṣār*, éd. et trad. partielle M. Gaudefroy-Demombynes, Paris, Paul Geuthner (« Bibliothèque des géographes arabes », 2), 1927, I (*L'Afrique, moins l'Égypte*), p. 126-127.

92 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d'histoire almohade*, p. 57.

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important, permettant de situer la position des différents participants au sein de la structure almohade :

> Dès avant cette époque, le [futur] calife ʿAbd al-Muʾmin était lié aux Harġa, auxquels l'*imām* al-Mahdī, de son vivant, l'avait attaché par des liens de fraternité. Sa généalogie a été donnée plus haut[93]. Après la mort de l'*imām* al-Mahdī, un événement relatif à ces liens de fraternité se déroula chez les Harġa ; ils préparèrent un repas commun [*ʿamalū ṭaʿām*] et n'avertirent point le [futur] calife d'avoir à préparer sa part avec eux. Quand il apprit cette nouvelle, il les appela et leur dit en « langue occidentale » (*al-lisān al-ġarbī*)[94] : « Si je passe, ne vous taisez pas, ou bien celui [Ibn Tūmart] qui nous a réunis à vous aurait-il douté de notre destin commun[95] ? ». Puis, il les quitta pendant trois jours ; ensuite, il les appela, ordonna que sa part figurât dorénavant [dans les repas communs] et leur interdit de recommencer[96].

Cet extrait souligne l'antagonisme des différentes légitimités : celle de ʿAbd al-Muʾmin qui a quitté son pays, le Maghreb central, pour suivre Ibn Tūmart[97] et celle des parents du fondateur du mouvement almohade. ʿAbd al-Muʾmin se dresse face à tous ceux qui auraient pu se réclamer d'Ibn Tūmart à travers une légitimité de sang – père, frères, sœurs, cousins au sens large. Ainsi, il se pose aux yeux de tous comme le véritable continuateur d'al-Mahdī, en invoquant l'idéologie justificative et la fidélité au message délivré, en faisant passer les Harġa pour des fauteurs de trouble qui brisent l'unité des Almohades. En agissant de la sorte, ils nuiraient à la réalisation du projet de leur parent. Le repas en commun est ici l'occasion de mettre en relief le choc de deux légitimités :

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93 Il faut entendre par là qu'il n'était pas à l'origine membre d'une des tribus Maṣmūda.

94 Il s'agit de la langue berbère des Maṣmūda qui fut institutionnalisée par les Almohades.

95 Telle est la traduction que nous proposons pour « *maz kkeġ wer aneġ tefisem, neġ yucek wa n di ikker-aneġ id-wen yes-nn ilkemen ?* ». G. Marcy proposait pour cette phrase : « Si je triomphe, vous n'observerez point à notre égard le même silence; celui qui s'est levé pour vous aurait-il donc mis en doute que le but poursuivi puisse être atteint ? » (p. 70).

96 Lévi-Provençal, *Documents inédits d 'histoire almohade*, trad. p. 57.

97 Lui-même était originaire de la tribu des Gūmiya qui se trouvait localisée dans les environs de Tlemcen. Il était donc un étranger pour les Maṣmūda. Cette thématique a été traitée, entre autres, dans un article de Constant Hamès, « De la chefferie tribale à la dynastie étatique. Généalogie et pouvoir à l'époque almohado-hafside (XIIe-XIVe siècles) », dir. Pierre Bonte, Édouard Conte, Constant Hamès et Abdel Wedoud Ould Cheikh, *Al-Ansāb : la quête des origines : anthropologie historique de la société tribale arabe*, Paris, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 1991, p. 101-137.

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celle de ʿAbd al-Muʾmin et de ses descendants et celle des *šayḫ*s almohades. Il est remarquable que ce conflit, ici plus ou ou moins feutré, caractérise l'histoire almohade dans toute sa durée. Cette cohabitation finit par exploser dans les années 620/1220, en dépit des tentatives de réconciliation, qui allaient de pair avec des projets de restauration. Non résolue, cette tension initiale fut une des causes de l'affaiblissement de l'empire.

Ainsi la consommation de l'*asmās* telle qu'elle apparaît dans les sources est conforme à la conception ḫaldūnienne de l'histoire : pratique caractéristique des communautés villageoises (*al-badw*), elle fut instrumentalisée à une tout autre échelle, dans le cadre de la civilisation urbaine et des structures d'État, comme élément de distinction non seulement entre gouvernants et gouvernés, mais aussi entre gouvernants eux-mêmes. La consommation d'un plat de céréales avec de la viande, qui servait à sceller des alliances conjoncturelles, ou à mettre un terme aux hostilités entre tribus belligérantes, en vint à être le symbole de l'intronisation du nouveau calife. Dans le contexte almohado-hafside, ce repas partagé était le signe de la caution des *šayḫ*s almohades les plus éminents ; c'était d'ailleurs à cette époque, selon toute vraisemblance, l'une des composantes de la cérémonie de l'allégeance privée (*bayʿa ḫāṣṣa*). Cette cérémonie symbolisait le consensus autour du nouveau souverain par l'évocation de la personnalité fondatrice d'Ibn Tūmart et par la réactivation des coutumes tribales maṣmūda. Par la suite, ce plat n'est plus mentionné dans les sources, peut-être parce que les chroniques, le *Bayān* en particulier, s'étaient rapprochées des *topoï* orientaux du genre, et auraient éliminé les pratiques issues trop manifestement du monde berbère. Cependant on peut gager que cette pratique du repas collectif, vécu comme un moment fort visant à raviver l'esprit de corps de l'élite dirigeante et à sceller des alliances, perdura bien après la seconde moitié du VIe/XIIe siècle, ce que semble confirmer par ailleurs sa présence dans le *Vocabulista*.

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كانوا يتبعون اساليب لانظمام الفدائيين منها اضافة الحشيش المخدر الى العنصر فيفقد الوعي وعند الاستيقاظ يجد نفسه في الفردوس الصناعي الذي جهز بكل ما يشتهي من الملذات ويخال نفسه في الجنة وبعد فترة يخدر مرة اخرى ويجد نفسه في الارض فيسأل عن طريقة العودة فيقال له نفذ هذه المهمة ولا تدعهم يلقون القبض عليك حيا وبعدها تعود الى الجنة التي كنت فيها .

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Atlantic voyage of the predecessor of Mansa Musa

In 1324, while staying in Cairo during his hajj, Mansa Musa, the ruler of the Mali Empire, told an Egyptian official whom he had befriended that he had come to rule when his predecessor led a fleet in an attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean and never returned. This account, recorded by the Arab historian al-Umari, has attracted considerable interest and speculation as a possible instance of pre-Columbian trans-oceanic contact. The voyage is popularly attributed to a **Mansa Abu Bakr II**,[a] but no such mansa ever reigned. Rather, the voyage is inferred to have been undertaken by Mansa Muhammad ibn Qu.

A precise date for the suggested voyage is not known, though it is interpreted as having occurred in or shortly before 1312, the year Musa is inferred to have become mansa. No clear evidence of the fate of the voyage has been found.

Musa's account

Mansa Musa stayed in Cairo for three months in 1324 while en route to Mecca for the hajj.[1] While there, he befriended an emir named Abu al-Hasan Ali ibn

Amir Hajib, who was the governor of the district of Cairo Musa was staying in.[2] Ibn Amir Hajib later recounted to the scholar al-Umari what he had learned of Mali from his conversations with Musa. In one such conversation, Ibn Amir Hajib had asked Musa how he had become king, and Musa responded:

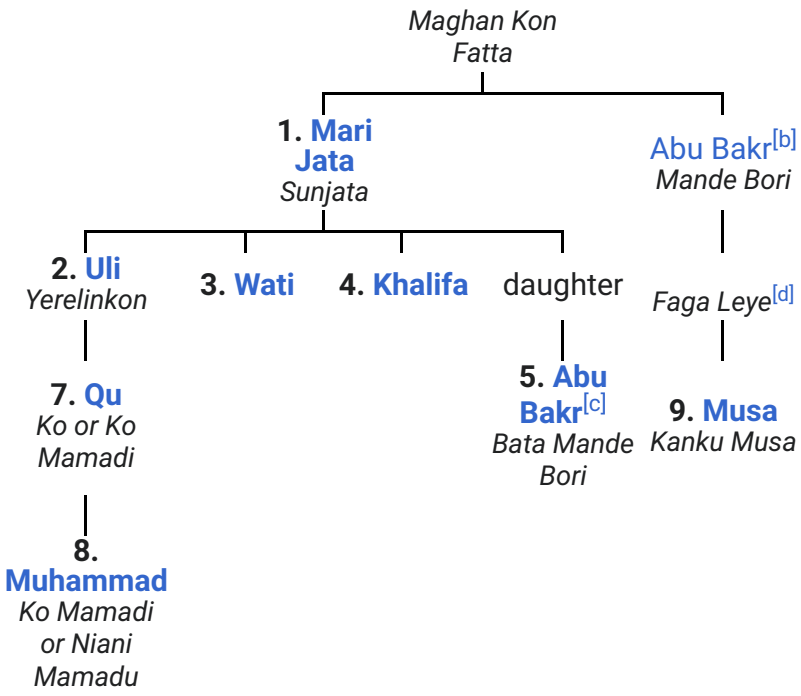
> We belong to a house which hands on the kingship by inheritance. The king who was my predecessor did not believe that it was impossible to discover the furthest limit of the Atlantic Ocean and wished vehemently to do so. So he equipped 200 ships filled with men and the same number equipped with gold, water, and provisions enough to last them for years, and said to the man deputed to lead them: "Do not return until you reach the end of it or your provisions and water give out." They departed and a long time passed before anyone came back. Then one ship returned and we asked the captain what news they brought. He said: "Yes, O Sultan, we traveled for a long time until there appeared in the open sea [as it were] a river with a powerful current. Mine was the last of those ships. The [other] ships went on ahead but when they reached that place they did not return and no more was seen of them and we do not know what became of them. As for me, I went about at once and did not enter that river." But the sultan disbelieved him. Then that sultan got ready 2,000 ships, 1,000 for himself and the men whom he took with him and 1,000 for water and provisions. He left me to deputize for him and embarked on the Atlantic Ocean with his men. That was the last we saw of him and all those who were with him, and so I became king in my own right.[3]

Al-Umari's record of this conversation is the only account of this voyage, as it is not mentioned by other medieval Arab historians or West African oral tradition.[4] Nonetheless, the possibility of such a voyage has been taken seriously by several historians.[4][5][6]

Identity of Musa's predecessor

The identity of the mansa responsible for the voyage has been subject to some confusion.[1][5] Al-Umari's record of Musa's account does not mention mansa's

name, giving no indication of his identity other than that he was Musa's predecessor.[3] According to the Arab historian Ibn Khaldun, writing several decades later, Musa's predecessor as mansa was Muhammad ibn Qu. As such, several historians have attributed the voyage to Mansa Muhammad.[15][4][16]



Genealogy of the mansas of the Mali Empire up to Musa, following Levtzion's interpretation of Ibn Khaldun.[7] Bolded individuals reigned as mansa of the Mali Empire, with numbers indicating the order in which they ruled. The sixth mansa, Sakura, is not included as he was not related to the others. The upper, non-italicized name is the name given by Ibn Khaldun, the lower name is the name given in oral tradition.[8][9]

Many sources call the mansa in question Abu Bakr II.[15] However, the inclusion of a Mansa Abu Bakr II in the list of Malian rulers is an error that originated in a mistranslation of Ibn Khaldun's text by the 19th-century European historian Baron de Slane.[17] De Slane translated Ibn Khaldun as saying that the kingship passed from Muhammad to Abu Bakr, then to Musa. However, in the original Arabic text, Abu Bakr is only mentioned in his role as the progenitor of Musa's lineage, not as a ruler. The Abu Bakr in question was a brother of Sunjata, the founder of the Mali Empire, and apparently never himself ruled. Another figure named Abu Bakr did rule as mansa, but he was the predecessor of Sakura, not Musa.[18]

Additionally, some historians have suggested without elaboration that the voyage should be attributed to Mansa Qu,[19][4][20] who was the father and predecessor of Muhammad ibn Qu according to Ibn Khaldun.[21]

Interpretation

No uncontroversial evidence of pre-Columbian contact between Africa and the Americas has ever been found.[22] Regardless of whether any of the Malian ships ever reached the Americas, they apparently never returned to Africa and there were not any long-term economic consequences of the voyage.[5]

The river on the sea described by the survivor of the first expedition is presumably the Canary Current.[6] The inclusion of this fact in Musa's account indicates that Musa had some awareness of the oceanographic conditions of the open Atlantic. The Canary Current flows from West Africa to the Americas, which would have facilitated travel from Africa to the Americas but prevented it in the opposite direction.[23]

Ivan van Sertima and Malian researcher Gaoussou Diawara proposed that the voyage reached the New World.[24][25] Van Sertima cites the abstract of Columbus's log made by Bartolomé de las Casas, according to which the purpose of Columbus's third voyage was to test both the claims of King John II of Portugal that "canoes had been found which set out from the coast of Guinea [West Africa] and sailed to the west with merchandise" as well as the claims of the native inhabitants of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola that "from the south and the southeast had come black people whose spears were made of a metal called guanín ... from which it was found that of 32 parts: 18 were gold, 6 were silver, and 8 copper."[26][27]

However, most archaeologists, anthropologists, ethnohistorians, linguists, and other modern pre-Columbian scholars say that there is no evidence of any such voyage reaching the Americas, and that there are insufficient evidentiary grounds to suppose there has been contact between Africa and the New World at any point in the pre-Columbian era.[22] For views representative of this point of view, see the considerations on the question advanced in Haslip-Viera *et al.* (1997), who for example note "no genuine African artifact has ever been found in a controlled archaeological excavation in the New World". See also the supporting responses in peer-review printed in the article, by David Browman, Michael D. Coe, Ann Cyphers, Peter Furst, and other academics active in the field. Ortiz de Montellano *et al.* (1997, *passim.*) continues the case against Africa-Americas contacts. Other prominent Mesoamerican specialists such as UC Riverside anthropology professor Karl Taube are confident that "There simply is no material evidence of any Pre-Hispanic contact between the Old World and Mesoamerica before the arrival of the Spanish in the sixteenth century".[28]

Legacy

Mansa Musa himself appears to have considered his predecessor's plan to be impractical.[5] The main point he appears to have been trying to make to Ibn

Amir Hajib is that his predecessor's failed voyage paved the way to his becoming king.[15] Likewise, it has been speculated that the lack of information in oral tradition about the voyage reflects a view that the mansa's voyage was a shameful abdication of duty.[25]

In modern times, the voyage has become more celebrated.[29] The Malian historian Gaoussou Diawara has remarked that the mansa should be looked up to by modern politicians as an example of a ruler who valued science and discovery over holding onto power.[25]

Footnotes

a. *Variously spelled as Abu Bakr II or Abubakari II*

b. *In 1959, D. T. Niane regarded Sunjata's brother Abu Bakr/Mande Bori as having reigned between Khalifa and Sakura.*[10] *However, Ibn Khaldun said that the Abu Bakr who reigned between Khalifa and Sakura was the grandson of Sunjata through his daughter, not the brother of Sunjata, and only mentions Sunjata's brother Abu Bakr as being the ancestor of Musa.*[11] *Niane later accepted Levtzion's interpretation that Abu Bakr/Mande Bori and the Abu Bakr who reigned between Khalifa and Sakura were different figures.*[12]

c. *In 1959, D. T. Niane, following De Slane's mistaken interpretation that there were two mansas named Abu Bakr, identified the Abu Bakr I (who reigned between Khalifa and Sakura) with Mande Bori, Sunjata's brother, and Abu Bakr II (who De Slane regarded as reigning between Muhammad and Musa) with Bata Mande Bori, a figure who is said to be a son of Sunjata by the jeliw of Dioma.*[10] *The word "Bata" indicates that Bata Mande Bori was not the biological son of Sunjata, but related to him through the female line.*[10] *De Slane's translation called Abu Bakr II a son of Sunjata's sister, and Niane accepted this interpretation of Abu Bakr/Bata Mande Bori's relationship.*[8][10] *However, with Levtzion's 1963 discovery that De Slane had mistranslated Ibn Khaldun, only one Abu Bakr was recognized as having reigned, placed between Khalifa and Sakura.*[8] *This Abu Bakr is said to be the son of Sunjata's daughter by Ibn Khaldun, and is interpreted as corresponding to the Bata Mande Bori of oral tradition, with Mande Bori never having reigned. Niane later agreed with this identification.*[12]

d. *The literal translation of Ibn Khaldun is that Musa is the son of Abu Bakr, but the line can also be read as more generally indicating Abu Bakr as an ancestor of Musa.*[13] *Oral tradition names Musa's father as Faga Leye.*[10] *Regarding Musa as Abu Bakr's grandson is more chronologically plausible.*[14]

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5. *Devisse & Labib 1984*, *p. 666*.
6. *Thornton 2012*, *p. 13*.
7. *Levtzion 1963*, *p. 353*.
8. *Levtzion 1963*.
9. *Niane 1984*.
10. *Niane 1959*.
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15. *Fauvelle 2018*, *p. 165*.
16. *Canos-Donnay 2019*.
17. *Levtzion 1963*, *p. 346*.
18. *Levtzion 1963*, *p. 344*.
19. *Thornton 2012*.
20. *Rucker 2018*.
21. *Levtzion 1963*, *p. 345*.
22. *Haslip-Viera, Ortiz de Montellano & Barbour 1997*.
23. *Thornton 2012*, *pp. 11–13*.
24. *Van Sertima 1976*.
25. *Baxter 2000*.
26. *Morison 1963*, *pp. 262, 263*.
27. *Thacher 1903*, *pp. 379, 380*.
28. *Taube 2004*, *p. 1*.
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Ferdinand de Magellan et la Bataille d'Azemmour/1513/(الرحالة ماجلان ومعركة ازمور):
En 1505, Ferdinand embarque sur l'un des vingt-deux navires d'une importante flotte commandée par Francisco De Almeida, en partance de Lisbonne pour les îles de la Sonde, par la route maritime portugaise des Indes orientales, jalonnée de ports fortifiés établis sur les îles. Il passe sept années à maintenir par la force la mainmise portugaise sur les « îles des Épices », passant d'un comptoir commercial à un autre, d'une bataille à la suivante. Il survit à de multiples blessures et il apprend ce qui lui sera fort utile pour la suite : rester en vie dans un environnement hostile.
De retour à Lisbonne, toujours aussi ambitieux, Magellan entame une nouvelle carrière militaire comme officier de cavalerie. Il s'engage dans la lutte menée par le Portugal pour dominer l'Afrique du Nord. En 1513, il trouve une occasion idéale de démontrer sa loyauté et son utilité quand l'autorité marocaine de la ville d'Azemmour refuse tout net de payer son tribut annuel au Portugal. Le gouverneur Moulay Zayam, de la dynastie des Wattassides, déploie autour de la ville une puissante armée. Le roi Manuel 1er, répond en dépêchant vers la cité la plus grande flotte navale ayant jamais navigué sous la bannière de son petit pays. Son neveu, le Duc de Bragança, commande une Armada de 500 navires de type Caravelle ayant à bord 2000 cavaliers, 13 000 fantassins et une importante artillerie. Le 29 août 1513, le corps expéditionnaire débarque à Mazagan, puis marche sur Azemmour pour l'assiéger et la soumettre. Le 2 septembre 1513, après d'intenses et nombreux combats, la cité tombe, les Portugais l'occupent, la fortifient et y installent une garnison. Magellan participe à la riposte aux escarmouches livrées par les Marocains qui sortent régulièrement du bled pour harceler les soldats chargés de défendre la ville. Il fait preuve d'un grand courage en s'engageant dans des luttes au corps à corps. Un coup de lance dans le genou gauche atteint l'articulation et sa jambe restera pour toujours à demi ankylosés.
Un témoin oculaire : ElHassane Ibn Mohamed El Wazzane connu sous le nom de Léon l'Africain a assisté à ce combat entre les troupes du Sultan Wattassi et les troupes portugaises d'Azemmour et Safi « Je me trouvais sur cette route, étant présent à ce combat …, mais je m'en tenais le plus loin qu'il m'était possible, pour ne pas courir de danger, contempler cet horrible spectacle, sur une jument fort légère et agile, car je me dirigeais vers Marrakech, pour aviser le gouverneur de cette cité, que mon seigneur le roi de Fès n'attendait que l'heure pour que son frère dût arriver à Doukkala, pour attaquer les portugais. »
C'était la première guerre entre une armée menée par les Beni Wattas et les conquérants portugais dans la province de Doukkala.
- Après l'occupation d'Azemmour, la chasse au butin humain à l'intérieur de Doukkala.
Suite à la conquête d'Azemmour au mois de Septembre 1513 et la soumission des villages voisins. Emmanuel fût offert par le Pape Léon X, au début de l'année 1514 , "le tiers et le sixième des revenus de toutes les églises et de tous les

monastères de son royaume pour tout le temps qu'il ferait la guerre aux marocains'' . L'ordre de la guerre contre les Marocains fut donné ; Rui Barreto Capitaine de la place d'Azemmour voulait suivre une politique d'apprivoisement entretenue par le système d'otages, pour soumettre les habitants de l'intérieur de Doukkala . L'année 1514 passa pour lui et pour Joâo (Joam) de Meneses capitaine de la région avec des alternatives de succès et de revers. D'après les récits de Marmol et de De Goes, un jour du mois de février à l'aube l'armée portugaise d'Azemmour avait attaqué deux Cités situées au pied de Jbel Lakhdar, nommées Bencafis et Tafuf. Les portugais n'avaient laissé à leur retour à Azemmour avec 200 captifs (des enfants, des femmes et des vieillards) et un butin constitué essentiellement de bétail, deux places ruinées et incendiées. Plusieurs citoyens étaient tués par les armes, sous les décombres ou noyés en voulant traverser vers la rive droite de l'oued El Faregh en crue. Un tel acte contre des citoyens pacifiques que Marmol nomma « Guerre sainte » ne peut être désigné aujourd'hui que par le terme de « Terrorisme ».
Magellan avec Ses états de services au combat et ses blessures de guerre lui valent le respect et une promotion au rang de « maître de manœuvre ». Ce grade lui permet de partager les prises de guerre.
Il décide de récompenser certaines tribus alliées en leur donnant une partie des animaux pillés . Après cette transaction, Magellan est accusé d'avoir secrètement revendu 400 chèvres au Marocains et d'avoir gardé les bénéfices pour lui. L'accusation est en soi scandaleuse puisque en tant que maître de manœuvre, il a effectivement droit à sa part de butin. Refusant de se défendre sur place, il quitte Azemmour sans autorisation pour Lisbonne où il surgit devant le roi. Il ne présente aucune excuse pour sa conduite et exige en revanche une augmentation de sa maradia, une pension qu'il perçoit en tant que membre de la maison royale. Il rappelle au souverain qu'il est un noble ayant voué sa vie au service de la couronne, ce dont témoignent ses blessures. Le monarque est cinglant : Magellan sujet aussi insolent que stupide, doit immédiatement retourner à Azemmour, répondre des accusations de trahison, de corruption et de désertion. Après enquête sur les faits, le tribunal le lave de tout soupçon et il revient à Lisbonne muni d'une lettre de recommandation de son officier supérieur. Avec un entêtement hors norme, Magellan retourne voir son altesse et exige l'augmentation de sa moradia avec plus de véhémence que jamais. Bien évidemment le roi refuse.
Après la bataille d'Azemmour, les Portugais quitteront définitivement la ville en 1549. Mazagan sera la dernière ville forteresse portugaise du littoral marocain à résister jusqu'au traité de paix signé avec le sultan Mohammed III. Le 10 mars 1769, les occupants évacuèrent définitivement les fortifications par la Porte de la mer , après avoir miné l'entrée principale du fort qui explosa lorsque les Marocains pénétrèrent, ce qui provoqua la destruction du bastion du gouverneur et d'une grande partie du rempart. La ville resta inhabitée pendant près d'un demi-siècle et fut appelée Al-Mahdouma (la ruinée).

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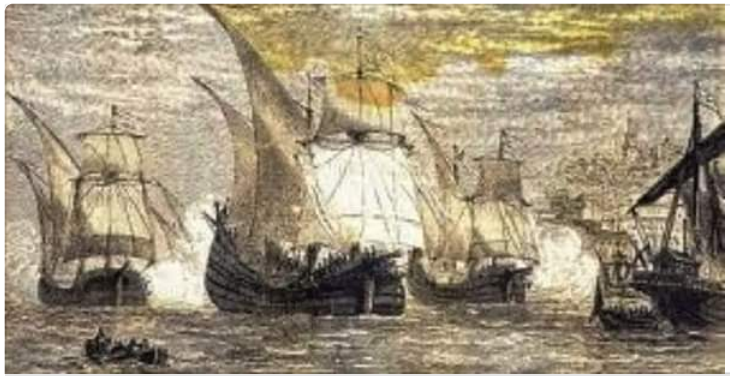

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tido Civil was a "party of notables" (*Honoratiorenpartei*) in the Weberian sense. But the power of the notables was limited by their dependency on the loyalty of the party's clubs throughout the country.

Mücke deals with three major issues. First, by describing the development of what he calls a modern bourgeoisie and a civil society, and by presenting the key political ideas and demands of this Lima bourgeoisie, Mücke outlines the historical development and the social composition of the Partido Civil. Second, he devotes a chapter to analyzing elections and electoral campaigns in Lima and the provinces and shows how local political clubs were systematically established and maintained. Finally, for the period after 1872, when Manuel Pardo was elected president, Mücke turns his attention to the relationship between party officials in government positions and the party's rank and file. By analyzing Pardo's correspondence with regional party leaders, Mücke impressively presents the clientelistic relations between party members.

There are two particularly strong elements of *Der Partido Civil*. One is that the author effectively demonstrates how the party mobilized voters and established roots in the hinterland. This analysis contains findings that will greatly enrich debates over the meaning and significance of elections in nineteenth-century Latin America. The other strength of the book is its analysis of how Pardo attempted to stabilize his power as president by attracting groups such as artisans to his party and by attempting to maintain good relations with provincial supporters. Mücke nicely shows that provincial party members were not subordinate to Lima officials but, instead, were well aware of the fact that the Lima party depended on their loyalty. The book's arguments are convincingly supported by numerous graphs and tables and by informative statistical appendixes.

Minor shortcomings of this book are due to the fact that it is the author's unchanged dissertation. Some parts sound like an introduction to Peruvian history and others are so filled with detail that the reader tends to lose the thread of the argument. But these flaws could easily be corrected if, as it deserves, this book is translated into English or Spanish.

In my view, this is one of the most important books written on the political history of nineteenth-century Peru in recent years.

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Afro-Brazilian Culture and Politics: Bahia, 1790s to 1990s. Edited by HENDRIK KRAAY. Foreword by ROBERT M. LEVINE. Latin American Realities. Armonk, N.Y.: M. E. Sharpe, 1998. Photographs. Illustrations. Map. Figures. Notes. Glossary. Bibliography. Index. xiv, 208 pp. Cloth, $61.95. Paper, $22.95.

The Afro-Brazilian residents of Salvador da Bahia—the "Black Mecca" located along the coast of northeastern Brazil—have drawn the interest of Brazilian and foreign scholars throughout the twentieth century. In their pioneering studies of Salvador's

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Afro-Bahian communities, Nina Rodrigues, Melville and Frances Herksovits, Gilberto Freyre, Ruth Landes, and Pierre Verger helped build the foundations for contemporary studies of Brazil and the African Diaspora. At a time when a self-identified Afro-Bahian culture has assumed a central role in regional and national (as well as increasingly transnational) identity politics and economic planning, Bahia continues to attract the attention of Brazilian and foreign scholars interested in the African experience in the Americas.

Afro-Brazilian Culture and Politics, a collection of eight articles edited by historian Hendrik Kraay, contains some of the most recent scholarship on Afro-Bahians and their place in Brazilian society. Kraay's introductory essay outlines the central roles played by Africans and Afro-Brazilians in Bahia from the early days of the transatlantic slave trade through today's proliferation of houses of *candomblé*, *capoeira*, and *blocos afros*. It also provides a brief demographic and economic history of colonial and nineteenth-century Bahia, where slave-based plantation agriculture gave rise to a New World society in which people of African descent were the majority population. Although Kraay is careful to point out that not all blacks in Bahia were slaves and not all Bahians were black, he makes clear that early Bahian society was formed out of the slave regime. The legacy of slavery would have lasting ramifications on the region's economic and cultural development in the post-abolition period.

The articles, led by Kraay's study of downward social mobility among free black militia officers during the era of independence, focus upon individual and collective biographies of Afro-Bahians in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. None of the articles deal exclusively with enslaved Afro-Brazilians; manumitted slaves and free people of color are the main subjects in the studies authored by Kraay and Mary Ann Mahony. However, the culture of slavery pervades these authors' analysis of the ideological and legal mechanisms that limited the social ascent of free people of color during the Empire and early Republic. The culture of Brazilian slave society—located at a nexus between African cultural imports and practices born on American plantations—also looms large in Dale Graden's and Fayette Winberley's studies on the spread of Afro-Brazilian religion in the decades preceding the abolition of 1888.

The articles on modern Bahia squarely locate Afro-Bahian political organization within cultural practices not immediately associated with such conventional political actors as political bosses, parties, labor unions, commercial associations, and the armed forces. Jocélio Teles dos Santos links *capoeira* to local strategies of political empowerment under the authoritarian political culture of the 1970s and 1980s. Kim Butler assesses the ideological and economic transformations that have accompanied the growth of Afro-Bahian cultural organizations such as Olodum. Michel Agier's case study of the rebirth of the Vila Flaviana *terreiro* [*candomblé* house]—a highly compelling work of ethnography—illuminates the institutional and associational spaces in which Afro-Bahians have built cultural identities and support networks from which black activists and community leaders can build political movements. In all cases, the authors lead the reader to consider the potential for political empowerment embedded in the

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cultural expressions of blackness that propel the associational life and economic prosperity of Salvador and, increasingly, much of the Brazilian northeast.

Kraay merits recognition for his fine original scholarship, translations, and editorial choices. The collection should serve as a point of departure for humanists and social scientists interested in a region located at the intersection of the African Diaspora and Brazilian national identity.

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Cinematograph of Words: Literature, Technique, and Modernization in Brazil. By FLORA SÜSSEKIND. Translated by PAULO HENRIQUES BRITTO. Writing Science. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1997. Photographs. Illustrations. Notes. Bibliography. Index. xi, 129 pp. Cloth, $15.95.

The period between the fall of the Empire in 1889 and the first burst of modernism in 1922 has often slipped between the cracks of the cultural and intellectual historiography of Brazil. Its cultural artifacts are usually described tangentially, as premodernist, postromantic, or neo-Parnassian. Süssekind, in contrast, identifies the literature of the period as a coherent and crucial stage in the development of Brazilian letters, one characterized primarily by literary reactions to new technologies. She argues that this period gave birth to literature as technique, meaning, on the one hand, the professionalization of writers as journalists and admen, and, on the other, the development of authorial voices deeply shaped by technology.

The book is divided into two principal sections. The first traces the reflections of technology in novels, poetry, and *crônicas*, or short journalistic essays, a form that Süssekind describes as particularly marked by new technological modes of perception. Much of this section is a mere catalog of references to phonographs and cinema. The second section, far more ambitious and compelling, analyzes "how literary technique changed as it incorporated procedures characteristic of photography, film and poster art" (p. 4).

Süssekind identifies three types of literary approximation of technology—imitation, stylization, and displacement. Imitation involved attempts to reproduce the effects of modern technology (cinema, most prominently) in prose. Stylization involved more subtle adoptions and adaptations of the clipped phrasing, jumps in point of view, and the two-dimensional characters common in the advertising, poster art, and cinema of the period. Displacement involved the rejection of technology and mechanical efficiency in favor of ornate, recondite language. This framework is engaging and lucid, and allows Süssekind to tie together efforts as diverse as João do Rio's offhand *crônicas* and Olavo Bilac's overwrought poetry. The author is most convincing in her discussion of the influence of journalism and advertising on literary production. She links these industries to her concern with technology by pointing out that in this period both changed rapidly as a result of breakthroughs in photographic reproduction. But as she

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«BEHANZIN (1845-1906), roi d'Abomey, résistant et héros national du Bénin» par M. Amadou Bal BA - http://baamadou.over-blog.fr/

«*Tout acte posé par un homme doit entrer dans l'histoire*» dit un dicton du Dahomey. Héros national et résistant, Béhanzin-Hossou-Bowélé (le germe du monde) a été le 10ème et dernier roi du Dahomey du 6 janvier 1890 au 15 janvier 1894, un règne bref, mais qui a marqué les esprits. Son règne est «*sans conteste le plus éclatant à cause de l'exemplarité de son combat pour l'intégrité territoriale et la liberté de la patrie*» dit Jean Roger AYOYO. «*C'est une vérité d'expérience banale que l'imagination populaire déforme l'histoire. Les personnages qui l'émeuvent ou excitent sa curiosité, elle les exagère, les grandit, parfois même démesurément, en fait des types surhumains. Le recul des siècles aidant, le mythe divinise le héros. Il ne s'agit pas ici de faire de Béhanzin un Priam, ou un Xerxès vaincu. On voudrait seulement le replacer dans le cadre de la vérité historique*» écrit, fort justement, Daniel MASSE. Né vers 1845, sous le nom d'Ahokponou Gnacadja, il prend, en 1875, le titre de prince Kondo et décèdera, en exil, à Blida, en Algérie, le 10 décembre 1906. Son corps n'a été rapatrié au Bénin, à Djimé (Abomey), que le 9 mars 1928. Son nom, «*Gbéhanzin Aïdjré*» signifie «*l'univers porte l'œuf que la terre désire*». Béhanzin est arrivé au trône, dans un contexte particulier. Depuis le début du XVIème siècle, le royaume du Dahomey vivait en partie de l'huile de palme, mais aussi du trafic des esclaves. Or, en 1888, le Brésil, un ancien allié du Dahomey, a aboli l'esclavage. Les ancêtres de Béhanzin négociaient avec les Européens,

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d'égal à égal, sur la base des traités de commerce. En effet, le roi du Dahomey a témoigné, par ses actes, d'un grand esprit d'indépendance : «*Le dédain avec lequel le Dahomey a, de tout temps, considéré les puissances européennes est un trait saillant de la fierté indigène*» écrit Alain FOA. Cependant, à partir de 1885, les Européens se sont partagés l'Afrique ; le colonialisme est triomphant. Les Français, en particulier, avec peu de moyens militaires au départ, ont mis en place une stratégie, qu'ils appliqueront après l'indépendance, à travers la Françafrique, entreprendre, progressivement, la conquête du Dahomey, par les royaumes côtiers. Le roi de Porto-Novo, Toffa, est jugé accommodant et servile et a signé un traité de protectorat avec les Français. Glélé, le père de Béhanzin, alors malade, avait tenté de résister contre cette prédation. Béhanzin, peu malléable, nourri de cet héritage de résistance au colonialisme, a poursuivi et amplifié, vainement, l'action de son père. Le roi requin, avait déclaré la guerre aux Français sous forme d'allégorie «*Le requin audacieux a troublé la barre*». Béhanzin s'est toujours déclaré ami de la France et voulait le commerce avec ce pays, mais la donne avait changé, la France ne reconnaissant que ses serviteurs dociles, pour conforter son projet de conquête coloniale. «*Un certain nombre de petits chefs de peuplades voisines des côtes, entre autres le roi Toffa, s'étaient mis sous le protectorat français. Or, le roi du Dahomey, habitué à être considéré comme le plus puissant souverain des parages, fut sans doute fort mécontent de nous voir établir aussi près de son territoire*» écrit François DESPLANTES. Par conséquent, «*la mise en dépendance*», pour longtemps, de l'Afrique, avait bien commencé, pour reprendre une expression du professeur Catherine COQUERY-VIDROVITCH.

La littérature des administrateurs coloniaux ou des voyageurs européens, est pleine de préjugés, de caricatures et d'instrumentalisations à l'égard du royaume de Béhanzin, tant attaché à la souveraineté et à l'intégrité

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territoriale du Dahomey. La résistance et l'esprit d'indépendance de Béhanzin ont été occultés ou minimisés. En effet, tout en reconnaissant la valeur et l'adresse dans les combats des guerriers dahoméens, tant redoutés, le colonisateur considérait que la nation de Béhanzin, avec ses sacrifices humaines, l'esclavage et le fétichisme, serait uniquement un pays barbare : «*Sous cet odieux despote, comme sous les rois Glélé et Guézo, le pays était le théâtre des faits de cruauté les plus révoltants, le sang coulait à flot certains jours*» écrit la Semaine des familles du 21 mars 1896. Cette renommée insultante et outrageuse à l'égard de Béhanzin est largement imméritée. Béhanzin est capable de générosité et bienveillance, notamment à l'égard de ses hôtes et prisonniers Européens. Il a tout simplement défendu courageusement la souveraineté de son pays, face à l'expansion coloniale. Pour ce fait, il a été déporté et mort en exil. «*Ce n'est pas par raison d'humanité qu'on lui (Béhanzin) a fait la guerre. On a bien invoqué, pour faire accepter par l'opinion l'entreprise guerrière qui devait aboutir à la spoliation qu'on sait, le prétexte larmoyant de l'œuvre de civilisation contre des potentats qui se baignaient dans le sang. La vérité, il nous gênait dans notre désir d'expansion coloniale ; il nous barrait la route*» écrit Daniel MASSE. En effet, Béhanzin, par sa bravoure et sa résistance, est comparé à Vercingétorix : «*L'un et l'autre se sont opposés à l'envahisseur et à domination de leur pays. Tous les deux méritent également l'admiration de l'Histoire. Les Français considèrent Vercingétorix comme un héros national. Au nom de quoi commettrions-nous la grossièreté de considérer Béhanzin et Samory comme des Nègres sauvages et poltrons incapables de résister à César ?*» écrit Albert TEVOEDJRE. Par conséquent, contrairement à cette propagande coloniale, le Dahomey est un peuple fier, guerrier et discipliné. Dans ce combat entre oppresseurs et opprimés, entre tondeurs et tondus, vainqueurs et vaincus, le pays de Béhanzin a traversé les siècles, et témoigne d'une histoire glorieuse : «*Le royaume du Dahomey mériterait*

***l'honneur de tenir la première place parmi les peuplades. Par son organisation, vraiment extraordinaire pour un pays noir, il les avait déjà surpassés de beaucoup. Ses rois, dont l'autorité justement redoutée ne s'employait pas uniquement à un arbitraire brutal et irraisonné, avait su lui donner une administration fortement hiérarchisée, une armée permanente et des embryons de services douanier et de justice*» écrit Auguste LE HERISSE. Un prisonnier de Béhanzin pendant trois mois, E. CHAUDOIN, a reconnu ses qualités de diplomates : «*Le Dahoméen, sous son masque noir, cache un profond politique. Diplomate consommé, avant d'attaquer une question, il l'étudie à fond, en voit le pour et le contre, la tourne de tous les côtés pour en connaître les points faibles et pouvoir répondre et parer à toutes les questions qui peuvent lui être posées*».**

Akaba (règne 1679-1708) fondateur du Royaume du Danxomé, un ancêtre du Roi Béhanzin, un roi jugé apathique et indolent, est le premier roi à avoir introduit le fusil dans son pays et entrer en contact avec les Européens. Son successeur, Agaja (règne du 1708-1728) étendit le Dahomey jusqu'à la côte, y compris Ouidah. Appelé d'abord par les Français «*Côte des esclaves*», puis Dahomey, lors de la fondation de cette colonie le 22 juin 1894, à la suite d'une campagne militaire des Français, ce pays, devenu République populaire du Bénin en 1975, pour réconciliation entre Fons et Yorubas, est coincé entre le Nigéria et le Togo ; sa partie septentrionale borde le Niger à l'Est et le Burkina Faso à l'Ouest. Les Fons, peuple guerrier et discipliné, ont conquis, progressivement, leurs voisins. Le Danxomé, ou Dahomey, avec comme capitale Abomey et ne formant qu'un cinquième du territoire, va progressivement vassaliser Allada ou Adanwssa dont Sawi est la capitale, ainsi Xweda ou Ouida. En effet, l'ancien royaume du Dahomey, Abomey avait une devise : «*faire un Danhomé toujours plus grand*» ; ce sont des guerriers aussi braves que fourbes, particulièrement attachés à leur pays. Le royaume du Dahomey «*fondé par la ruse et la*

trahison, agrandi par une suite de guerres, enrichi par le pillage, maintenu par la violence, a été pendant deux siècles la terreur de ses voisins, comme le roi lui-même a été la terreur de ses voisins» **écrit E. LEVASSEUR, dans la préface de l'ouvrage d'Alain FOA. L'histoire a retenu le nom du premier roi, Dako (règne vers 1625-1640). Il surprit son ennemi, Aïzonou-Dénou, en train de préparer l'indigo. Il le tua, mit son corps dans une jarre à indigo qu'il fit rouler ensuite sur le sol. Le deuxième roi est Ouegbaja, de 1650 à 1680. Au début du XVIIème siècle le peuple Fon avait un roi, dénommé Dan (serpent en langue Fon, règne de 1640-1650), détenteur du «*Gongon*» ou cloche sacrée, respecté par ses sujets. A la guerre, bien que peu nombreux, ce roi électrisait ses sujets, triomphait même quand il avait l'infériorité du numérique, et revenait de la guerre avec de nombreux prisonniers et un riche butin. En effet, Ago ou encore Tacoudonou, à qui Dan avait accordé l'asile, a obtenu du roi, toutes les faveurs qu'il demandait, sauf la cloche sacrée : «*Vous me demandez un objet sacré que personne ne peut obtenir que mon successeur ; demain vous voudrez régner à ma place, et bientôt vous me demanderez mon ventre pour bâtir dessus votre maison !»* dit Dan à Ago. Le roi Dan subira une première défaite devant Tacoudonou, un ancêtre de Béhanzin, à qui il avait accordé asile qui l'a trahi, emprisonné et fait décapiter : «*Vous m'avez donné un territoire, j'en ferai un immense royaume ; vous m'avez refusé votre cloche en fer, je l'ai prise, elle m'appartient de droit, je vous demande votre ventre, pour y bâtir, non ma maison, mais les murs de ma capitale. Nous l'appellerons Dahomê*», dit-il. En violation des règles de l'hospitalité, «*il mit à mort Dan, suivant le serment qu'il avait fait de l'éventrer, et plaça son corps sur le toit du palais qu'il fit construire à Abomey, en mémoire de sa victoire*» écrit Charles WALKENAER. Littéralement, «*Dahomey*» signifie «*Dan*» (roi des Fons), et «*Homê*» ventre de Dan, ou le ventre du serpent. L'usage modifiera la prononciation, des noms primitifs surgirent Dahomey et Abomey.**

Béhanzin devient donc monarque après la mort de son père survenue le 28 décembre 1890. «*Il fait nuit sur le royaume !*» telle est la formule annonçant la mort d'un Roi. Le demi-frère du prince Kondo, Ahanhanzo, héritier direct, est mort dans des circonstances non élucidées, sans nul doute empoisonné par Béhanzin, seul fils de sa mère, mais il n'était pas l'aîné de son père, un polygame. Son père, Glélé, avait régné de 1858 à 1889, et excellait dans les allégories ; il se comparait «*au lionceau qui sème partout la terreur aussitôt que ses dents ont poussé*». Glélé vendait à prix d'or, comme esclaves les princes vaincus ainsi que tous ses prisonniers, notamment aux maisons françaises Victor Régis et Cyprien Fabre de Marseille, qui faisaient fonction de consuls. Glélé a fait nommer, en 1880, un Portugais, un «*Yévoga*n», Juliao Felix DA SOUZA (1832-1887), comme Premier Chacha, en qualité de conseiller.

Le règne de Béhanzin démarre, dans la tradition du Dahomey, avec des sacrifices humains ; il faut honorer les ancêtres, à date fixe, chaque année ; ces fêtes ont été baptisées «*coutumes*» et les Dahoméens les appellent «*funérailles du Roi*». Dans une des grandes salles du palais étaient agenouillés, prisonniers de guerre ou condamnés à mort, les mains liées derrière le dos, cinquante hommes et cinquante femmes, ayant auprès d'eux un soldat le sabre nu. «*Sur le geste du souverain tout puissant, les cent têtes roulèrent sur le pavé*» écrit Alfred BARBOU. Les cérémonies pour célébrer l'avènement du nouveau roi et honorer la mémoire du monarque défunt, durent trois semaines : «*Le roi, entouré d'un nombreux cortège, se rendit près de la tombe de son père, sur laquelle fut aussitôt amené un messager bâillonné, garrotté, que l'on décapita, afin qu'il allât, sans retard, annoncer au monarque défunt le commencement des réjouissances*» écrit Alfred BARBOU qui considère que cette année 1890 est une des «*plus belle et une des plus célèbre*». Si ces coutumes, qui nous glacent le sang de nos jours, apparaissent comme des fêtes religieuses en l'honneur des morts et

de la dynastie régnante, leur signification déborde largement du cadre guerrier ou religieux proprement dit ; elles expriment la civilisation dahoméenne dans sa totalité. Les jugements des administrateurs coloniaux s'avèrent parfois totalement erronés : «*L'étude des coutumes et des mœurs du pays n'était pas la spécialité de ces colonisateurs qui se contentaient de donner un avis, sans prétendre faire œuvre d'ethnologue*» écrit Théodore MONOD. La richesse et la munificence qui présidaient aux fêtes faisaient l'admiration des visiteurs de la cour de Béhanzin. Ces fêtes, à la fois d'intronisation et de funérailles, revêtent une dimension nationaliste. On enseigne à tous, l'histoire du Dahomey, les noms des fondateurs de la dynastie, leurs grandes conquêtes, leur bonté et générosité à l'égard du peuple, ainsi que les punitions à l'égard des méchants. Ainsi, cette leçon sur l'identité nationale entretient l'orgueil, cimente la bravoure et la résistance face aux envahisseurs.

Béhanzin, roi-dieu adulé et vénéré, dégageait une aura qui faisait trembler Blancs et Noirs. Le roi du Dahomey, un être sacré, porte plusieurs titres, notamment : «*Dada»,* père de toute la Nation, le «*Dokounnon»,* détenteur et dispensateur de biens, le «*Sèmèdo»,* maître du monde, «l'*Aïnon»*, maître de la terre, le «*Jèhossou»,* maître des perles. Le Roi a «*une autorité absolue, despotique même, ayant droit de vie et de mort sur tous les sujets. Ce qui pousse un attachement de ses sujets jusqu'à la vénération»* écrit Eduard DUNGLAS. «*La vie et la fortune de tous les habitants appartiennent, sans restriction, au Roi, qui est une espèce de Dieu, pour ses sujets*» écrit Adolphe BADIN. Le nationalisme et la puissance de Béhanzin découlent de la conception dahoméenne du pouvoir monarchique. Le roi, dans la plénitude de sa souveraineté, n'écoute que sa volonté. Il tient entre ses mains capricieuses et la tranquillité de tous les sujets. «*Le roi n'est plus un homme : c'est un dieu tout-puissant, et qui est plus triste encore, un dieu malfaisant, sans remords, ni conscience. Il règne par la crainte, et, malgré*

***tout, par le respect. C'est un être sacré, enveloppé d'une atmosphère surnaturelle et de fétichisme*», écrit Alain FOA qui a résidé au Dahomey de juin 1886 à mai 1890. Béhanzin est un roi qui a su garder, en toutes circonstances, son rang et sa dignité : «*Les Européens mêmes, qu'il devrait accueillir avec affabilité, en raison de l'argent et des cadeaux, sont reçus avec froideur et indifférence ; il a l'air de craindre que toute gracieuseté de sa part soit reçue comme une reconnaissance tacite de son infériorité. Il ordonne à ses représentants de faire sentir son pouvoir aux Européens, dans toutes les occasions, et son royaume est devenu une souricière, où tout le monde est libre d'entrer, mais dont personne ne sort sans sa permission*» écrit Alain FOA. Nous avons de nombreuses photos authentiques de Béhanzin, dans lesquels on le voit, souvent, abrité par un immense parasol, avec sa longue pipe en argent, son costume traditionnel, ses sandales. Fumeur, il crache dans un vase d'argent porté par une de ses femmes. Béhanzin est décrit comme «*un beau nègre, quoi que de taille moyenne. La physionomie paraît intelligente, le regard est droit et luisant, comme un éclair d'acier. Il est habillé simplement à la façon des guerriers de son pays. Il fume la pipe qu'il garde à la bouche en parlant»* écrit le père DORGERE qui a été son prisonnier. Si la production littéraire et historique des ouvrages français est empreinte de partis-pris, de préjugés et de censures, les nombreuses lettres de Béhanzin, avec un style inimitable, ont été reproduites par ces témoins directs. Une partie de ses correspondances a été regroupée par la Fondation Zinsou, en 2017. On y entend, de façon intelligible et sans intercesseur, la voix de ce héros et grand nationaliste dahoméen.**

La cour de Béhanzin est «*aussi aristocratiquement, aussi hiérarchiquement, aussi féodalement ordonnée que celle d'un Louis XIV ou d'un François 1er*» écrit Louis NOIR. «*Le Dahomey constituait un royaume parfaitement organisé, possédant tout ce qui fait le prestige d'une monarchie*» écrit le révérend père DORGERE (séjour au Dahomey en 1881 à 1896). Le roi a, à

sa disposition, le «*Mingan*», ministre de la justice et grand prêtre du fétichisme, le «*Méhou*», ministre du commerce et des douanes, le «*Cambodé*», trésorier, le «*Gaôu*», général en chef, le chef des eunuques, ainsi que les «*Cabécères*» ou «A*gorigan*s», des conseillers ou chefs supérieurs, résidant dans chaque ville à la Gore (Préfecture, mairie et palais de justice), en charge de l'administration subalterne. Les interprètes, les domestiques et les espions jouent un rôle non-négligeable : «*Lorsque les ministres du Roi communiquent avec lui (le dignitaire), ils se traînent jusqu'au trône et, quand ils y sont arrivés, ils se jettent à plat ventre, embrassent la terre, couvrent leur tête de poussière et, après avoir fait craquer leurs doigts à trois reprises, attendent dans la plus humble posture que le Roi daigne leur parler*» écrit Jean BAYOL qui a connu Béhanzin. Il authentifiait ses messagers en leur procurant un «*Makpo*», une récade, un spectre royal en forme de crosse ou de hache pour garantir l'authenticité du message du souverain.

L'esprit de résistance et le nationalisme de Béhanzin sont peut-être inspirés de la mythologie de son pays. «*Le Roi, quoi que maître absolu de ses sujets, est lui-même esclave des coutumes et des ministres du fétichisme : un empoisonnement serait à craindre s'il s'écartait de cette ligne de conduite*» écrit Eduard DUNGLAS. En effet, le Dahomey des temps anciens, c'est le règne des forces de l'esprit, de l'animisme, ou la force du destin. Dans la cosmogonie dahoméenne, on raconte qu'à la création du monde, Blancs et Noirs eurent à choisir entre le pays de l'or et «*Celui où on lit les livres*». Les Noirs choisirent le pays de l'or croyant que c'était le meilleur. Depuis lors, les Africains doivent lutter en permanence contre la domination des Blancs. Quand Armand DUBARRY écrit que «*La religion du nègre est comme sa vie, décousue et insensée*», c'est une méconnaissance profonde de la cosmogonie chez Béhanzin. En effet, les Dahoméens croient au Bien ou le «*Maou*», mais aussi au Mal (*maladie, haine, vengeance, démon, jalousie*), le

«*Vaudou*». Obala ou Onsé, fils du Ciel, est le dieu créateur et le justicier ; il rend des oracles et prédit l'avenir. «*Chang*o», ou «*Hévioso*» chez les Fons, le tonnerre, est la divinité la plus redoutée. Pour punir les méchants, Chango charge son fils, Ara, la foudre, d'aller châtier ceux qui le méritent. «*Ifa*», dieu du mariage et de l'accouchement, est consulté pour tous les événements de la vie. Chez Béhanzin, l'Afrique est maternelle ; «*Odoudoua*» la terre, la mère des êtres, déesse de la maternité. Les Dahoméens, comme les anciens grecs, ont de nombreuses autres divinités (Olokun dieu de la mer, Olossa, la lagune, Oké, les montagnes, Oko, agriculture, Odjo, la pluie, Tchamana, la petite vérole, Kpaté, naufrage, Ogoun, médecine et guerre, Ogoungoun, dieu des morts, Eléda, intelligence, Djaoun, nourriture, Ipousi, la marche, etc.). Le «*Dangbé*» ou Dieu serpent, est le plus aimé, après la divinité du Créateur. La famille royale qui a conservé son statut coutumier et religieux, est garante de la religion du Vaudou, un culte du paganisme, qui s'est transporté aux Antilles et à Haïti. Des prêtres du fétichisme, mot venant du portugais, «*fetiço*» ou charme, ont un rôle primordial dans le royaume de Béhanzin. Lorsque la guerre est déclarée, il appartient au grand féticheur d'apaiser les esprits pour une issue heureuse et écarter les maléfices. Il pratique aussi la médecine traditionnelle ou fabriquer du poison. «*Ces histoires de fétiches et de féticheuses, c'est bel et bien bon ; mais que, pour expliquer la résistance acharnée des troupes de Béhanzin*» écrit BADIN.

Devant les rivalités et les confrontations entre les Français, les Anglais, les Portugais et les Allemands, Béhanzin entend préserver l'indépendance de son pays et fait monter les enchères entre ces puissances, en essayant de les dresser les unes contre les autres. En effet, à la fin du XIXème siècle, les puissances européennes s'évertuent à vouloir contrôler et assujettir le Dahomey, en contrôlant d'abord les royaumes côtiers, à travers un système du protectorat. «*Le peuple dahoméen vivait de rapines et surtout de razzias*

***d'esclaves, métier lucratif quand il se trouvait dans les comptoirs de la côte des traitants européens toujours prêts à acheter cette marchandise*» écrit Alain FOA. L'huile de palme du Dahomey se vend à Marseille et au Havre pour la fabrication des bougies et du savon. L'histoire du pays de Béhanzin est liée aux convoitises des Marranes portugais, installés à Cotonou et à Ouidah, sur l'huile de palme et les esclaves, «*Un père vendra son fils pour une bouteille de rhum, un fils livrera son père ou sa mère à un marchand d'esclaves pour le même prix*» écrit Armand DUBARRY dans «*Voyage au Dahomey*». Anglais et Français se concurrencent à Porto-Novo. Béhanzin est éduqué par un père national et jaloux de la souveraineté du Dahomey : «*Les Blancs ont leur roi et moi je suis le roi des Africains. Il est bien que V.M. s'oppose à ce que les Blancs viennent s'emparer des terres des Africains. Si les Européens continuent de la sorte, les Africains sauront bientôt fabriquer de l'eau-de-vie, des tissus, du genièvre, de la verroterie et autres articles qu'ils transporteront là où les Européens vendent leurs articles. Il vaut mieux que chaque nation gouverne ses terres, les Blancs dans les leurs avec leur roi et moi, Roi du Dahomey, avec les miennes. Les Blancs ont pris les terres des Nègres, mais ceux-ci ne peuvent pas faire de même*» écrit Glélé à Dom Louis, roi du Portugal, le 16 juillet 1887. Le père de Béhanzin ne reconnaît que la démarche de coopération, à travers l'accord commercial de 1841. Béhanzin, associé au pouvoir, avant de devenir roi, hérite de cette fibre nationaliste de son père, et défendra, tout au long de son règne, la souveraineté de son pays : «*Cotonou appartient à mes pères. Je ne puis le céder à qui que ce soit, car ce serait un grand malheur pour moi : d'autant plus que, cédant ce territoire, le tonnerre tuerait tous ceux qui l'habiteraient, ce n'est pas possible*» dit-il.

Dans la période de 1851 à 1884, un traité de commerce du 1er juillet 1851 est conclu entre la France et le roi d'Abomey, Ghézo (règne de 1818 à 1858) ; la France paye des impôts et taxes au Roi du Dahomey. Un traité du

19 mai 1868 avec le Roi du Dahomey cède à la France le territoire de Cotonou. Ce traité de 1868 est confirmé par un autre en date du 19 avril 1878, avec liberté pour la France de s'installer dans les ports. Cependant, les Français n'ayant encore suffisamment de forces armées, continuent de verser des taxes au Roi du Dahomey et la justice est rendue en son nom. La seule exception notable c'est que les sujets français sont dispensés d'assister aux cérémonies de sacrifices humains. Dans les racines de ce dissentiment avec le colonisateur, Béhanzin a pour ennemi le roi Toffa Houenou Baba Dassy de Porto-Novo, (1850-1908). Les Français ont surnommé Toffa, «*Le Doux*». Il est malléable et accommodant. Pour Alexandre d'ALBECA, «*ce Noir n'avait pas la même morgue belliqueuse de son parent Glélé*». Le roi Sodji conclut un traité de protectorat du 23 février 1863 avec la France pour échapper aux pays des Anglais qui ont bombardé son pays. Fils du Sodji (1848-1864), Toffa doit s'exiler lorsque Mikpon s'empare du pouvoir en 1864. En dépit, des recommandations des Anglais, Toffa transige avec Da Glélé Kini-Kini, le père de Béhanzin. Quand le roi, Toffa, très favorable aux Français, arriva au pouvoir en 1875, confirma l'accord de 1863 plaçant Cotonou sous le protectorat français, Glélé considérant que ce territoire vassal relevant de sa souveraineté, contestera alors les nouveaux droits de douane imposés par le colonisateur : «*Toffa, roi de Porto-Novo, pour se mettre à l'abri des incursions des Dahoméens, ses turbulents voisins, avait sollicité notre protectorat. Ceux-ci n'avaient pas vu d'un bon œil cette alliance d'un roi nègre avec les blancs exécrés, cette main mise sur le royaume de Porto-Novo*» écrit le père DORGERE. Lorsque Victor BAYOL, représentant de la France, se rend à Abomey, Glélé refuse de lui accorder une audience privée. Il est seulement reçu par le prince Kondo, le futur Béhanzin. Par ailleurs, Toffa se méfiant des Anglais et du roi d'Abomey qui le maintient dans la suzeraineté, signe le 8 février 1882, un traité avec les Français, les dynasties régnantes de Dangbo et Kétenou, sont déportées à

Gorée, au Sénégal. Toffa déclare céder dans Porto-Novo, le 13 mai 1883 «*le titre et le pouvoir d'agent intérimaire de la République française et du chef de protectorat de mon royaume, sont transmis, à ce jour, à M. Henri GUILMIN*».

Pour le royaume du Dahomey Porto-Novo relève de sa juridiction : «*Les habitants, de famille Fon, avaient origine commune. Les souverains étaient cousins, et un lien de vassalité subordonnait Porto-Novo au Roi d'Abomey*» écrit Alexandre d'ALBECA. En mars 1887, quand Toffa exerce des tracasseries et vexations sur les Dahoméens, Glélé riposte par l'envoi de son armée et Toffa s'enfuit au Nigeria. Béhanzin rejette, fermement, le protectorat français qui risque d'aboutir à la perte de souveraineté de son pays, et donc à la confiscation de ses terres, ainsi que la suppression d'une partie importante de ses revenus découlant des taxes en application du traité du 1er juillet 1851. C'est donc cette intrusion des Français qui provoquera, en avril 1889, un raid du royaume de Dahomey, contre Porto-Novo, dont Toffa est devenu le jouet du colon. En effet, les troupes dahoméennes se trouvent dans les environs de Porto-Novo, Toffa s'enfuit de son palais pour se réfugier en territoire britannique. Après un calme relatif, Toffa regagne Porto-Novo. Entre-temps, à la mort du roi Glélé, il est remplacé par son fils, Béhanzin. Les Français sont contraints de renégocier cet accord, avec le prince Kondo en 1889, le futur Béhanzin. Le 25 mars 1889, le roi du Dahomey attaque : «*un feu terrible de l'ennemi assaillit la compagnie Lemoine et abattit quatorze hommes, dont trois mortellement atteints. Le commandant ne dut son salut qu'au dévouement de son ordonnance*» écrit AUBLET dans «*Guerre au Dahomey*».

Jean BAYOL profitant du passage du commandant TERRILLON, avec 400 tirailleurs sénégalais, convoque le 21 février 1890, des chefs indigènes Dahoméens, qui furent arrêtés et expédiés, immédiatement auprès de Toffa qui sera d'une grande brutalité à l'égard de ceux-ci. L'orgueil de Béhanzin

en fut blessé ; il voua une haine féroce à Jean BAYOL. ***Notre amitié avec la France a toujours été grande (…) C'est M. Jean Bayol qui a fait la guerre de Cotonou, poussé par le roi Toffa. (…) Toffa est le roi de Porto-Novo à cause de nous. Son peuple ne voulait pas l'accepter, et sur notre message qu'il est monté sur le trône»*** **écrit Béhanzin, le 30 avril 1890. Ce fut la guerre. L'Amazone, Nausica, la favorite de Béhanzin, est tuée pendant ces combats. Béhanzin prend en otages huit Français, et parfaitement au courant des règles internationales de la diplomatie, il refuse de s'en prendre aux autres nationalités. Béhanzin qui se déclare encore ami de la France n'en veut qu'à Toffa et Jean BAYOL. Il écrit directement au président de la République, pour tenter de négocier : «*** ***Jean Bayol est venu de la capitale du Dahomey pour faire un contrat touchant la question de Cotonou, et quand, pour la première fois, nous avons causé ensemble, le même Jean Bayol m'a raconté que les deux contrats qui se trouvaient au pouvoir de la France, avaient été reconnus comme entachés de fourberies. (…) J'ai capturé huit Européens et j'attendrais que Jean Bayol ait élargi mes autorités pour mettre également en liberté les prisonniers. J'attendrai que Votre Excellence justifie cette façon d'agir de Jean Bayol vis-à-vis de moi. Je regrette, qu'étant antique ami de la France, on ne m'ait pas transmis de sentiments de condoléance en ce qui regarde la perte de mon père*** **» écrit-il, le 17 avril 1890 à Sadi CARNOT.**

Béhanzin attaque à nouveau Toffa qui sera sauvé par les Français. Compte tenu des rapports de forces encore favorables au Dahomey, la France envoie, le 11 mai 1890, le père DORGERE négocier une paix précaire, une paix armée. Béhanzin estime que les Français sont venus troubler la paix de son royaume «* ***Dieu, dans le principe, a créé le Noir et le Blanc, chacun pour habiter la terre qui lui a été désignée. Le Blanc s'occupe de commerce et le Noir doit faire commerce avec le Blanc, que les Noirs ne font aucun mal aux Blancs, et de même que les Blancs ne doivent faire aucun mal aux Noirs*** **»**

écrit Béhanzin, le 18 août 1890, à l'Amiral de CURVILLE. A partir de janvier 1890 de nombreux navires français investirent la côte de Cotonou. De plus, des espions de Béhanzin avaient surpris des conversations des Blancs où il était clairement question d'arracher au Dahomey le contrôle de Cotonou. Béhanzin, avec le soutien des Allemands, attaque en février 1890, les postes français de Cotonou. Comble de la provocation, Jean BAYOL (1849-1905) ordonna l'enlèvement de deux chefs territoriaux de Cotonou et de Ouidah. Excédé par cet énième affront, Béhanzin, jusque-là patient, réunit son conseil et décida de partir en guerre malgré la désapprobation de l'oracle. Les Français avaient commencé à raser Cotonou et à en brûler les cases. Béhanzin et ses troupes composées de plusieurs milliers de guerriers et d'Amazones décidèrent enfin de riposter. Ses troupes séquestrèrent un groupe de français à Ouidah avant de lancer une violente attaque contre les installations françaises le 4 mars 1890 à Cotonou. La bataille fut sanglante : on compte 600 morts et plus de 1000 blessés dans les deux camps. Terrifiés par la violence de la riposte, Jean BAYOL et le commandant Sébastien TERRILLON (1846-1917) réclamèrent des renforts pour pallier à toutes attaques futures. Forts de leurs nouveaux renforts, les français revinrent à la charge et brûlèrent plusieurs villages des rives de l'Ouémé. Le 4 avril 1890 la France décrète un blocus à l'encontre du Dahomey.

S'avançant dangereusement vers Dahomey, les Français rencontrèrent une résistance si farouche que Oulard, le capitaine du navire bombardier commandé par TERRILON, en perdit la vie. Ce nouvel échec provoqua la chute du sulfureux Jean BAYOL et de Sébastien TERRILLON. Mais leurs successeurs toujours aussi passionnés par la guerre lancèrent de nouvelles attaques. Béhanzin riposta cette fois-ci en attaquant le 25 Avril 1890 un territoire Porto-Novien, Atchoukpa. La défaite infligée aux troupes françaises bien que aidées des guerriers de Toffa fut cinglante. La bataille terminée, Béhanzin se servit des otages français enlevés à Ouidah et

emprisonnés à Allada, pour obtenir une trêve : «*Tant que les otages ne nous sont pas rendus, nos troupes dévasteront les palmiers du territoir*e» écrit, le 2 mai 1890 Béhanzin à Victor BALLOT (1853-1939), administrateur de Porto-Novo. Aussi se lia-t-il d'amitié avec le père Alexandre DORGERE, l'un des otages qui, opposé aux velléités colonisatrices de la France, décida de négocier la paix entre Dahomey et le gouvernement français.

L'Armée dahoméenne est repoussée, mais les Français sont obligés de signer un accord du 3 octobre 1890 avec Béhanzin au terme duquel, le Dahomey s'engage à respecter le protectorat français du royaume de Porto-Novo. En contrepartie, le blocus est levé et la France s'engage, à titre compensatoire, pour l'occupation définitive de Cotonou, de verser, annuellement, 20 000 F (or ou argent) au Roi du Dahomey. Mais cet accord ne sera pas ratifié par le parlement français à la suite d'une polémique en métropole. «*Le Dahomey a une fois de plus occupé la chambre. Il s'agissait de ratifier le traité conclu avec Béhanzin, monarque de ce pays. D'après ce traité, nous avons encore à lui verser annuellement une somme de 20 000 F. Quelques députés trouvaient ce cadeau inutile et ils avaient raison. Qu'avons-nous à gagner avec le Dahomey ? Rien, mais rien, absolument. Nous favorisons simplement les intérêts de deux ou trois grosses maisons de Marseille. (..) Nous avons des milliers d'ouvriers mineurs qui luttent pour obtenir un salaire leur permettant de vivre, et c'est à ce roitelet africain, sans importance, qu'on pense à envoyer de l'argent, au lieu de secourir les nôtres !» écrit L. SOURDILLON, dans le journal, «*Le Cri du peuple*». Le Parlement ayant refusé de ratifier le traité (108 pour, 389 contre), Sadi CARNOT ne payera pas la somme exigée par Béhanzin, considérée comme «*un tribut payé à la France au roi du Dahomey et une marque de vasselage*». C'est donc une grande crise entre la France et le Dahomey.

A la suite du départ de l'amiral CAVELIER de CURVILLE du Dahomey, une mission AUDEOUD est dépêchée auprès de Béhanzin. Le roi du

Dahomey demande si les 20 000 F lui seraient payés et quand ? Béhanzin réclame la restitution du trésor en cauris de Cotonou. Béhanzin se prépare à la guerre en achetant des armes aux Allemands et aux Anglais, et en se constituant un trésor de guerre avec la vente d'esclaves, à la suite de l'expédition d'Abeokuta de juin 1891. Les Français décident, le 27 septembre 1891, de construire aussi un port à Cotonou, une base logistique pour leurs expéditions militaires contre Béhanzin. Le Secrétaire d'Etat aux colonies avait déjà fait voter, les 12 et 13 avril 1891, des crédits de 3 millions, en prévision de cette guerre : «*Une opération sur Abomey pouvait seule mener au but, c'est-à-dire la puissance Béhanzin et assurer la sécurité de nos possessions du Bénin*» mentionne un rapport, du 15 avril 1891. Dès le 3 mai 1891, une compagnie de 144 tirailleurs sénégalais avait déjà débarqué à Cotonou. Le 30 avril 1891, le colonel DODDS est pressenti en qualité de commandant supérieur au Bénin, avec des pouvoirs civils et militaires. «*Ces gens-là se battent bien et ne craignent pas la mort. Il faudra du monde, beaucoup de monde, un corps expéditionnaire nombreux pour réduire le Dahomey*» dit le colonel TERRILLON.

Astucieux, vindicatif, très attaché à la souveraineté de son pays, d'un fort caractère et résolu, Béhanzin, le requin résistera, vaillamment, au colonisateur français. Béhanzin adresse aux Français des provocations et injures : «*Est-ce que j'ai été quelque fois faire la guerre contre vous ? Moi, je reste dans mon pays. (..) Je suis le roi des Noirs et les Blancs n'ont rien à voir à ce que je fais. Les villages dont vous parlez sont bien à moi, ils m'appartiennent et voulaient être indépendants, alors que j'ai envoyé les détruire et vous venez toujours vous plaindre. Je désirerai savoir combien de villages français indépendants ont été brisés par moi ? roi du Dahomey*» dit-il. En septembre 1891, Béhanzin reprend ses incursions dans les territoires dépendant de Porto-Novo ainsi que dans les pays des Watchis sous influence française. Le Résident français proteste, mollement, dans une

lettre du 21 septembre 1891. En novembre et décembre 1891, Béhanzin attaque la région d'Athiémé et de Grand-Popo. C'est la grande panique parmi les commerçants français. Le Résident français lance, le 10 décembre 1891, une mise en garde au Roi d'Abomey : «*Vos soldats viennent encore de piller Ouatchicomé, un pays des Ouatchis avec lequel le Dahomey n'a rien à faire. La France commence à se fatiguer de votre manière de faire et vous nous forcez à déchirer le traité, ce sera très mauvais pour vous*». Dans sa réponse datée du 2 janvier 1892, Béhanzin écrit : «*Obligé de vous demander une explication sur ce qu'on parle là et qui vous a obligé de m'écrire une lettre semblable. Alors, je suis le roi de tous les Noirs, et si quelconque de cette nation m'offense et que je veuille le punir, serait-il nécessaire que je donne satisfaction aux Blancs ? On a parlé beaucoup que je veux piller Grand-Popo et le territoire de Béta. Grand-Popo est mon pays. Je ne suis pas de votre égalité pour me faire une semblable insulte. Je trouve mieux, votre Excellence, rester à Porto-Novo tranquille~~t~~ et faire commerce et de me laisser et ne me déranger plus».

En mars 1892, Victor BALLOT est nommé lieutenant-gouverneur du Dahomey et adresse une lettre de protestation, du 28 mars 1892, à Béhanzin à la suite de l'attaque de Porto-Novo : «*Nous n'avons dû notre salut qu'à la bravoure de nos soldats et à la maladresse de nos guerriers»* et enjoint de s'abstenir de toute nouvelle incursion, dans ce territoire, relevant du «*drapeau français*». Dans sa réponse du 31 mars 1892, Béhanzin estime que ce territoire est dahoméen : «*Est-ce que j'ai été quelquefois en France faire la guerre contre vous ? Moi, je reste dans mon pays, et toutes les fois qu'une nation africaine me fait mal, je suis en droit de la punir. Cela ne vous regarde pas*» dit-il. Béhanzin écrit à nouveau : «*Je suis le roi des Noirs et les Blancs n'ont rien à voir à ce que je fais. Les villages dont vous parlez sont bien à moi*» lettre du 19 avril 1892 au lieutenant-gouverneur, Victor BALLOT.

Désormais, les colons qui préparent la guerre, refusent de répondre aux différentes lettres de Béhanzin.

Victor BALLOT monte l'expédition dirigée par Alfred Amédée DODDS (6 février 1842 à Saint-Louis – 18 juillet 1922, à Paris), un métis franco-sénégalais par ses deux parents (père Emery et mère, une Signare, Marie-Charlotte BILLAUD), qui débarque à Cotonou avec sept compagnies d'infanterie de 15 000 personnes, 800 légionnaires et escadrons de Spahis Sénégalais ; ce qui va changer, considérablement, la donne. Alfred DODDS, arrivé le 28 mai 1892, écrit à Béhanzin en sa qualité de commandant supérieur, pour l'enjoindre de libérer les trois otages français détenus à Ouidah. DODDS conteste les limites territoriales du royaume de Dahomey, telles que le conçoit Béhanzin : *«La première fois, je ne savais pas faire la guerre, maintenant je sais. Si vous commencez la guerre, j'ai des troupes prêtes pour cela. J'ai tant d'hommes qu'on dirait des Vers qui sortent des trous. Je suis le Roi des Noirs et les Blancs n'ont rien à voir à ce que je fais»* écrit Béhanzin. Dans une lettre du 2 juin 1892, DODDS intime l'ordre à Béhanzin de libérer les otages et retirer ses troupes de Cotonou et divers endroits. Béhanzin accepte l'échange de prisonniers, mais réaffirme sa souveraineté sur le Dahomey : «*Je vous ai déjà dit que ce pays est le mien. Je l'ai fortifié car j'ai appris que la France veut en secret, faire la guerre au Dahomey*» dit-il dans une lettre du 10 juin 1892. Les colons posent un blocus complet, à compter du 18 juin 1892. Alfred DODDS hausse le ton : «*Nous sommes en droit de ne plus attacher plus d'importance à vos prétendus droits de propriété sur le Bas-Ouémé»* écrit-il. Le 16 juillet 1892, le Ministre des colonies accorde à DODDS les renforts en effectifs demandés. Le 9 août 1892, par mesure de diversion, DODDS attaque par la côte et l'ouest de Cotonou.

Les Français déclareront la guerre à Béhanzin, son armée est composée de 22 000 combattants, sans cavalerie, avec un élément permanent les femmes,

appelées Amazones, et tous les sujets du Roi sont appelés au moment de la guerre : «*Chose étrange, c'est dans le pays où la polygamie est telle que le Roi peut avoir trois ou quatre mille épouses, c'est la région où elle est la plus maltraitée que la femme occupe la plus haute et la plus redoutable mission. (…) Les Amazones passent, à bon droit, pour le meilleur élément de l'armée dahomane, et leur roi avoue volontiers, que sans elles il ne gagnerait toujours pas des victoires*» écrit Armand DUBARRY. Les Amazones en référence à la mythologie, encore appelés «*Les Minos*», «*nos mères*» ou femmes du Roi, en langue Fon, sont des vestales renonçant aux plaisirs de la vie, comme les vierges antiques de Thémiscyre, et se vouant entièrement à la guerre. «*Les Amazones du Dahomey n'a rien à voir avec celle de l'Antiquité ; on les recrute parmi les pires mégères du pays. Une femme est-elle débauchée, acariâtre, indocile, insupportable, son époux ou ses parents en font cadeau au Roi qui l'enrégimente aussitôt»* prétend Alfred BARBOU. En fait, contrairement à cette propagande coloniale, l'origine de ces troupes de femmes remonte au XVIIIème siècle, sous le roi Agadja (1673-1740) confronté à un manque d'effectifs masculins. Pour Alain FOA, les origines de cette armée permanente, composée de femmes, remontent au règne de Ghézou, traumatisé par la révolte populaire qui avait détrôné le roi Adonozan, las de sa tyrannie et de ses cruautés. Une armée stable rendrait le Roi maître de la situation. Le roi Ghézo en fit une troupe d'élite. Elles sont recrutées soit parmi les enfants des chefs, soit parmi les jeunes captives confiées aux femmes du Roi. Ces Amazones, garde d'honneur accompagnant le Roi, ont un statut sacré et sont conditionnées pour résister à la douleur et ignorent la pitié. Les Amazones doivent rester vierges, et leur amant est aussitôt décapité, et généralement, «*elles ont la voix abominablement rauque, une voix de rogomme. Elles fument la pipe comme de vieux troupiers*» écrit Adolphe BADIN. Equipées d'un fusil et de longues machettes tranchantes, elles décapitent leurs ennemis et exhibent leur tête

tranchée ; ce qui peut démobiliser l'adversaire. «*Ce sont elles qui ont lutté avec le plus d'énergie contre nos troupes, et il a fallu souvent les tuer à coups de baïonnette pour leur faire abandonner le malheureux soldat sur lequel elles s'acharnaient, au cours d'une bataille* » écrit Jean BAYOL. En effet, la bravoure et surtout la loyauté des Dahoméens est reconnu par les colons : «*Tout sait que pendant la campagne de 1893, nos troupes ne rencontrèrent pas d'adversaires plus redoutables, plus vaillants, plus tenaces, que les bataillons féminins dont plusieurs accomplirent de vrais prodiges de bravoure»* écrit Paul MIMANDE. Un prisonnier des Dahoméens raconte, une scène au cours de laquelle son régiment avait fait prisonnier une Amazone, qui se débattait et d'un coup de dent enleva la moitié du nez d'un soldat français : «*Mais, tuez-là donc ! », nous cria le capitaine. Les fusils s'abaissèrent. Elle nous regarda fixement et tomba morte sous les balles, sans avoir seulement sourcillé. Elle avait sur la tête, celle-là, une sorte de bonnet rouge bordé de jaune, avec une tête d'animal fantastique dessiné grossièrement et surmontée d'une paire de cornes. Je regrette même de ne l'avoir pas ramassé, ce bonnet, attendu que j'avais promis à ma fiancée de lui en rapporter un*» écrit Adolphe BADIN. Les Amazones ont leur chanson préférée «*Dahomey ! Dahomey ! Tes filles sont plus courageuses que les hommes. Les lionnes sont plus terribles que les lions, car elles ont leurs petits à défendre. Et, nous les Amazones, nous avons à défendre, le Roi, notre Roi et notre Dieu».

Désormais, les forces françaises allaient se heurter à l'armée de cet État africain fortement organisé et dont les troupes d'élite étaient composées de femmes-soldats, les amazones. «*Vaincre ou mourir*» telle est la devise des Amazones. «*Le courage indomptable des guerriers et des Amazones, l'orgueil du roi Béhanzin, ont fait que l'armée dahoméenne a toujours tenu tête à nos troupes»* écrit Jean BAYOL. Elles se battent «*comme de véritables furies, en donnant à leur compagnon, l'exemple du courage et de la férocité. Leur rôle,*

à elles, est de viser l'ennemi aux jambes, puis de bondir sur les blessés, et de les achever en les égorgeant» écrit Adolphe BADIN. En effet, au mépris de la supériorité du feu français, elles se ruent à l'assaut. Certaines passent les lignes en rampant par terre sous les tirs pour chercher le corps-à-corps dans lequel elles excellent. «_Ces amazones sont des prodiges de valeur, elles viennent se faire tuer à 30 mètres de nos carrés_», écrira le capitaine JOUVELET dans ses mémoires. Avec lui, tous les hommes qui les ont combattues, impressionnés, saluent «_l'extrême vaillance_», «_l'indomptable audace_» de ces guerrières. «_Les guerriers du Dahomey ont une grande confiance en eux, n'ayant que très rarement subis d'échec contre les Noirs_» écrit Eduard DUNGLAS. «_Il y a quelques bons tireurs ; on les appelle les chasseurs d'éléphant et ce sont eux qu'on fait monter en haut des arbres pour mieux viser et canarder nos officiers. Leur arme véritable, l'arme nationale du Dahoméen, c'est le couteau-manchette. D'un coup, ils abattent la tête d'un homme avec la même facilité qu'un simple bambou. Ce sont de véritables soldats, très bien entraînés. Ils sont organisés méthodiquement et formés en bataillons_» écrit Alain BADIN. Le colonisateur, conscient de la grande valeur professionnelle des soldats dahoméens, les enrôlera dans son armée, une fois Béhanzin déchu de son titre. Ils ont «_résisté avec un héroïsme farouche aux troupes courageuses du général Dodds_» écrit Jean BAYOL.

Le courage des Amazones ne peut pourtant suffire à lutter contre les fusils et les pièces de canon de l'armée coloniale. Le 20 septembre 1892, Béhanzin attaque, mais ses troupes laissent sur le terrain 130 morts. En novembre 1892, les troupes d'Alfred DODDS se mettent en route sur Abomey et les Dahoméens, en dépit de l'inégalité des moyens, ont résisté : «_Les Dahoméens tiennent bon cependant. Les pertes sont : tués, le lieutenant Mercier, un légionnaire, deux tirailleurs ; blessés : trois artilleurs, deux soldats d'infanterie de marine, dix légionnaires, sept tirailleurs_», écrit Edouard AUBLET pour la journée du 2 novembre 1892. Cet auteur

signale, pour la journée du 3 novembre 1892 «*Trois heures durant, le carré résiste à chaque attaque générale sur toutes les faces qui sont enfilées et prises à revers, l'intérieur du camp est couvert de projectiles, le capitaine Rouget et le lieutenant Jacquot tombent blessés. L'acharnement mis par les soldats de Béhanzin dans leur attaque a été grand. (..) Béhanzin a encore assez de prestige et d'autorité pour lancer ses troupes à l'assaut des Blancs et de la défensive opiniâtre repasser à l'offensive la plus audacieuse».* Les pertes du côté français : tués deux artilleurs et deux légionnaires ; blessés : un capitaine, un médecin, deux lieutenants, 25 Européens et 29 Tirailleurs.

Le colonel DODDS, nommé général de brigade le 9 novembre 1892, après avoir quelques jours hésité à entrer dans Abomey, engage des pourparlers avec Béhanzin. L'arrivée des Français, le 17 novembre 1892, dans Abomey, sonne le glas de ces combattantes de légende que sont les Amazones. Le général DODDS proclame, dans une note du 18 novembre 1892 que «*les intérêts du peuple dahoméen sont désormais entre les mains de la France*». Béhanzin est déchu de son titre de monarque : «*En vertu des pouvoirs qui nous sont conférés, déclarons que le roi Béhanzin-Ahy-Djéré est déchu du trône de Dahomey et banni à jamais de ce pays ; le royaume de Dahomey est, et demeure placé sous le protectorat exclusif de la France*» écrit, à Porto-Novo, le 3 décembre 1892, le général Alfred DODDS. Les conditions de la paix jugées inacceptables, Béhanzin met le feu à Abomey et se retire vers le Nord.

Les Français ont installé, le 15 janvier 1894, le prince Goutchili, intronisé sous le nom d'Agoli-Agbo (1850-1950), un frère de Béhanzin, en qualité de roi fantoche ; il restera au pouvoir jusqu'en 1900. Goutichilli sera, par la suite déporté au Gabon. Le royaume du Dahomey fut morcelé en cercles administratifs, placés sous l'autorité d'administrateurs coloniaux. La résignation obséquieuse du nouveau roi, est perçue par les Dahoméens, comme un désastre national : «*Prends garde Dahomey, Allada a trébuché,*

***mais n'est pas tombé grâce aux Français !*»**. **Réfugié dans la forêt, Béhanzin a échappé un certain temps aux poursuites d'Alfred DODDS. La tradition orale veut que le roi du Dahomey ait été protégé, pendant ce temps, par des pouvoirs magiques, il aurait emporté avec lui, l'amulette du Dahomey, un bétyle aux grands pouvoirs. Le prince Goutchili dévoile aux Français la cache de Béhanzin qui se rend à Alfred DODDS. Béhanzin «*fut livré par un de ses frères, ancien général en chef de son armée, qui n'hésita pas entre l'offre qu'on lui fit de le proclamer roi et la trahison*» écrit Paul MIMANDE. Sur les indications de Goutchili, Béhanzin est capturé, dans la nuit du 25 au 26 janvier 1894, au village d'Acachapca. Le traité du 29 janvier 1894 marque la fin du conflit. La déclaration de réédition de Béhanzin, homme de culture et talentueux, est émouvante : «*Compagnons d'infortune, derniers amis fidèles, vous savez dans quelles circonstances, lorsque les Français voulurent accaparer la terre de nos aïeux, nous avons décidé de lutter. Nous avions la certitude de conduire notre armée à la victoire. Quand mes guerriers se levèrent, par milliers, pour défendre le Danhomé et son Roi, j'ai connu avec fierté, la même bravoure que manifestaient ceux d'Agadjia, de Tegbessou, de Ghézo et de Glélé. Dans toutes les batailles, j'étais à leurs côtés. Malgré la justesse de notre cause et notre vaillance, nos troupes compactes furent décimées en un instant. Elles n'ont pu défaire les ennemis blancs dont nous louons aussi le courage et la discipline. Et déjà ma voie éplorée n'éveille plus d'écho. Où sont maintenant les ardentes Amazones qu'enflammait une sainte colère ? Où, leurs chefs indomptables : Goudémé, Yéwé, Kétungan ? Où, leurs robustes capitaines : Godogbé, Chachabloukou, Godjila ? Qui chantera leurs splendides sacrifices ? Qui dira leur générosité ? Puisqu'ils ont scellé dans leur sang le pacte suprême de fidélité, comment accepterais-je, sans eux, une quelconque abdication ? Comment oserais-je me présenter devant vous, braves guerriers, si je signais le papier du*

***Général ? Non ! A mon destin, je ne tournerai plus le dos. Je ferai face et je marcherai. Car la plus belle victoire sur une armée ennemie ou des adversaires condamnés au silence du cachot. Est victorieux, l'Homme resté seul et qui continue de lutter dans son cœur. Je ne veux pas qu'aux portes du pays des morts, le douanier trouve des souillures à mes pieds. Quand je vous reverrai, je veux que mon ventre s'ouvre de joie. Maintenant advienne de moi ce qui plaira à Dieu ! Qui suis-je pour que ma disparition soit une lacune pour la terre ? Partez-vous aussi, derniers compagnons vivants. Rejoignez Abomey où les nouveaux maîtres promettent une douce alliance, la vie sauve et, paraît-il la liberté. Là-bas, on dit que déjà renaît la joie, il paraît que les Blancs vous seront aussi favorables que la pluie qui drape les flamboyants de velours rouge ou le soleil qui dore la barbe soyeuse des épis. Compagnons disparus, héros inconnus d'une tragique épopée, voici l'offrande du souvenir : un peu d'huile, un peu de farine et du sang de taureau. Voici le pacte renouvelé avant le grand départ. Adieu, soldat, adieu !*».

Béhanzin, toujours attaché à l'amitié avec la France, on lui a fait croire qu'il allait à Paris, négocier avec Sadi CARNOT. En fait, de 1894 à 1906, il a été déporté sur l'île de la Martinique où, avec sa famille et sa suite, il résidait au Fort Tartenson. Le budget pour les dépenses de son installation et l'entretien quotidien de sa cour a été progressivement diminué. Il sera transféré dans une autre villa. En 1897, il licencie son interprète et, en 1899, à la mort de son secrétaire, son fils, Ouanilo, devient son secrétaire particulier. Pendant cet exil de douze années, Béhanzin entreprend alors d'écrire aux autorités françaises afin de lui permettre de revenir au Dahomey. Béhanzin, qui se présente comme un «*ami de la France*» abusée par le roi Toffa, ne cesse d'écrire aux autorités françaises pour solliciter son retour au Dahomey : «*Depuis mon départ du Dahomey, les climats étrangers ont fatigué ma santé. Mes sentiments ne*

***doivent pas rester inconnus après une si longue absence. (…) Il me tarde à rendre à mon père les honneurs funéraires qui sont dus aux Rois de mon pays*» écrit-il le 17 octobre 1898 au président français. Il écrit aussi, le 10 octobre 1902, au député de la Guadeloupe Gaston REACHE-GERVILLE (1854-1908) considéré comme «*influent*» et «*généreux*» ; les huit années d'exil ont ruiné sa santé. Il écrit aussi au gouverneur du Dahomey en invoquant son entière ?? dans son humanité et son esprit de justice et relate que sa santé décline. «*Je serai pour la France, pour la politique française un agent dévoué et un fidèle ami, propagateur de ses idées*» écrit-il au gouverneur le 28 février 1903. Il adressera également une lettre le 10 août 1903 au gouverneur du Dahomey.**

Agé, malade et après des interventions du député Gaston REACHE-GERVILLE, Béhanzin reçoit un appui du député Gaston GERVILLE-REACHE et Hildevert-Adolphe LARA, directeur d'un journal. Mais Victor BALLOT, consulté, émet à chaque fois, un avis défavorable pour le retour de Béhanzin au Dahomey. Cependant, la France décide de le renvoyer, en 1906, en Algérie, en passant par l'Exposition coloniale de Marseille. L'abbé DUCROCQ a écrit un ouvrage sur le séjour en Algérie intitulé «*Béhanzin s'ennui*». Suivant cet auteur : «*Malgré ses pipes, malgré ses alcools, malgré ses femmes, malgré sa cour, malgré mille divertissements organisés en son honneur, le Roi se déprime, il dépérit. D'aucuns prétendent l'avoir entendu fredonner l'air fameux : Rendez-moi ma patrie ! ou laissez-moi mourir !*» écrit-il. Béhanzin meurt d'une pneumonie le 10 décembre 1906, à l'âge de 64 ans, à Blida, en Algérie. Sa dépouille retrouve le sol ancestral : il est solennellement inhumé à Djimé (Abomey), le 9 mars 1928.

Lors de la réédition de Béhanzin, les objets saisis par l'armée arrivent sur le territoire français, mais aucun inventaire ne permet de connaître l'étendue du «*butin de guerre*». Certaines collections privées et publiques

attestent toutefois une grande dispersion des objets, dans l'espace et dans le temps, après le retour des officiers français. Entre 1893 et 1895, le général DODDS et le capitaine FONSSAGRIVES donnent au musée d'Ethnographie du Trocadéro à Paris vingt-sept objets pris pendant la conquête coloniale du nouveau Dahomey (Statues en fer du dieu Gou, le siège royal saisi à Cana). Ces objets ont été transférés, par la suite au Musée Jacques CHIRAC, Quai Branly. A l'occasion du centenaire de la mort de Béhanzin, une exposition, en collaboration du Musée du Quai Branly et la Fondation Zinzou, s'est tenue à Paris, pendant trois mois, en 2006-2007, autour du thème : «*Béhanzin, roi d'Abomey*». 275 000 visiteurs sont venus honorer cet événement. La France refuse toujours de restituer ce trésor au Bénin : «*Les biens que vous évoquez ont été intégrés de longue date, parfois depuis plus d'un siècle, au domaine public mobilier de l'Etat français»* estime la France.

Le «*Dowomé*», le palais de Béhanzin a été rénové, en 2006, en coopération avec le Japon et l'UNESCO, et déclaré patrimoine mondiale de l'humanité, en hommage à sa résistance au colonialisme. «*L'Adoxo*» ou la tombe de Béhanzin est dans la troisième cour. Un problème majeur de notre temps, reste celui de la souveraineté des Etats africains, riches en matières premières, mais maintenus encore en esclavage.

Le message marquant de son action anticoloniale est représenté par sa statue, érigée sur la place Goho à Abomey, au Bénin ; cette statue représente Béhanzin, drapé dans son pagne royal, la main tendue vers l'avant intimant l'arrêt. Ce monument se trouvant à l'entrée de la ville d'Abomey, représente la résistance face au colon ainsi que le refus de laisser sa patrie aux mains de l'étranger. «*Le Requin se rend. Mais, les fils du Requin ne trahiront pas*», tel est son message testament. «*GBÊHANZIN, le combattant de la liberté, est plus grand que son vainqueur, plus grand couché que debout. Il a acquis sa stature de héros en affrontant l'armée d'un Etat*

***puissant, la France, comme Toussaint LOUVERTURE, le champion de l'indépendance de Haïti, originaire du Danxomé, qui tint tête aux troupes de NAPOLÉON 1er*» dira Jean PLIYA,**

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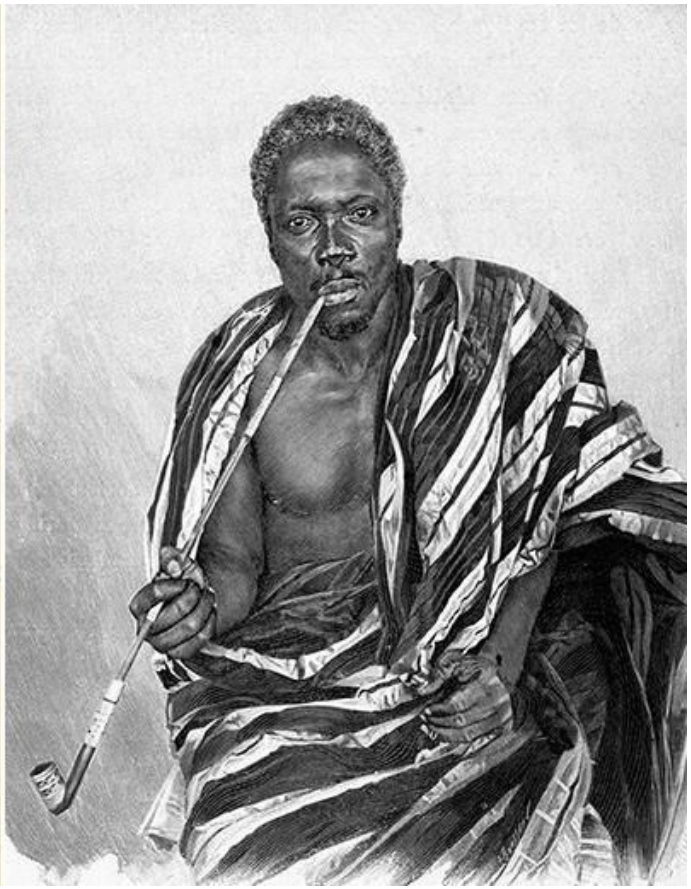

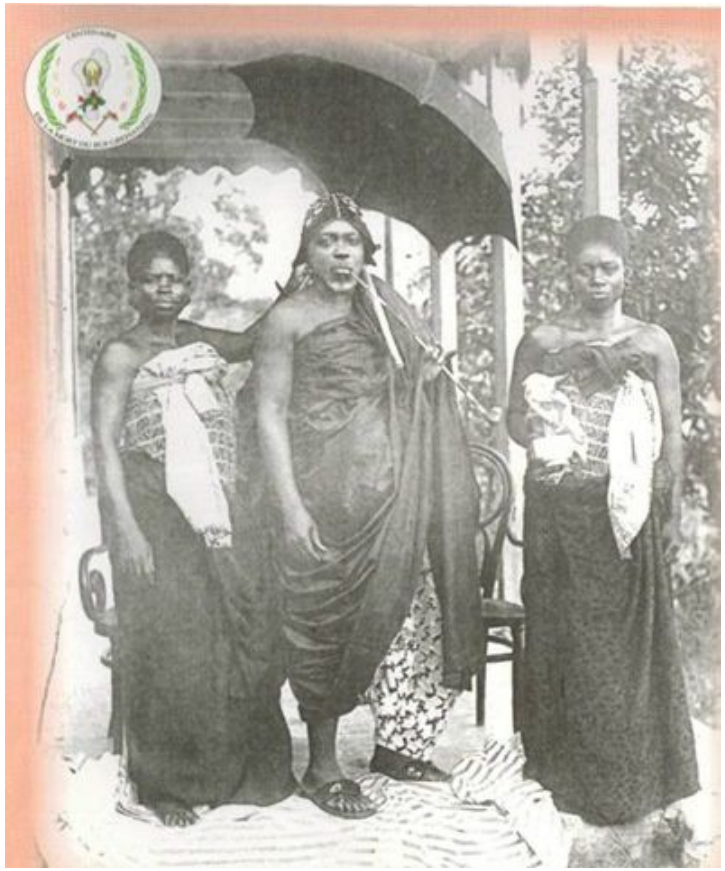

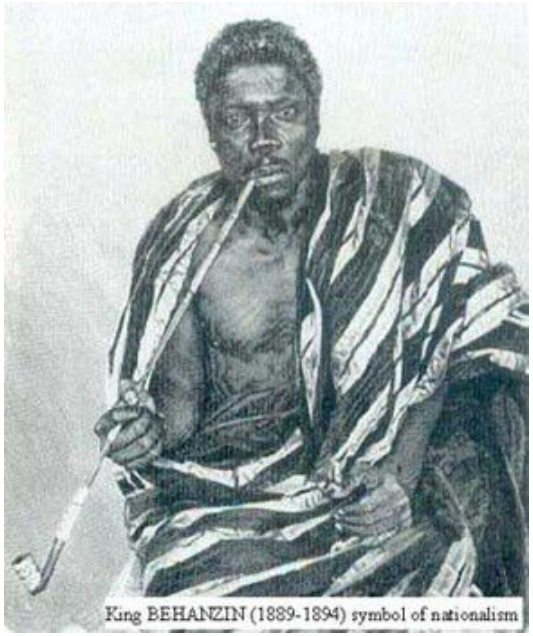

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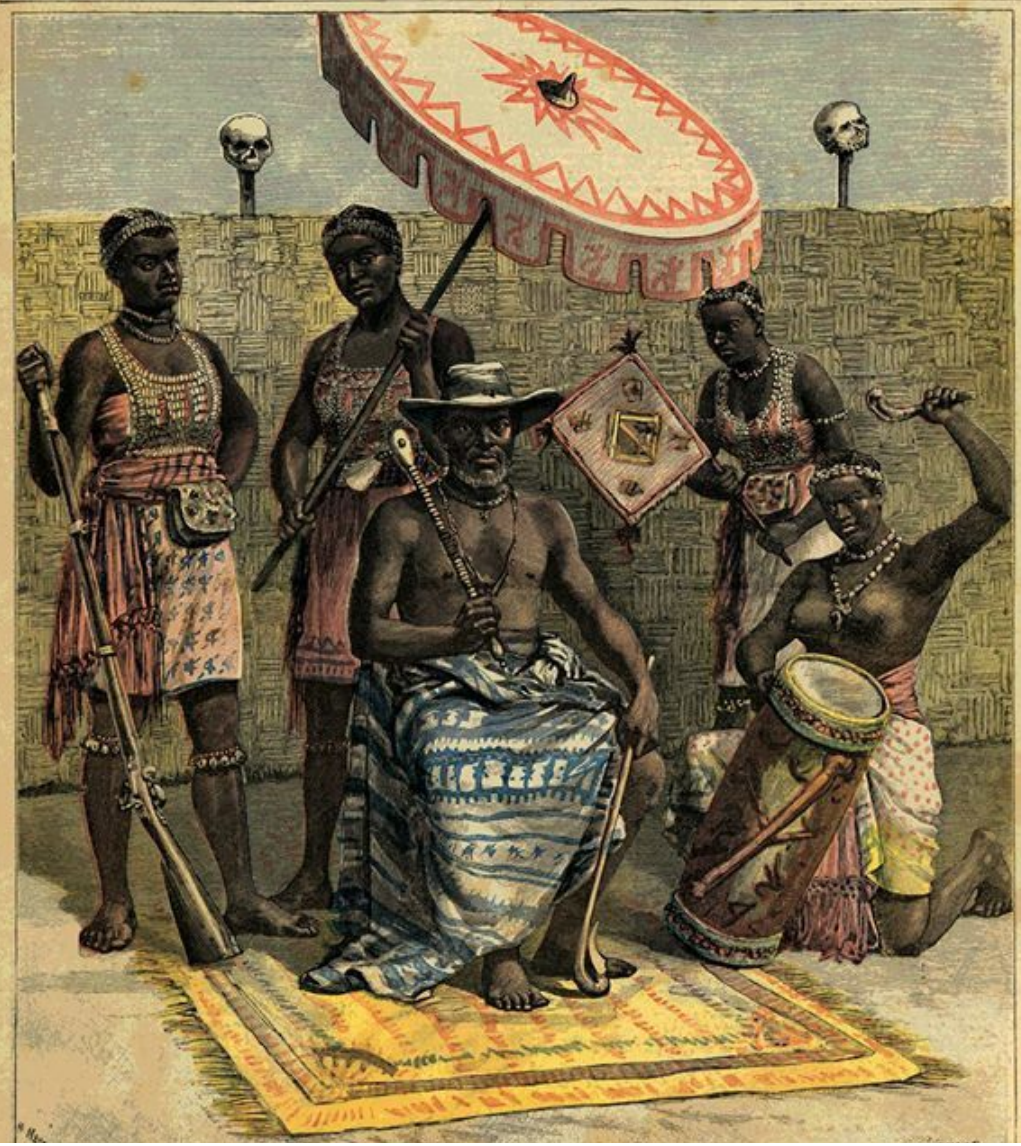

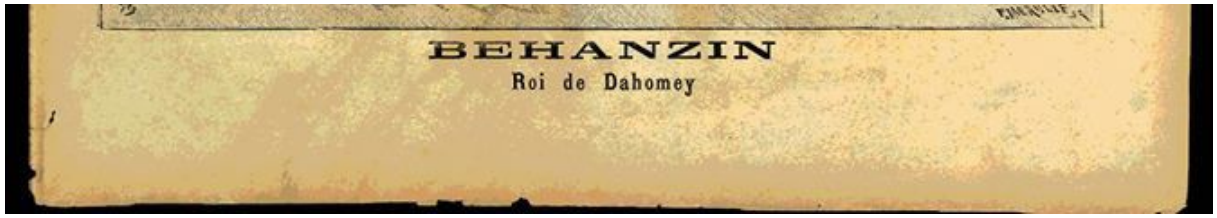

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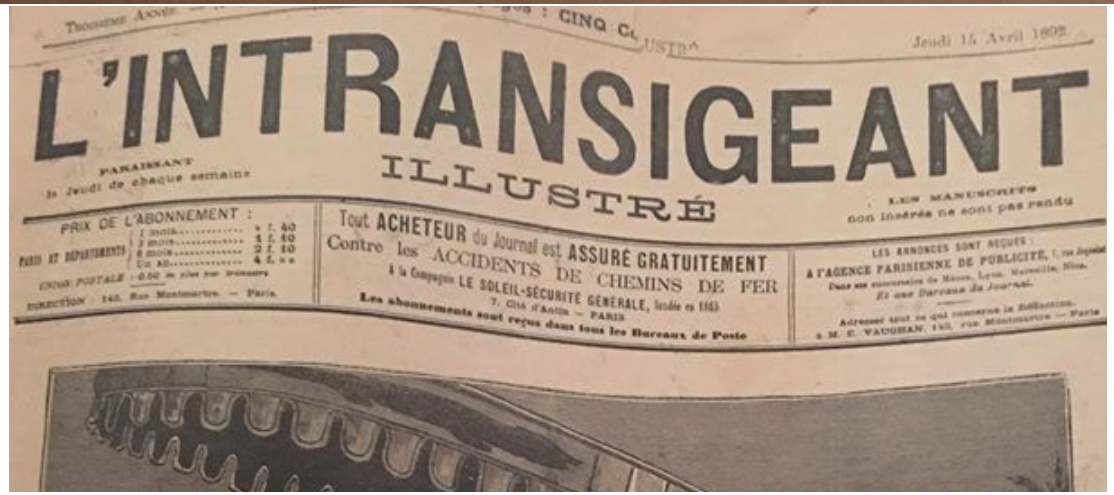
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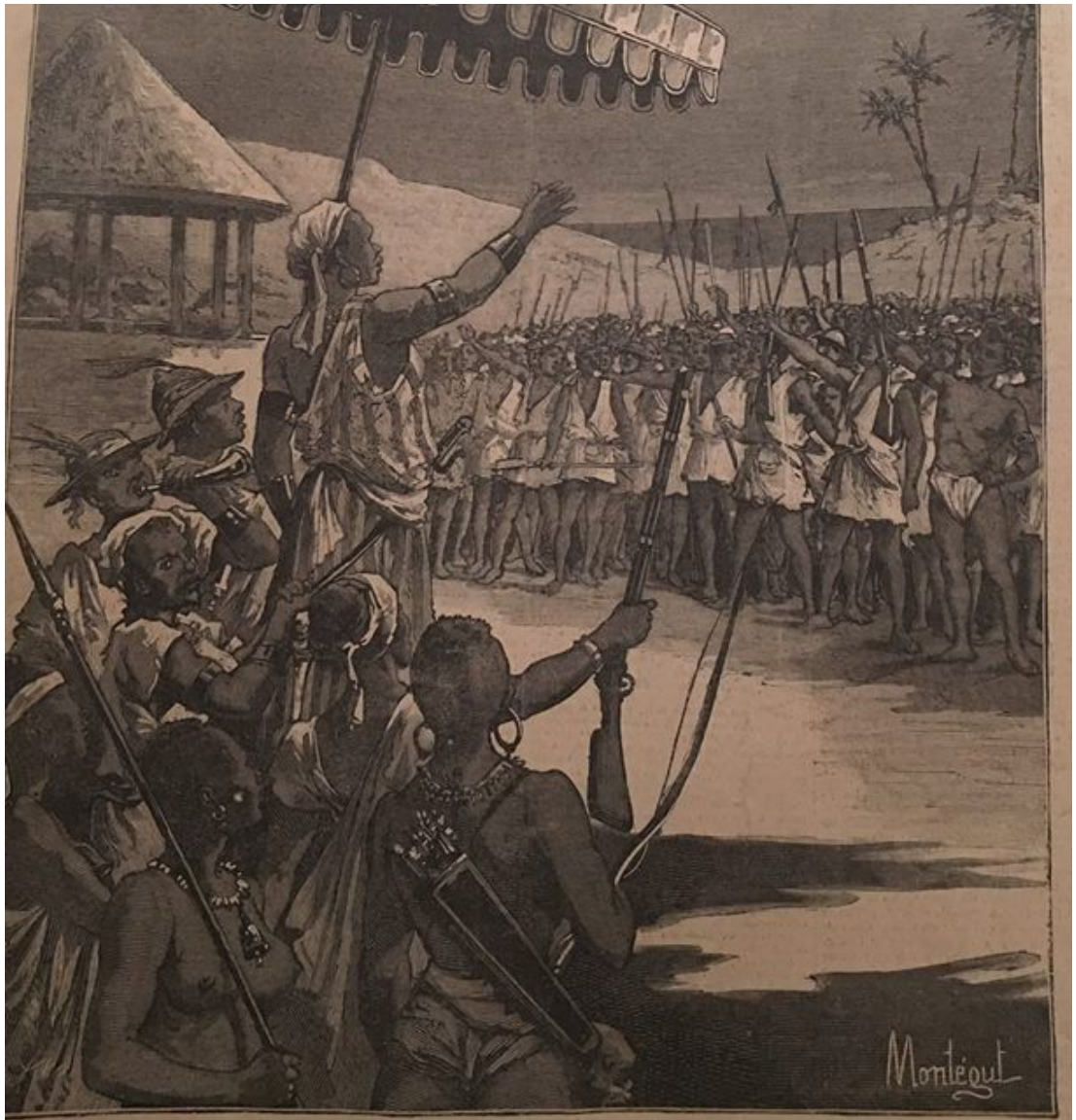

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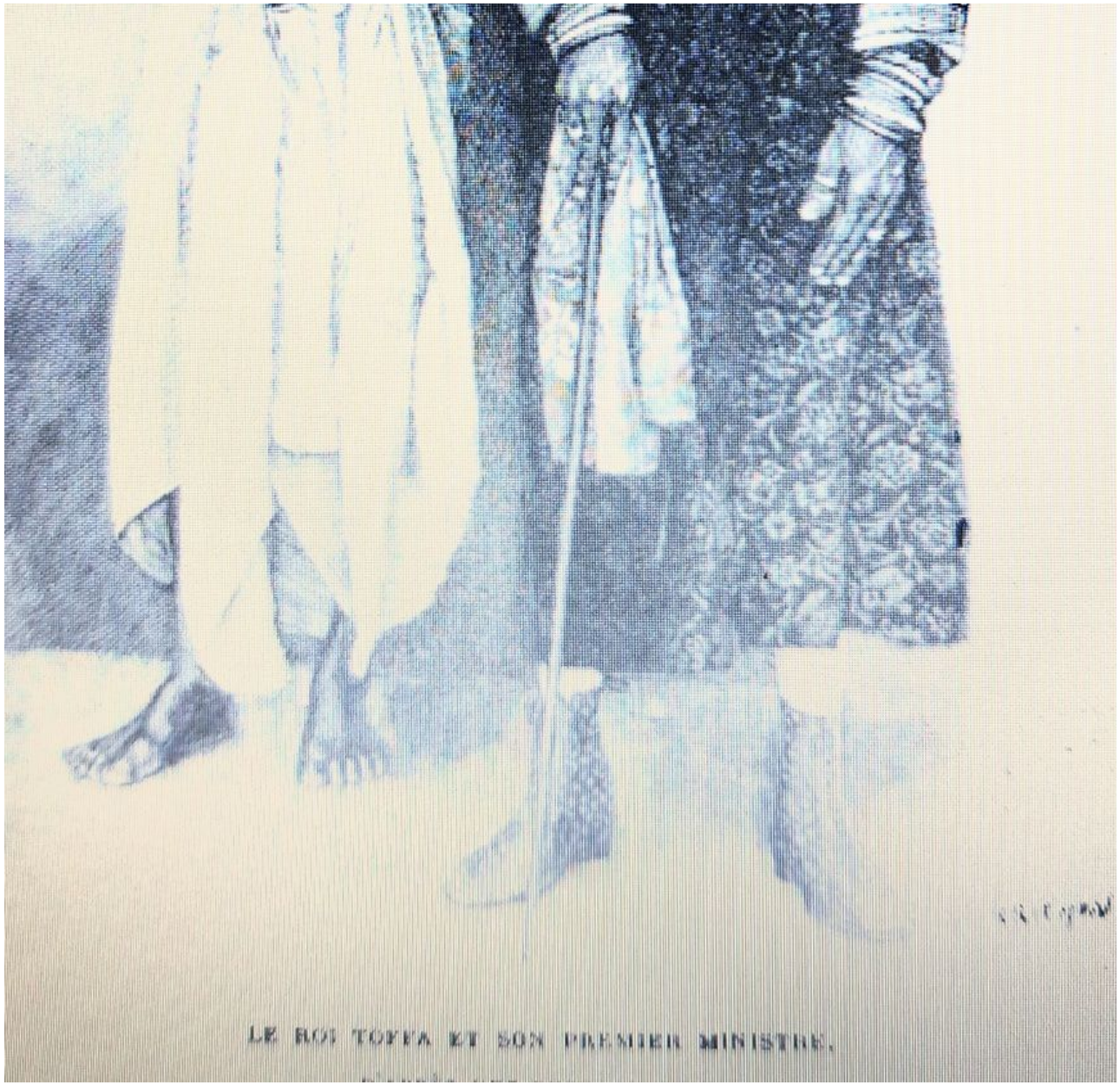

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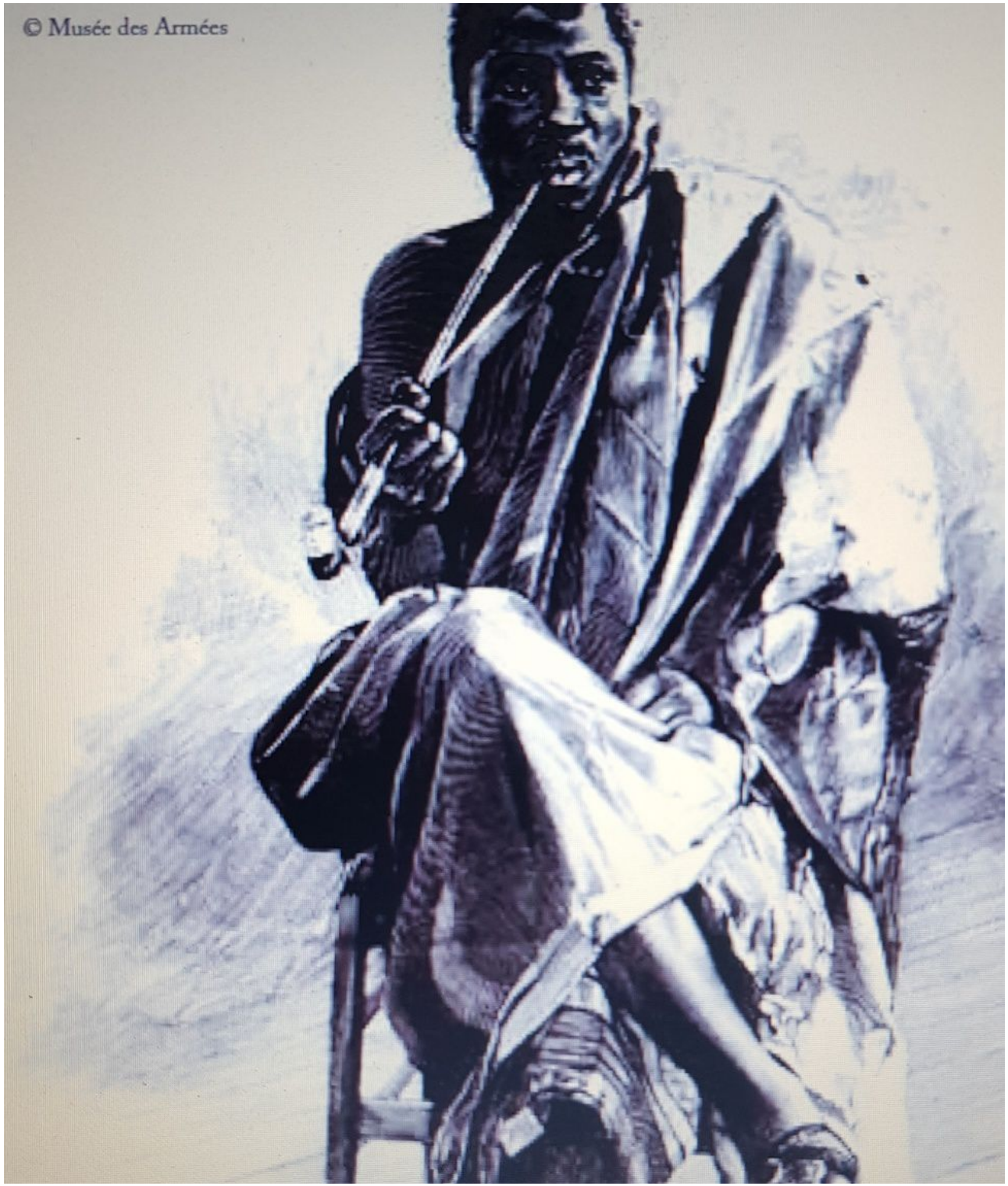
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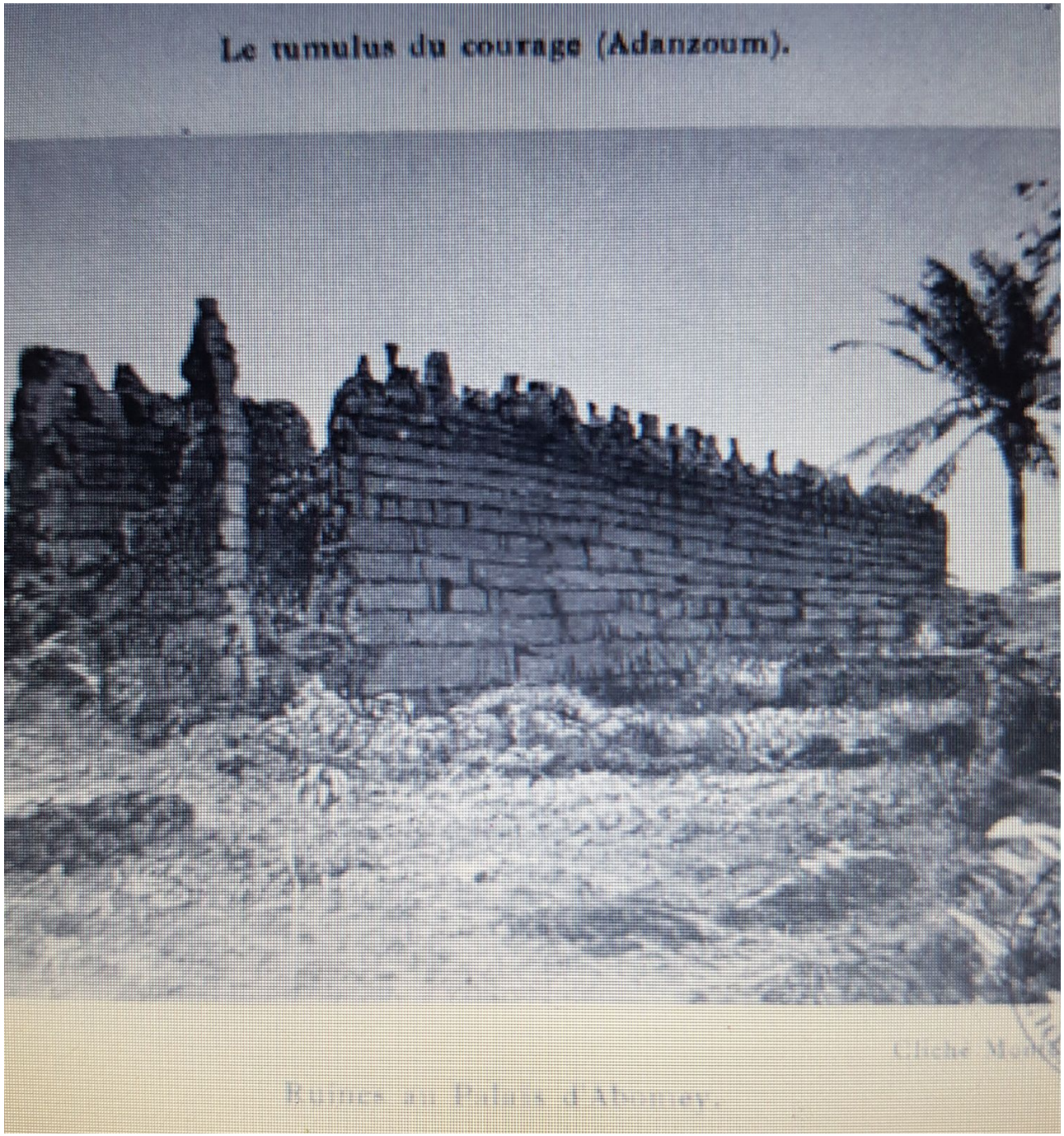

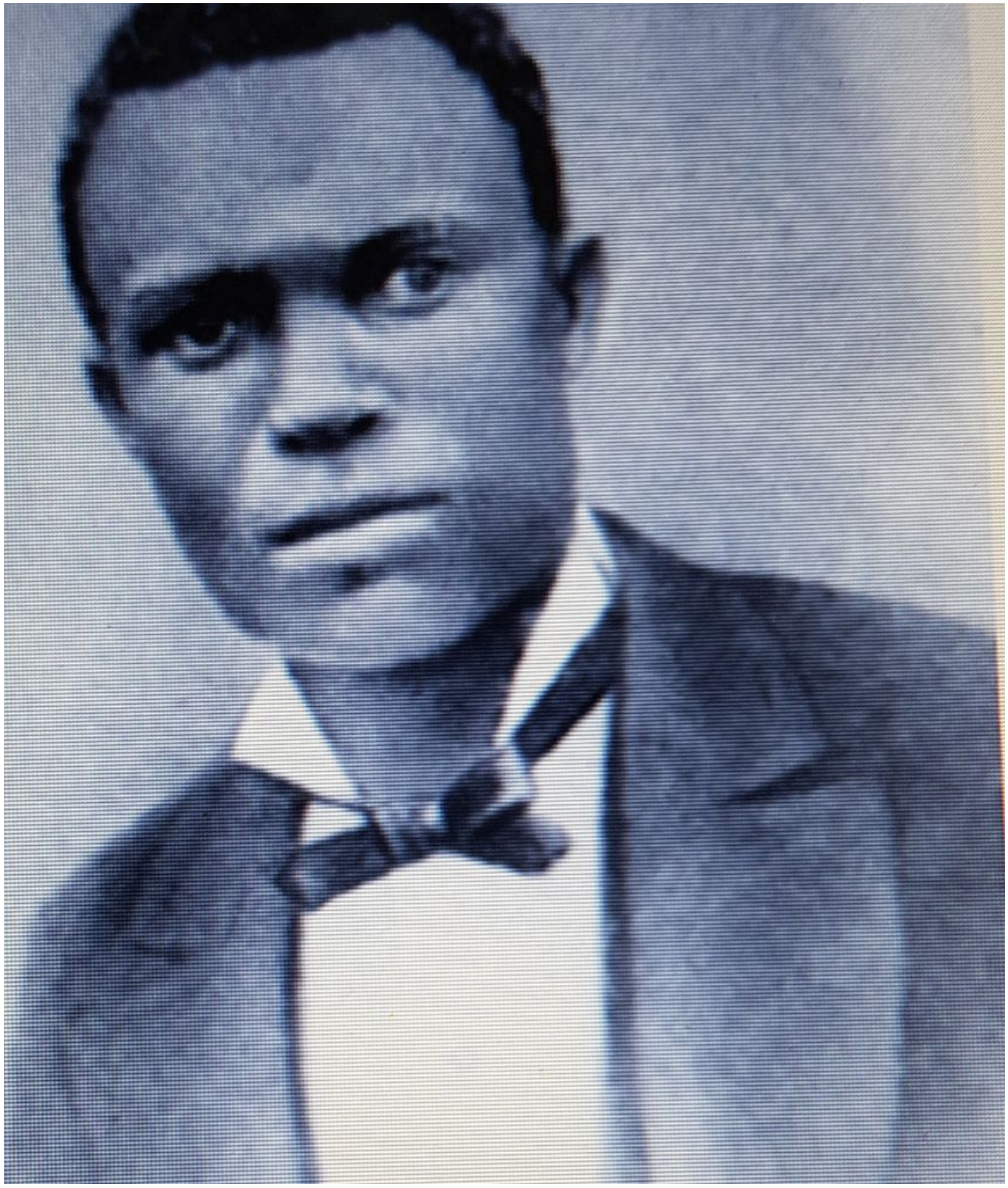

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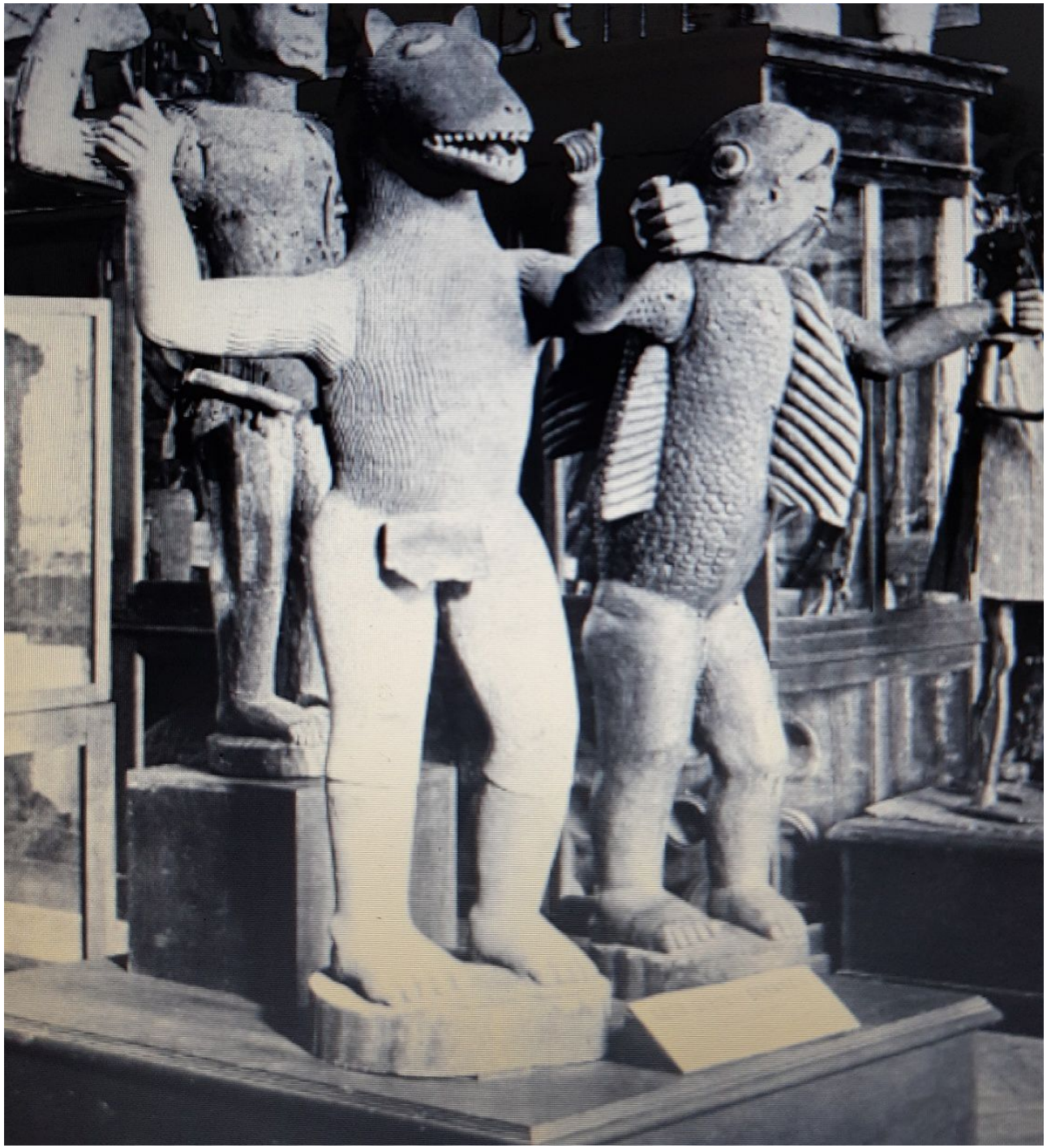

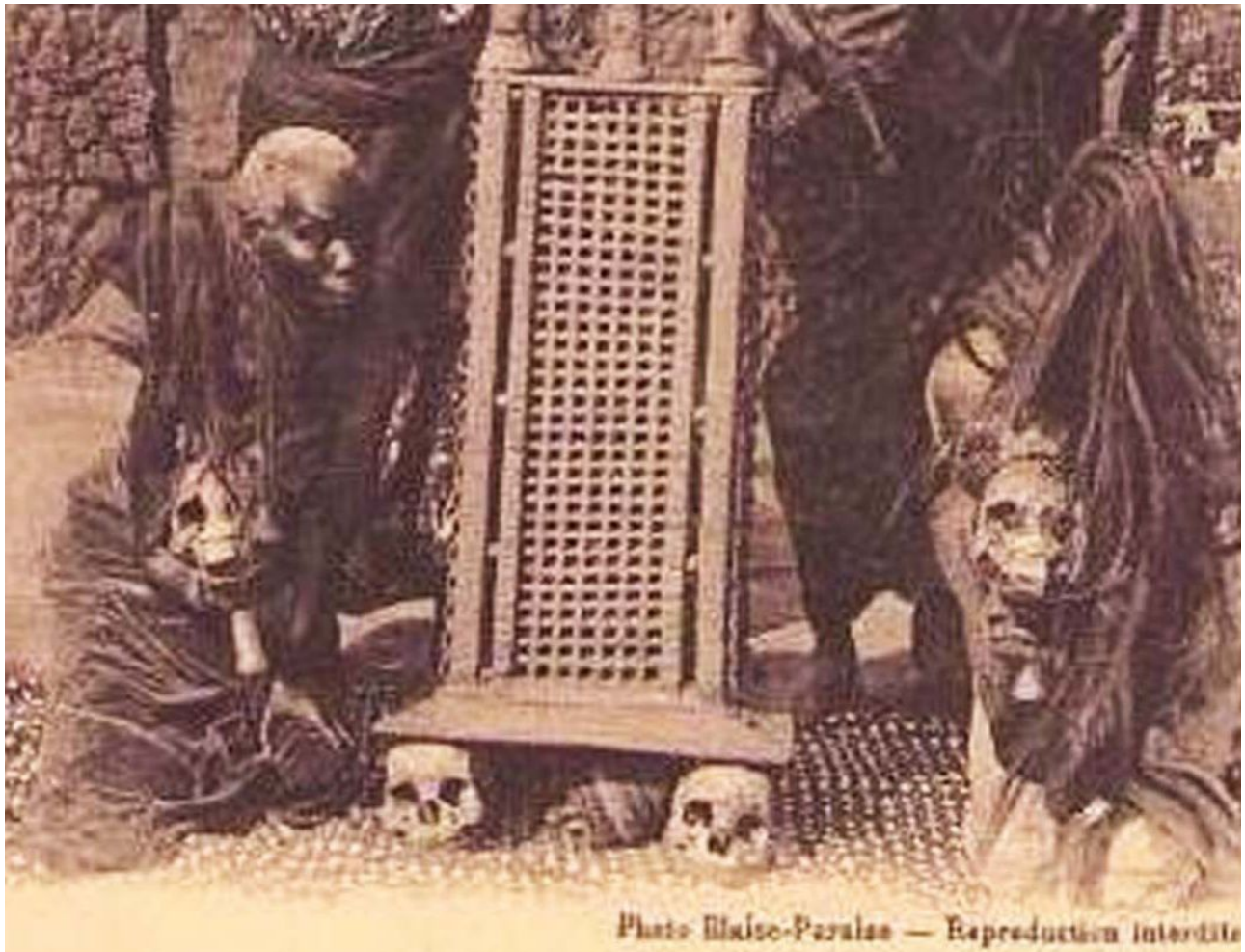

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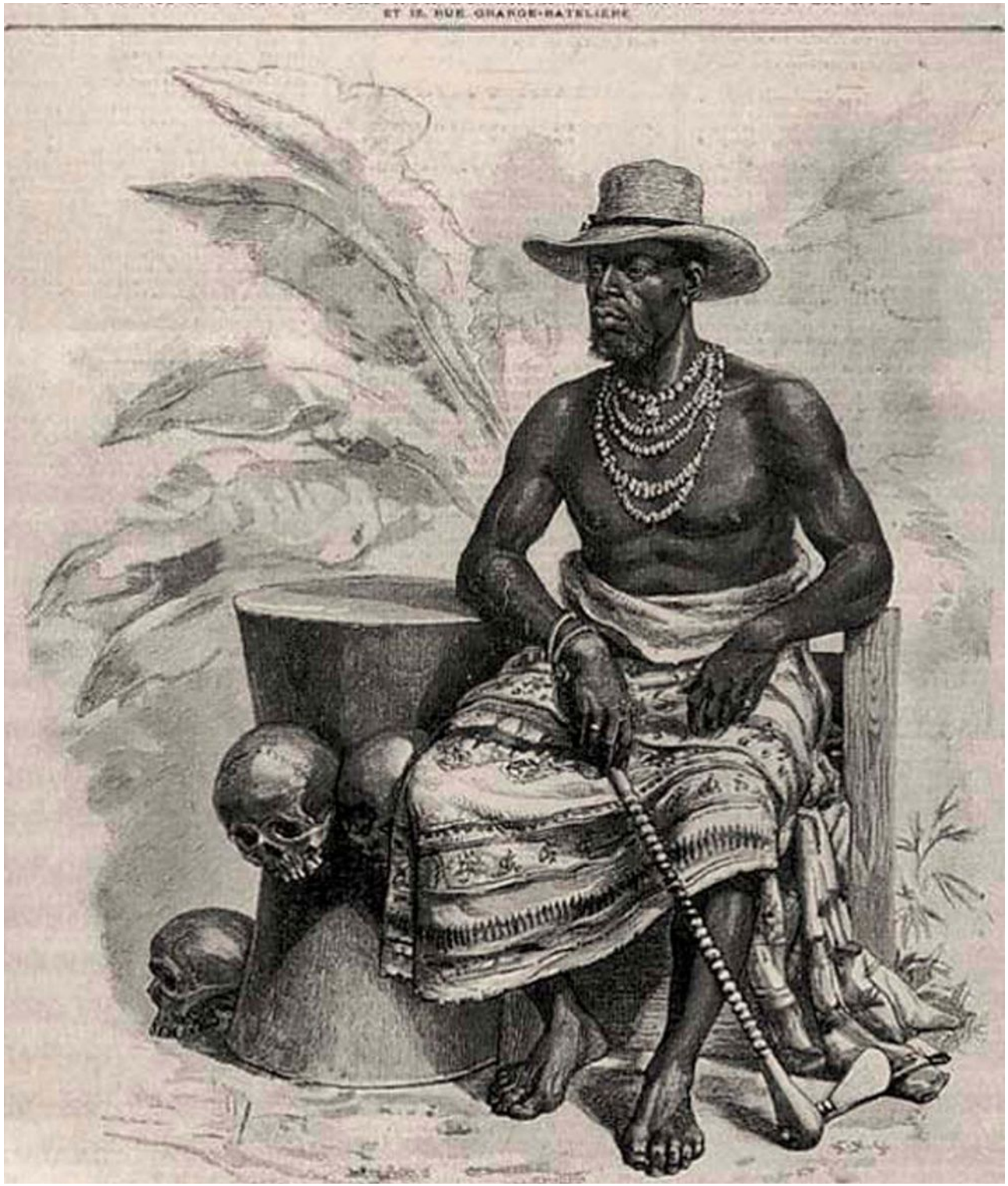

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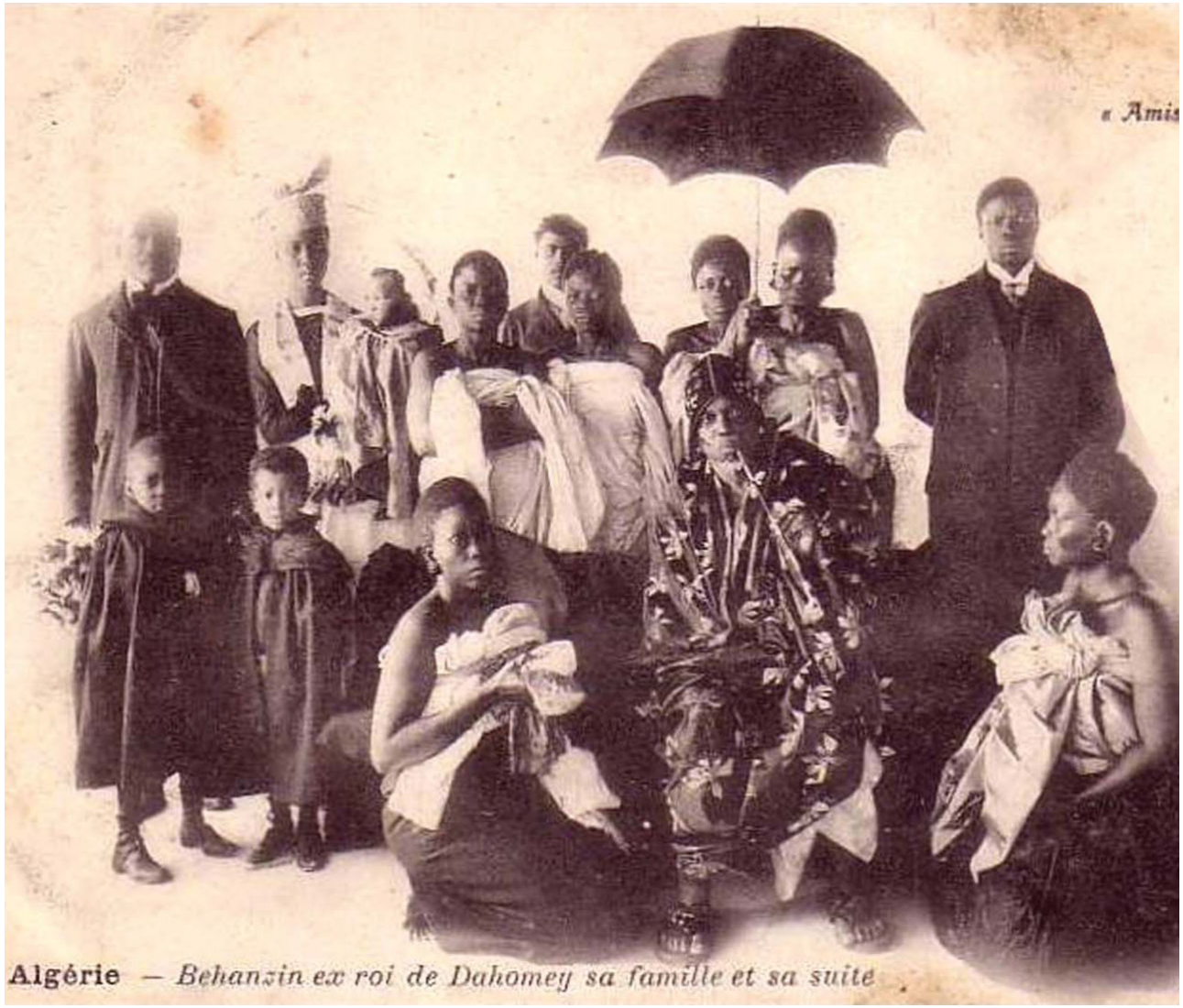

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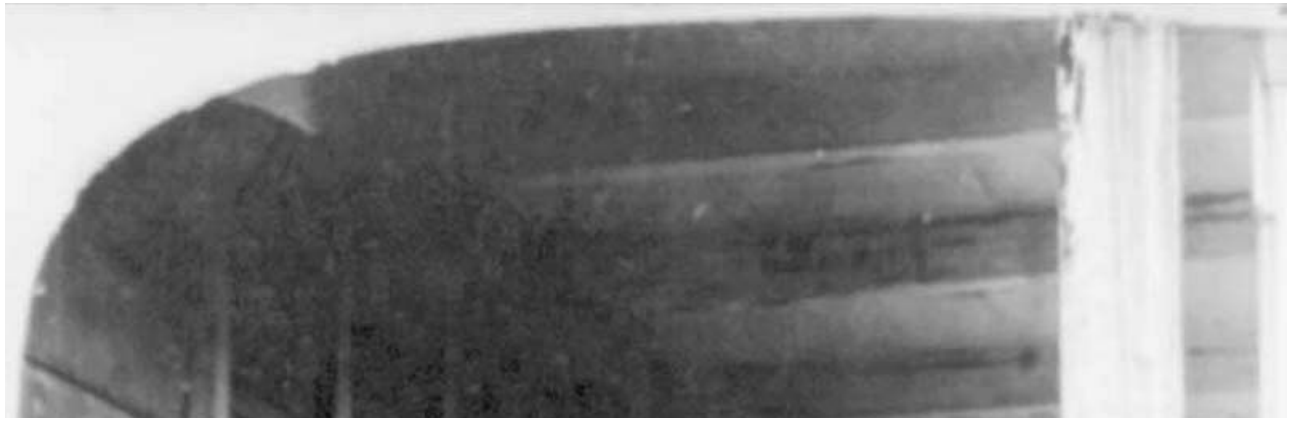

King Bihuazin of Dahomey, and his two wives—French governm+nt
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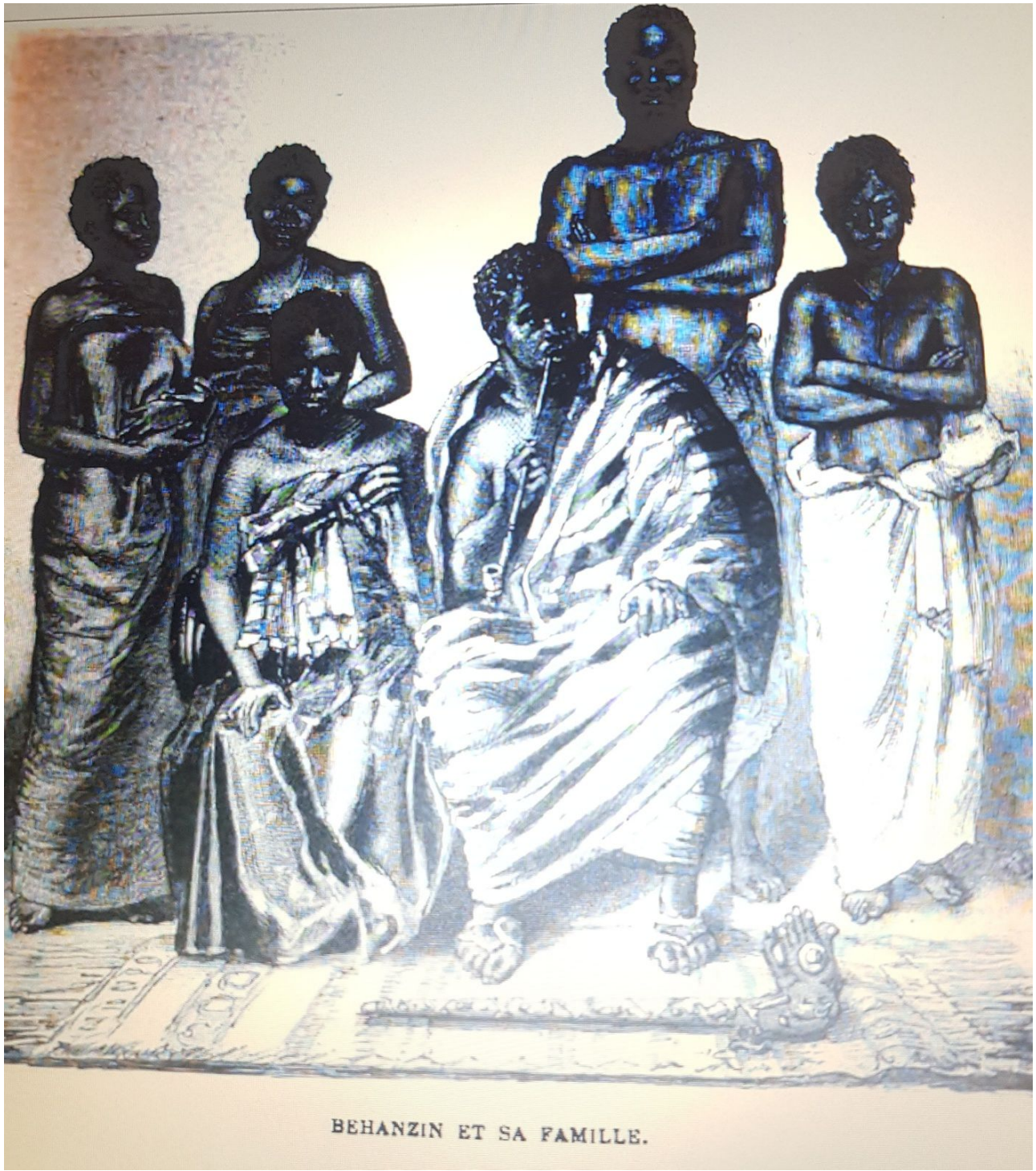

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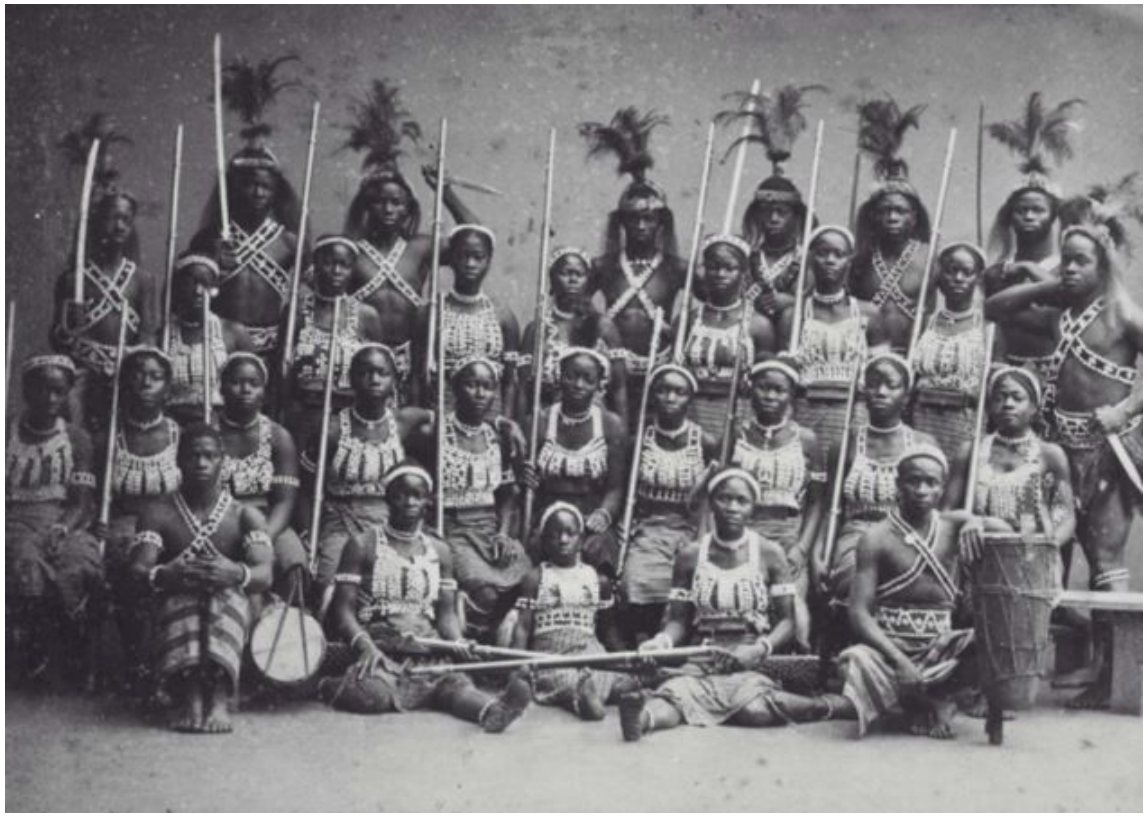

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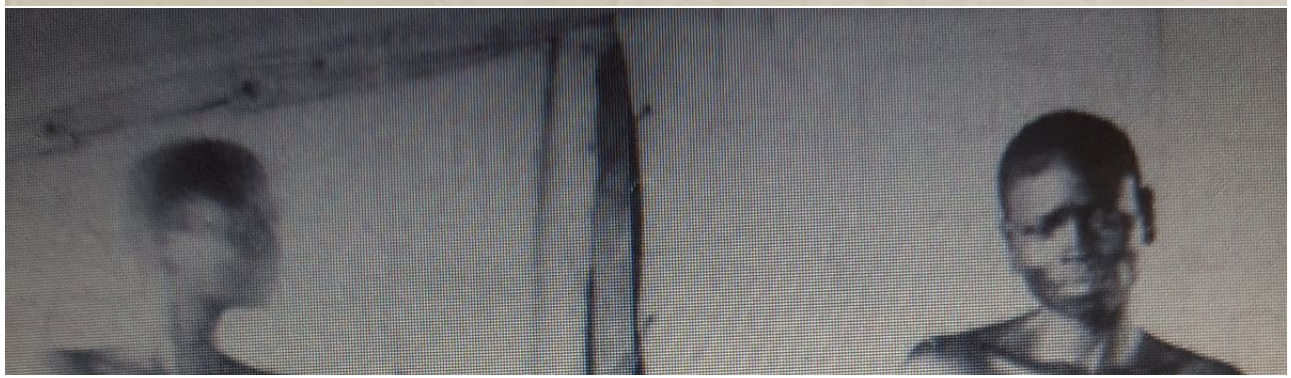
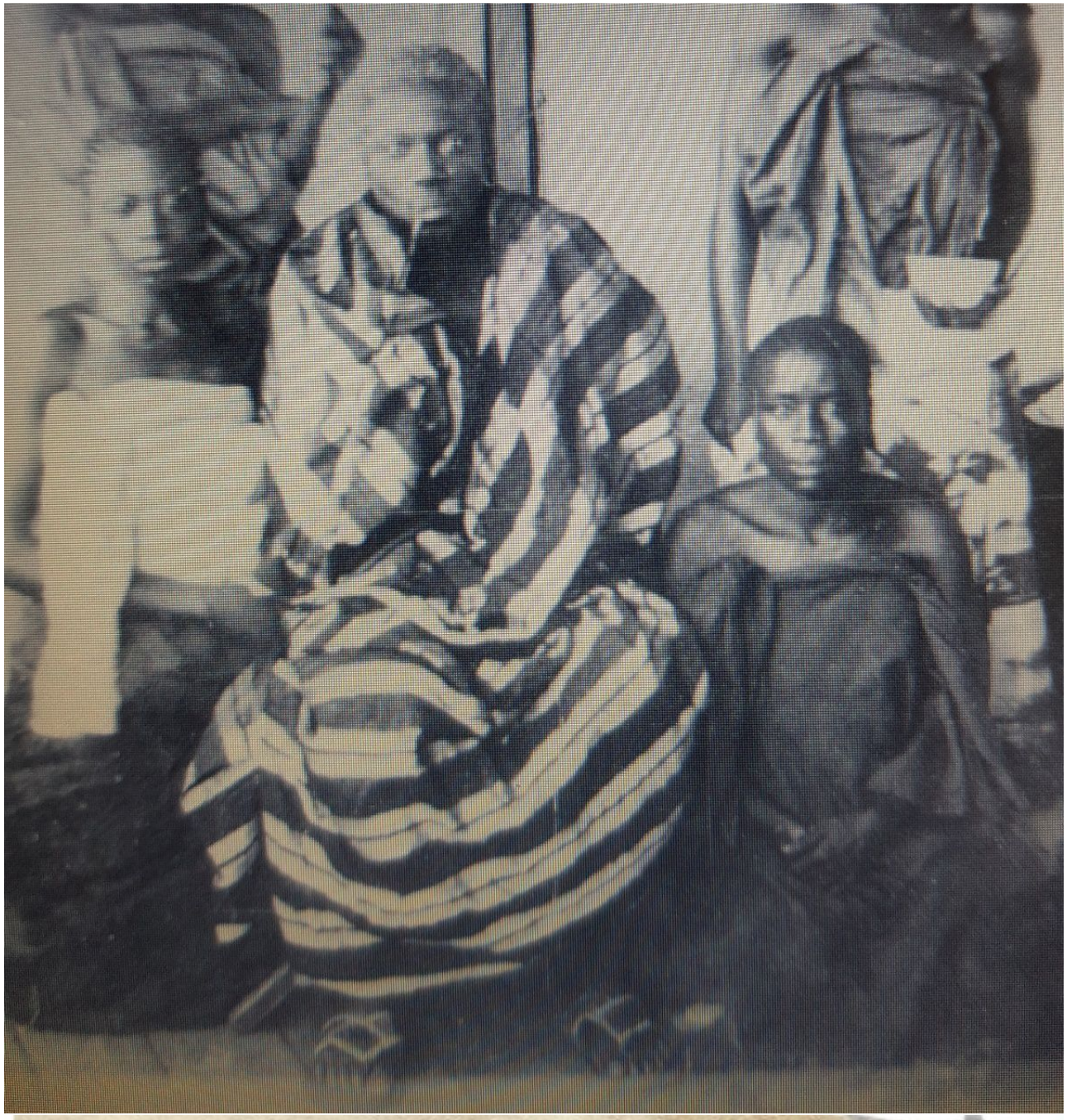
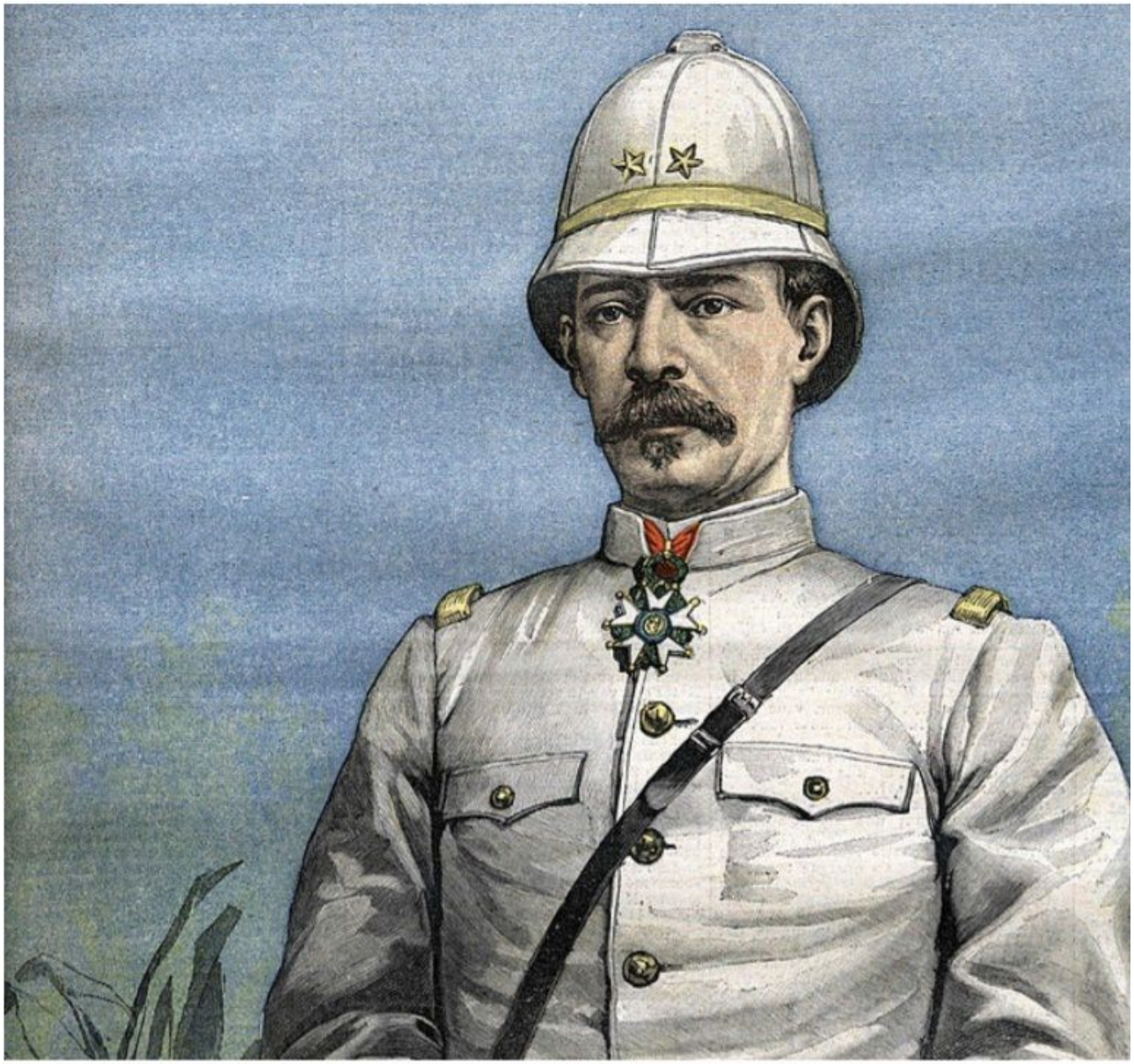




Statue de Béhanzin à Abomey

Statue de Béhanzin sous la forme d'un homme requin (par Sossa Adede, vers 1890)



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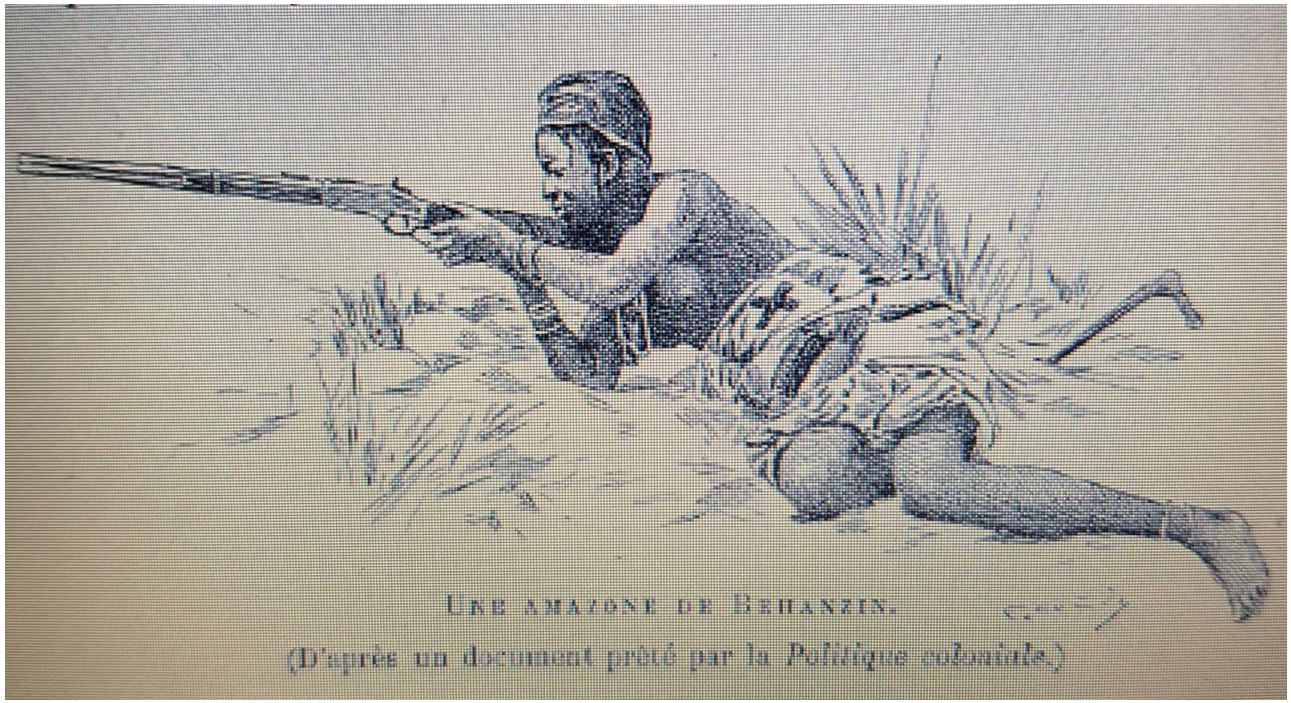

Une amazone de Behanzin.

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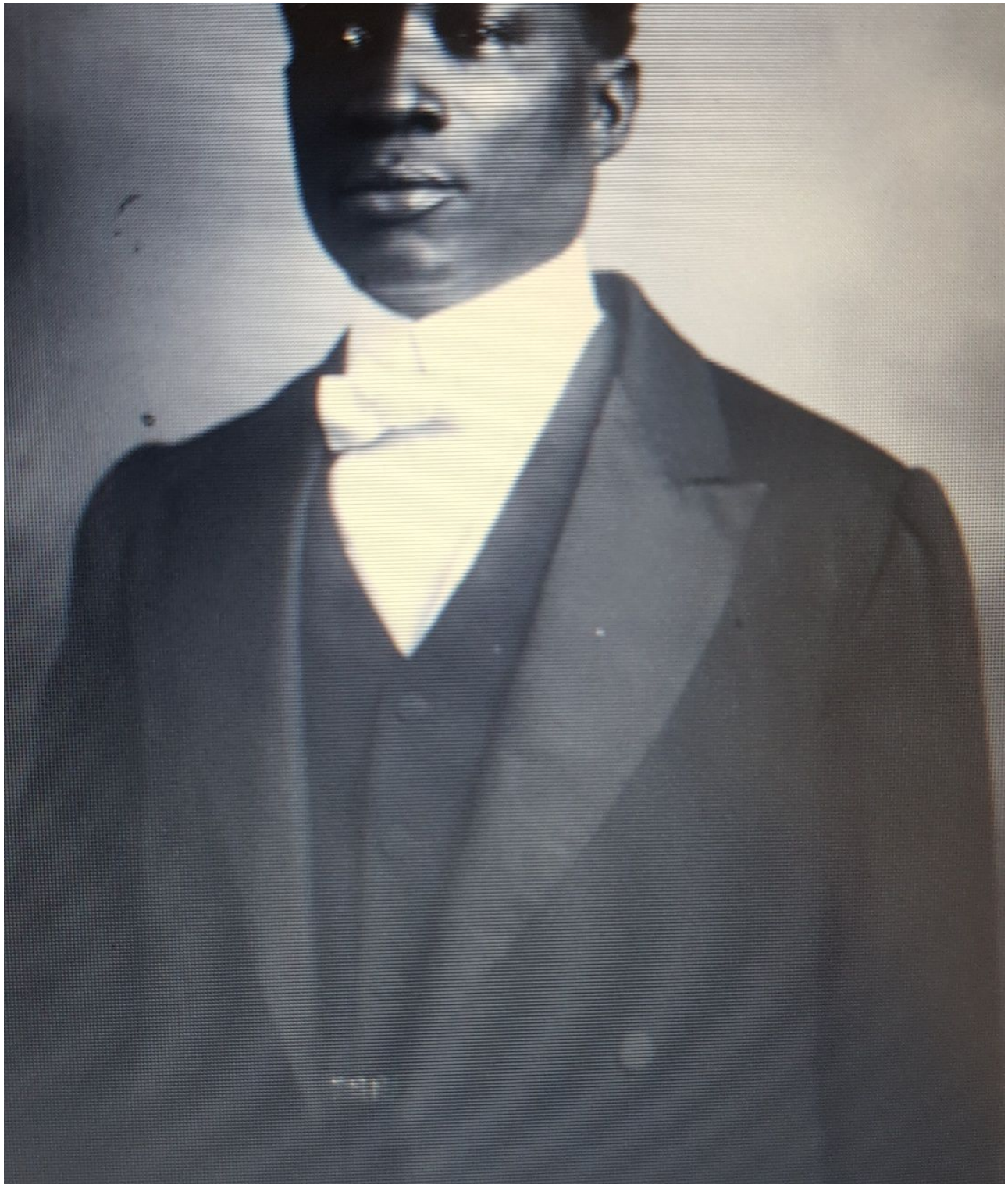

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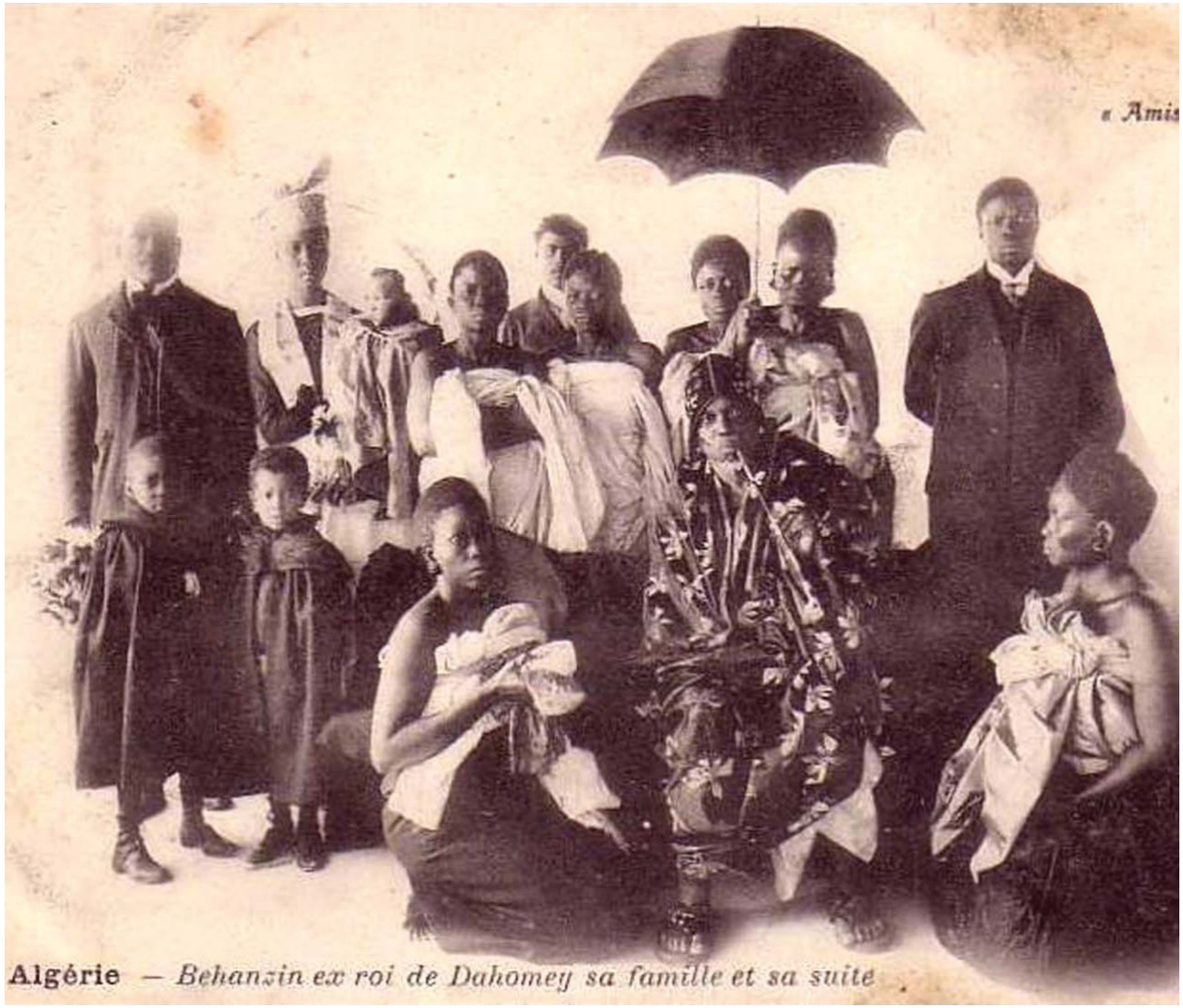

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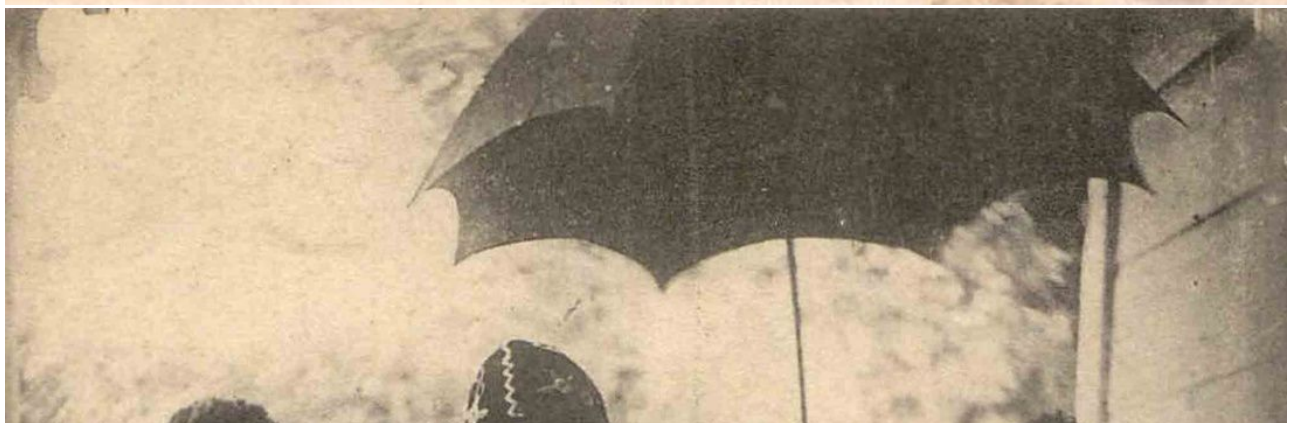

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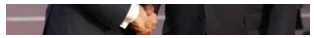

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Benin City

Benin City is the capital and largest city of Edo State in southern Nigeria. It is the fourth-largest city in Nigeria after Lagos, Kano and Ibadan, with a total population of 1,782,000 as of 2021.[1] It is situated approximately 40 kilometres (25 mi) north of the Benin River and 320 kilometres (200 mi) by road east of Lagos. Benin City is the centre of Nigeria's rubber industry, and oil production is also a significant industry.[2]

Benin City

City

Benin

Aerial view of Benin City

Seal

Location in Nigeria

Coordinates: 6°20'00"N 5°37'20"E (https://geohack.toolforge.org/geohack.php?pagename=Benin_City&params=6_20_00_N_5_37_20_E_region:NG_type:city(1495800))

Country	Nigeria
State	Edo
Area	
• **Total**	1,204 km^2 (465 sq mi)
Population (2015)	
• **Total**	1,495,800
• **Estimate** (2021)	1,782,000
• **Rank**	4th
• **Density**	1,200/km^2 (3,200/sq mi)
Climate	Aw

It was the most important city of the Edo kingdom of Benin, which flourished during the 13th to the 19th century. It had important trade relations with Portugal during the last centuries before being razed in 1897 by a British punitive raid. Many treasures and artifacts, including the Benin Bronzes were taken by the British who followed up their victory with a military occupation of the area.[3]

The indigenous people of Benin City are the Edo people (the Benin People), and they speak the Edo language and other Edoid languages. The people of the city have one of the richest dress cultures on the African continent and are known for their beads, body marks, bangles, anklets, raffia work and the subsistence farming of yam, plantain and cassava.[4]

History

Edo people

The original people and founders of the Ẹdo Empire and the Ẹdo people initially were ruled by the Ogiso (Kings of the Sky) dynasty who called their land Igodomigodo. Igodo, the first Ogiso, wielded much influence and gained popularity as a good ruler. He died after a long reign and was succeeded by Ere, his eldest son. In the 12th century, great palace intrigue and the battle for power erupted between the most cherished wife of the last Ogiso's and prince Ekaladerhan, son of the last Ogiso . In anger over an oracle that was framed to indict the crown prince instead of the Ogiso's diabolic wife. The judgement was that that Prince Ekaladerhan should be killed. The men that was sent to kill him released him towards Ekewan and was left to escape. Meanwhile, an Oracle has said that Ife should wait for their King patiently. When he arrived at Ife He was made their King, in accordance to the Oracle. That is while the yoruba's could not determine where he came from. He gave himself a new name Izoduwa, meaning, I have found prosperity. This what the Yoruba's now call Oduduwa. When his father Ogiso died, the Ogiso dynasty was ended as the people and royal kingmakers preferred their king's son as natural next in line to rule.[5]

The exiled Ekaladerhan, now Oduduwa, refused to come to Benin because of how he was treated, having found out that he wasn't killed. He divided to send one of his son, Oramiyan. He refused to return from Ile ife but sent his son Ọranmiyan to become king in his place.[6] Prince Ọranmiyan took up residence in the palace built for him at Uzama by the elders, now a coronation shrine.

Soon after he married a beautiful lady, Ẹrinmwide, daughter of Osa-nego, the ninth *Enogie* of Egor.[7] He and Erinmwide had a son. After some years he called a meeting of the people and renounced his office, remarking that the country was a land of vexation, *Ile-Ibinu*, and that only a child born, trained and educated in the arts and mysteries of the land could reign over the people.[8] The country was afterward known by this name. Allegedly Ọba Ẹwẹka later changed the name of the city of Ile-Binu, the capital of the Benin kingdom, to "Ubinu." This name would be reinterpreted by the Portuguese as "Benin" in their own language. Around 1470, Ẹwuare changed the name of the state to Ẹdo.[9] This was about the time the people of Ọkpẹkpẹ migrated from Benin City. Alternatively, Yorubas believe Oduduwa was from the Middle East and migrated from that area to the present Ile Ife.[10] Because of his power and military might, he was able to conquer the enemies invading Benin. That was why the people of Benin made him the King or Oba of Benin. In any case, it is agreed upon by both the Yoruba and Edos that Oduduwa sent his son Prince Oramiyan of Ife to rule Benin City and found the Oba dynasty in Benin City.[11][12]

The Benin imperialism started in the last decade of the thirteen century by Oba Ewedo.[13]

European contact

The Portuguese visited Benin City around 1485. Benin grew rich during the 16th and 17th centuries due to trade within southern Nigeria, as well as through trade with Europeans, mostly in pepper and ivory. In the early 16th century, the Ọba sent an ambassador to Lisbon, and the King of Portugal sent Christian missionaries to Benin. Some residents of Benin could still speak a pidgin Portuguese in the late 19th century. Many Portuguese loan words can still be found today in the languages of the area. A Portuguese captain described the city in 1691:"Great Benin, where the king resides, is larger than Lisbon; all the streets run straight and as far as the eye can see. The houses are large, especially that of the king, which is richly decorated and has fine columns. The city is wealthy and industrious. It is so well governed that theft is unknown and the people live in such security that they have no doors to their houses". This was at a time when theft and murder were rife in London.[14][15]

Drawing of Benin City made by a British officer, 1897

On 17 February 1897, Benin City fell to the British.[4] In the "Punitive Expedition", a 1,200-strong British force, under the command of Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, conquered and razed the city after all but two men from a previous British expeditionary force led by Acting Consul General Philips were killed.[16][17] Alan Boisragon, one of the survivors of the Benin Massacre, included references of the practice of human sacrifice in the city in a firsthand account written in 1898 (one year after the Punitive Expedition).[18] James D. Graham notes that although "there is little doubt that human sacrifices were an integral part of the Benin state religion from very early days," firsthand accounts regarding such acts often varied significantly, with some reporting them and others making no mention of them.[19][20]

The "Benin Bronzes", portrait figures, busts and groups created in iron, carved ivory, and especially in brass (conventionally called "bronze"), were taken from the city by the British and are currently displayed in various museums around the world.[4] Some of the bronzes were auctioned off to compensate for the expenses incurred during the invasion of the city. Most of these artifacts can be found today in British museums and other parts of the world. In recent years, various appeals have gone to the British government to return such artifacts. The most prominent of these artifacts was the famous Queen Idia mask used as a mascot during the Second Festival of Arts Culture (FESTAC '77) held in Nigeria in 1977 now known as "Festac Mask".[21]

The capture of Benin paved the way for British military occupation and the merging of later regional British incorporation of African kingdoms into the Niger Coast Protectorate, the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria and finally, into the Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria. The British permitted the restoration of the Benin monarchy in 1914, but true political power still lay with the colonial administration of Nigeria.[22]

Nigerian independence

Following Nigeria's independence from British rule in 1960, Benin City became the capital of Mid-Western Region when the region was split from Western Region in June 1963. In 1976 when the region was renamed as Bendel State, it remained the capital of the region and became the state capital of Edo State when Bendel state was split into Delta state and Edo state in 1991.[23]

Geography

Climate

Climate refers to the characteristic conditions of the earth's lower surface atmosphere at a specific location; weather refers to the day-to-day fluctuations in these conditions at the same location. The commonly used variables that are by meteorologists to measure daily weather phenomena are air temperature, precipitation (for example, rain, sleet, snow and hail), atmospheric pressure and humidity, wind, and sunshine and cloud cover.[24][25] Benin City has a borderline tropical savanna climate (Köppen *Aw*) bordering upon a tropical monsoon climate (*Am*). The weather is uncomfortably hot and humid year-round, and generally very dull, especially between July and September.

Climate data for Benin City												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Record high °C (°F)	34.4 (93.9)	36.1 (97.0)	36.1 (97.0)	35.6 (96.1)	35.0 (95.0)	33.3 (91.9)	31.7 (89.1)	31.1 (88.0)	32.8 (91.0)	32.8 (91.0)	34.4 (93.9)	34. (93.
Average high °C (°F)	31.9 (89.4)	33.3 (91.9)	33.0 (91.4)	32.4 (90.3)	31.6 (88.9)	29.9 (85.8)	27.9 (82.2)	27.9 (82.2)	28.8 (83.8)	30.3 (86.5)	31.8 (89.2)	32. (89.
Daily mean °C (°F)	25.8 (78.4)	26.7 (80.1)	26.7 (80.1)	26.4 (79.5)	25.9 (78.6)	24.9 (76.8)	23.8 (74.8)	23.7 (74.7)	24.3 (75.7)	25.0 (77.0)	25.9 (78.6)	25. (78.
Average low °C (°F)	21.4 (70.5)	22.1 (71.8)	22.6 (72.7)	22.6 (72.7)	22.6 (72.7)	21.9 (71.4)	21.6 (70.9)	21.2 (70.2)	21.8 (71.2)	21.8 (71.2)	22.1 (71.8)	21. (70.
Record low °C (°F)	12.8 (55.0)	13.3 (55.9)	18.3 (64.9)	19.4 (66.9)	19.4 (66.9)	18.3 (64.9)	16.7 (62.1)	16.1 (61.0)	18.9 (66.0)	18.9 (66.0)	15.6 (60.1)	14. (57.
Average rainfall mm (inches)	18 (0.7)	33 (1.3)	97 (3.8)	168 (6.6)	213 (8.4)	302 (11.9)	320 (12.6)	211 (8.3)	318 (12.5)	241 (9.5)	76 (3.0)	15 (0.6
Average rainy days (≥ 0.3 mm)	2	4	9	12	16	20	23	19	25	21	7	2
Average relative humidity (%)	84	81	84	85	87	90	93	92	91	89	86	84
Mean monthly sunshine hours	179.8	178.0	173.6	177.0	176.7	144.0	99.2	89.9	81.0	148.8	192.0	213
Mean daily sunshine hours	5.8	6.3	5.6	5.9	5.7	4.8	3.2	2.9	2.7	4.8	6.4	6.9
Source: Deutscher Wetterdienst[26]												

Education

Benin City is home to some of Nigeria's institutions of higher learning, namely, the University of Benin located at Ugbowo and Ekenwan,[27] the Ambrose Alli University located at Ekpoma,[28] the College of Education Ekiadolor,[29] Igbinedion University,[30] the Benson Idahosa University[31] and Wellspring University.[32] Secondary schools in Benin such as, Edo College,[33] Edo Boys

High School (Adolo College), Western Boys High School, Oba Ewuare Grammar School, Greater Tomorrow Secondary School, Garrick Memorial Secondary School, Winrose Secondary School, Asoro Grammar School, Eghosa Anglican Grammar School, Edokpolor Grammar School, Covenant Christian Academy, Niger College, Presentation National High School, Immaculate Conception College, Uselu secondary school, Idia College, University of Benin Demonstration Secondary School, University Preparatory Secondary School, Auntie Maria School, Benin Technical College,[34] Headquarters of Word of Faith Group of Schools, Lydia Group of Schools, Nosakhare Model Education Centre and Igbinedion Educational Center,[35] Federal Government Girls College, Benin City,[36] Paragon Comprehensive College, and Itohan Girls Grammar School. Some of the vocational schools in Benin City include Micro International Training Center, Computer Technology and Training Center, Okunbor Group of Schools.

Environmental issues

Climate change

The city is already feeling the effects of climate change, with increases and temperature, humidity and precipitation trends between 1981 and the 2015.[37]

Flood management

Benin city experiences regular flooding.[38] Studies have consistently highlighted the problem since at least 1993.[39] Experts have recommended a number of ways to improve flood management, including better controls on land use, construction and development,[39] improved Community-based programs designed to improve city adaptation and disaster management,[38] and improvements in individual preparedness.[40]

In June 2020, a significant number of communities and individuals were left homeless because of city flooding.[41] At the time, residents and the city blamed poor storm drains and a failure to continue flood adaptation programs.[41]

Urban heating

The city, on average is .5 degrees Celsius warmer than the surrounding rural areas, and these temperature differences are greater during workweeks when

human activity increases pollution in the urban area.

Waste management

A 2021 study published in *Nature*, highlighted that the city has not met the standards for waste management set by the Edo State Waste Management Board. After surveying 2720 inhabitants of the city, the authors found that most people in the city didn't understand proper waste management practices.[42] Moroever, the study found that survey participants didn't understand how waste management was connected to other issues like greenhouse gas emissions.[42] An additional study, found that most residents didn't understand the health impacts of bad waste management.

Culture

Attractions in the city includes the National Museum, the Oba Palace, Igun Street (Famous for bronze casting and other metal works). Other attractions include various festivals and the Benin Moats (measuring about 20 to 40 ft), the King's Square (known as Ring Road)[43] and its traditional markets.

The Binis are known for bronze sculpture, its casting skills, and their arts and craft. Benin City is also the home of one of the oldest sustained monarchies in the world. Various festivals are held in Benin City yearly to celebrate various historic occasions and seasons. Igue festival is the most popular of the festivals where the Oba celebrates the history and culture of his people and blesses the land and the people. It is celebrated at a time between Christmas and New Year.[44]

Festival

Benin city has a popular festival called Igue festival. The festival is an annual event held in Benin to usher in the new year. The festival is an integral part of the culture of the people in Benin City (formerly referred to as Benin Kingdom or the Kingdom of Benin). The festival is believed to renew Oba Ewuare magical powers and it celebration comes between Christmas and New Year celebrations. The festival includes the Oba's blessing of the land and his people.[45][46][47][48]

Aside the cultural festival, the City also play host to the Benin City Film Festival. The festival create room for the promotion of works produced by local film community. It also promote contents of National and International emerging filmmakers to showcase their works in an environment where they have access to experienced industry professionals.[49][50]

Bini market days

The "Bini" people have four market days: Ekioba, Ekenaka, Agbado, and Eken.

Transportation

Benin Airport serves the city with three commercial airlines flying to it, including Arik Air, Air Peace and Azman.

Notable people

Suleiman Braimoh

Modupe Ozolua

- Godwin Abbe, former Nigerian Minister for Interior and Defence[51]
- Divine Ikubor, known professionally as Rema, musician.
- Ambrose Folorunsho Alli, former governor of the defunct Bendel State. He created the Bendel State University now named after him as "Ambrose Alli University"[52][53]
- Eghosa Asemota Agbonifo, politician[54]
- Anthony Anenih, chairman, the board of trustees (PDP) and Nigeria's former Minister of Works[55]
- Suleiman Braimoh (born 1989), Nigerian-American basketball player in the Israel Basketball Premier League[56]
- Archbishop John Edokpolo, Minister of Trade and Founder of Edokpolor Grammar School[57]
- Francis Edo-Osagie, businessman
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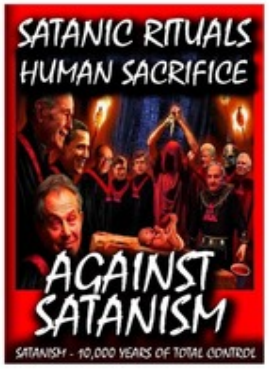

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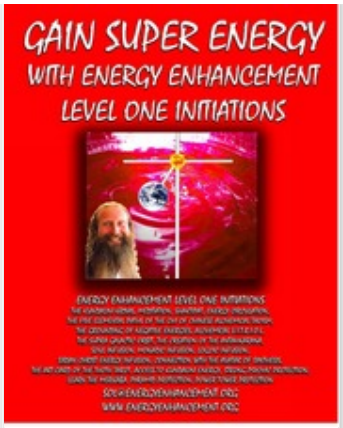

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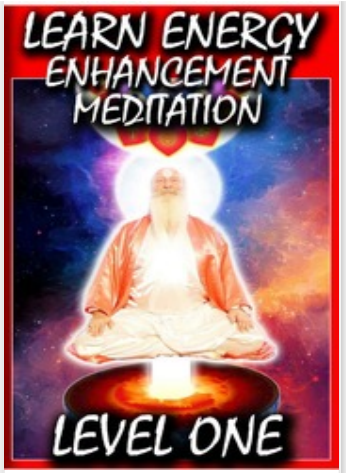

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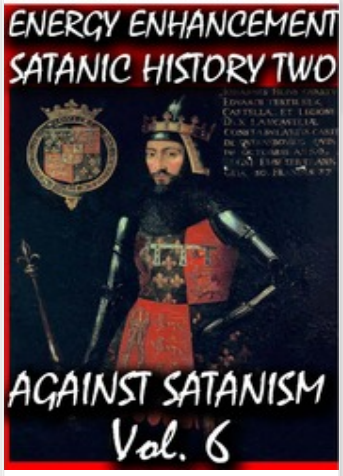

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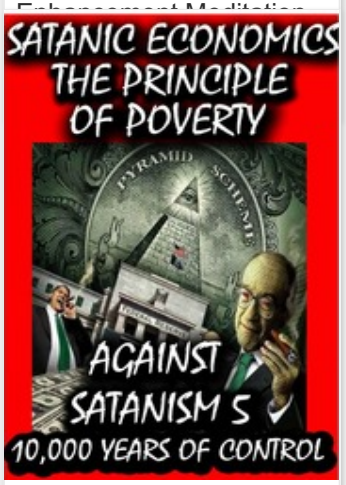

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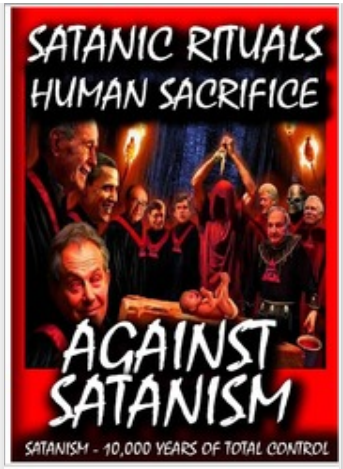

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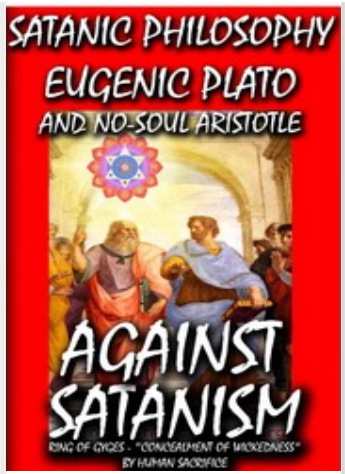

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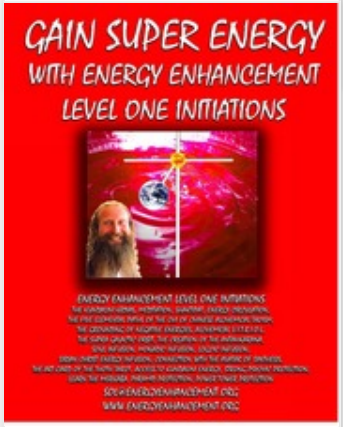

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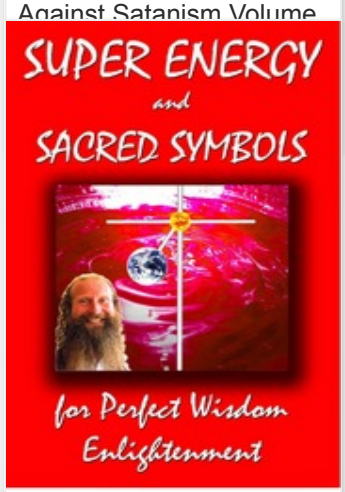

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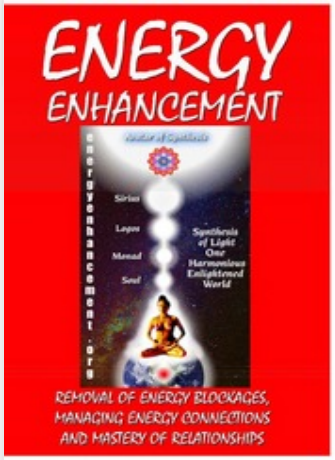

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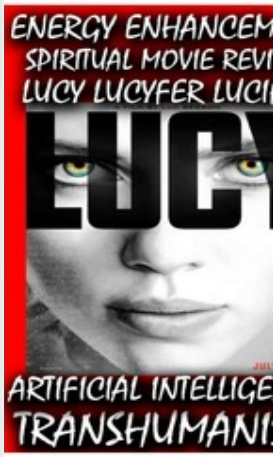

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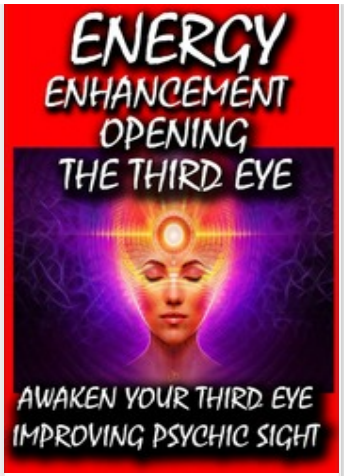

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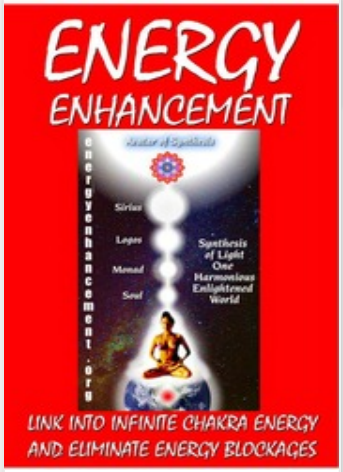

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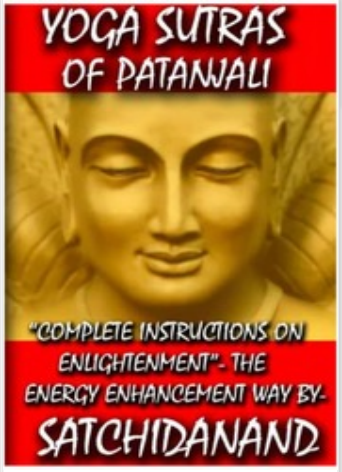

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c'est qoi le Bizango

Le Bizango est une tradition spirituelle et culturelle qui trouve son origine dans les pratiques religieuses et folkloriques de l'ile d'Haiti. C'est une forme de culte qui melange les croyances et les pratiques des religions africaines, des peuples autochtones tainos et des pratiques catholiques.

Le Bizango est souvent associe a des rituels secrets et mystiques, qui impliquent des ceremonies, des danses, des chants, des sacrifices d'animaux et d'autres pratiques visant a honorer les ancetres, les esprits et les divinites. Les membres de la communaute Bizango sont souvent organises en confreries ou societes secretes qui ont leurs propres hierarchies et codes de conduite.

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Le Bizango est egalement connu pour son utilisation de la magie, qui est souvent associee a la guerison, a la protection et a la justice. Cependant, cette pratique a egalement ete associee a des activites criminelles telles que le vol, le trafic de drogue et le meurtre, bien que cela ne soit pas representatif de l'ensemble de la communaute Bizango.

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Bizango est egalement connu pour son utilisation de la magie Voodoo

Oui, le Bizango est souvent associe a la pratique du vaudou ou voodoo, qui est une religion afro-caribeenne qui a emerge en Haiti et dans d'autres pays de la region. Le vaudou est souvent

considere comme une religion synchretique qui combine des elements de religions africaines, catholiques et autochtones.

Dans la pratique du vaudou, les esprits, ou loas, sont veneres et invoques lors de ceremonies rituelles qui impliquent souvent la musique, la danse, le chant et le sacrifice d'animaux. La magie est egalement une pratique courante dans le vaudou, qui est utilisee pour la guerison, la protection, l'amour et la vengeance.

Le Bizango est considere comme une forme specifique de vaudou qui a ses propres traditions et pratiques. Cependant, toutes les pratiques du Bizango ne sont pas necessairement liees au vaudou, et il existe de nombreuses autres formes de spiritualite et de croyances qui font partie de cette

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tradition complexe.

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les gnawa aussi
Les Gnawa sont un groupe ethnique originaire d'Afrique de l'Ouest, principalement du Mali, du Senegal et de la Mauritanie, qui ont ete deportes en Afrique du Nord, notamment au Maroc, pendant la periode de la traite des esclaves.

Les Gnawa ont developpe leur propre tradition musicale et spirituelle, qui melange les elements de leurs croyances et pratiques religieuses africaines avec l'Islam et les influences culturelles de leur environnement nord-africain. La musique Gnawa est

caracterisee par l'utilisation de l'instrument a cordes guembri, des percussions et des chants, qui sont utilises pour induire un etat de transe chez les musiciens et les participants.

La spiritualite des Gnawa est basee sur la croyance en des esprits appeles les "mlouk", qui sont invoques lors des ceremonies pour guerir les maladies physiques et mentales, et pour apporter la chance et la prosperite. Les Gnawa croient egalement en la possession spirituelle, ou les esprits peuvent entrer en contact avec les etres humains et communiquer a travers eux.

Bien que la tradition Gnawa soit distincte du vaudou et du Bizango, il existe des similitudes dans les croyances et les pratiques spirituelles de ces differentes traditions.

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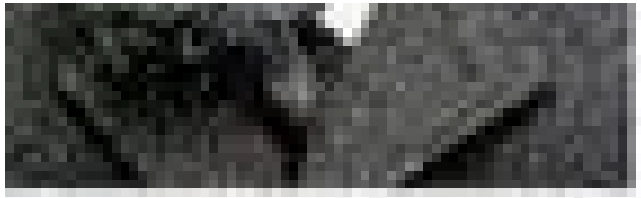
Black History month is Blackamoor History.



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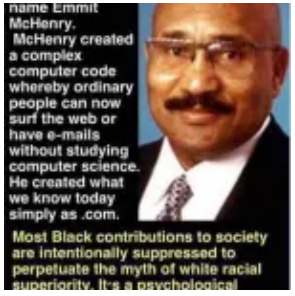

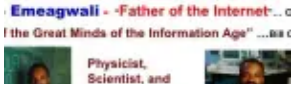

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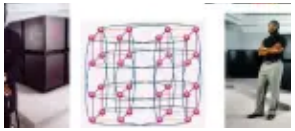

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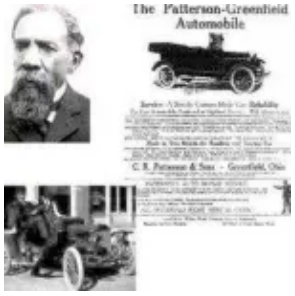

Ancient Turkey was in South Carolina

Greetings friends, we know that it is the month of February, which means Black History Month, so this is my contribution towards Blackamoor History Month. This is our short list of inventions. I say short list, because Blackamoors have created over 90% of the world's inventions. Blackamoors are the true fathers and mothers of civilization. You see how you can enslave a people and rebrand them in a negative light, but you can't remove knowledge from their DNA, which is the case with the so-called African Americans.

In fact, Blackamoors (Berber Indians/Khmer people) invented all of this stuff and more when we ruled the world during the time of Lemuria/Atlantis, and more recently when we ruled as the Tartarians (Muurs/Moors), so of course this knowledge is still going to be in our blood. When people ask you who were the Tartarians, you say the Blackamoors were the Tartarians and

Gothic Architecture and Greco-Roman Architecture all over the World. Yes, the moors, who were also the Tartarians built all of the Gothic and Greco-Roman Architecture in the Americas and throughout the world: https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2584437584953859.

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Cavities, resonators, magnetrons…

Cathode=Cathedral? If this true, this means that the Cathedrals were that we build were ancient power plants that supplied free energy to our towns. These cathedrals were huge magnetons. I say this because a Cathode is a part of a magnetron that is the center, aka, the source or the Black dot. You can also see the design of the magnetron in the Cathedral; especially, in some of the glass windows.

Did Moors build these Cathedrals yes: Gothic Building is a Moorish style of building. The Cathedral is built with a Gothic (Moorish/Islamic) type of building and so is Westminster Abbey: https://books.google.com/books… . Notice how in the link that you see on the left-hand side towards the bottom of the page, “In Turner’s Normandy, vol. ii. p. 250, are delineated several sculptural spandrels from Bayeux Cathedral, exhibiting somewhat of the Moorish or Tartarian, mode of workmanship. The word is spelt spaundre in the French Contract for reforming Westminster Hall,” dated 1393. – “A Dictionary of the Architecture and Archaeology of the Middle Ages.” Now, this is a powerful quote coming from a master textbook written by a

Cathedrals throughout Europe.

I shared a youTube Video from a European who gives an interesting theory of what happened to the Great Tartarian Empire. The YouTube Channel is called When the Buildings Cried and the video is called, “WHEN THE BUILDINGS CRIED AND TURNED TO STONE FROM A WORLD WIDE HEAT EVENT.” When the Buildings Cried believes that the Moon was once a second sun that was hit by something that caused it to malfunction, which caused a Plasma type or a Nuclear type of event that cooked/ melted the great Tartarian Empire. His theory has merit to it, because all of the massive craters on the moon suggests that it was definitely hit by something. Also, When the Buildings Cried, gives you plenty of evidence of the melted Tartarian Empire throughout his videos. I believe all of this stuff happened during the most recent global reset, which was caused by the great comet of 1811-1812.

The Great comet stayed in the air almost a full year and it caused massive volcanic eruptions that blacked out the sun; it caused thousands of massive earthquakes that created massive tidal waves; and it caused the earth to literally liquify, which caused a great mudflood that completely destroyed the Old World Order that was ruled by Blackamoors from the beginning of time all the way until the great mud flood.

Now, without any further delay, below is our short list of inventions. I say short list, because almost everything that we have now as far as Technology goes, we had it first in Old World Tartary. The Fairhaven Hotel is a old World Tartarian building that not only proves the Mud flood event as factual (due to the 1811-1812 great comet), but it also proves that the Old Worl had almost every modern convenience that we have today:

Mathematics – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt science of Maat (math).
Medicine BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt (Imhotep).
Open Heart Surgery – BLACK – Daniel Hale Williams.
Brain Surgery Robot – BLACK – Bertin Nahum.
CAT Scan – BLACK – Allan Cormack.
Cell Phone – BLACK – Henry T. Sampson.
Rocket Propulsion – Henry T. Sampson.

Weapons system – Henry T. Sampson.
The gamma electric cell, which converts harmful gamma rays (radiation) into usable energy – Henry T. Sampson.
The Father of modern-day Electricity – Henry T. Sampson.
Contributions concerning direct conversion of nuclear energy to electricity – Henry T. Sampson.
Touch Tone Phone – BLACK – Shirley Ann Jackson.
Traffic Signal – BLACK – Garrett Morgan.
Gas Mask – BLACK – Garrett Morgan.
The Internet – BLACK – Philip Emeagwali.
Personal Computers – BLACK – Dr. Mark Dean.
Color monitor for personal computers – Dr. Mark Dean.
Dr. Mark Dean also invented the 1 gigahertz computer chip that has unlimited potential. The 1 gigahertz computer chip made supercomputers and robots possible.
Supercomputers – BLACK – Dr. Philip Emeagwali.

Telescope – BLACK, Benjamin Banneker.

Automobile – BLACK – C.R. Patterson (Stolen by Henry Ford)

Toilet – BLACK – J.B. Rhodes.

Fountain Pen – BLACK – W.B. Purvis.

Remote Control – BLACK – Dr. Joseph N. Jackson.

Home Security & Camera – BLACK – Marie Van Brittan Brown.

Mailbox – BLACK – Philip Downing.

LASIK Eye Surgery – BLACK – Patricia Bath.

3D Special Effects – BLACK -Marc Hannah.

Refrigerated Trucks and Air Conditioning – BLACK – Frederick McKinley Jones.

Elevator – BLACK – Alexander Miles.

The Organ Piano – BLACK – Joseph Dickinson.

The Guitar – BLACK – Robert Flemming Jr.

Telephone – BLACK stolen from Lewis Howard Latimer.

Light Bulb – BLACK stolen from Lewis Howard Latimer.

Pencil Sharpener – BLACK -John Lee Love.

Sewing Machine – Improved by BLACK: Garrett Morgan.

The Jet Engine – Improved by BLACK Jeremiah Baltimore.

Cotton Gin – BLACK, stolen from Slaves.

Beer – BLACK – Richard Bowie Spikes.

All Musical Genres, Including Classical, Jazz, Blues, Rock & Roll, R&B, Hip-Hop – BLACK.

The Wormhole BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.

First one's in Space BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.

First one's on the Moon – Unproven, Fake Event.

Books (Reading) BLACK (MOOR) Ancient Egypt.

The theory of Natural Selection BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Electric Engineering BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Calculators – BLACK – Marvin Charles Stewart.
Theater – BLACK (MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Diesel engines – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Television – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Internal combustion engines – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
The discovery of DNA – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Microscope – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
The discovery of the Atom BLACK- (MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
The discovery of Cells BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
The Camera – BLACK – George Carruthers.
Democracy BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
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Liberalism BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Geography BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Electricity – BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Aircraft BLACK-(MOOR) Ancient Egypt.
Good art and Entertainment.
The pulley first recorded use was by master builder and Grand Architect Imhotep.
The wheel, because Moors were the first ones on the planet.
Fire, because Moors were the first ones on the planet.
The Harp, invented in Ancient Egypt.
The piano invented by the Moors in Europe. The Moors took the Harp and turned it sideways and created the Piano.

The Spark plug – Edmond Berger.
Anesthesia for Surgery – Native-Americans (Blackamoors/Egyptians/Hebrews).
The building of America, mostly, black slave labor.
The Building of Europe – Blackamoors/Brutus Moors/Fresing Moors/French Maurs/Moors of Spain.
Digital Cellular phone Technology – Jesse Eugene Russell.
The Dot com (.com) for computer websites – Emmit McHenry.

Embalming – South American Indians (Mayas)
Time Machine – Dr. Ronald Mallett.

Helicopter – Paul E. Williams.
Telephone Transmitter – Dr. Granville T. Woods.
Railway System – Dr. Granville T. Woods.
Subway System- Dr. Granville T. Woods.
Roller coaster – Dr. Granville T. Woods.
Trolley Wheel – Dr. Granville T. Woods.
The Global Positioning System (GPS) – Dr. Gladys West.

Ancient Egyptians/Moors/Hebrews, aka, the Khmer (Thoth) people created the Art of Building: Monolithic, perpendicular, and Modern-day-building comes from Egypt. Gothic Building (Islamic), aka, Castle building and Cathedral Building, comes from the Moors, whom became the Custodians of the Egyptian Mysteries when Egypt fell, according to the book, “Stolen Legacy” by George E. James. Maur (Moor/Muur) means a high priest of Anu according to a

We also have to include over 500 inventions of the Native-Americans, who were also Blackamoors. You can read the, “Encyclopedia of American Indian Contributions to the world,” right here: https://mexikaresistance.files.wordpress.com/…/american-ind… .. Now, if we include all of the other necessities like soap, comb, brush, toothbrush, lotion, deodorant, shaving, clothing, and etc., we created everything. Most of these inventions were created by the so-called African Americans in the Americas, because we are the Children of the sun, aka, God’s chosen people from the tribe of Ptah/Utah/Judah/Yudah: https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2162258463838442. Egypt was a Greek name. The real name of Egypt is Al-khemet and/or Tameri. “Nothing is NEW under the SUN.” ~ King Solomon of the Bible. Friends and family, please save this post and share it, because I use this all the time when I have to give Europeans and Coons a reality check as to who we are. Below is my evidence to support the fact that Blackamoors are responsible for the 500 inventions of the Native-Americans (North, Central, and South):

The mummies of south America, but mostly, Peru/Heru/Jeru-(Salem), which is also Ancient Jerusalem and Egypt, were Blackamoors/Egyptians/Hebrews/Indians/Negros (evidence that the Ancient South-American Indians were melanated (Black)): https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/1966263136771310.

These photos of Ancient South American Mummies with dreadlocks are irrefutable evidence that the Americas was a Negro Continent: https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/2073046139426342.

are the real Indians. In fact, Indian and Moor is one and the same (evidence that the North-American Indians were melanated (Black)): https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/1989361697794787.

Here is Moor evidence that the Indians were Moors. Yes, Moors are Indians too. In Fact, the Muurs/ Moors are Berber Indians (India): https://www.facebook.com/Americaisthetrueoldworld/posts/1929898677074423. Prophet Noble Drew Ali was even from the Cherokee Tribe. The last Chief of the Cherokee Tribe was a Moslem Muur.

Now, with all of these contributions that Blackamoors have made to the world, why in the Sam's hell are we second-class citizens in our own land and why are we not benefiting from all of it? The answer is of course, Wight supremacy, via, the Dum Diversa that was issued by the Pope against the Saracens/Hebrews/Indians, which authorized Christians to take our land and our possessions in the name of Christ. The fact that wight people also control the marketing and the branding for our inventions, also explains why our people do not benefit from it. Peace.

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On Christmas day 1521, a group of about 20 Wolof Africana revolted in one of the first slave revolts in the Amerikkka's. The slaves were the property of Governor Don Diego Colon, the son of Christopher Columbus. In what was a well planned revolt, our African Brothers waited until Christmas, when the Spaniards were partying and not paying full attention. They then marched to the center of Hispaniola's sugar industry, ransacking several plantations, accumulating supplies, and gathering more supporters on the way. Several Spaniards were killed, many buildings burned, and many hostages taken. Colon gathered an army and pursued them. Our lightly armed brothern were no match for the horses and swords of Colin's army. After about a week of fighting, most of the slaves were captured or killed. Those that were captured were eventually hanged, and their bodies were displayed among the road as an example to other enslaved Africans to be compliant or face the same repercussions

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We should start where we left off if we want to survive as a Race, that's the only option in front of us because currently even some of our own brothers and sisters are have joined the masters to continue their narrative, ours is a fight for freedom, theirs is fight to block us from achieving our goal, the fight continues. 3

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Albert Ntunja replied · 1 reply

Artur Tomas
The fight continues... 12
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Richard Sleigh
There are more slaves today than in any point in history 2
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Donald Obi
Absolutely brutal,but the oppressed are yet to be wise.
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Bubu Ashwil
How the fuck are you gonna support that shit
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Nathan J Jones
Baby I like it raw
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Ryan Khan
Is better to die fighting as a brave heart than to live as a slave
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Vuyisa Langeni
I believe in my Bantumas not slavemas
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Truck Turner
Just knowing that the yt man is the devil then and now you will have the victory over him
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Marcus Garvey was one of the greatest Black leaders we ever had. He said that Black people will never be successful depending on other races of people, he said that as Black people we must come together and do for self. I'm going to list some of Marcus Garvey's achievements.

1. Marcus Garvey built factories, where he made black dolls for black kids to play with.

2. He built a hotel.

3. He built a chain of grocery stores.

4. His organisation had their own trucking company.

5. He built schools.

6. He built restaurants.

7. His organization had their own printing press.

8. He started 3 newspapers.

9. His main newspaper was called the Negro World, and that newspaper was published in Spanish and French.

10. His organization bought 5 ships and they started practicing international trade and commerce.

11. Marcus Garvey's organization owned office buildings.

12. They also bought an auditorium in New York, and that's where he mainly spoke and this place was called Liberty Hall.

13. By 1922 Marcus Garvey organization had 6 million members.

14. They had branches in 40 countries.

15. Marcus Garvey also started his own political party, and he named it The Peoples Political Party.

Marcus Garvey did all of that without help from the Government, and he did it with an 8th grade education.

One of my heroes!

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Theresa Blanton

Truly a man long before his time. He was never given the honor he deserved that he rightfully deserved. Rest on In Heavenly Peace and thank you for your vision.

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Jan Akenoe replied · 3 replies

Shirley Go
We need to unite with each other and build our families and our communities without begging for help from others. He was a great man. No one is perfect. We have everything we need to be 'free' but we need to unite and let go. 44

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A Q Abu Abu replied · 5 replies

Margaret Kennerson
Wihat a great man and human being. Our young people could learn a lot from this man and terrific human being . 21

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Chitapi Edwin replied · 1 reply

Iris Holliman-Baldwin
Free , we need to help our young get an education by parenting them in all areas of life. Give them the need to find out about their situation, life, happiness, creativity, respect and commitment. 10

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Simba Sagide replied · 1 reply

Dellnot Gardiner
Africa we need to learn leadership from Marcus Garvey. Thank you sir for your selflessness. We need that. 10

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Tyson Laylay replied · 1 reply

Lester Sealey
"Some may rise; some may fall; but black people would never know themselves until their backs are against the wall"! Prophecy of the late great Marcus"Mosiah"Garvey! Surely, his words have come to past! 21

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Pamela Smith-Coleman
My grandmother used to tell us about his work & how great a leader he was 10

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Mike Shaibu

How I wish we still have leaders like Marcus Garvey these days; the Blackman would have been better for it. 21

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Sethunya Oyinlola replied · 9 replies

Daniel Dapam Samuel

God bless our heroes past even in the dead and may he give us the vision and strength to carry on... 10

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Keji Na Tombe

What a great man of all time. Our problem is we do not follow a good leader. 12

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Novelett Stennett replied · 2 replies

Lyn Fong

Astounding. Great role model whose story deserves recognition and retelling. 5

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Aubrey Nthepheya

We need a subject in our schools about this incredible man.....our kids should know the history. May he continue to rest in peace 25

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Fred Opiyo

I never knew Garvey did this much.I only knew that he was a Black US consciousness leader and human rights activist.Now I know and is so much proud of him. 8

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Pat Msimanga replied · 3 replies

Matela Kuselya

Great history hero , my favorites hero , a prophet , a founder of pan Africanism and if we need development we have to create our own technology in order to explore our natural resources ,true unity amongst African countries and true African

leaders ,Marcus Garvey was a true leader an example to follow. 2

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Kehinde Timothy Ojumu

Great to learn this about this great man. That accompanying picture appeared in Bob Marley's "Buffalo Soldier" 1

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Kehinde Timoth... replied · 2 replies

Iliyasu Tanko Doma

Respect for him, especially the role his United Negro Improvement Associations played in creating awareness and renewing the spirit of consciousness among the black race during the era of nationalism that accelerated the decolonisation process 3

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DanAlhaji Oneshi replied · 1 reply

Barbara Martin

Was never taught about this man in school. I am glad to hear about him now and his many accomplishments 15

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Charles Azoro replied · 5 replies

Laurena Primus

One of my heroes, he has not been given due recognition 11

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Clement Brian replied · 2 replies

Shirley Ferrell Tedeschi

I learned about this great man from my daughter history books.They did not teach us about him in our history classes when I was in school. 14

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Shirley Ferrel... replied · 3 replies

Bina Jones
My grandfather Fitz Braithwaite was the secretary of the Marcus Garvey movement in Trinidad, and his brother the president.
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Mark Mark replied · 7 replies

Sandia Mcpherson
He was a master achiever in his time, and I salute him.
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Jaymo Kariuki
he is our hero, indeed may his soul continue resting in peace his legacy shall forever remain in our hearts
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Joseph Adamson
It is surprising that we have not practiced what he preached!
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Avwha Mhore replied · 6 replies

Elizabeth White
Hero indeed way ahead of his time, never forget this man
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Eric Prince
More people need to learn about his movement.
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John Morris
It is a deliberate plan by both political parties in Jamaica not to teach the philosophy and opinions of the great Marcus Garvey in school. If they did , they would be able to fool the people like they are doing now. Marcus Garvey said in one of his speech that the masses make the nation and the race and if the masses are illiterate, that is the passed on the race by those who are critical of its existence.
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John Morris replied · 7 replies

David Abe
Was visionary and tenacious. 4

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Laila Mineable
And ware is all my black brother and sister that have achieved Marcus Garvey achievements in history very sad to see how we living with one another in this world sad 14

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Karen Croff replied · 4 replies

Segun Taiwo
More of such people will emerge across the globe, Rest on great Marcus Garvey. 7

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Annetta Rhoden
Great hero! With great mindset-loved his race . Black Peoples. 9

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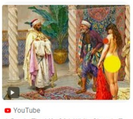
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11 Brutal Medieval Deaths That Shook Us To The Core

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There are many ways to die. The end can be quick or protracted, peaceful or painful, expected or not... the list goes on.

Whether they're the result of an antiquated form of punishment, flat-out revenge, or a seemingly karmic outcome, many historical endings seem especially heinous. During the Middle Ages, this was especially true.

Death and the medieval world evoke thoughts of the bubonic plague, long conflicts, and manipulations by power-hungry men and women looking to get ahead. While much of the brutality of the Middle Ages is decidedly relative, numerous medieval endings were incredibly cruel. We've gathered some of them here - take a look, if you think you can handle it.

1 György Dózsa Of Hungary Endured A Royal Roasting

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György Dózsa established himself as "Prince of the People" during the first years of the 1500s, tasked with freeing Hungary from oppressive nobles. Dózsa rallied peasants in towns like Karcag and Cegléd, purportedly giving speeches to inspire them to join his cause:

> The Hungarian nobles, who keep you in servitude, do not consider you as citizens, but treat you as slaves... Whatever grows on the fields, thanks to your toil and sweat, belongs to them. You plow the soil, plant the grapes, breed cattle and sheep so that the nobility can profit from your labor. What is left for you is serfdom and misery.

Dózsa and his followers were initially successful, but he was later captured and executed. His demise was especially heinous, as the "Peasant King" was sentenced to sit on a heated iron throne while wearing an iron crown and holding a scepter - both burning hot.

While seated, Dózsa's men - who had been starved for the occasion - watched on as executioners used hot pliers to pull off his flesh. They were then told to tear Dózsa with their teeth. Those who didn't swallow what they'd pulled off were slain.

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2 Inalchuq Was Executed With Molten Silver

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Inalchuq was the governor of Otrar, located in the Khwarezmian Empire in the Middle East, during the early 13th century. As Genghis Khan extended his influence across Central Asia, he sent a group of merchants to Otrar in 1218. Inalchuq, suspicious of the group, executed them and took all of their goods.

After he heard about what happened, Genghis Khan sent envoys to demand reparations, but Inalchuq refused; he had the ambassadors executed, as well, prompting the Mongolian ruler to send a military response.

Genghis Khan and his Mongols unleashed an onslaught on Otrar, one that led to an extended siege. After several months, the Mongols breached the city walls, plundered Otrar, and took many of its inhabitants captive.

Inalchuq suffered a different fate, however. He reportedly had molten silver poured into his eyes, ears, and, by some tellings, down his throat.

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3 Edward II Of England Reportedly Perished As A Result Of A Horribly Placed Poker

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Edward II of England perished in 1327 CE and, while the specifics of his demise are somewhat unclear, there's a long-standing belief that it involved a hot poker and his anus. Edward II's relationships with his two "favourites" brought about resentment from the English nobility, as well as the king's wife, Isabella of France.

Piers Gaveston (d. 1312) was rumored to have been the king's lover, as was Hugh Despenser, and by the mid-1320s, English nobles and Queen Isabella had come up with a plan to get rid of the latter. They took both Edward and Despenser into custody, executed the latter, and forced the former to abdicate. Edward was held in confinement until his demise in September 1327.

Rumors about what happened to Edward began within a few years of his passing. Stories that a red-hot poker had been thrust into the king's anus were widespread, serving as a subtle commentary on his same-sex relationships to some observers. To others, this method of death was intended to leave no outside wounds.

Horrific way to die?

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4 Simon Hannabaert Of Audomarois Was Broken On The Wheel Before Being Drawn And Quartered

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In 1302, Simon Hannabaert of Audomarois endured two of the most severe punishments imaginable: being put on the wheel and being drawn and quartered. The twofold harshness of his final days was precipitated by his excessive drinking and loose tongue.

According to sources, Hannabaert expressed support for the count of

Flanders taking over parts of Artois - something no one appreciated. As a result, he was dragged from a tavern and put on the wheel.

To be subjected to the wheel meant an extended period of pain. Descriptions of how it was used throughout history detail the stretching of limbs, which were beaten and pressed to break the bones. It was only when attention was paid to the victim's torso or head that some sort of merciful blow could lead to death.

Drawing and quartering involved connecting each of a victim's legs and arms to horses, which where then sent in different directions to stretch the body until it was separated into four sections. In the case of Hannabaert, he was reportedly hanged and his body burned when everything else was done.

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5 Edmund Ironside May Have Been Stabbed - From Below - While On The Privy

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Edmund Ironside only ruled for a few months. He was the son of King Æthelred the Unready and his first wife, Ælfgifu of York, and fought alongside his father before taking on enemies of his own as the ruler of the Danelaw. Defeated by Cnut (or Canute) at the Battle of Assandun (or Ashingdon) on October 18, 1016, Edmund then ruled Wessex for a few weeks before meeting his untimely end.

Edmund passed on November 30, 1016, but there's limited information as to what actually happened. According to 12th-century chronicler Henry of Huntington, Edmund was in Oxford when he was attacked in a bizarre fashion:

> He went one night to the lavatory to answer the call of nature. There the son of Ealdorman Eadric, who by his father's plan was concealed in the pit of the privy, struck the king twice with a sharp knife in the private parts, and leaving the weapons in his bowels, fled away.

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6 Queen Brunhild Was Tied To The Tail Of A Horse And Dragged To Death

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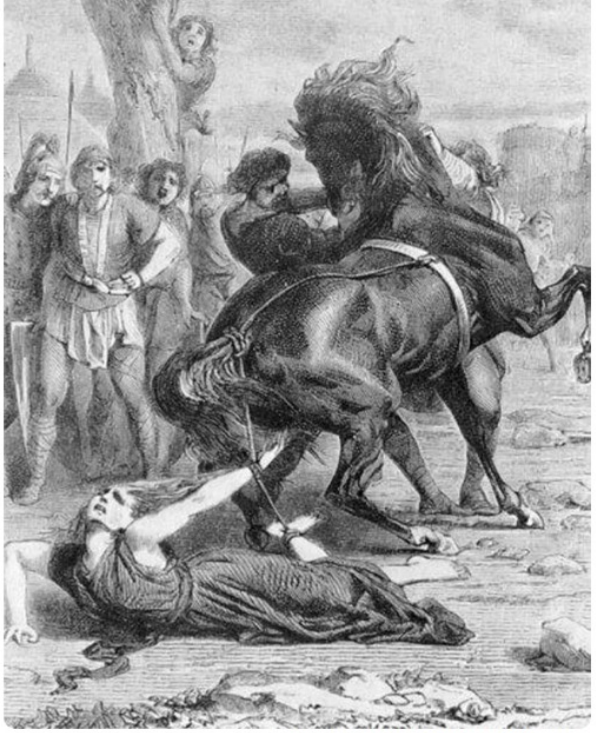
Brunhild was a Merovingian queen who lived during the sixth century. She ruled Austria and Burgundy on behalf of her son Childebert II after her husband Sigebert passed in 575 CE. After Childebert II's passing, Brunhild found herself in a position that garnered her many political and personal enemies (who were often one and the same), including her nephew, Chlothar II.

Chlothar II, king of the Franks from 584 to 629 CE, feared that Brunhild was conspiring to remove him from the throne; he also accused his aunt of killing 10 Frankish kings. This included his own father and, as a result, he proposed she should be executed by *damnatio ad bestias*. This involved a very public end by being tied to the tail of a horse, dragged, and trampled.



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7 — Charles II Of Navarre Was Accidentally Burned To Death

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Known to history as "Charles the Bad," Charles II of Navarre became king of Navarre after the passing of his mother, Jeanne II, in 1340. He also became Count of Evreux when his father passed in 1343.

Charles was married to the daughter of King John II of France, played both sides during the Hundred Years' War, and regularly interfered with the affairs of Spanish royals, as well. Charles's constant manipulations and deviousness, according to his contemporaries and later moralists, were why he suffered such a harsh demise in 1387.

According to chronicler Jean Froissart, the aged man instructed his servants to warm his bed one night:

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> Either by the will of God or the devil, it turned out very unfortunate, for the flames some how set fire to the sheets, and it could not be extinguished before they were destroyed, and the king, who was wrapped up in them, horridly burnt as far as his navel. He did not instantly perish, but lingered on, in great pain and misery, fifteen days.

In other tellings, Charles II perished from leprosy. At least one version combines the burning and the disease stories into one, claiming he was burnt while wearing "clothing steeped in sulphur and spirits... as a cure for a loathsome disease caused by his debauchery."

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8 John de Lanzous Lost His Feet Before Losing His Life

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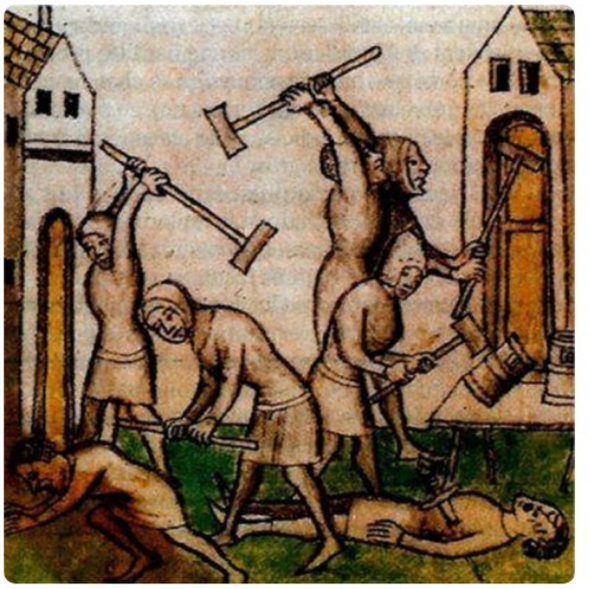

John de Lanzous and another knight, Jean de Faucoucourt, got into an altercation with one of the communal officials in Laon, France, in February 1295. After what amounted to a fistfight, both men feared for their safety and fled to the local church for sanctuary. While there, Jean's brother Peter joined them.

The three remained at the cathedral while angry citizens gathered outside. By late afternoon the next day, the residents of Laon charged into the church, grabbed the three men, and beat them with stones, knives, and swords. While the de Faucoucourt brothers were simply left on the street half-dead, de Lanzous was imprisoned. He passed a few days later, but only after having "his tendons and his feet" cut off.

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9 Caliph Al-Musta'sim Was Wrapped In A Carpet And Trampled To Death

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Al-Musta'sim was the last caliph of the Abbasid Caliphate, losing his life after the city of Baghdad was attacked by Hulegu Khan in 1258. After the Abbasids refused to pay tribute to the Mongols, Hulegu led 150,000 men to bring Baghdad under his control. He and his men sacked the city before turning their attention to their defiant leader, Al-Musta'sim.

According to sources, Al-Musta'sim either died "like a dog" after being starved, or was wrapped in a carpet and trampled by horses. In one version of the story, he was given the option to eat gold and gems, but refused - and was then trampled.

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Marco Polo, in his account of the time he spent with the Mongols during the late 13th century, reported that trampling while covered up was done so "that the sun and the air should not witness the shedding of the blood."

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10 Wine May Have Been The Literal Death Of George Plantagenet, 1st Duke Of Clarence

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As the younger brother of King Edward IV of England, George Plantagenet shifted loyalties between the Yorks and the Lancasters during the War of the Roses in the 15th century. George's political machinations led to him seeking refuge in France during the late 1460s, but he reconciled with Edward IV and returned to England in 1470.

By 1477, King Edward IV suspected his brother of plotting against him, imprisoned him at the Tower of London, and had him tried for treason. George was convicted and executed - in private - causing much speculation as to how he was slain on February 18, 1478.

Rumors circulated that George was drowned in a vat of malmsey wine and, by the early 16th century, writers like Polydore Vergil were cautiously referencing the event:

> [He] was drown (as they say) in a butte of malmesey; the woorst example that ever man cowld remember.

By other accounts, George's method of execution was determined by Elizabeth Woodville, wife to King Edward IV, so that no obstacles to her son's accession to the throne would remain alive. One more source described the event:

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> was thrust alive in a cask of Malmesy opened at one end, his head downwards, and there he remained until he had given up the ghost, and then he was pulled out and his neck cut...

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11 Sigurd Eysteinsson Was Bitten By An Enemy He'd Just Beheaded

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According to the *Orkneyinga Saga,* a collection of histories about the Orkney and Shetland Islands, Sigurd Eysteinsson was a Norwegian lord who lived during the mid-ninth century. Also known as "Sigurd the Mighty," he became the second Earl of Orkney after his brother Rognvald (the first earl) returned to Norway.

Alongside his allies, Sigurd fought to subjugate Scotland, ultimately establishing a stronghold along the lands held by Máel Brigte (called Melbridg-Tonn in some accounts), a Pictish earl. Despite attempts to negotiate peace, Máel Brigte, Sigurd, and their men came to blows:

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> There was hard fighting immediately, and it was not long till Earl Melbridg fell, and all his men with him.
>
> Earl Sigurd and his men fastened the heads [of the slain] to their saddle-straps, in bravado, and so they rode home triumphing in their victory.
>
> As they were proceeding, Earl Sigurd, intending to kick at his horse with his foot, struck the calf of his leg against a tooth protruding from Earl Melbridg's head, which scratched him slightly; but it soon became swollen and painful, and he died of it. Sigurd the powerful was buried in a mound at Ekkialsbakki.

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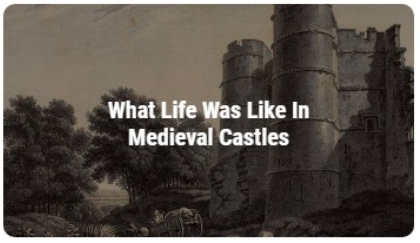

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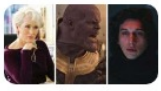

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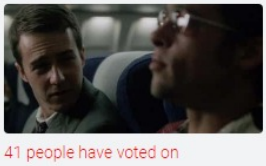

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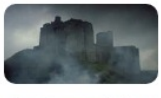

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Calafia

Calafia, or **Califia**, is the fictional queen of the island of California, first introduced by 16th century poet Garci Rodríguez de Montalvo in his epic novel of chivalry, *Las sergas de Esplandián* (The Adventures of Esplandián), written around 1510.[1] The Californias, a region of North America encompassing the U.S. state of California and the Mexican states

of Baja California and Baja California Sur, take their name from Calafia and her kingdom.

Calafia	
 Depiction of Queen Califia at the California Capitol, shown in the *California's Name* mural, painted by Lucile Lloyd in 1937.	
First appearance	ca. 1510
Created by	Garci Rodríguez de Montalvo
In-universe information	
Gender	Female

Title	Queen Calafia
Occupation	Ruler of the Island of California
Spouse	Talanque
Nationality	Californian

In the novel, Calafia is a pagan warrior queen who ruled over a kingdom of black women living on the Island of California (an island off the coast of Asia). Calafia is convinced to raise an army of women warriors and sail away from California with a large flock of trained griffins so that she can join a Muslim battle against Christians

who are defending Constantinople. In the siege, the griffins harm enemy and friendly forces, so they are withdrawn. Calafia and her ally Radiaro fight in single combat against the Christian leaders, a king and his son the knight Esplandián. Calafia is bested and taken prisoner, and she converts to Christianity. She marries a cousin of Esplandián and returns with the remainder of her army to California for further adventures.[2]

The name of *Calafia* was likely formed from the Arabic word *khalifa* (religious state leader) that

is known as caliph in English and *califa* in Spanish. Similarly, the name of Calafia's realm, *California*, likely originated from the same root, fabricated by the author to remind the 16th century Spanish reader of the *reconquista*, a centuries-long fight between Christian Iberians and Muslim Arabs that had recently concluded in Spain. The character of Calafia is used by Rodríguez de Montalvo to portray the superiority of chivalry in which the attractive virgin queen is conquered, converted to Christian beliefs, and married off. The book was very popular for many

decades—Hernán Cortés read it—and it was selected by author Miguel de Cervantes as the first of many popular and presumed-harmful books to be burnt by characters in his famous novel *Don Quixote*.[2]

Calafia has been depicted as the Spirit of California, and has been the subject of modern-day sculpture, paintings, stories, and films; she often figures in the myth of California's origin, symbolizing an untamed and bountiful land prior to European settlement.[3]

Character

Queen Calafia and California's name originate in the old Castilian epic Las Sergas de Esplandián (The Adventures of Esplandián), written by Garci Rodríguez de Montalvo in 1510.

In the book *The Adventures of Esplandián*, after many pages of battles and adventures, the story of Calafia is introduced as a curiosity, an interlude in the narrative.[4] Calafia is introduced as a regal

black woman, courageous, strong of limb and large of person, full in the bloom of womanhood, the most beautiful of a long line of queens who ruled over the mythical realm of California. She is said to be "desirous of achieving great things"; she wanted to see the world and plunder a portion of it with superior fighting ability, using her army of women warriors. She commanded a fleet of ships with which she demanded tribute from surrounding lands, and she kept an aerial defense force of griffins, fabulous animals which were

native to California, trained to kill any man they found.[5]

Calafia meets Radiaro, a Muslim warrior who convinces her that she should join him in retaking Constantinople from the Christian armies holding it. Calafia, in turn, convinces her people to take their ships, weapons, armor, riding beasts, and 500 griffins, and sail with her to Constantinople to fight the Christians, though she has no concept of what it means to be Muslim or Christian.[5] Her subjects arm themselves with weapons and armor made of gold, as there is no

other metal in California. They fill their ships with supplies and hasten to sea.[5]

Landing near Constantinople, Calafia meets with other Muslim warrior leaders who were unable to remove King Amadis and his Christian allies from the city, and she tells them all to hold back and watch her manner of combat—she says they will be amazed. The next morning, she and her women warriors mount their "fierce beasts" wearing gold armor "adorned with the most precious stones", advancing to invest the city.[5]

Calafia orders the griffins forward and they, hungry from the long sea voyage, fly out and maul the city's defenders.[6] Sating their hunger, the griffins continue to snatch Christian men in their claws and carry them high in air only to drop them to their deaths. The city's defenders cower and hide from the griffins. Seeing this, Calafia passes word to her Muslim allies that they are free to advance and take the city. The griffins, however, cannot tell Muslim from Christian; they can only tell man from woman. The griffins begin snatching Muslim soldiers and carrying them aloft,

dropping and killing them. Calafia questions her pagan faith, saying, "O ye idols in whom I believe and worship, what is this which has happened as favorably to my enemies as to my friends?"[5] She orders her woman warriors to take the city's battlements and they fight well, taking many injuries from arrows and quarrels piercing the soft gold metal of their armor. Calafia orders her allies forward to assist the Californians in battle, but the griffins pounce again, killing Muslim men. She directs the griffin trainers to call them off, and the griffins return to roost in the ships.[5]

This inauspicious beginning weighed heavily on Calafia. To restore their honor she directed her forces to fight alongside those of her allies, with the griffins kept in the ships. Terrific battles raged along the city's walls but the attackers were repulsed. Calafia led a picked group of women warriors to attack a city gate, one held by Norandel, the half-brother of King Amadis. Norandel charged out of the gate against Calafia; upon meeting their two lances were broken but the warriors remained standing. They struck at each other with sword and knife,

and a general melee ensued, Calafia throwing knights from their horses and taking great blows on her shield. Two more knights charge forward from the city, nobles named Talanque (a nephew of King Amadis) and Maneli, a prince of Ireland. These men nearly swamp Calafia in blows, and she can only be pulled back to friendly forces by her sister Liota who attacks the two knights "like a mad lioness".[5] The day's battle left many dead including 200 of Calafia's women.[5]

The story continues with the arrival of several more Christian princes and their armies. Radiaro and Calafia issue a challenge to two Christian warriors to engage them in single combat for the purpose of deciding the battle. King Amadis and his son Esplandián accept the challenge. The black-skinned warrior woman chosen as messenger tells Calafia that Esplandián is the most handsome and elegant man that has ever existed. Calafia determines that she must see the man herself before engaging him in combat. She stays awake all night

wondering whether to wear royal robes or warrior's armor. Deciding in favor of a thick golden toga embroidered with jewels, topped by a golden hood, she rode to meet her enemies, escorted by 2,000 women warriors. After being seated among the Christian kings, she immediately recognized Esplandián from his great beauty, and fell in love with him. She tells him she will meet him on the field of battle and, if they should live, that she wishes to speak further with him. Esplandián considers Calafia an infidel, an abomination of the rightfully subservient

position of woman in relation to man, and he makes no response.[5]

The next day, Calafia duels with King Amadis, and Radiaro duels with Esplandián. With Leonorina, his betrothed, looking on, Esplandián masters Radiaro with a flurry of weapon thrusts. Calafia and Amadis trade blows until he disarms her and knocks her helmet off. Both Calafia and Radario surrender to the Christians.[5] While being held prisoner, Calafia acknowledges the astonishing beauty of Leonorina, daughter of the Constantinople emperor and

the intended bride of Esplandián, and resolves not to interfere with their union. She accepts Christianity as the one true faith, saying, "I have seen the ordered order of your religion, and the great disorder of all others, I have seen that it is clear that the law which you follow must be the truth, while that which we follow is lying and falsehood."[5] She marries Talanque, a large and handsome knight who fought with her outside the city gate; similarly, her sister Liota marries Maneli, Talanque's companion in arms. The women return to California with their

husbands to establish a new dynasty complete with both sexes, as a Christian nation.[5]

Etymology

An early conception of the Island of California, this map is the result of partial exploration and guesswork

The first voyage of Christopher Columbus in the late 15th century sparked a new interest in the search for "Terrestrial Paradise", a legendary land of ease and riches, with beautiful women wearing gold

and pearls.[7] Spanish author Garci Rodríguez de Montalvo drew upon reports from the New World to add interest to his fantasy world of chivalry and battle, of riches, victory, and loss, of an upside-down depiction of traditional sex roles. Around the year 1500 in his novel *The Adventures of Esplandián*, he writes:

> *Know ye that at the right hand of the Indies there is an island called California, very close to that part of the Terrestrial Paradise, which was inhabited*

> *by black women without a single man among them, and they lived in the manner of Amazons. They were robust of body with strong passionate hearts and great virtue. The island itself is one of the wildest in the world on account of the bold and craggy rocks.*[8]

The explorer Hernán Cortés and his men were familiar with the book;[9] Cortés quoted it in 1524. As governor of Mexico he sent out an expedition of two ships, one guided

by the famous pilot Fortún Ximénez who led a mutiny, killing the expedition's leader, Diego de Becerra, and a number of sailors faithful to Becerra.[10] After the mutiny, Ximénez continued sailing north by northwest and, in early 1534, landed at what is known today as La Paz, Baja California Sur. Ximénez, who reported pearls found, believed the land was a large island.[11] He and his escort of sailors were killed by natives when they went ashore for water. The few remaining sailors brought the ship and its story back to Cortés. There is some dispute

whether the land was named at this time—no record exists of Ximénez giving it a name.

In 1535, Cortés led an expedition back to the land, arriving on May 1, 1535, a day known as *Santa Cruz de Mayo*, and in keeping with methods of contemporary discoverers, he named it *Santa Cruz*.[12] It is not known who first named the area *California* but between 1550 and 1556, the name appears three times in reports about Cortés written by Giovanni Battista Ramusio. However, the name *California* also appears in a

1542 journal kept by explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, who used it casually, as if it were already popular.[13] In 1921, California historian Charles E. Chapman theorized that Ximénez named the new land *California* but the name was not accepted by Cortés because Ximénez was a mutineer who killed Becerra, a kinsman of Cortés.[14] Despite this, the name became the one used popularly by Spaniards, the only name used by non-Spaniards, and by 1770, the entire Pacific coast controlled by Spain was officially known as California. The Spanish-speaking

people who lived there were called Californios.[15]

For many years, the Rodríguez de Montalvo novel languished in obscurity, with no connection known between it and the name of California made by English-speaking American settlers. In 1864, a portion of the original was translated by Edward Everett Hale for The Antiquarian Society, and the story was printed in the *Atlantic Monthly* magazine.[5] Hale supposed that in inventing the names, Rodríguez de Montalvo held in his mind the Spanish word

calif, the term for a leader of the Muslim people.[16] Hale's joint derivation of *Calafia* and *California* was accepted by many, then questioned by a few scholars who sought further proof, and offered their own interpretations. George Davidson wrote in 1910 that Hale's theory was the best yet presented, but offered his own addition.[17]

In 1917, Ruth Putnam printed an exhaustive account of the work performed up to that time. She wrote that both *Calafia* and *California* most likely came from the Arabic word *khalifa* which

means ruler or leader. The same word in Spanish was *califa*, easily made into *California* to stand for "land of the caliph", or *Calafia* to stand for "female caliph".[18] Putnam discussed Davidson's 1910 theory based on the Greek word *kalli* (meaning beautiful) but discounted it as exceedingly unlikely,[18] a conclusion that Dora Beale Polk agreed with in 1995, calling the theory "far-fetched".[16] Putnam also wrote that *The Song of Roland* held a passing mention of a place called *Califerne*, perhaps named thus because it was the caliph's domain, a place of infidel

rebellion.[16] Chapman elaborated on this connection in 1921: "There can be no question but that a learned man like Ordóñez de Montalvo was familiar with the *Chanson de Roland* ...This derivation of the word 'California' can perhaps never be proved, but it is too plausible—and it may be added too interesting—to be overlooked."[19] Polk characterized this theory as "imaginative speculation", adding that another scholar offered the "interestingly plausible" suggestion that Roland's *Califerne* is a corruption of the Persian *Kar-i-farn*, a mythological

"mountain of Paradise" where griffins lived.[20]

In 1923, Prosper Boissonnade, Dean of Literature at the University of Poitiers, wrote that a fortified capital city in 11th century Algeria was built and defended by the Beni-Iferne tribe of Berber people. This city was called Kalaa-Iferne or Kal-Iferne by the Arabs, and was certainly known at the time in Spain; today it is the ruins known as Beni Hammad Fort. Boissonnade said the Arab name of this fortress city likely inspired Roland and later Rodríguez de

Montalvo, such that *Kal-Iferne* became first *Califerne* and then *California*.[21] John William Templeton describes how Hernán Cortés' expedition in search of California had Africans as a third of his crew, including his second-in-command, Juan Garrido. Templeton says that Calafia is exemplary of a genre of literature from the 14th to the 16th centuries that featured black women as powerful, wealthy and beautiful. Historian Jack Forbes wrote that the Spanish were quite experienced in being ruled by

Africans given the Moorish occupation from 710 to 1490.[22]

Legends of an island of women warriors

Mural of Queen Calafia and her Amazon warriors at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, California, painted in 1926 by Maynard Dixon and Frank Van Sloun.

Rodríguez de Montalvo's description of Calafia, her people and her country was based upon many centuries of stories of Amazons, groups of woman warriors who fought like men. As

well, the story of an island paradise filled with gold and pearls was a recurring theme that Rodríguez de Montalvo was familiar with. In seeking new land, Spanish explorers were often led onward after hearing about a land of gold, or a land ruled by women. California historian Lynn Townsend White, Jr wrote that they considered the as-yet undiscovered California "a land of Orient with fantastic attributes".[23] The novel about Esplandián and Calafia's domain had a strong influence on the searching Conquistadors, who believed they might find a nation of

women and riches somewhere at the edge of the known world.[24]

In Greek mythology, Amazons are described as a nation of female warriors who live in kingdoms outside of recognized civilization, women who fight with Greek warriors. They appear in many Greek tales including those by Homer, and they are usually killed or otherwise subdued by male warriors.[25] Male hostility to the woman warriors is expressed by Dictys of Crete who wrote that an Amazon queen "transgressed the boundaries of nature and of her

sex."[25] Niketas Choniates, a medieval Greek historian, wrote about women warriors who fought alongside men in the Second Crusade, riding horses "unashamedly astride" (rather than modestly sidesaddle), dressed as men and maintaining a very warlike appearance.[25] Jacques de Vitry, a Bishop of Acre, and a historian of the Crusades, wrote about Amazons who fought who were stronger than men because their vitality was not "consumed in frequent copulation."[25] In some stories, women warriors fought alongside Muslim men and in

others they allied themselves to Christian armies.[25]

Some of the tales of Amazons describe them as having dark skin. In Africa, King Musa I of Mali was protected by black female Royal Guards on his famous and influential hajj to Mecca in 1332.[26] Johann Schiltberger wrote in 1440 about a group of Tatar Amazons, Mongol giantesses led by a vengeful princess.[27] Columbus returned to Spain with the story of an island in the Lesser Antilles called "Matinino" (perhaps modern Martinique[28]) that was inhabited

only by women, a tale told to him by many of the natives of the West Indies. Columbus did not call the Matinino women "Amazons", but the comparison was drawn by his contemporaries.[29]

When encountering natives in the New World, Spanish explorers were occasionally told of a tribe composed entirely of women. One such tale was related to Cortés about a group of Amazons supposedly living in a province called Ciguatán. Juan de Grijalva was told of Amazons during his 1518 expedition through the

Tabasco region of Mexico. Nuño de Guzmán followed tales of a nation of women who lived in riches on or near the sea, women with whiter skin who were accounted goddesses by the natives. He described how they used bows and arrows, and lived in many towns.[30] Polk characterized Guzmán as driven by lust for sex and riches—his greed and sadism were well known.[31]

Legacy

Depiction of Calafia holding up the treasures and industries of California in the Allegory of California mural by Diego Rivera, painted in 1931 at the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange, San Francisco.

Spanish novelist Vicente Blasco Ibáñez wrote a book entitled *La reina Calafia* (*Queen Calafia*) in 1924.

A 1926 portrayal of Queen Calafia and her Amazons is found in a

mural in the Room of the Dons at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco. It was created for the opening of the hotel in 1926 by Maynard Dixon and Frank Van Sloun, and has been called "the first embodiment of Queen Califia" though criticized as showing her "haughty and aloof".[32]

In 1937, Lucile Lloyd unveiled her triptych mural "Origin and Development of the Name of the State of California", also known as "California Allegory", which was displayed at the State Building in Los Angeles until 1975 when the

building was demolished for safety reasons. The paintings were archived, and in 1991 they were restored and mounted in the California Room of the state capitol, room 4203, renamed the John L. Burton Hearing Room. The regal central figure shows Califia dressed in proto-Mexican finery, holding a spear in her left hand and examining a gyroscope in her right.[33]

In 1931, Diego Rivera finished his first U.S. mural, "The Allegory of California," for the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange building (now the City Club of San Francisco).[34]

The publication of Our Roots Run Deep, the Black Experience in California, Vol. 1 was the lead story in the Sunday Examiner and Chronicle on Feb. 1, 1992 as reporter Greg Lewis pointed out the book's depiction of the Queen Calafia story as particularly noteworthy. An exhibition featuring Queen Calafia followed in 1995 at the Historic State Capital Museum in Sacramento with subsequent showings in the sixth Floor Gallery of the San Francisco Main Library and the Los Angeles Central Library. In 1998, the California Council on Humanities funded the

seminar The Black Queen: Primary Sources in California History to promote additional primary source research in California African-American history.

Calafia State Beach, located in San Clemente, California.

The mural of Queen Calafia is featured at the top of the new African-American Freedom Trail brochure produced by ReUNION: Education-Arts-Heritage and San

Francisco Travel in November 2013.

Within the Society for Creative Anachronism, the San Diego, CA local chapter is the Barony of Calafia,[35] established in 1972.[36]

Los Angeles Times columnist Jack Smith owned a sailboat that he named "Calafia." The sailboat would occasionally be written about in his columns.[37]

In November 1975, the 11,000-capacity *Plaza de Toros Calafia* was completed, a bullfighting arena in the city of Mexicali, the capital of

the Mexican state of Baja California. The arena is also known as *la reina Calafia* (Queen Calafia).

Queen Califia's Magical Circle, an outdoor sculpture garden in Escondido, California, opened in 2003, designed by famed French-American designer and artist Niki de Saint Phalle.[38] The central character of Queen Califia is presented wearing gold glass armor atop a stylized giant bird. The final work on the sculpture garden was overseen by de Saint Phalle's granddaughter and by her assistants and technical advisers.[39]

Plaza Calafia arena, located in Mexicali, Baja California.

In 2004, the African American Historical and Cultural Society Museum in San Francisco assembled a Queen Califia exhibit, curated by John William Templeton, featuring works by artists such as TheArthur Wright and James Gayles; artistic interpretations of Calafia. The show displayed a 1936 treatment of Lucile Lloyd's "California

Allegory" triptych, with Queen Califia as the central figure. Templeton said that "Califia is a part of California history, and she also reinforces the fact that when Cortes named this place California, he had 300 black people with him." Templeton pointed out that Columbus had a black navigator and that Africans were seen by Europeans as being culturally advanced in the 15th century.[26] William E. Hoskins, director of the museum, said that very few people know the story of Queen Califia. He said, "One of the things we're trying to do is let people have the

additional insight and appreciation for the contributions of African Americans to this wonderful country and more specifically to the state of California", adding that "the Queen Califia exhibit is particularly poignant."[26]

Califia makes an appearance in the 2015 video game *Code Name: S.T.E.A.M.*, appearing as a member of Abraham Lincoln's strike force.

Calafia Airlines, a Mexican airline based in Baja California Sur.

In 2018, Queen Calafia and the mythical island of California will be the inspiration for the Mexicali Biennial, an arts program focusing on art from Mexico and California. Entitled *Calafia: Manifesting the Terrestrial Paradise*, it will showcase performance, visual arts and mixed media events to interrogate the concept of myth in California's origin story.[40]

Golden Dreams was a 23-minute film and multimedia experience showing the history of California through several recreated scenes, narrated by Whoopi Goldberg as

Califia, the Queen of California. A bust of Goldberg attired in queenly raiment was the target of a projected image showing Goldberg narrating the story—the sculpture appeared to come to life.[41] The attraction, at Disney California Adventure Park at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, opened with the park on February 8, 2001. It closed to the general public on September 7, 2008, and was open only to school groups until March 2009. It was demolished in July 2009 to make way for the construction of a dark

ride called The Little Mermaid: Ariel's Undersea Adventure.[41]

In 2021, the town of Sausalito, California staged the "Queen Calafia Welcoming Event", in which the Sausalito Historical Society and local actors depicted the fictional return of Queen Calafia to present-day California, in celebration of the legendary queen and the etymology of California.[42][43]

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RESETARE : CATACOMBELE DIN PARIS, VICTIMELE POTOPULUI DE NOROI SI MORȚII NECUNOSCUȚI @
de KorbenDallas
INFO :
Azi trãiesc mai bine de 7 miliarde de oameni și conform Departamentului Populației , se estimează cã în total , pe Terra au trãit 107 miliarde de oameni .
Acestea sunt niște ițe pe care am vrut de mult timp sã le pun cap la cap .
Orice idee despre o resetare (sau resetări) recentã evidențiază morții lipsã . Rezultã in mare mãsurã , cã inundațiile de noroi pot fi legate de posibilele noastre resetări .
Două perioade ies în evidență si ele pot fi urmărite prin reprezentări vizuale .
POTOPUL DE NOROI , perioada I
1600--1750
Giovanni Battista Piranesi a trãit în perioada 1720-1778 . Dacã considerãm cã a fost martor la toate evenimentele pe care le-a surprins în lucrãrile sale , rezultã o perioadã aproximativã a potopului de noroi in anii 1600--1750 . Alessandro Salucci sugerează cã evenimentele ar fi putut începe cel mai devreme la 1620 .
PRE-PERIOADA 1
Deși e îndoielnic , cred cã Piranesi ne-a dat o clarã idee despre cum erau tratați morții în aceea perioadã . Conform desenului , morții nu erau îngropați . Giganții erau incinerați . Tot Piranesi ne-a lãsat desene care atestã cã arhitectura nebunească era construitã de oameni mai mari decât noi . Un subiect tabu .
POTOPUL DE NOROI , PERIOADA II
Motivul pentru care cred cã a existat un al doilea potop de noroi se datorează unor diferențe arhitecturale drastice .
Aș plasa acest eveniment mai aproape de anul 1850 , dar clãdirea rusească din imagine a fost construitã în 1910 . Avem probleme deci cu datarea , dar nu despre asta este aici vorba , ci despre morți .
VECHILE CIMITIRE
Conform variantei oficiale , ar trebui sã gãsim rãspândite pe tot cuprinsul terestru , mii de cimitire foarte vechi . Si totuși , ni se oferã doar 8 cele mai vechi cimitire :
1. Gross Fredenwalde , vechi de 8500 ani
2. Kerameikos , anul 3000 înainte de Christos
3. Udegram Cemetery , vechi de 2500--3000 ani
4. Cimitirul Evreiesc de pe Muntele Mãslinilor , 3000 ani

5. Cimitirul Okunoin , anul 819
6. Heiliger Sand din 1058
7. Vechiul cimitir din Praga , 1439
8. Miles Standish Burial Ground , 1638
Nu mai există cimitire vechi ? Precis există , dar apare interesant cuvântul DATAT . Încrederea mea personală față de chestiile datate este aproape de zero .
Se pare că nu avem cimitire mai vechi de 500 de ani .
Orașul Paris a fost fondat undeva în anii 250--225 î.e.n. .
CATACOMBELE DIN PARIS
6 milioane de schelete
Aproximativ 300 de km de tuneluri labirintice se crede că există , însă doar o secțiune infimă de cam 1 km este deschisă publicului , "Catacombele" devenind o puternică atracție turistică a Parisului .
Cred că povestea Catacombelor din Paris este extrem de suspectă , referitor la numărul de morți .
De unde pot proveni 6 milioane de morți după anul 1780
Oficial : Catacombele din Paris reprezintă un osuar subteran reprezentând resturile a mai mult de 6 milioane de oameni situat într-o mică zonă a unei rețele de tuneluri construite pentru a consolida vechile mine de piatră ale Parisului .
Se menționează Cimitirul Sființilor Inocenți , care nu mai există . A fost suprasaturat cu cadavre care s-ar fi împrăștiat pe străzi . Autoritățile au intervenit si au mutat trupurile în catacombe .
Cimitirul a fost inaugurat în sec. al XII-lea și închis în 1780 . Oare chiar a existat acest cimitir Nu știu , dar în mod sigur , avem foarte multe schelete în Catacombe .
POPULAȚIA PARISULUI
Judecați voi dacă 205.882 locuitori pe o milă² (2,59 km²) reprezintă o cifră realizabilă în anul 1572 .
Cel mai dens populat oraș de azi este Manila cu 107.561 locuitori pe mila² .
Ori nu ni se spune care era adevărata mărime a Parisului , ori populația la 1550 era sub 50.000 . Nu ai cum să găzduiești 350.000 de oameni pe o suprafață de 1,69 mile² (4,1 km²).
DE UNDE 6 MILIOANE DE SCHELETE
Să vedem evoluția populației Parisului :
anul 29 î.e.n. 29.000
anul 1000 : 20.000
anul 1200 : 120.000
anul 1250 : 160.000
anul 1300 : 228.000
anul 1340 : 300.000
anul 1400 : 280.000, pierderi după ciuma neagră

anul 1500 : 200.000, pierderi dupã rãzboiul de 100 de ani
anul 1550 : 275.000, revenire dupa Renaștere
anul 1594 : 210.000, pierderi dupã rãzboaie civile si religioase
anul 1634 : 420.000, revenire sub regele Henry IV
anul 1700 : 515.000
anul 1750 : 565.000
Trebuie cã vã plac foarte mult aceste "pierderi" și "reveniri". Ce se poate oare ascunde în dosul acestor cifre
De gândit : sub domnia lui Philip al II-lea , cimitirul a fost extins și înconjurat de un zid înalt de 3 metri .
De ce în anul 1200 cu o populație de doar 110.000 , a fost nevoie de ridicarea unui zid înalt de 3 metri
Dupã cum se vede pe hartã , cimitirul era în mijlocul orașului . Este ca și cum nu ar fi existat absolut niciun alt loc disponibil
Luând în considerare cã populația Parisului a fost cea expusã mai sus , cum ajungem la peste 6 milioane de morți
Deși unele schelete se presupune cã au o vechime de 500 de ani iar altele , 10 ani , toate aratã la fel Oasele nu cad , când în realitate , stim cã ele cad În plus , oasele din Catacombe aratã șlefuite și tratate .
Deoarece Cimitirul Sființilor Inocenți nu mai existã , îmi voi permite sã fac urmãtoarele speculații :
* toți acei oameni au murit deodatã , de aceea oasele sunt toate în același loc și aceiași stare de pãstrare
* moartea poate reprezenta o "resetare" . Dacã a fost din cauza potopului sau a otrãvirii , rãmâne de srabilit .
* cu doar o milã disponibilã din 200 de mile (300 km) de tuneluri , nu putem fi siguri cã acolo existã doar 6 milioane de morți . Dacã cifra este de 200 de ori mai mare
* nu știm la ce perioadã se raportează acele morți .
INSPECTION GÉNÉRALE DES CARRIÈRES
este o organizație care administrează minele și Catacombele din Paris . A fost fondatã în 1777 .
Gãurile de acum sunt forate de sus si umplute cu beton .
Datoritã pericolului pe care îl reprezintã cavitãtile realizate cicã , de vechii romani , dovezile istorice sunt astupate și sigilate cu beton . Nimeni nu trebuie sã vadã ce este acolo .
Ce mai știm despre perioada 1775--1777 Nu cred cã sunt coincidențe .
ALTE LOCURI
OSUARUL DE LA BRNO
Osuarul de la Brno , Cehia , a fost înființat în sec. al XVII-lea și extins în sec. al XVIII-lea . A fost descoperit în 2001 si conține osemintele a 50.000 de oameni .
SEDLEC
Tot în Cehia , la Sedlec , se aflã alt osuar unde zac resturile a 70.000 de oameni .
OSUARUL DE LA PUTIM , fondat în 1741
MÃNÃSTIREA CATACOMBELOR SAN FRANCISCO din Lima , Peru , aproximativ 70.000 de schelete .

Recent arheologii au descoperit mii de schelete în Schlossplatz , Berlin , din epoca medievală .
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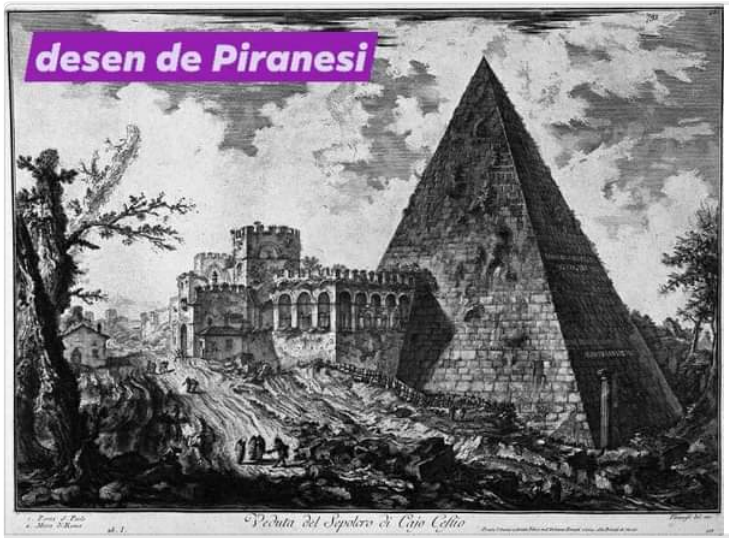

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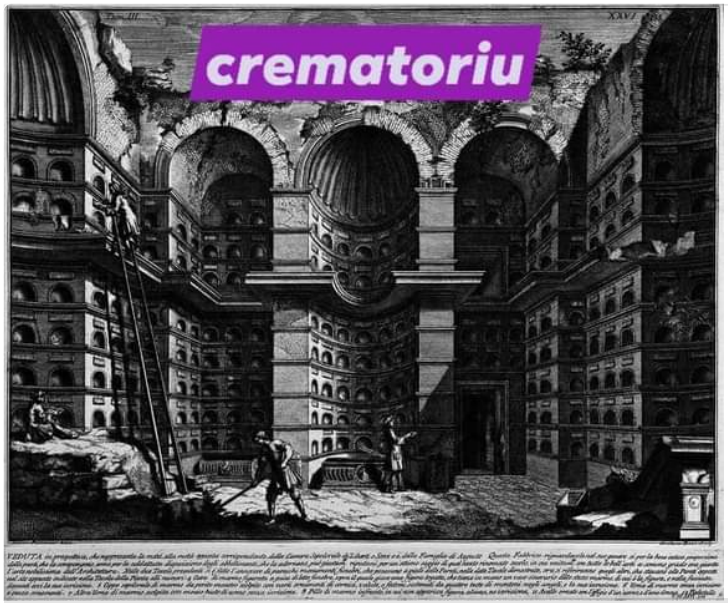

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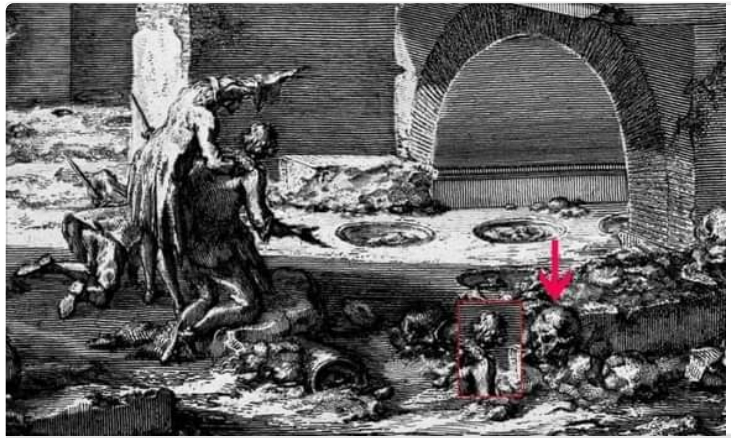

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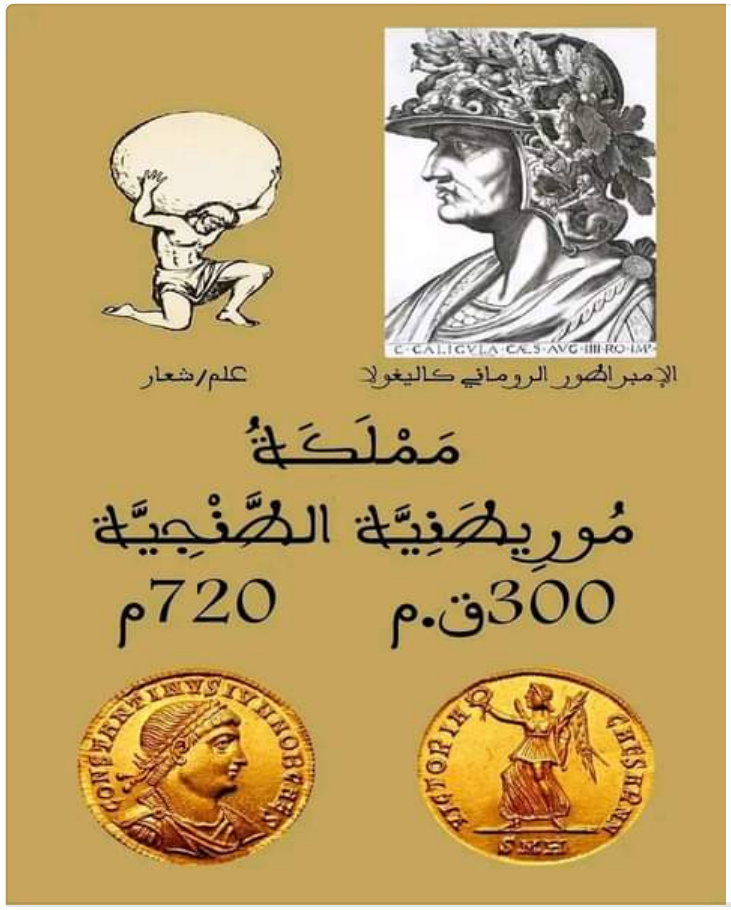

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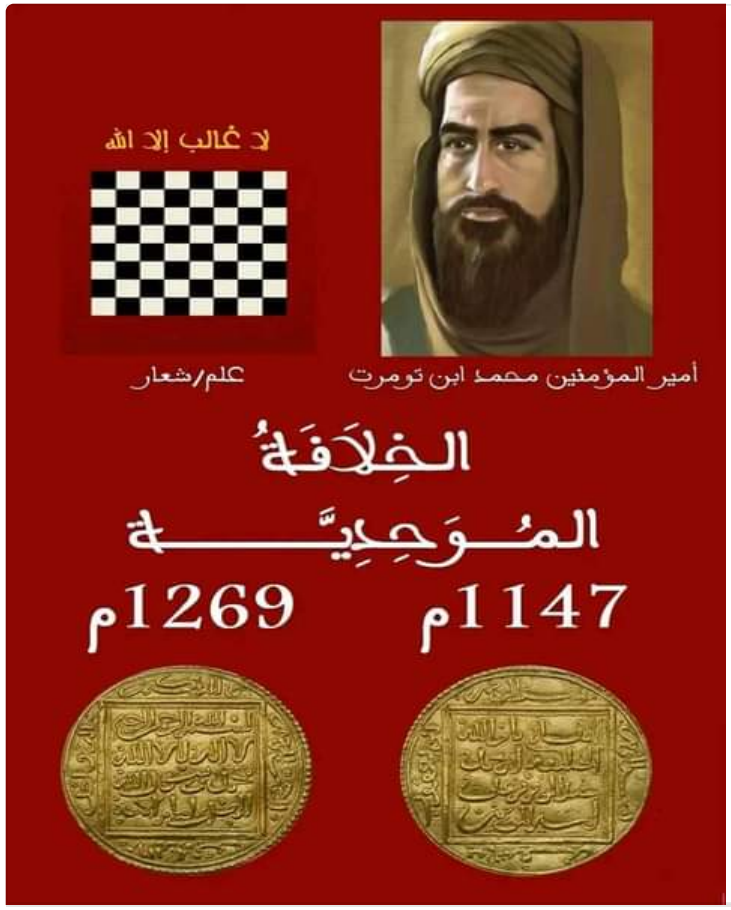

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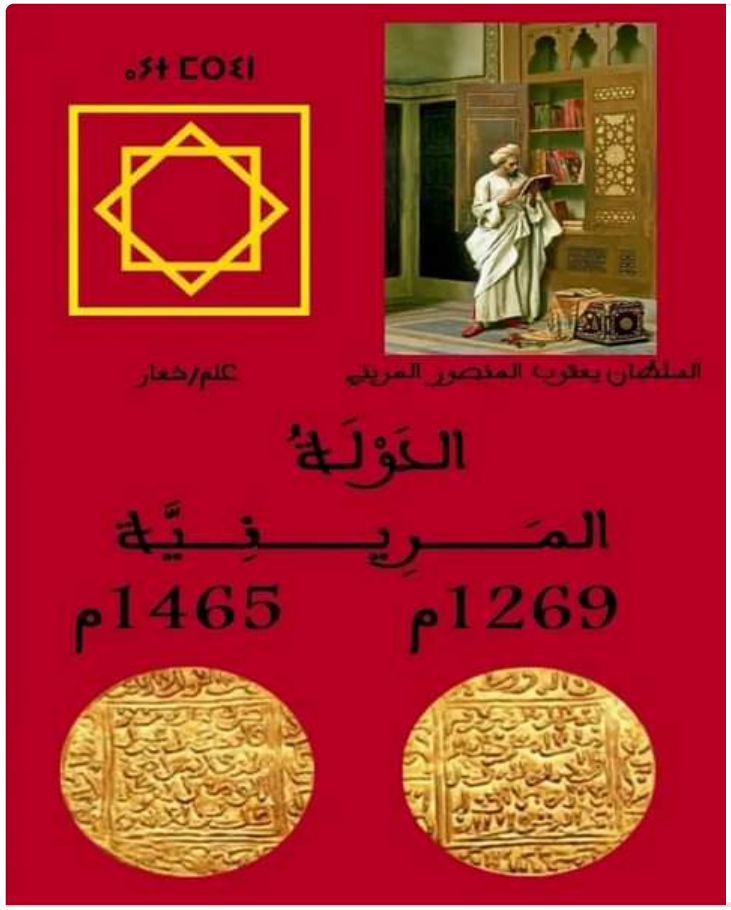

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THE WOLOF PEOPLE: AFRICA`S DARKEST, TALL AND REGAL-LOOKING PEOPLE

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The Wolof are an ethnic group found in Senegal, The Gambia, and Mauritania.
In Senegal, the Wolof form an ethnic plurality where about 43.3% of the population are Wolofs.
In The Gambia, about 16% of the population are Wolof. Here, they are a minority, where the Mandinka are the plurality with 42% of the population, yet Wolof language and culture have a disproportionate influence because of their prevalence in Banjul, The Gambia's capital, where a majority of the population is Wolof.
In Mauritania, about 8% of the population are Wolof. They live largely in the southern coastal region of the country.

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A painting of Wolof man wearing traditional "Baobao" robe

Wolof people live in the 'Savanna zone' of northwest Senegal. They can be found from the Senegal river in the north to the Gambia river in the south (indicated by the green areas on the map). They are the largest people/group of Senegal, and make up 43.5% of the total population of Senegal and number about 3 million.

In rural areas the Wolof are mainly farmers.

Wolof Woman from Senegal with pipe. Postcard photo - *François-Edmond Fortier*

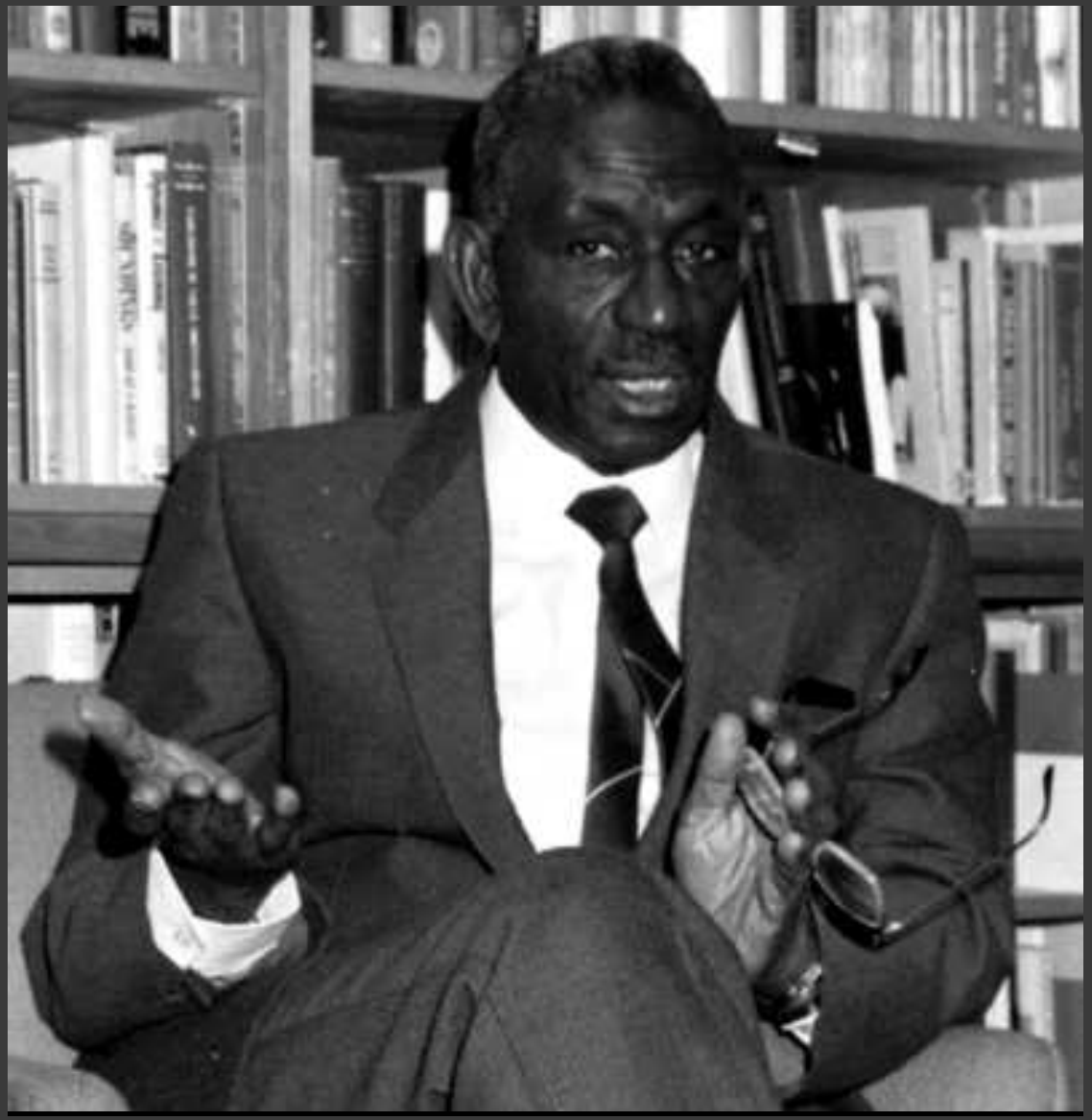
The Wolof language is a West Atlantic language of the Niger-Congo family. It is an important language as it is used as the language of trade even outside the main Wolof areas. About 30% of the population speak Wolof as their first language and about 80% understand it.

History

Woman of the Wolof people and her child (Senegal). Ca. 1888.

The Wolof first entered Senegal from the north east in about the 11th Century coming to the lower Senegal Valley. They are said to be composed of an amalgam of Mandingo, Sereer and Fula. Cheikh Anta

Diop believes that they came from the Nile valley and that the Wolof were part of the formation of the ancient Egyptian civilisation. From the 13th to the 15th centuries, Wolof kings conquered and ruled a large area called the Djolof. Towards the end of the 16th century this broke up into the chiefdoms of Walo, Baol, Cayor, Sine and Saloum.



Wolof tribe man, Cheikh Anta Diop, the great African historian/scholar

These in turn where destroyed by the French in the 19th century, the last Wolof King, Lat Dior, being

defeated in battle and killed in 1886. Since the times of the Wolof Kingdoms until recent times the Wolof lived in highly stratified societies based primarily on blood relationships. There were three highly separated castes: freemen (*gor* or *jambur*); those of slave descent (*jaam*); and artisans (*ñeeño*). Intermarriage rarely took place between the castes. The Wolof have always had closer contacts with the European powers than the other people groups in Senegal and were also largely behind the slave trade between the 15th and 19th centuries.

Wolof Queen Ndeté-Yalla, Senegal, showing her robes and bead jewelry, 1850s; based on a drawing made from life by a Senegalese Catholic priest. For details, see http://hitchcock.itc.virginia.edu/Slavery, Image Reference Boilat03.

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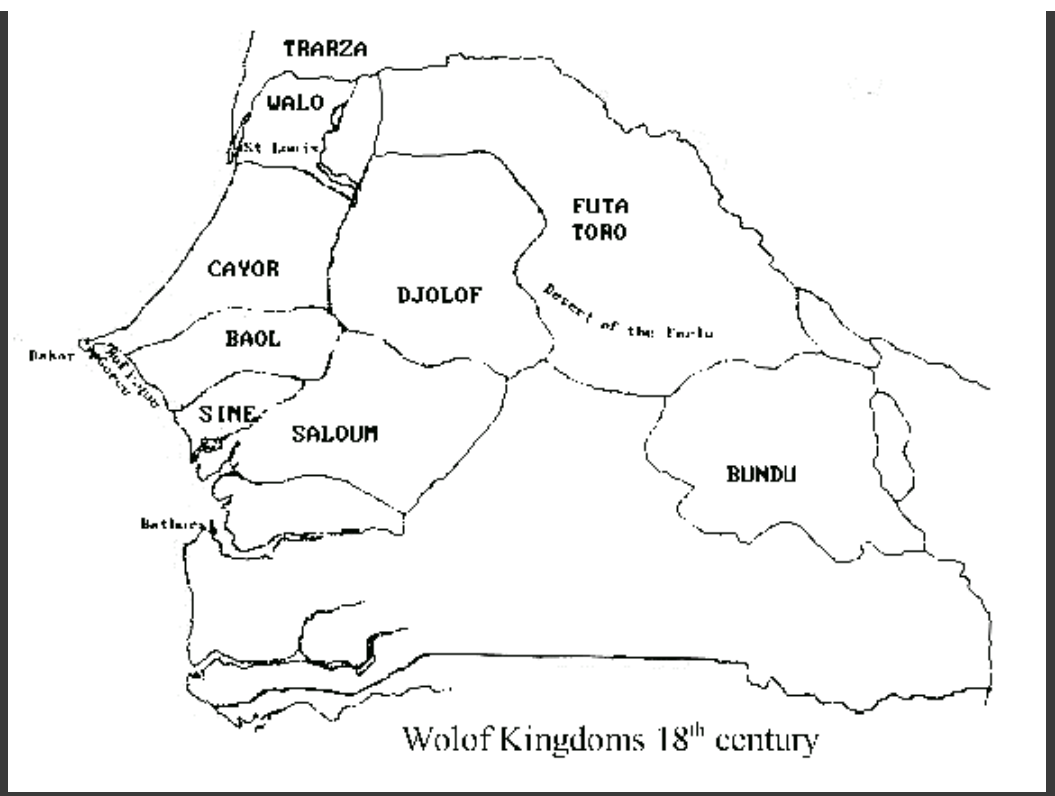
The French built factories along the Senegal River to exploit the gum-producing area and to trade in slaves. Wolof chiefs also traded slaves thus giving them a source of revenue and power. In 1815, the slave trade became illegal, although slaves were still being traded late in the 19th Century. This had important ramifications for the power of the chiefs and the process of Islamization.

At this time families headed by marabouts (i.e. elders who considered themselves as Muslim clerics) were immigrating from the east. The chiefs often valued the marabouts for their prayers and amulets, books and rosaries, and magic powers. In return the marabouts were given land and allowed to start villages. The marabouts slowly detached themselves from court life and became the leaders of the commoners living in the countryside.

At this time the court was characterized by 'a dissipated style of living'. Overindulgence, extravagance, drunkenness, and immorality were rampant and were basically stimulated by the soldiers. By contrast the marabouts lived lives regulated by the Koran, less extravagant, reserved and disciplined which also led to improved economic conditions. The soldiers of the court tended to oppress and mistreat the people but left the marabouts alone for fear of their magic. 'Mistreated people' also began to go to the marabout villages as a refuge thus increasing the marabouts' following.



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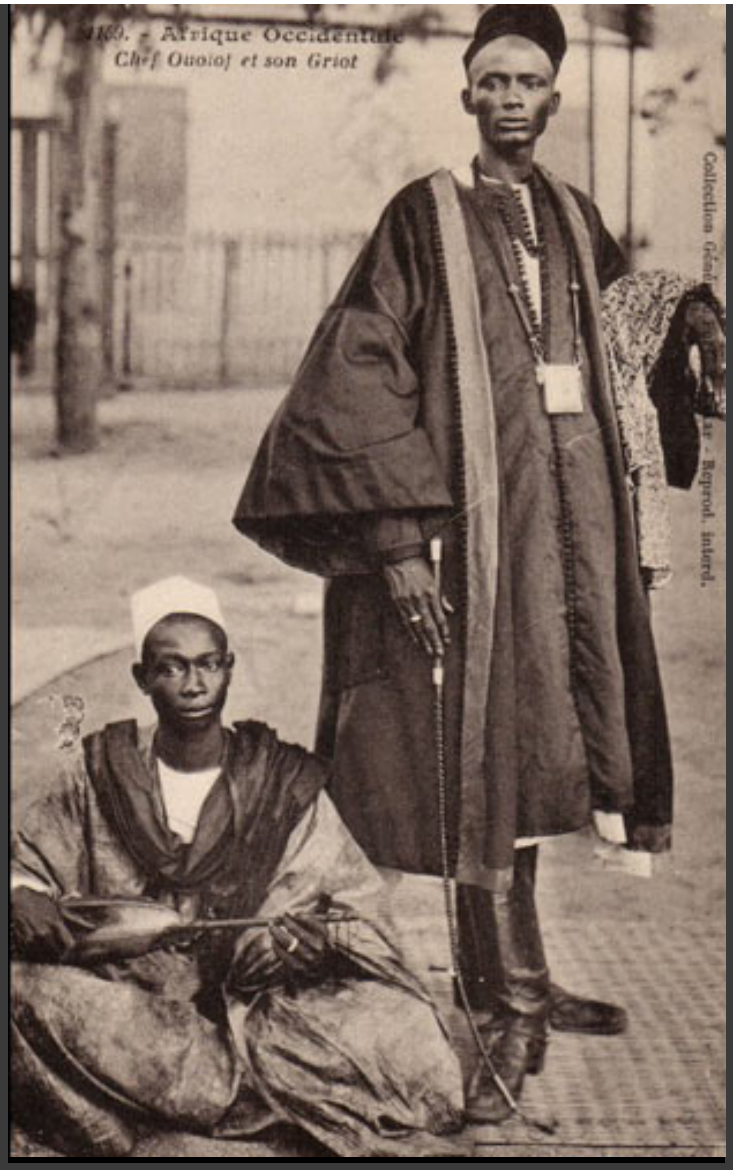


From the 17th Century onwards the influence of the marabouts had increased so much, that they revolted against the court army. The chiefs were weakened by their loss of control over trade and revenues after the decline of the slave trade and because more and more of the wealth from the trade in peanuts went to the marabouts. This brought them money and therefore guns which together with the development of the peanut trade contributed to the success of the marabout revolution (jihad).

Colonial policy in Senegal and Gambia was directed to establishing peace so trade could develop. Irrespective of whether governors chose the side of the marabouts or chiefs the influence of the marabouts

grew and Islam spread more rapidly and thoroughly. Thus today nearly 99.9% of Wolof people are Muslim.

Characteristics and Importance of the Wolof

The Wolof people are a very dark skinned, tall, proud, regal-looking people. They tend to be lazy about learning other languages, and have a domineering and contemptuous attitude toward their neighbours. and are very ethnocentric. Open sensuality is part of their lifestyle.

Gambian Wolof woman doing her gig

The Wolof have been more affected by the West than other Senegalese groups. However, they have the most highly developed sense of national identity of any of the Senegalese. Through the years, they have played a major role in the import-export trade as middlemen and primary producers of the main cash crop, peanuts. They tend to be a major element of the civil service and play an important part in political parties. In fact Wolofs hold a disproportionate share of cabinet posts and seats in the National Assembly.

They are highly urbanized and they are the main element in the major cities of Senegal (Dakar, St.Louis, Thies, Kaolack). In the urban areas they may be found in businesses such as fabrics, dressmaking, dyeing, jewellery making, and elaborate hair-dressing.

Mauritanian Wolof fishermen

During the course of their history the Wolof have absorbed many traits from other cultures thus share a variety of cultural characteristics with their neighbours. Language is one such element. Despite this the Wolof have remained a distinct ethnic group which is very appealing to people of other groups. In fact those in close contact with them, particularly in the towns, tend to adopt Wolof traits and claim themselves to be Wolof even when the link is somewhat tenuous. One particularly important characteristic of the Wolof is their capacity to influence the ways of others, adapt to changing situations yet remain a distinct culture. They are admired by other groups due to their initiative and ability to adapt. Both the Serer and the Lebu have undergone 'Wolofization'.

Wolof people

Religion

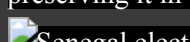
The Wolof Style of Islam

Islam is an inseparable part of Wolof culture. However Wolof society is considerably freer than most Muslim societies. For instance women are free to appear in public. One important feature of Wolof Islam is that it tends to be centred around membership of one of the three main brotherhoods. About 30% of Wolofs belong to the Mourides, about 60% belong to the Tijaniyas, and about 10% belong to the Qadiriyas. During the Colonial period the brotherhoods were the main means by which the Sufi form of Islam was spread. Since independence Islam has become the primary force in Senegalese society due to the brotherhoods' ability to adapt to changing social conditions, the spread of Koranic primary schools, and Senegal's growing ties with the Islamic world.

Prayer in a sand

Pre-Islamic beliefs survive only to a small extent among the Wolof and are found mainly in isolated rural

areas. When Islamic beliefs were adopted, procedures at naming ceremonies, circumcision, marriage, divorce, and burial started to follow Islamic patterns. However it has been noted that the Islam of the Wolof is strongly mixed with spiritism. Numerous taboos operate in Wolof society. For example, a pregnant women may not work in the fields or it is believed the harvest will be less; a knife is placed beside the head of a newborn baby until it is seven days old to protect it from evil spirits. Marabouts (Muslim clerics) practise white magic, for a price. Their practices include writing special Koranic texts on paper and then placing them in small leather pouches or washing the ink from these texts with water, and preserving it in bottles or sprinkling it over the body.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Senegalese Wolof marabout Chiekh Bethio Thioune surrounded by supporters as he endorses former Senegalese Wolof president Abdoulaye Wade.

Animistic beliefs

Wolof society gives the impression of revolving around Islam, and Islam does in fact hold a central place in Wolof society. However it is practiced at two levels. The visible level is "orthodox" Islam with its ritual prayers, fasts and festivals. But at the heart of their beliefs and practices is "folk" Islam, a syncretistic mix of Sufi Islam and African traditional religion.

Wolof traditionalist/animist

Many of the pre-existing animistic practices have been given Islamic dress. That is to say, they are performed by Muslims, and the names of Allah and Muhammad invoked. It is in folk Islam where people deal with the important issues of life: health and sickness, the fear of evil spirits, witches and black magic, advancement in life. Amulets and charms are worn to protect the wearer from all sorts of maledictions. Wives will seek to prevent their husbands from marrying a second wife by seeking someone with magical powers. People will try to get ahead of their competitors through black magic, all the while giving the appearance of being their best friends. Sacrifices are made to the family spirits, family totems are respected and ceremonies for the exorcism of spirits have changed little from pre-Islamic days.

The new born baby is protected from evil spirits by placing a knife, a branch from the echallon tree and charms beside its head. And it is from the pre-existing beliefs that many of their still strongly held superstitions arose, such as the taboos on a woman, pregnant for the first time, working in a field or going fishing with a man; the knife carried by women in their period of mourning after the death of their husbands to chase evil spirits away; taking Monday as the day of rest as this is the day that the spirits of the earth rest; or taboos on cutting the fingernails of a baby which is being breast fed for fear that it will become a thief.

Social Organization

Castes

Youssou Ndour, A wolof and great African musician from Sebegal

The Wolof basically have a stratified social system made up of three main castes - freeborn, those of slave descent, and artisan which includes smiths, leatherworkers and musicians. This system is somewhat modified in the towns.

Wolof tribe man Ousmane Sembene with his trademark pipe, Great African Film-maker

It has been observed that the freeborn caste tend to maintain a favoured position by holding on to their former status and by applying the Islamic rules more strictly than those of slave descent or artisans. Slave-descendants no longer work for the descendants of their former masters but the freeborn still have material advantages due to their position. However today materially the slave-descendants should be able to gain a position comparable to that of the freeborn. Similarly village heads were almost always of freeborn status and always in villages of mixed castes. Intermarriage between castes is not common.

Two famous Wolofs: Former Senegalese president Abdoulaye Wade and international musician Akon

The freeborn consider themselves more religious than slave-descents since more of them go on the pilgrimage to Mecca. However the costs for slave-descendants are much higher as they must compensate their former masters during their absence. People who return from the pilgrimage gain the title of El Hadji (men) or Adjouratou (women) and also gain much prestige. Since slave-descendants and artisans cannot occupy positions of authority or prestige in mixed communities these groups tend to hold on to tribal religion and the ceremonies and activities related to the age-set system more than the freeborn. Slave-descendants and artisans also receive gifts from the freeborn in return for carrying out ritual services for them.

Aminata Sow Fall, the famous Senegalese African writer

Indicators of wealth

Kinee Diouf Senegalese Wolof international model

In Saloum indicators of wealth included: Firstly, the number of wives. The Wolof in this area had from 1 to 4 wives, only the wealthy could have more than one wife; Second, the possession of durable luxury goods, including metallic beds, bicycles, motorcycles, sewing machines and modern sporting-guns. Also only rich farmers tend to own mud brick houses and it is mainly the rich who manage to gain the title of El Hadji.

Wolof woman

Wolof ceremonial traditions

Ceremonies such as weddings, funerals, and baptisms, while not unique, have traditional elements distinctive to the Wolof. Many aspects of these traditional ceremonies have merged and been modified through the 20th century.

Some Wolof proverbs canbe checked here:http://wolofresources.org/language/download/proverbs.pdf

Action

1. “Maa mën” : defal ñu gis. (2)

“I can do it”; (then) do it so we can see.

“Actions speak louder than words.”

2. Àkk àkkum gaynde, song songum bukki. (6)

Charge with the spirit of a lion but attack like a hyena.

Enthusiasm before action, composure at the moment of action.

3. Def ca ba ngay man. (12)

Do it while you can.

“Strike while the iron’s hot.”

“Opportunity knocks but once.”

“Seize the day.”

“Time and tide wait for no man.”

4. Fa ñuy tëgge ab xàndoor, deesu fa ñaani njël ; fa ñu koy bey lañu koy ñaane. (11,12)

Where they make hilaires (an African tool for removing weeds from a field) they do not pray for dawn; it is those who are weeding who pray for it.

It is in the place where a good idea is put into practice that its value becomes visible, not in the place where the idea was spoken.

5. Jabar, doonte ne yeena jéllooy sàkket, ab xer damm. (2,3)

(In the matter of a) wife, even if you only have a wall of reeds between you, a post can break.

Even if a marriage seems easy to organise, the future bridegroom will always have to do more and spend more than he anticipates.

Tanor owns a large garage and his business is going well. One day, one of his cousins is promoted to head of an important public service. Tanor expects that his cousin will give

him the contract to maintain the service vehicles. Some time later he learns that the contract has been given to another mechanic. Tanor makes known his resentment to one of his friends who says to him that he had been too confident and that he should have gone to see his cousin right after his promotion, and quotes this proverb.

6. Maa la men deesu ko wax, dees koy jëf. (11,12)

“I am better than you” is not something which is said; it is shown by action.

“Actions speak louder than words.”

It is not words which count but action.

7. Nit la mu jëf la du la mu wax. (15)

A man is measured by what he does, not what he says.

“Actions speak louder than words.”

8. Soo jiwul, doo góob. (20)

If you do not sow, you will not reap.

“Nothing ventured, nothing gained.”

“The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.” (Proverbs 13:4 NIV)

9. Wax yomb na, wànte def yombul. (13,20)

Talk is easy, but doing is not.

“Actions speak louder than words.”

“It is easier said than done.”

10. Jëm ci làmb di bàkku, jóge cay bàkkoo ko gën. (11,12)

Dem sa làmb ja di bàkku jóge fa di bàkkoo ko gën. (7,14)

It is better to boast coming from the wrestling match, than to boast on the way to the match.

“Actions speak louder than words.”

Glory comes from the results of action, not from talk.

“The king of Israel answered, "Tell him: ‘One who puts on his armour should not boast like one who takes it off.’"” (1 Kings 20:11 NIV)

11. Pëndub tànk a gën pënduw taat. (2,6,8)

Tànk yu pënd a gën taat yu pënd. (14)

Dust on the feet is better than dust on the behind (from sitting).

Action is better than sitting doing nothing.

Magatte Wade, Wolof and a Senegalese international enterpreneur/CEO/founder of Adina World Beat Beverages, a San Francisco

Advice

12. Boroom làmmiñ du réer. (20)

Someone with a tongue will not get lost.

One should always ask when one doesn't know.

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.” (Proverbs 19:20 NIV)

13. Tere, tere, mu të, bàyyil mu gis. (2,6,7,14,15)

Prohibit, prohibit, he refuses to listen, leave him to see.

If someone refuses to listen to advice, leave him to discover the consequences himself.

“Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.” (Proverbs 28:14 NIV)

14. Ku la ne “sangul”, sab taar la bëgg. (2,8,19)

Ku la ne “sangul”, sab taar a tax. (11,12)

Whoever tells you to go and bathe wants you to be beautiful.

The person who gives you good advice is your friend and has your best interests at heart, even if it is hard to hear.

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.” (Proverbs 27:6 NIV)

15. Déggal ndigal i ñett, bàyyil ndigal i ñett. (1)

Follow the advice of three people, and ignore the advice of three (others).

A saying of Kotche BARMA. When he said this he was advising people to follow the advice of one's father, one's mother and one's eldest son, and to resist the advice of one's wife, one's slave and one's griot. The first three are motivated by the interests of the man, whereas the latter are motivated by self interest and are only interested in his belongings.

Wolof girl from The Gambia

Art

Wolof woman dancing

One searches in vain to find the usual forms of art that first come to the Western mind such as painting, wood carvings or masks. Rather the Wolof express their artistic instincts in the embroidery that adorns their clothing, in the hairdos that they spend so many hours creating, and in their jewellery. They express themselves in song and dance, in poetry and story telling. Speech itself becomes an art form well served by a rich language filled with proverbs.

The Tama of the Wolof

Drums, especially the Wolof talking drum (*tama*) can be found everywhere and are heard at every major event. The *xalam* or Wolof lute is harder to find but still plays a part in Wolof celebrations as the traditional story-tellers or griots travel around seeking their livelihood.

Wolof man African man playing the xalam

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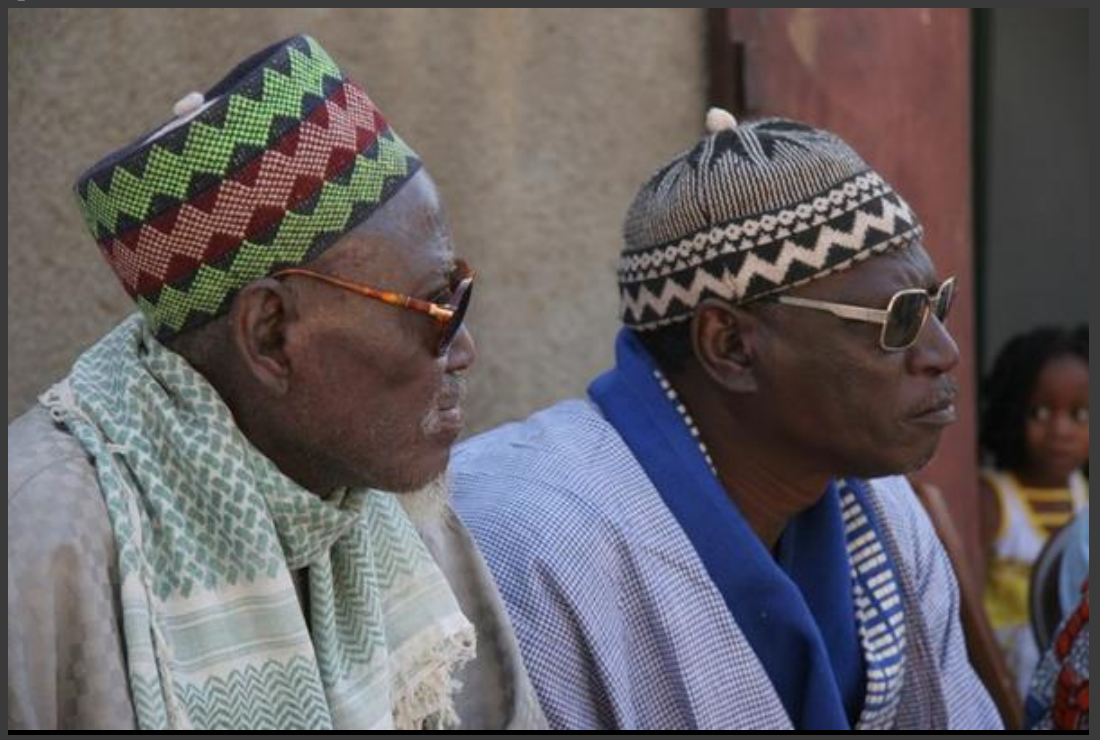
- Wolof woman wearing a traditional blue dress, Banjul, the Gambia

WOLOF ADHERENCE TO MUSLIM BROTHERHOODS

The communities which foreran the brotherhoods grew up in the early years of Islam and were based in Islamic mysticism, or Sufism. The members of the small Sufi communities in the

early period lived an ordered life in which individual moral and physical discipline, as well as mystical theology and ritual, were emphasized. These orders had only limited appeal to the few men willing to give up their worldly possessions and live an ascetic life to achieve a state of union with God. Later, however, the organizational basis of these communities changed, the stress on individual moral and physical discipline declined, and the Muslim orders took on the form which attracted followers throughout the Far and Near East and North Africa. By the end of the eleventh century the informal communities of ascetics were being converted into organized brother- hoods whose members, living together in regulated communities, adhered to a body of spiritual rites.



Islamic Wolof men

The change in emphasis from individual self-discipline to mystical theology, which is of particular importance to this study, came in the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries and is often associated with Ibn al-Arabi of Murcia (d. 1240 A.D.), whose esoteric mystical

interpretation of Islam pointed the way for the development of the later brotherhoods in which the mass of brothers could satisfy their religious duties by devotion and obedience to a handful of mystically adept leaders. In addition the brotherhoods in the later period softened the strict rules of orthodox Islam, stressing the state of a man's heart rather than his actual behavior, and popularizing Muslim traditions to make them understandable at the lowest level. Local practices and beliefs alien to Islam were tolerated as long as they did not contradict the desired union with Allah which all true brothers wished to achieve.

Although these factors vulgarized and distorted Islamic teachings, they also made Islam appealing to simple men. The mass of members of the orders apparently often forgot the teachings of the Qu'ran and of Muhammad; ignorant of the major doctrintes of Islam, they concentrated on obedience to their leaders. This attitude was made possible largely because of the emphasis of later Sufism, which stressed the ability of the brotherhood leader to act as intermediary between Allah and man. Whereas early Sufism had emphasized individual effort, it was later believed that most men could not achieve union with the Divine by themselves. Concurrent with the shift in emphasis pre- Islamic beliefs in magic were mingled with Islam. Belief grew in legends about the miracles performed by early mystics and the magical ability of current leaders who had received divine grace or baraka from Allah. The leaders were revered as saints, and their tombs became the centers of pilgrimages because of the miracles which might occur there. Montet, a French writer, reports that in Morocco in the nineteenth century such leaders were believed to have innumerable powers: they could, for example, lift large loads alone, repel bullets, or go for long periods without food and water; they could be ubiquitous, become invisible, or be instantly transported to far-off places; or they could walk on water or dry up an ocean; and they were capable of keeping away evil spirits, healing the sick, and resurrecting the dead. Montet concludes from his observations in Morocco that Sufism had degenerated into anthropolatry:

"Living or dead, the saints, however illiterate they may be . . . are adored."

The leaders of the brotherhoods were called shaykhs, or in North and West Africa, Marabouts. Marabout is a French term coming from the Arabic word for fortified camp or monastery and is used for a Muslim holy man, whether or not he is connected with the brotherhoods.

According to the Not surprisingly, this devotion of the brotherhood members to their leaders was practically demonstrated through material contributions. An offering, or ziara, which was sometimes quite large, as well as the member's dime, or tenth of his crops, were paid to the brotherhoods. Land around the center of the brotherhood was worked by the members (usually lay affiliates and full brothers together), and the men made payments (habus or wakaf) to the brotherhood for the use of this land. The leaders also received other types of contributions including payments for initiation and labor corv&es since adepts of an order were morally obliged to sow and harvest for their leader. Through these and similar contributions the brotherhoods, and more specifically the leaders, had large material resources. Indeed, the periodic payments and labor corvees were not all that a Marabout could demand. As Depont and Coppolani said, everything a man had could be taken by the leaders: "the goods of their
followers are their property, their horses are their mounts and their huts . . . are accessible to these venerable parasites."

Because of the frequent contributions of money by the members and the absolute control exercised by the leaders, the brotherhoods appeared to many French observers as states within the French colonial state. Indeed the French commentators had to recognize that the members' blind obedience to the leaders and their loyalty to the brotherhood as a whole were the major sources of political strength of the Muslim orders. With the brotherhoods tightly unified behind them, the leaders could speak with great authority. Consequently, the tariqas often wielded enormous political power in North Africa and elsewhere. As one nineteenth-century writer aptly commented: "Never has autocracy shown itself with more prominent and decided appearance; never either has the dogma of obedience been proposed and accepted in more formal or absolute terms. It is therefore permissible to affirm that in this double principle of authority on one side and personal abnegation and passive obedience on the other, resides the principal factor of the extraordinary power of the Muslim religious orders. "

The Advent of the Brotherhoods in West Africa

Thus, the tight organization of the Muslim brotherhoods and the unquestioned authority of the leaders made the brotherhoods particularly suited as vehicles of social and political reform when they began to attract converts among the Wolof at the end of the nineteenth century. Before this, although they had been in contact with Muslims for many centuries, the Wolof had not felt the full impact of the orders. Soon after their appearance in the Middle East the brotherhoods had spread to North Africa, where in the twelfth century they stimulated the powerful Almohad (al-muwahhidun) movement with its strong appeal to the mass of Berbers. Shortly thereafter the North African brotherhoods began to filter into West Africa, where their introduction coincided with and reinforced the general Islamization of the area immediately to the south of the Sahara.

Alphonse Gouilly, a twentieth-century French administrator and scholar, has divided the Islamization process into five periods which help to place the advent of the brotherhoods in their proper context. The first period, which Gouilly calls the Berber phase, was in the eleventh century, when the Almoravids (al-murabitun) conquered the hitherto pagan kingdom of Ghana in the western Sudan. The second, or Mandingo, phase took place during the fifteenth century, when converted Negro Africans, using Islamization as a weapon of their states, began to convert other Africans. In the sixteenth century came the Sonrai period when, owing particularly to the kingdoms on the eastern Niger, Islam spread rapidly in the Niger area. During the Peul phase in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the Tukulors in the Futa Toro (Senegal), the Futa Djalon (Guinea), and the Hausa regions (Northern Nigeria) conducted holy wars to spread their version of Islam to neighboring pagan and Muslim tribes. The last phase came at the end of the nineteenth century when various Islamic states fought to spread their authority, using the cover of Islam as a justification. Although missionaries and traders belonging to the orders had entered West Africa long before, Sufi brotherhoods were particulary important in the fourth and fifth periods.

The brotherhood which apparently first appeared in West Africa was the Qadriyya tariqa. Founded by the sharif21 Si Muhammad Abd al-Qadar al-Djilani (1079-1166), originally from Baghdad, the order spread over the Middle East and North Africa at an early date. It soon divided into myriad branches, some re- taining only the most tenuous connections with the

motherhouse in the Middle East. The Qadiri order was introduced into the Sahel region in the fifteenth century by Muhammad Abd al-Karim al-Maghrib. But it was Al-Mukhtar ibn Ahmad (1729-1811), the son of one of al-Maghrib's disciples of the Arab Kunta tribe, who founded a center for the order north of Timbuktu which became the base for the order in West Africa.

The second important brotherhood to come from North to West Africa was the Tijaniyya order founded by a Qadiri named Sharif23 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Tijani (1735-1815). At the age of twenty-one he traveled from Ain Mahdi (Morocco) to Mecca. After his return to North Africa he had a revelation from the Prophet (c. 1781) and, as a result, founded the Tijani brotherhood. Sometime thereafter al-Tijani sent a missionary from the Ida Ou Ali ethnic group, Muhammad al-Hafiz ibn al-Mukhtar ibn Habib al-Baddi, to Mauritania. There, he converted the Ida Ou Ali, who then had considerable influence in the proselytization of the surrounding area, including portions of Senegal.

Following al-Tijani's death, his spiritual successors quarreled, causing a division of the order into two motherhouses, one at Fez and one at Ain Mahdi. Most of the important Tijaniyya branches in West Africa are affiliated with the former center. Intensive missionary activity was conducted in West Africa in association with various commercial undertakings. The most important conversion in this period was that of Umar Tall (1794/7-1864), a member of the Tukulor ethnic group in the Futa Toro. While in Mecca, where he arrived in 1828, he met one of al-Tijani's close companions, who named him Moqaddim of the order in West Africa. Umar Tall then returned to West Africa, going first to the area presently called Northern Nigeria, where he remained until 1838. He then went to Massina and the Futa Djalon, and did not return to his home territory until 1846, by which time he claimed the rank of khalif in the Tijani order and had gathered an army of volunteers. In 1851-1852 he launched a holy war and conquered a large part of the Sudan touching on Senegal in the Futa Toro region. When Al-Hajj Umar died in 1864, much of the large area he had converted reverted to its old religious traditions. The Futa Toro, however, because it was peopled by a majority of Tukulor, remained almost solidly Tijani. Furthermore, the Islamization movement was

continued by Umar Tall's disciples, who conducted various smaller holy wars, some of which were of major importance in the conversion of the Wolof.

Equally important among the Wolof was the Murid brotherhood, which was founded in 1866 by a Wolof Marabout of Tukulor ancestry of the M'Bake family, Muhammad Ibn Muhammad ibn Habib Allah (1850-1927), called Ahmad Bamba. In approximately 1880 Ahmad Bamba was initiated into the Qadiri tariqa by Shaykh Hajj Kamara, and later, judging this insufficient, he traveled to Mauritania to be initiated by Shaykh Sidia, the head of a major Qadiri branch derived from the Kunta center. He joined Lat Dyor's entourage, and, by 1886, when Dyor was killed, Bamba had gained a reputation for learning and piety. In that same year he received a revelation of his mission to found his own order, which he based in Touba (in Diourbel).

From the outset the French authorities feared Ahmad Bamba, who they believed hoped to re-establish a Wolof state under his own control. He had attracted followers of Lat Dyor, Al-Bur Ndyaye, Maba, and many others identified with opposition to the colonialists. Rumors circulated about his anti-government statements and occasionally about the large scale collection of arms and volunteers by his followers. Bamba lived his life under close surveillance by the French and was exiled in 1895 and again in 1897.

The Reasons for the Wolof Conversion

A partial answer to the second question raised in this paper, concerning the factors in the Senegalese situation which made the brotherhoods particularly attractive to the Wolof, is that the Wolof, already imbued with Islamic ideas, were particularly receptive to an intensive Islamization effort by the brother- hoods. But more fundamental reasons can be found from an examination of traditional Wolof society at this time.

SENEGAL: Woloff Marabout, or Priest from, old print, 1890

The nineteenth century was a period of confusion and insecurity for the Wolof, who sought first to express their opposition to the colonial authorities both as individuals and as a group, by adherence to the brotherhoods. Their organizational strength and the authority of their leaders made the brotherhoods particularly suitable organizations for political protest, providing the members with strong protection against injury or punishment in a fight against any hated group and promising them Paradise if they died fighting for the brotherhood. Religious sects or "revitalization movements" have played such roles at various times in Africa: The Christian Harris movement in the Ivory Coast was, for example, such a group; and Suret-Canale states that the development of new religious groups is a response to "the sharpening through the effects of colonialism, of the internal contradictions of African society." Respected authorities on North African Islam, such as Depont and Coppolani, complained that the orders there were recruiting many discontented elements of society and were becoming major centers of resistance. Of the brotherhoods in Senegal which resisted the colonialists, some of the most powerful were branches of the Tijaniyya led by Umar Tall and his disciples and Ahmad Bamba's Murid order, which became a symbol of resistance shortly after it founding in 1866. It is hard to know whether or not Bamba deliberately attempted to opposed the French; indeed, it is quite probable, as Suret-Canale has suggested, that the Murids did not have "a revolutionary character principally and directly turned against the colonial domination," but that they were led to express protests against colonial oppression only to the extent that the colonial regime oppressed them. It makes little difference in this context what Ahmad Bamba's actual intentions were, for the results were similar whether or not he wished to fight the French. His reputation among the Africans, as well as among the French, was that of opposing the colonialists; the discontented flocked to him as they had to the brotherhoods in North Africa, and, although their first strong following came principally from the Wolof, the Murids later drew from other ethnic groups as well.

Former Senegalese preisdent Abdoulaye Wade (a Wolof) consulting a marabout

A second factor in the Senegalese situation which pushed the Wolof toward the brotherhoods was the Muslim orders' initial stance as vehicles of social reform. There were conflicts among the social classes or sectors within the Wolof as there were within other ethnic

groups in Senegal. Although this attraction is the most nebulous to speculate upon because of the extreme difficulty of knowing exactly which social sectors within the ethnic groups were opposed or allied, it is a vital consideration, for friction among various parts of the population was an important element in Senegalese politics. A disruption of the balance between sectors could and did in many cases lead to the emergence of certain sectors' interests in a new group which would be a stronger champion of its interests than the individual sector had been. The brotherhoods thus provided a chance for the dissatisfied sectors of the Senegalese population

to seek to better their position. This was true not only among the Wolof, but also among the Tukulor and other tribes in the area. Thus Suret-Canale, as well as the Senegalese scholar Chiekh Tidjane Sy and others, believes that Al Hajj Umar's Tijani branch expressed "the need for liberation of former captives, of women, of youth, against the tyranny of traditional 'feudal' or familial cadres." In the early twentieth century the nearby French Soudan provides another example of such a group when the Rimaybe and the Bella, former captives of the Peul and the Tuareg respectively, sought a change in their situation through joining the Hamalliyya, a Tijani sub-group. People of low social caste, unsatisfied chiefs, and Marabouts all tried to find the solution to their problems in this brotherhood. Thus, in his explanation of one of the major Hamallist uprisings in 1930, a French commandant notes that the major Hamallist Marabout in his region was recruiting former captives who, upon joining the Muslim order, broke completely with their former masters and even tried to kill them.

In Wolof territory in the end of the nineteenth century the Islamic holy wars led by the successors of Al Hajj Umar, such as Maba, expressed the desires of large groups of the population for an improvement in their position relative to other groups. Vincent Monteil, a noted French scholar, suggests in fact that the Muslim leaders sided with the Wolof peasants against the warriors and the nobles in a class war over frictions that had built up between the two groups over centuries, as the nobles and warriors pillaged the peasants at will. Thus, jihad leaders, in carrying out their holy missions, were also acting as heads of a class revolution.

Monteil's view is not difficult to support, as many early European writers describe widespread pillaging by kings and nobles. There is additional proof in local traditions, such as the tale of the revolt in the Djolof kingdom in which the Mauritanians and Marabouts sided with the people against the ruling classes, although these eventually reasserted their authority. French

colonial authorities also tended to interpret the Muslim wars among the Wolof as class wars. Robert Arnaud wrote in 1912: "In Wolof country formerly the intrusion of Islam constituted a veritable social revolution and was in reality an opposition of the proletarian caste to the aristocracy, a class struggle; the cultivators had very strong sentiments of repulsion against the warriors who exploited them. Thanks to Islam they formed a bloc against the aristocracy which had remained fetichist, the crowd against its oppressors. The warriors did not conceal the dislike they felt for the Marabouts."

However, to explain the Muslim holy wars simply as social revolutions is probably not sufficient. Even accepting that there was a widespread and fixed enmity between the Wolof peasants and nobles, it appears that not only, or even mainly, the peasants sought to improve their social position by joining the brotherhoods. All dissatisfied sectors of the Wolof turned to the Muslim orders, including the nobles who had lost their power through the French invasion.

A glance at the Murid movement shows some of the complexities of the situation. Ahmad Bamba,as the French administrator Paul Marty points out, was surrounded by warriors and nobles

who had been involved in the last struggles against the French, although the mass of his followers came from the rural population which was composed of former slaves or poor freemen. This combination indicates that the nobles saw in the Murid movement an opportunity to regaintheir authority, whereas the former slaves, Marty suggests, saw in the Muridiyya a new form of security to replace the old, tightly controlled system to which they had been accustomed -- a security which was no more than a new
type of slavery under the descendants of their former rulers. Marty may have overlooked the fact that many peasants must have turned to the Murids because the brotherhood seemed to provide an escape from control by their former rulers, but his analysis does illustrate the point made here that the motivations of the men who became Murids were varied and complex; that the desire for social reforms was certainly a major factor stimulating the Wolof to join the brotherhoods, but that one cannot therefore interpret the success of the brotherhoods among the Wolof as being solely, or even primarily, due to the desire of the lower classes to assert themselves against the nobles.

It would also be a mistake to ignore the important social implications of the Muridiyya (and other brotherhoods) since the new lords, the Marabouts, were drawn from a wider section of the population than the old ruling class, at least in the early years. There was in the early years, moreover, a degree of social mobility in the brotherhoods which the old tribal system lacked. Land ownership and political power in general were now divided between the aristocrats, who became Marabouts, and the old maraboutic families, some of which had been poor and without power before the nineteenth century. In addition a peasant disciple, if he worked hard and obeyed his Marabout, could hope to be elevated to the position of a lesser Marabout, an advance in status not normally possible in the secular tribal system. Nonetheless, the nobility together with the maraboutic families provided the bulk of the Marabouts, especially the important ones, and the mass of peasants and low caste artisans remained subjected as they had been under the tribal system.

Whatever the nature of the social reforms which the Muslim brotherhoods espoused in the middle and late nineteenth century, the "sclerosis" which Suret-Canale mentions soon set in. The momentum for change was lost and the maraboutic leadership became closely associated with the

colonial regime and the old aristocracy. This had occurred in the Umarian Tijani brotherhood in Senegal before the Murids rose to importance, and by the early 1900's it was true of the latter brotherhood as well. Colonial authorities began to remark on these alliances which became increasingly evident. A political report of 1904 states: "It is therefore necessary for us to observe with care the alliance which tends to be formed between the aristocracy . and the Marabouts. The Marabouts enrich themselves by their (alms) collections, the aristocracy . . . to the contrary, which only drew its fortune from its arbitrary power and its attacks which are no longer permitted, grows poorer from day to day. The descendants of the old families, therefore, give to the rich "sikh" [Marabout] their daughter or their relative in exchange for a large dowry."

The 1915 political report comments on the Marabouts' increasing collaboration with the colonialists: "And it is precisely because these religious chiefs profit from these situations that they have an interest in being with us and in that case they would be our support. Their interests are in effect linked with ours and the more we develop the acquisitive faculty of the indigene by the creation of new needs, the more we augment the wealth of the brotherhoods through the followers and of which the sum is higher than the taxes paid to the administration. It is for this reason that in this period of crisis [the first world war] we have nothing to fear from the maraboutic influence.

Most of the Muslim orders in Senegal, then, had become part of the "Establishment" by the early twentieth century. After this period only the Hamalliyya, which developed in the early twentieth century, was identified with social reforms, but it did not have much influence in Senegal and, like the other orders, lost most of its reforming character once it had become established.

Closely connected with the whole question of the reformist character of the Muslim brotherhoods at their foundation is the attraction which these groups had as substitutes or reinforcements for tribal society. This is the third, and perhaps the most important, reason for the conversion of the Wolof to Islam in the end of the nineteenth century. The phenomenon involved

is not at all unique to Senegal or to Africa. It is readily observable that, when the equilibrium of a group is disturbed, the members of that group tend to compensate by actions foreign to their normal pattern of living and often join substitute groups which promise to restore the lost balance. Another example of this behavior seems to be that described by David Apter among the Fon of Dahomey.

The Wolof had a highly developed state system, and their social structure was tightly connected to their religious beliefs and customs. The arrival and entrenchment of the colonialists destroyed these living patterns and introduced new elements which challenged old values and habits. In order to conquer the area, the French had to break the power of the Wolof kings and nobles. The Wolof kingdoms were broken into smaller units: those who resisted were beaten in war; those who did not, or who eventually made peace, found themselves dependent on the colonial system for their authority, as their former sources of power were destroyed and their lines of revenue abolished.46 Thus the Wolof were forced to look for a means of replacing their old way of life.

A major factor in the disintegration of Wolof society for which the French were responsible was the introduction of peanuts as a commercial crop into the traditional agricultural system. Wolof family living patterns were closely tied to agriculture. Land was owned by the family as a whole and could not be sold. It was the duty of the chief of the family to distribute some of the land among the members of his family, who would work the major part of their time in the common field. The cultivation of a commercial crop of peanuts changed this system altogether. Farmers now had the strong incentive of money and the new goods it could buy to cultivate the small private plots which had hitherto been an unimportant addendum to their principal work in the common field. However, many farmers apparently continued to show token recognition to the position of the heads of their families through annual gifts in money or kind. One administrator wrote: The personal goods, formerly of negligible quantity now surpass in importance the collective family goods. Thus, by the force of things, a disaggregation of family solidarity [occurs] which has shown its consequences in all domains. "

The disintegrative force of the introduction of peanuts into the agricultural system was beginning to be felt in Senegal by the end of the nineteenth century. Peanuts had been grown in Senegal for a long time -- the sixteenth-century traveler Andre Alvarez de Almada had noted them during his visit48 -- and the French had begun to foster their growth long before the mid-nineteenth century, but it was around this date that they began to encourage their cultivation in earnest in an attempt to make Senegal a profitable colony. After 1850 peanuts were being produced for export in significant amounts, and by the end of the century peanut growers were moving from the center of production at Cayor to other regions to look for new fields and thus to extend the impact of peanuts .

The undermining of the powers of the chiefs and the introduction of commercial agriculture by the French are only two of the many factors contributing to the breakdown of the Wolof living patterns. In addition, the mere presence of the colonialists with their apparently superior way of life raised questions about old ways of doing things, and the establishment of French forts and trading centers drew increasing numbers of people into French service as clerks, soldiers, domestics, etc., thus adding a new dimension to the economic and social options open to the Wolof. Furthermore, population movements to the north of the Senegal as well as increased contact through trade and war with the Futa Toro peoples are additional kinds of influences which may have contributed to the insecurity of the Wolof in the nineteenth century, leading them to turn to the brotherhoods for reinforcement.

The brotherhoods, despite their tight hierarchical organization, had a long history in the Muslim world of a flexibility characterized by their habit of accepting the customs of the people among whom they found themselves, imposing only their political authority and a few major Islamic prescriptions. Thus it was not difficult for the tariqas to adjust themselves to the Wolof situation, acting as
a replacement for the old framework of political and social authority and providing a structure in which the Wolof could find a defined role to play. As elsewhere in Africa, where, as Marcel Cardaire points out, Islam succeeded because of the isolation of pagan tribesmen who, finding their old system crumbling, turned away to find a new one, the Muslim orders were able to help the Wolof adapt to changes in Senegal.

The Political Significance of the Wolof Conversion

While in general the Wolof as members of brotherhoods followed their old ways, despite the overlay of Muslim customs and sayings, their political leadership was definitely modified by the new affiliation. They now turned to the Marabouts when they wanted anything done, and the former nobles and kings, as they were absorbed into the ruling structure of the Muslim orders, found as Marabouts an even greater authority than their pagan counterparts had had. The Marabouts combined the feudal-type authority over land of the nobles with a much greater authority, based on religion as well as force, over the lives of their subjects. In different brotherhoods the position of the leaders was, not surprisingly, different. Of the branches of several orders which the Wolof joined, the Murid order had a noticeably more powerful leadership because of the emphasis which Ahmad Bamba had placed on the virtues of working
for one's leader and of complete discipline. The Murids' first loyalty was to their brotherhood personified by its Marabouts, whose every command had a considerable degree of authority. While the stress on discipline was less in other orders, all of the leaders of the brotherhoods among the Wolof had considerable political power.

It seems clear that the answer to the third question raised in the beginning of this paper has been largely answered. The Wolof conversion in the end of the nineteenth century was politically significant because the political leaders of the ethnic group became the Marabouts. How important and unusual this fact was for the development of Senegalese politics can be seen by comparing the Wolof with their neighbors the Tukulor, who had been in contact with Islam at least since the eleventh century. Thorough Islamization of this group did not take place until the torodo (torodbe) drove out the pagan Peul Denyianke dynasty in 1776, but thereafter the Islamization of the Tukulor was intensified, and a series of Muslim chiefs called almanys ruled until the end of the nineteenth century, when the French took over the area. Islam was thus a factor of great importance in Tukulor history for many centuries, and that ethnic group traditionally felt it was the carrier of Muslim civilization and was superior to the pagan groups around it. Since the early eighteenth century, the Tukulor, led by the torodo, had

launched holy wars on their neighbors. By this time they were in direct contact with representatives of Muslim brotherhoods. Indeed, the Qadriyya orders, led by members of the Ida Ou Ali and later of the Kunta groups, had many followers among the Tukulor, although with the coming of Umar Tall the overwhelming majority of the group became Tijani. Interestingly enough, however, the Tukulor Marabouts did not become a major political force in the Futa Toro as they did among the Wolof. This fact is all the more striking when one considers that the major branches of the Sufi brotherhoods among the Wolof were founded by Marabouts of Tukulor ancestry. There were, of course, powerful Tukulor Marabouts on regional and local levels, but most of the nationally politically important Marabouts who appeared in the early twentieth century had a largely Wolof following and did not live in the Tukulor regions. Why, then, should the brotherhoods among the Tukulor, who were ex- posed to Islam longer than were the Wolof, be of significantly less political importance ?

One reason often put forward in Senegal by Tukulor and non-Tukulor alike is that the Tukulor, through their long contact with Islam, became more closely acquainted with the Qu'ran and the doctrines of Islam than did the Wolof and, being more educated in the religion, had less need for the Marabouts to act as intermediaries between them and Allah. Furthermore, with a better knowledge of Islam, they were less likely to glorify the powers of their Mara- bouts. Since the intellectual gap between the Marabouts and their disciples was smaller among the Tukulor than among the Wolof, the Marabouts could therefore gain less authority. But this interpretation is difficult to accept. Blind obedience and extreme respect for the Marabout could be found in many brotherhoods, even among peoples in North Africa with as long an acquaintance with Islam as the Tukulor. Nor does the lack of Qu'ranic education explain the exceptions to the rule who are Tukulor and have Tukulor followers.

A more satisfactory answer is found in the traditional socio-economic structure of the Futa Toro, where politics and society in general were directed by important clan leaders, a clan in the Futa being comprised of several families, although not all of one family necessarily belongs to one clan. The leaders of these clans headed important families which owned large concessions of the land in the nineteenth century, and indeed still do, despite land reforms. While the social structure of the Tukulor in the Futa Toro by no means remained unchanged throughout the many centuries since the introduction of Islam, the changes resulted onlyin an

accretion of custom. Thus the fall of the Denyianke led to the rule of the Muslim almamys but did not alter the economic and political control of the area by Tukulor clan leaders. In fact, the almamys were named by the great families, so that their power stemmed not from their role as Muslim leaders but from their family connections. The Marabouts in the Futa,then, never had the opportunity to rise to power. Even Al Hajj Umar, who united many clans for a short time in a religious war, did not change the Futa system. This continued social, economic, and political power of the clans among the Tukulor should be compared to the decline in power of Wolof traditional rulers in the nineteenth century when the political and social system of that group was threatened by contacts with the French, and Marabouts and brotherhoods stepped in to reinforce and replace a disintegrating tribal system, thereby becoming politically powerful because they replaced the traditional kings and nobles. Thus, it is primarily in the differences between the pre- Islamic social structure of the two groups that the differences in their response to Islamization lie, resulting in the political dominance of Muslim leaders among the Wolof.

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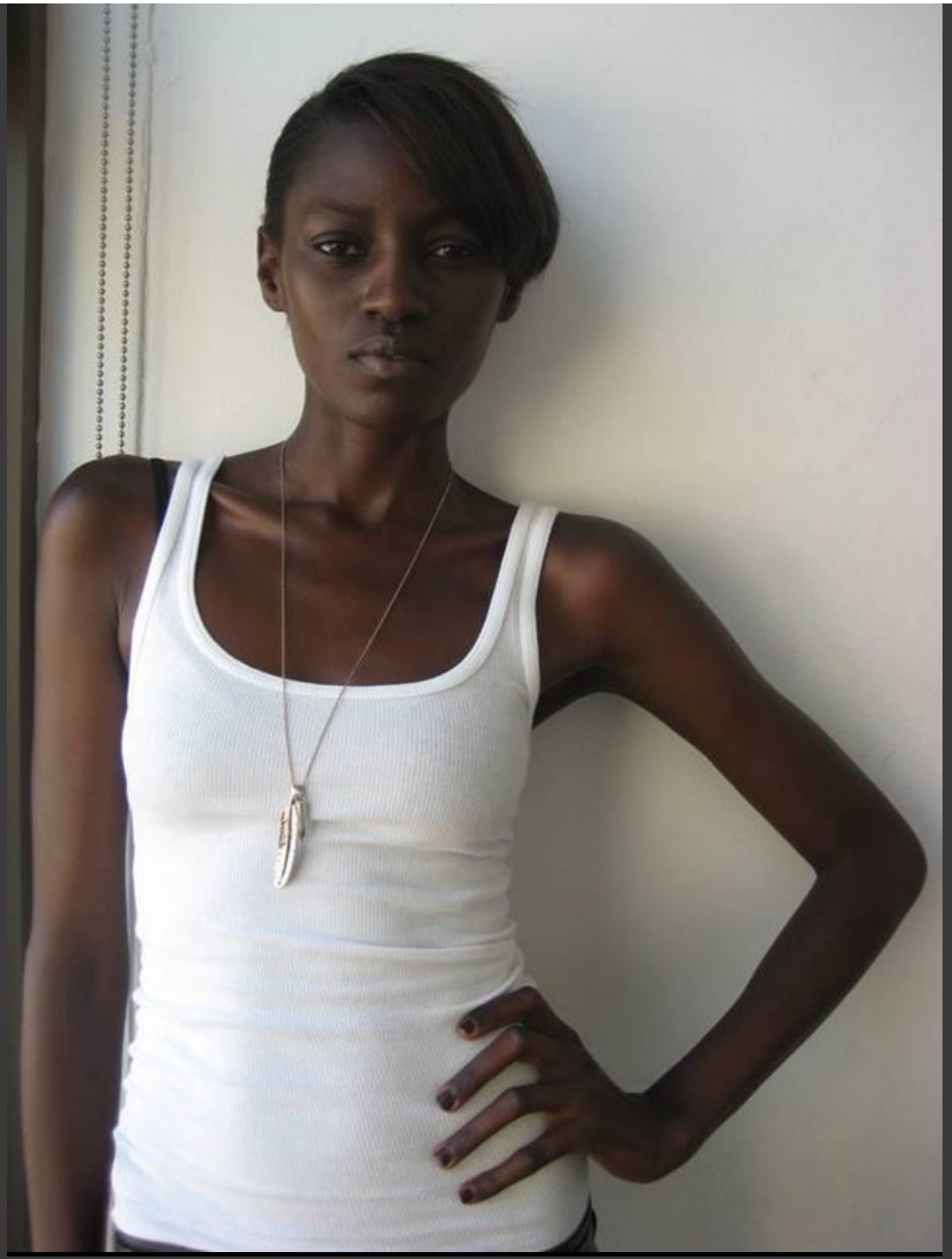

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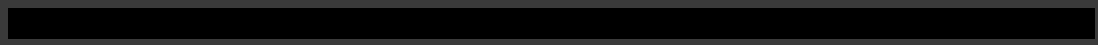

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Muḥammad al-Kattānī: Shaykh for a New Era

In the late nineteenth century, the Moroccan territory—known in the Islamic geographical tradition as al-Maghrib al-Aqṣā—was bounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Mediterranean Sea to the north, and Taza and the Atlas Mountains to the east and south, respectively.[1] Since the early Muslim conquests in the seventh century, Morocco had been ruled and controlled by numerous dynasties and would-be claimants seeking to establish themselves as rulers in the name of Islam. The extent and reach of any particular dynasty changed over time, sometimes reaching as far as Spain and parts of modern Algeria. At other times, Moroccan dynastic control was restricted to the region's hinterlands, with coastal cities occupied by foreign powers. The Ottoman conquest of Algeria in the mid-sixteenth century helped solidify the broad outlines of the Moroccan territory. Situated in the northwestern corner of the African continent and divided from Europe by the narrow nine-mile Straits of Gibraltar, Morocco shared a political, geographical, and symbolic space with other societies of the Mediterranean world—including the Ottoman empire, Spain and France, the numerous corsairs and crusaders who pirated the Mediterranean Sea, and before the unification of Italy in the nineteenth century, Venice and the papal states.[2] By the nineteenth century, a self-conscious

Moroccan polity had existed for some four hundred years with its own sense of political identity, of the concepts of power and authority that defined that identity, and of its relationship to the larger Muslim *umma* and other states in the region (such as Spain and the Ottoman empire).[3]

Until the establishment of the French Protectorate in 1912, the Moroccan state and society were defined by a system known as *Sharifism.* Sharifism privileged the *shurafā'*—descendants of the Prophet Muḥammad—as political agents, as interlocutors between various sectors of society, and as would-be dynasts. The *shurafā'* emerged as a loosely defined social and political group during the period of Merinid dynastic rule of Morocco in the thirteenth century, and their political role was enhanced as a result of their participation in the jihadist movement against the Iberian Catholic incursions into North Africa in the fifteenth century.[4] Under Sharifism, Moroccans of all social classes venerated the *shurafā'* as saints. The Moroccan cult of the saints found expression in rituals (such as celebrations of the birth of the Prophet) claims of possession of prophetic relics, and the rise of hagiographic tradition (which documented the lives, spiritual achievements, and miracles of saints). Pilgrimages to saints' tombs, *zāwiya*s, and shrines and the offering of donations for the purpose of healing or intercession formed the basis of sharifan material advantage. Furthermore, *shurafā'* sanctuaries and *zāwiya*s functioned as safe zones beyond the jurisdiction of the *makhzan,* where fugitives could seek sanctuary *(ḥurm).* As extensions of the divine realm, spaces designated as *ḥurm* were deemed sacred and inviolable.[5] Mystical doctrines associated with the teachings of Abū 'Abdallah Muḥammad ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Jazūlī (d. 1465) provided the ideological basis for sharifan power and authority within Sharifism.[6] Based on the eschatological concept of *tajdīd* (renewal), al-Jazūlī and his followers viewed saints as spiritual and social exemplars with active roles to play in the preservation and reinvigoration of their societies.[7] Jazūliyya ideas enabled the involvement of the *shurafā'* in politics and also paved the way for the rise of political dynasties that drew their power and authority to rule on the basis of their descent from the Prophet.

One branch of the *shurafā',* the 'Alawīs, consolidated Sharifism when they ascended to power in the mid-seventeenth century. Although their origins were in the southern Moroccan Tafilalt Oasis, they extended their power throughout the Moroccan territory by creating alliances with the great *shurafā'* families of Fez, most notably those families who traced their lineage to the Idrīsīs—that is, those *shurafā'* who descended from the founder of Fez, Idrīs bin Idrīs. Their patron-client networks proved instrumental in controlling the city and in navigating the waters of Fāsī urban politics. In Sharifism, political power was highly decentralized and consisted of power-sharing arrangements between the various Moroccan *shurafā'* families and the dynasty that controlled the Moroccan state *(makhzan).* Central to Sharifism was the concept of *baraka,* a vaguely defined term often translated into English as "charisma," which served as a way of assessing, articulating and evaluating the power of an individual within this system. A *baraka*-laden individual was someone who had social or political agency in Moroccan society. *Baraka* enabled such a person to challenge the sultanate as well as to support its decisions and actions.

To explain Shaykh Muḥammad al-Kattānī's exceptional activism and his motivations for dedicating his life to the reform of his society, scholars have had recourse to this concept of *baraka.* As conceived in the extant historical literature, *baraka* is a quality fixed across time and space and related to prophetic lineage, learning and piety.[8] According to this model of social action, what distinguishes one *baraka*-laden individual from another is his or her degree of *baraka* in relation to others. There is little in this conception of *baraka* to tell us about the social, political, and cultural context in which Moroccans came to view Muḥammad al-Kattānī as a *baraka*-laden saint. Nor does it help us understand why al-Kattānī considered himself to possess the quality of *baraka* and hence believed that he had a role to play in the reform of his society. Other interpretations posit al-Kattānī's

popularity in terms of his ability to speak on different levels to various social groups—that is, to articulate "the despair of a people on the verge of being colonized." He did this by effectively utilizing widely recognizable cultural metaphors.[9] But while this reading furthers our understanding about why Moroccans rallied around Muḥammad al-Kattānī (that is, why Moroccans viewed him as a *baraka*-laden or charismatic individual), it does not provide insight into his motivations in assuming this role. The argument simply assumes that anticolonialism was the driving force behind the conflicts that emerged among Moroccans during the pre-Protectorate period.

To give meaning to Muḥammad al-Kattānī's *baraka*—the quality that endowed him with religious, political, and social authority—we must consider what historian Vincent Cornell terms the "parameters of sainthood." To be a saint, argues Cornell, is to be recognized as such by one's peers and to be endowed with power and authority by them. If we are to move beyond a phenomenological understanding of sainthood and toward a historicized one, we must then situate Muḥammad al-Kattānī, his supporters (and detractors), and the movement he created within the intellectual, cultural, and sociopolitical context of the period in which he lived.[10]

MUḤAMMAD AL-KATTĀNĪ AND CRISIS ON THE HORIZON

Muḥammad al-Kattānī's generation of Moroccans was influenced by a sense that a crisis was in the making. Born in 1873 in Fez, Morocco, al-Kattānī witnessed dramatic events, all of which pointed to the possibility that Morocco would fall to French control. By the time he had come of age and begun building the Kattāniyya religious brotherhood, almost one hundred years of important political, economic, and intellectual changes had occurred in Morocco and throughout the wider Muslim Mediterranean as a result of the extension of European power into the region. In Fez, the last quarter of the nineteenth century

was marked by social discontent and urban rioting. A new social class of merchant and bureaucratic elites was confidently making its mark on the city and in government as trade with Europe in foodstuffs, wool, animal skins, cloth, yarns, tea, sugar and silk increased. Their conspicuous palatial constructions began to dot the city's landscape.[11] The traditional Fāsī elite to which Muḥammad al-Kattānī belonged—the *shurafā'*—lost ground to new social forces and to a new coterie of European advisers, diplomats and businessmen who arrived at the 'Alawī court hoping to influence the course of Moroccan reform. Meanwhile, the trajectory of the *makhzan*'s reforms—the centralization of administration, authority, and finance—also threatened to undermine the already tenuous system of power sharing that had existed for over two hundred years between the *makhzan* and notable sharifan families, such as the Kattānīs. Heightened contact through increased trade, improved communications technology, and the arrival of Europeans to Morocco in large numbers greatly strained the Moroccan religiopolitical system and tested its limits to adapt and respond. Within this atmosphere of change, the challenge for Muḥammad al-Kattānī's generation was to harness the potential of the moment to address and navigate the transition.

In the first half of the century, concern among Moroccans regarding the nature of European power and the weakness of Islam in relation to it had already become a source of controversy and debate. European imperialism had resulted in the complete conquest of Algeria by France, the loss of vast Ottoman territories in the Balkans after 1878, the French occupation of Tunis in 1881, and the British occupation of Egypt in 1882. Although Morocco remained independent until 1912, by the mid-nineteenth century, it was already apparent that military and administrative reform on the part of the Moroccan state was necessary to shore up its power. After two disastrous military defeats at the hands of greatly superior European armies in 1844 (France) and 1861 (Spain), the Moroccan sultan, 'Abd al-Raḥmān (r. 1822–1859), undertook the first in a series of re-

forms intended to put more power in the hands of the state. The most energetic of the nineteenth-century reformist sultans, Mawlāy Ḥasan (r. 1873–1894), spent virtually his entire reign on campaign throughout Morocco in an effort to assert central authority over outlying regions of the territory and extract much needed income for reforms in the form of taxes from recalcitrant tribes.[12] Like its Ottoman and Egyptian counterparts, though hardly as extensive in its scope or reach, Morocco had entered its own era of *tanzimat* or reform, which continued until the French conquest of Morocco and the establishment of the colonial order.

The *makhzan*'s military and economic reforms had proven mostly ineffective in preventing greater involvement of the European powers in Moroccan affairs. In 1880, those powers convened the Madrid Conference, at which they addressed their competing ambitions regarding Morocco. The result was the internationalization of the Morocco question and the further opening of Morocco to foreign intervention.[13] Furthermore, the expanding protégé system by which Moroccans received citizenships from various European states in exchange for providing services in trade and diplomacy also exposed the *makhzan*'s vulnerability.[14] In a rare expression of overt concern about the impending possibility of European conquest of Morocco, Muḥammad al-Kattānī's older cousin, an established *ʿālim* who taught at the Qarawīyīn University, offered a prayer *(duʿā')* for the sultan, asking that God "strengthen him in the jihad against the unrelenting infidel."[15]

In 1873, the year of Muḥammad al-Kattānī's birth, the social unrest that had brewed beneath the surface in Fez since midcentury finally culminated in full-scale urban rebellion. In that year, the powerful tanners' guilds of Fez protested the *makhzan*'s implementation of an unpopular form of market tax known as the *mukūs* (sing. *maks*). The tanning of hides and production of leather goods for domestic and foreign export had been a mainstay of Fez's economy for generations. Urban legend had it that Mawlāy Idrīs, the city's founder, established the first

tannery in Fez, an indicator of the degree to which these industries, at least among the city's common folk and artisan classes, were held in high esteem.[16] Therefore, the tanners' call for rebellion was heard by the "common folk" of Fez as wider discontent spilled over onto the streets of the city. The revolt turned violent when the tanners and their supporters took up arms against the government, barricading neighborhoods and restricting access to the *makhzan*'s tax collectors. Compelled by their anger and in need of a target at which to direct it, rioters sacked the houses of market officials, looting and stealing whatever they could in the process. In an ironic twist, one official who was fearful for his life, sought refuge at the tanners' esteemed place of worship, the sanctuary of Mawlāy Idrīs.[17]

Fez had experienced numerous rebellions before the Tanners' Rebellion of 1873.[18] However, the 1873 uprising was the first of its kind in Fez in which the rebels articulated their demands in terms of corporate identity. The rebellion was therefore significant not only because of the resulting violence and destruction but also because it marked the culmination of a trend toward the reconfiguration of social forces in Fez, which had begun almost a century before.[19]

The city of Fez had served as the imperial capital of the Moroccan sultanate for almost two hundred years by the time Muḥammad al-Kattānī came of age. As the first city built by Muslim conquerors in al-Maghrib al-Aqṣā in the early ninth century, Fez was famed as an abode of Islamic learning and as a center of trade and of pilgrimage for Muslims in western sub-Saharan and North Africa. Located at the juncture of a series of valleys providing natural passage through the Middle Atlas Mountains to the south and east, Fez was perfectly situated as a center for trade and for communications and as a main garrison for the sultan's army. From Fez, the *makhzan* launched its intermittent military campaigns *(ḥarka)* and negotiating parties against dissident tribes and regions. Mountain rivulets and springs ensured a steady water supply for the city's many gardens and cool fountains, for which Fāsī elites were renowned.[20] Fāsīs were well

connected to other cities and regions of the sultanate from where news, pilgrims, produce, and goods for sale arrived. Sixty kilometers to the west of Fez lies the imperial city of Meknès. The small but prosperous town of Sefrou,[21] which caravans leaving Fez had passed on their way south to Tafilalt and the Sudan since the opening of trade in the seventeenth century, lies about twenty kilometers to the southeast. Taza, an important stop on the old pilgrimage route from Morocco and the gateway to Tlemcen and Algiers, lies almost directly east of Fez near the Algerian border. Finally, heading northwest from Fez through Ouezzane, travelers and caravans would reach the Atlantic ports of Larache and Tangier. The port cities with which Fez was connected facilitated contacts between Moroccans and Europeans and with the Islamic lands of the eastern Mediterranean.

"THE LIGHT OF THE LAMP OF PROPHECY"

Muḥammad bin ʿAbd al-Kabīr al-Kattānī was born to a Fāsī family of status and prestige. His family, among Fez's religious and political elite, had resided in the city continuously since the sixteenth century.[22] As a *sharīf*—a descendant of the prophet Muḥammad—Muḥammad bin ʿAbd al-Kabīr al-Kattānī was born a member of the religiopolitical elite of Moroccan society and was therefore a son of privilege and status. The al-Kattānī family—whose strong ties to the imperial city of Fez extended back several centuries—traced their genealogy to Fez's illustrious founder and patron saint, Idrīs bin Idrīs. According to the Islamic discursive tradition, Mawlāy Idrīs—himself a descendant of the holy family—had built Fez in the early ninth century, establishing the city as the capital of the eponymous Idrīsī dynasty. Although the Idrīsīs did not rule for long, numerous saint cults centered on the Idrīsī *shurafāʾ* arose after the alleged discovery of Mawlāy Idrīs's tomb in Fez in 1438.[23] Mawlāy Idrīs was "the sultan of the saints," explained one esteemed nineteenth-century Sufi and *ʿālim*. "If there were to be a prophet after Muḥammmad," the Sufi added, "[that prophet] would be Idrīs."[24] Thus, Muḥammad al-Kattānī's connection to Islam's holy family meant that he shared the same lineage as that of many of the highly revered Moroccan saints. And it was the same lineage as that of the ʿAlawī sultans who ruled Morocco.

The Kattāniyyūn were also widely recognized in Fez for their generations of learned, pious, and spiritually exemplary men and women. The seventeenth-century Moroccan author, Muḥammad bin al-Ṭayyib al-Qādirī, celebrated the Kattānīs in his renowned chronicle of Fez, *Nashr al-mathānī*.[25] The tombs of Kattānī ancestors were sites of pilgrimage, and the mystical brotherhood associated with the Kattānī family was a place for spiritual contemplation.[26]

Peidgree aside, al-Kattānī was an exceptional child in his own right. From an early age, he exhibited many of the characteristics of Muslim sainthood—a desire for knowledge, profound piety and spiritual depth, and love of God and the Prophet. He was quick to memorize the Quran, the first step in his immersion into the world of Islamic knowledge, and he displayed a level of intellectual and spiritual acumen that had not been seen in Fez for many years.[27] Noting that the boy arrived at his classes each day carrying numerous leather-bound notebooks, his instructor inquired jokingly whether Muḥammad had a donkey that could carry them all for him.[28] "When he left home in the morning," explained Muḥammad's younger brother, "he would not return until the *maghrib* prayer, the entire time spent in study."[29]

In the tradition of many of his esteemed ancestors, Muḥammad al-Kattānī continued his studies at Fez's illustrious Qarawīyīn University, where he received instruction from a number of distinguished Moroccan ulama in the standard subjects of Islamic education—hadith, exegesis, scholastic theology, grammar, and commentaries on the works of the *Mālikī* school of law.[30] Firmly grounded in the theories of classical *fiqh*, young al-Kattānī decided to further his understanding of the "divine secrets" through the teachings of Islamic mysticism. Al-Kattānī's father, himself a prominent Sufi and spiritual guide, served as

mentor to Muḥammad, guiding him in the doctrines and practices of Sufism through the writings of important mystics, including al-Suhrawardī, Ibn al-ʿArabī, and al-Tirmidhī. In the tradition of numerous mystics before him, Muḥammad al-Kattānī took on the attributes of asceticism, immersing himself in silent contemplation, shunning worldly concerns, and surviving "for three days with the same piece of bread in his pocket."[31]

Yet despite his commitment to asceticism, Muḥammad al-Kattānī understood that sainthood encompassed dimensions other than contemplation, quietism, and disengagement from the world.[32] In Arabic, the words *walāya* and *wilāya* are used interchangeably to mean sainthood. Vincent Cornell has emphasized, however, that the focus on a strictly etymological analysis by scholars (which favors the term *walāya*), obscures the fact that in the Quran, the meaning of *walī Allah* is closer to that of "God's assistant or manager." The interchangeable use of the two terms reflects two components of sainthood in the Islamic tradition—the spiritual and the political. That is, saints also had important roles to play in their societies. They were not simply people who were "close to God," as one meaning of the word *walī* (the Arabic word for *saint*) suggests. Rather they were also "God's helpers"—meaning that saints acted as God's agents on earth, keeping watch over the Muslim community and protecting it from decline and anarchy.[33] In his capacity as an aspiring spiritual leader and *walī,* Muḥammad al-Kattānī began to make public appearances with his father at gatherings of ulama and Sufis in Fez and other cities in Morocco. By 1895, Muḥammad had assumed a position of leadership in the Kattāniyya *zāwiya* in Fez alongside his father. Disciples among the Fāsī ulama and the popular classes came to the *zāwiya* to pray, to practice the mystical rituals of the Kattāniyya brotherhood, and to study with Muḥammad al-Kattānī. He received praise from prominent Sufis, who were impressed by the young man's intellectual and spiritual capacities. When al-Kattānī reached maturity, predicted a prominent Moroccan Tijāniyya shaykh, he would be

among the select few who were "close to God and [capable of] guid[ing] [the Muslim community]."[34] Ten years later, at only thirty-four years of age, al-Kattānī's fame had spread throughout Morocco. He was poised to navigate his countrymen and women through the most important political upheaval in pre-Protectorate Moroccan history.[35]

The *mujaddid* tradition of Islam stipulated that, in every century, God sent someone to the Muslim community to restore and revive Islam. The *mujaddid* (renewer of the age) was a person in whom the Muslim community placed its hopes for such a revival.[36] Moreover, Moroccan mystical tradition explained that the *mujaddid* drew his inspiration from "the light of the Lamp of Prophecy."[37] Believing his unborn grandson would someday fulfill this role, Muḥammad al-Kattānī's grandfather had given a lantern to the expectant mother of the child yet to be born—an omen of "his miracles [to come]."[38]

The reference to the "Lamp of Prophecy" would not be lost to Moroccans of a particular spiritual inclination and mystical training. Illumination was a concept central to Islamic doctrines of sainthood. Quran 33:46, for example, refers to the Prophet Muḥammad as "a torch that illumines." Quran 5:15 states, "a light has come to you from God."[39] Mystical doctrine held that all the prophets before Muḥammad—Moses, Jesus, and others—had received a portion of divine truth, which traveled in the form of a light from one messenger of God to the next during their lifetimes. Because of the Muslim Prophet's ontological perfection, this light attained its complete and final manifestation in him. Muslim mystics called this fully formed state of illumination the Muḥammadan light *(al-nūr al-Muḥammadī).*[40] It evoked a similar incident in the life of the Prophet. In *al-Sīra al-Nabawiyya,* for example, Ibn Hishām referred to a saying of the prophet: "[W]hen my mother was pregnant with me, a light emanated from her that lit all the palaces of al-Shām."[41] Similarly, Moroccans associated light and illumination to the story of the birth of Mawlāy Idrīs, from whom Idrīsī *shurafā'* such as Mu-

ḥammad al-Kattānī traced their lineage. According to the legend, when Mawlāy Idrīs was born, "a star from the east and the west whose first light was white and last light was red continued appearing to the people of this farthest Maghrib for seven days."[42]

The hagiographer reveals that Muḥammad al-Kattānī portrayed himself in the images of Moses and of the Moroccan mystic, Bū Ya'zā, both great saintly figures of the Moroccan Sufi tradition. As did the prophet Moses, al-Kattānī veiled his face.[43] According to the typology of Muslim saints elaborated by Ibn al-'Arabī, "When Moses returned from his Lord, God clothed his face in light as a sign of the authenticity of that which he declared; and so fierce was this light that no one could look on him without being blinded, so that he had to cover his face with a veil in order that those who looked in his face would not be taken ill when they saw him."[44] Mawlāy Bū Ya'zā (d. 572 AH/1177 CE), another veiled saint from the Middle Atlas region of Morocco, was widely veneretated in the Moroccan mystical tradition and among the population at large. His Sufi contemporaries referred to Bū Ya'zā as the "shaykh of the shaykhs."[45] Bū Ya'zā was "[a] Moses-like [type of saint] [*mūsawī al-wirth*], and God had bestowed on him the same miraculous sign: No one could look him in the face without losing their sight."[46]

Finally, to further highlight al-Kattānī's messianic role, the hagiographer recounts and then interprets a dream told to him about al-Kattānī. "The finest wheat I have ever seen was being ground at the Kattāniyya *zāwiya*," explained the sufi, 'Abd al-'Azīz bin Aḥmad al-Dabbāgh. Soon after experiencing the dream, al-Dabbāgh ran into young Muḥammad al-Kattānī, perhaps at the *zāwiya* or in the street of the Ibn Ṣawwāl neighborhood where the Kattānīs resided. The encounter helped al-Dabbāgh realize the meaning of his dream. For some time previously, he had believed that God had forsaken the Muslims. "But now," said al-Dabbāgh, God offered them guidance "by the hand of al-Kattānī."[47]

THE DECLINE OF THE *SHURAFĀ'*

During the calamitous events in Fez of 1873, the ulama made an effort to resolve the crisis by intervening on behalf of the rebels. Traditionally, the ulama frowned on the state's market tax from both juridical and ideological perspectives. The Quran did not stipulate the *mukūs;* therefore, it was somewhat suspect among the ulama as an innovation on God's word. More significant was their fear that the *mukūs* would fall most heavily on the shoulders of the common folk, ultimately burdening the most vulnerable sectors of the population. Therefore, in an effort to avoid what seemed inevitable, the ulama unsuccessfully asked that the sultan rescind the despised *mukūs*. Instead, the sultan deferred to the opinion of a little-known *'ālim*, who drafted a legal opinion sanctifying its collection, thereby exposing the diminished agency of the ulama as political interlocutors.[48] After almost one year of intermittent conflict between the *makhzan*'s forces and the rebels and their supporters, the tanners accepted a deal whereby they would give their allegiance to the sultan.

The complete breakdown of traditional channels for the resolution of such crises as the Tanners' Rebellion was surely important in shaping awareness among members of Muḥammad al-Kattānī's generation of the danger that loomed in the not-too-distant future if the sultan were to lose his authority. As during the mid-eighteenth century, "time of troubles" (when the *makhzan*'s control of Fez was significantly reduced for about thirty years), Fez's traditional elites—the ulama and the *shurafā'* families like Muḥammad al-Kattānī's—had failed to bring order to the city. Instead, armed contingents of commoners (whom the *makhzan* traditionally recruited for policing duties) often, quite literally, called the shots, while the *makhzan* and religiopolitical elites marched to their rhythm.[49] Were this to happen in this latest crisis, Fez could go up in flames, and its elite families would go along with it.

These concerns were most certainly augmented by the fact

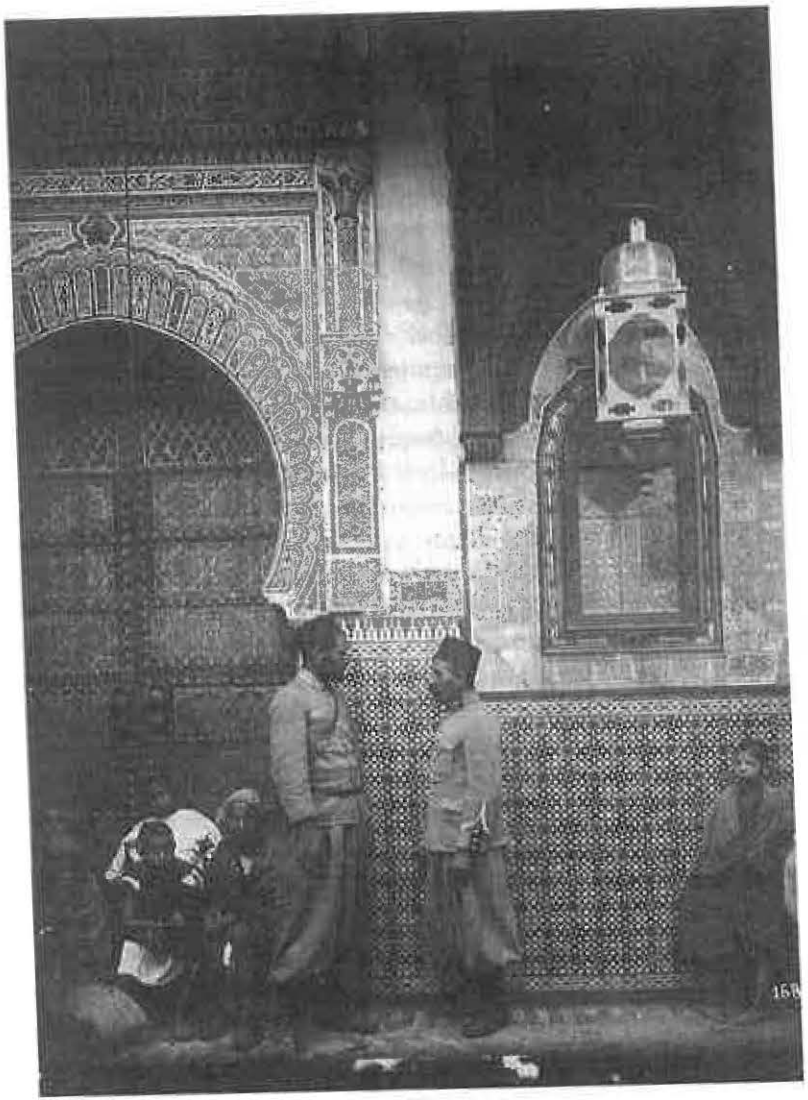

Figure 1. Fez, Zāwiya of Mawlāy Idrīs, Interior View
Courtesy of Islamic Collection, Fine Arts Library, Harvard University.

that traditional religiopolitical elites such as the Kattānīs watched as a new merchant class came to occupy unprecedented positions of power and influence among the sultan and his advisers. Before the nineteenth century, Moroccan merchants had few claims to political legitimacy and virtually no ability to influence the decisions of the *makhzan.* In Moroccan society, prestige and power had not been based on wealth but rather on belonging to or association with a noble family with genealogical ties to the Prophet Muḥammad and his descendants. Such families were more likely to gain wealth as a result of their noble descent or through access to the patron-client networks of these sharifan families.[50] In the 1830s, for example, a coalition of Fāsī merchants successfully pressured Sultan 'Abd al-Raḥmān not to break relations with France following the conquest of Algeria. Commercial interests in Algeria were too valuable to be threatened by political conflicts.[51] Yet Moroccan merchants—both Muslim and Jewish—thrived after Sultan 'Abd al-Raḥmān signed free-trade agreements with Britain in 1856, and later with France and Spain. Commercial ties between Moroccan merchants and European trading companies, knowledge of foreign languages as a result of such contacts, and familiarity with European methods of diplomacy and banking collectively made the enterprising Moroccan commercial elite extremely valuable to the *makhzan.* From midcentury onward, merchants filled positions in the expanding bureaucracy the *makhzan* created to facilitate Moroccan ties with the European powers. These newly created bureaucratic positions, such as the *umanā'* or tariff inspectors, were emblematic of the emerging order in Morocco in which prestige, power, and authority were linked to knowledge of European models of governance, administration, and economy.[52]

The Moroccan learned establishment articulated the changing Moroccan political, socioeconomic, and intellectual landscape in their literary production. Although Moroccan scholars of the nineteenth century did not explain the reasons for their renewed interest in historical genres, they embarked on a renaissance

in historical forms of literary production—such as dynastic chronicles *(tārīkh)*, hagiographies *(manāqib)* and biographies *(tarājim)*—with the hope that they might influence the direction of change.[53] Composed to document "the vast number of ulama and *ṣulaḥā'* who resided in the city of Fez" from its foundation in the ninth century, *Salwat al-anfās*—a nine-hundred page hagiography of the *shurafā'*, saints, Sufis, ulama, and pious folk of Fez—is one of the most significant among these literary experiments. Written in the 1880s by Muḥammad al-Kattānī's cousin, Muḥammad bin Ja'far al-Kattānī—a legal scholar and mystic in his own right—*Salwat al-anfās* reasserted the prominence of the Idrīsī *shurafā'* (to which his family belonged) while simultaneously offering a veiled critique of the 'Alawī sultans for abandoning consultation with the learned elite *(dhū al-'ilm/dhū al-ma'rifa)* in political matters.[54]

"A LOFTY AND UNAMBIGUOUS LINEAGE": SAINTS, SUFIS, AND THE *SHURAFĀ'* IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY FEZ

In Fez, powerful sharifan families depended on good relations with the *makhzan* to maintain their status among the Fāsī religiopolitical elite and support their patron-client networks. In exchange for their loyalty to the 'Alawī dynasty, the Idrīsīs received numerous privileges, such as tax exemptions and the right to collect donations at the tombs of their ancestors. The more prestigious *shurafā'* even possessed power akin to ulama-bureaucrats to arbitrate in legal disputes because their *zāwiya*s and shrines also served as inviolable sanctuaries *(ḥurm)* or safe zones, where the reach of the *makhzan* was restricted.[55] But from the reign of Mawlāy Ismā'īl (r. 1672–1727), the *makhzan* began to check and document family lineages officially, weeding out fraudulent claims and limiting the number of families who could receive benefits and tax cuts provided to the *shurafā'*, thereby creating a heightened atmosphere of competition among Fez's notable families. Official recognition of a *nasab ṣāliḥ*—a

sound genealogy—helped families secure their positions within the world of inter-*shurafā'* politics.[56]

Since the Merinid period, Moroccan dynasties had acknowledged the prominence of the Kattānīs because of "the unambiguity of their lineage and the loftiness of their position."[57] In more recent times, successive 'Alawī sultans also recognized the Kattānīyūn as members of the religiopolitical elite by granting the family rights to collect pilgrims' donations made at the tomb of Abū Maymūna Darrās b. Ismā'īl, around whom one of the earliest saint cults in Fez had emerged.[58] According to the royal decree, "[pilgrims' dontaions at the tomb] remain in the hands of the Kattānī clan of the Kattānī *shurafā'*. Only they should benefit from the donations, and [they have the right] to use them without conflict or opposition [that may arise] due to their weakness or state of poverty." This was a privilege due them "because of their relations to the Prophet of God, blessing and peace upon him."[59] After his departure from or return to Fez the 'Alawī sultan, 'Abd al-Raḥmān (r. 1822–1859), and his entourage performed a pilgrimage to the tomb of one of al-Kattānī's ancestors, a saint named Mawlāy al-Ṭayyib al-Kattānī (d. 1837/1838).[60] The 'Alawīs made additional gestures toward the Kattānī family beyond the usual genealogical recognition. In 1864, for example, Sīdī Muḥammad (r. 1859–1873), donated a *ḥubus* property that was held in his name for enlargement of the Kattāniyya *zāwiya* in Fez.[61] In the competitive world of sharifan politics, displays of support such as those of Sīdī 'Abd al-Raḥmān and Sīdī Muḥammad could prove significant in shoring up the prominence of the Kattānīs.

By the time Muḥammad al-Kattānī was born, the Kattānīs had made their mark on Fāsī intellectual, spiritual and political life, and his family was well situated to take their position on the stage of Fāsī politics according to the rules of Sharifism. More important, the family seemed to gain prominence even as the *shurafā'* were losing out. Yet as is shown in the following chapter, al-Kattānī's *baraka* was influenced by his willingness to challenge the political establishment—namely, the ulama and the

makhzan—regarding the meaning of Islamic orthodoxy and who had the authority to determine its limits.

NOTES

1. Aḥmad bin Khālid al-Nāṣirī, *al-Istiqsā li akhbār duwal al-Maghrib al-Aqṣā,* ed. Ja'far and Muḥammad al-Nāṣirī (Casablanca: Dār al-Kitāb, 1997), 1: 127.
2. By emphasizing Morocco's relationship with the wider Mediterranean world, I do not mean to suggest that important relationships with other regions (such as sub-Saharan Africa) did not exist. However, although scholars of North Africa have begun to recognize and examine in detail the region's links with sub-Saharan Africa, they remain mostly unexplored. The American Institute of Maghrib Studies, the West African Research Association, and the Tangier-based American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies recently convened (June 2009) the first in a two-part series of conferences entitled Saharan Crossroads I and II to develop this underexplored avenue of research.
3. Abderrahman el Moueddin discusses the importance of travel in shaping a distinct Moroccan Muslim identity. He argues that between the fourteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Hajj (as well as embassies sent to Europe and the Ottoman Empire to represent the Moroccan sultanate) helped strengthen the bonds between Morocco and the broader Islamic *umma,* while simultaneously highlighting differences. For example, the seventeenth-century Moroccan scholar and traveler Abū Salīm 'Abdallah al-'Ayyāshī expressed wonder about the bustle of Cairo's streets and markets. Yet he also noted with displeasure the low level of religious knowledge among the Bedouin populations of Arabia as compared with his own countrymen and perceived the Ottoman sharia courts to be plagued by corruption (presumably in comparison with those back home). Abderrahman el Moueddin, "The Ambivalence of *Rihla:* Community Integration and Self-definition in Moroccan Travel Accounts, 1300–1800," in *Muslim Travellers: Pilgrimage, Migration and the Religious Imagination,* ed. Dale F. Eickelman and James Piscatori (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990), 78. On Ottoman-Moroccan relations, see Abderrahman el Moueddin, "Sharifs and Padishahs: Moroccan-Ottoman Relations from the Sixteenth through the Eighteenth Centuries," Ph.D. diss., Princeton, University, Princeton, NJ, 1992.
4. Vincent Cornell, *Realm of the Saint: Power and Authority in Moroccan Sufism* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1998), 162–164.
5. Mohamed el Mansour, "The Sanctuary *(Hurm)* in Precolonial Morocco," in *In the Shadow of the Sultan: Culture, Power, and Politics in Morocco,* ed. Rahma Bourqia and Susan Gilson Miller (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999), 49–73.
6. Abdelahad Sebti, "Au Maroc: Sharifisme, Citadin, Charisme et Historiographie," *Annales ESC* 2 (Mars–Avril 1986): 437.
7. Al-Jazūlī called for the renewal of Islam by invoking the *mujaddid* tradition, which was grounded in eschatological discourse and based on a hadith that states, "God will send to this community at the turn of every century someone who will restore religion." Cornell, *Realm of the Saints,* 184. On the concept of cyclical reform, see Ella Landau-Tasserson, "The 'Cyclical Reform': A Study of the Mujaddid Tradition," *Studia Islamica* 70 (1989): 79–117. On the teachings of the Jazūliyya order and its importance for the involvement of Sufi saints in the political conflicts of the day, see Vincent Cornell, "Mystical Doctrine and Political Action in Moroccan Sufism: The Role of the Exemplar in the Tariqa al-Jazuliyya," *al-Qantara* 13, fasc. 1(1992): 202.
8. Most notably, Edmund Burke and Abdallah Laroui. Their focus was social history, not cultural or intellectual history. Burke, "The Moroccan Ulama, 1860–1912; Laroui, *Les origines sociales et culturelles du nationalism Marocain, 1830–1912.*
9. Henry Munson Jr. attempted to move debate about Muḥammad al-Kattānī beyond the existing framework of inquiry by acknowledging the centrality of saintly figures in challenging state authority. Munson reads al-Kattānī's life in terms of "the righteous man of God"—a charismatic figure who was held to be both righteous and saintly and whose authority as a scholar and a saint formed the basis for his ability to challenge the state. Rather than fall back on a reified notion of charisma, Munson emphasized that conceptions of charisma are embedded in historical circumstances. See chapter 3 in Henry Munson Jr., *Religion and Power in Morocco* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993), 76.
10. Cornell, Introduction, *Realm of the Saint.* See also Stephen T. Katz, Editor's Introduction, in *Mysticism and Philosophical Anal-*

ysis, ed. Stephen T. Katz (New York: Oxford University Press, 1978), 1–9.

11. Norman Cigar, "Socio-economic Structures and the Development of an Urban Bourgeoisie in Pre-colonial Morocco," *Maghreb Review* 6 (1981): 60–61. For an excellent discussion of the social and political ramifications of increased Moroccan trade with Europe in the nineteenth-century see, Daniel Schroeter, "Royal Power and the Economy in Pre-colonial Morocco: Jews and the Legitimation of Foreign Trade," in *In the Shadow of the Sultan: Culture, Power, and Politics in Morocco,* ed. Rahma Bourquia and Susan Gilson Miller (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999), 74–102.
12. Jocelyne Dakhila shows how the *ḥarka* (the movement of the court from one region of the sultanate to another) was important for shoring up symbolic as well as military power of the state by emphasizing the ubiquity of royal authority. For instance, comparing the reigns of Mawlāy Ḥasan and his son and successor, 'Abd al-'Azīz, one author wrote, "L'aigle vit dans les airs habite les déserts, tandis que le coq erre autour des maisons. La force de l'aigle lui confère un pouvoir absolu; mais le coq, que peut-il faire sinon effrayer les poules quand il chante?" ["The eagle lives in the skies and in the deserts, while the rooster wanders around homesteads. The eagle's strength confers on him absolute power. As for the rooster, what can he do other than frighten the chickens when he sings?"]. Jocelyne Dakhila, "Dans la mouvance du prince: la symbolique du pouvoir itinérant au Maghreb," *Annales ESC* 3 (Mai–Juin 1988): 737.
13. Burke, *Prelude to Protectorate,* 25–27.
14. Mohammed Kenbib, "Structures traditionnelles et protections étrangères au Maroc au XIXème siècle," *Hespéris-Tamuda* 22 (1984): 79–101.
15. al-Kattānī, *Salwa,* 3: 288. This *du'ā'* is one of the few overt expressions of a political agenda in *Salwa.* It appears in the biographical entry of Sultan 'Abd al-'Azīz, who was the reigning sultan at the time *Salwa* went to press in 1898.
16. R. Le Tourneau and L. Paye, "La corporation des tanneurs et l'industrie de la tannerie à Fès," *Hespéris* 20–21 (1935): 167.
17. al-Nāṣirī, *al-Istiqsa,* 9: 137–138. For a detailed discussion of the Tanners' Rebellion as seen through Moroccan chronicles, see Abdelahad Sebti, "Chroniques de la contestation citadine: Fès et la revolte des tanneurs (1873–1874)," *Hespéris-Tamuda* 29, fasc. 2 (1991): 283–312.

18. A rich body of scholarly literature on the sociohistorical significance of the crowd and the use of violence in popular protest movements has emerged in the last thirty-five years, most notably through the work of George Rudé and E. P. Thompson. While such a literature is less developed in the context of North African history, several authors have demonstrated the importance of popular protest movements and rebellions in influencing high politics in Fez. For example, regarding the 1873 rebellion in Fez, Bettina Dennerlein explains that the rebels never questioned the legitimacy of the sultan to rule but rather "the concrete extent of his power and more specifically to his capacity to effectively impose the levying of taxes." Popular rebellion merely constituted "one of the multitude of processes of legitimation and of political involvement and participation." Mohamed al-Mansour shows how popular anger and violence was instrumental in determining the bid for power by two contenders to the 'Alawī sultanate in the late eighteenth century. He thereby challenges the notion that politics was merely the provenance of elites such as the *shurafā'* and ulama of Fez. Abdelahad Sebti uses the term *frondeur* to characterize Fez, arguing that popular rebellion was a recurring feature of Fāsī urban life and politics. He challenges characterizations of the city solely in terms of Islamic orthodoxy, of high culture and of allegiance to the *makhzan* (as opposed to rural syncretism and rebellion against the state). Dennerlein, "Legitimate Bounds and Bound Legitimacy," 296 and 288–289; Mohamed al-Mansour, "Urban society in Fez: The Rumat during the Modern Period (Seventeenth–Nineteenth Centuries)," *Maghreb Review* 22 (1997): 75–95; George Rudé, *The Crowd in History* (New York: Wiley, 1964); Sebti, "Chroniques de la contestation citadine," 283–284; E. P. Thompson, *The Making of the English Working Class* (New York: Vintage Books, 1963). On popular protest in the Middle East and North Africa, see also Stephanie Cronin, ed., *Subalterns and Social Protest: History from below in the Middle East and North Africa* (New York: Routledge, 2008).
19. Cigar, "Socio-economic Structures and the Development of an Urban Bourgoisie," 68. On the segmented nature of Fāsī social groups in the pre-Protectorate period and their reconfiguration see

Norman Cigar, "Conflict and Community in an Urban Milieu: Fez under the 'Alawīs (ca. 1666–1830)," *Maghreb Review* 3, no. 10 (1978): 3–13.

20. The sixteenth-century traveler Leo the African and 'Alī Bey, who visited Fez in 1805, both commented on the opulence of Fez's markets and attested to the advantages of the city's geographical location in facilitating trade. Roger Le Tourneau, *Fès avant le protectorat,* 2nd ed. (Rabat: Editions la Porte, 1987), 368.
21. Although a small town, Sefrou had importance both for the military and for commerce and trade. It marked the end of the district of Fez and served as the residence of the sultan's governors, whose presence was primarily directed at controlling the semi-independent and powerful tribes of Aït Yūsī and branches of the Banī Mglīd. In the late 1890s, a French traveler noted, "Enormous quantities of fruit, olives, citrons, cherries, [and] grapes, are sent from Sefrou to Fez, and even fairly good wine is made there. It is the entrepôt for almost all the oil of the surrounding region, which is rich in olive-trees." M. La Martinière, *Morocco: Journeys in the Kingdom of Fez and to the Court of Mulai Hassan* (London: Whittaker and Co., 1889), 400–401.
22. 'Abd al-Ḥayy al-Kattānī, *al-Maẓāhir al-sāmiyya fī al-nisba al-sharīfa al-kattāniyya,* 1911, photocopy of original ms., private Collection of Dr. Fawzi Abdulrazak, Cambridge, MA., 14.
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25. *Nashr al-mathānī* is mentioned in al-Kattānī, *al-Maẓāhir,* 2.
26. Ibid., 285, 331.
27. al-Kattānī, *Tarjama,* 11.
28. Ibid., 13.
29. Ibid.
30. Ibid., 12–13.
31. al-Kattānī, *al-Maẓāhir,* 71. This is a literary trope intended to illustrate al-Kattānī's piety and commitment to Sufism. Such expressions of piety and sainthood are formulaic and are often found in the *manāqib* literature and in chronicles. On the use of literary tropes in these literary genres, see Abdelahad Sebti, "Akhbār al-manāqib wa manāqib al-akhbār," in *al-Tārīkh wa adab al-manāqib* (Rabat: al-Jam'iyya al-Maghribiyya li al-baḥth al-tārīkhī, 1988), 93–112.

32. Michel Chodkiewicz explains that a basic problem associated with the discussion of sainthood in the Islamic tradition relates to translation. The term sainthood has most often been used to denote the Arabic term *walāya* or *wilāya* while a *walī* (pl. *awliyā'*)—the person who possesses the attributes of sainthood—is described in English as a saint. In the Christian tradition, sainthood is associated with the idea of purity and inviolability as in the Greek *hagios,* the Latin *sanctus* and the Hebrew *qadosh.* Etymologically speaking, such concepts correspond to the semantic field associated with the Arabic root letters q, d and s. Alternatively, the root ḥ, r, m would be expected to convey the notion of *sanctity* as reflected in the Greek *hieros* and the Latin *sacer.* In the Islamic tradition, neither root is used in association with a person who is described as a saint. Michel Chodkiewicz, *Seal of the Saints: Prophethood and Sainthood in the Doctrine of Ibn Arabi,* trans. Liadan Sherrard (Cambridge: Islamic Texts Society, 1993), 21.
33. Cornell, Introduction, *Realm of the Saint,* xvii–xxi.
34. al-Kattānī, *al-Maẓāhir,* 158. The Arabic is *"min ahl al-qarāba wa al-dalāla."*
35. Ibid., 31.
36. Landau-Tasserson, "The 'Cyclical Reform'," 82–83.
37. Abū 'Imrān Mūsā al-Wazzānī (d. 1562), *al-Kurrasa li Mawlāna al-Manṣūr al-Sulṭān al-Muẓaffar Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad al-Sharīf al-Ḥasanī fī mas'alat al-quṭb al-mushār ilayhi ahl al-ṭariqa al-ṣūfiyya* [no page], quoted in Cornell, "Mystical Doctrine and Political Action in Moroccan Sufism," 230.
38. al-Kattānī, *al-Maẓāhir,* 69.
39. Chodkiewicz, *Seal of the Saints,* 61.
40. The concept of *al-nūr al-Muḥammadi* ("the Muḥammadan light") was elaborated by the thirteenth century mystic, Muḥyī' al-Dīn ibn al-'Arabī in his famous work *al-Futūḥāt al-makkiyya.* For an excellent explanation of the concept and its relation to the thinking of Ibn al-'Arabī, see Chodkiewicz, *Seal of the Saints.* See also J. Spencer Trimingham, *The Sufi Orders in Islam* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), 161. For the reception of Ibn al-'Arabī's ideas in the early modern period, see Alexander Knysh, "Ibn Arabi in the Later Islamic Tradition," *Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi:*

A Commemorative Volume, ed. by Stephen Hirtenstein and Michael Tiernan (Rockport, Ma.: Element, Inc., 1993), 307–327; Derin Terzioğlu, *"Sufi and Dissident in the Ottoman Empire: Niyazi-i Misri (1618–1694),"* Ph.D. diss., Harvard University, Cambridge, Ma., 1999.

41. Ibn Hishām, *al-Sīra al-nabawiyya,* ed. M. al-Saqaa, I. al-Abyaari, A. Shalabi, pt. 1, p. 166, quoted in Sebti, "Akhbār al-manāqib wa manāqib al-akhbār," 96.
42. Muḥammad b. Jaʿfar al-Kattānī, *al-Azhār al-ʿāṭira al-anfās bi dhikr maḥāsin qutb al-Maghrib wa tāj madinat Fās* (Lithographic Press: Fez, 1889), 195, quoted in Sebti, "Akhbār al-manāqib wa manāqib al-akhbār," 95.
43. Moses is known in the Islamic tradition as *kalīm Allah* or "the one who speaks with God." Several passages from the Quran speak of direct communication between God and Moses. Moses was formed in the image of the Prophet Muḥammad. "Musa," *EI2* vol. 7, fasc. 123–130: pp. 638–640; al-Kattānī, *al-Mazāhir,* 133.
44. Muḥyī' al-Dīn ibn al-'Arabī, *al-Futūḥāt al-makkiyya,* IV, 50–51, quoted in, Chodkiewicz, *Seal of the Saints,* 74.
45. Cornell, *Realm of the Saint,* 68. See also V. Loubignac, "Un saint berbère, Moulay Bou Azza," *Hespéris* 31 (1944): 5–34.
46. Chodkiewicz, *Seal of the Saints,* 74–75.
47. al-Kattānī, *al-Mazāhir,* 165. 'Abd al-'Azīz bin Aḥmad al-Dabbāgh, who related the dream to al-Kattānī, is not to be confused with the eighteenth-century Sufi 'Abd al-'Azīz al-Dabbāgh. However, *al-Mazāhir* does not provide specific information about the identity of 'Abd al-'Azīz bin Aḥmad al-Dabbāgh such as the date of his birth or his genealogy, so it is difficult to know whether he was related to the eighteenth-century al-Dabbāgh, although it is likely.
48. Laroui, *Les Origines,* 294; Ibrāhīm Ḥarakāt, *al-tayyārāt al-siyāsiyya wa al-fikriyya bi al-maghrib khilāla qarnayn wa niṣf qabla al-ḥimaya* (Morocco?: s.n., 1985), 110.
49. el-Mansour, "Urban Society in Fez," 91.
50. Cigar, "Socio-economic Structures and the Development of an Urban Bourgeoisie in Pre-colonial Morocco," 60.
51. Ibid.
52. Sīdī Muḥammad established the *umanā'* corps in 1861. Other functionaries in the reformed bureaucracy worked in the ministry of foreign affairs—*wizārat al-baḥr.* Many of them were drawn or

came from delegations of Moroccan students who had visited Europe on official missions (between 1874 and 1888, eight delegations with about 350 people). Abdellah Laroui, *Esquisses Historiques* (Casablanca: Centre Culturel Arabe, 1992), 58.

53. Évariste Levi-Provençal, *Les historiens des chorfas* (Paris: Larose, 1922), 350.
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55. el-Mansour, "The Sanctuary *(Hurm)* in Precolonial Morocco."
56. Sebti, "Au Maroc: Sharifisme, Citadin, Charisme et Historiographie," 435–438.
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58. Cornell, *Realm of the Saint,* 100.
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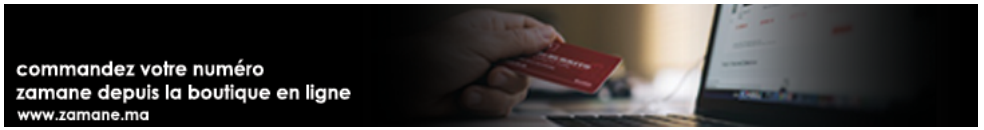

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Partis des rives du fleuve Sénégal, les Almoravides ont créé un vaste empire. Les sources ne se préoccupent guère de leur teint, même si une lecture attentive permet de supposer que Youssef Ibn Tachfin était très sombre de peau, ignorait l'arabe et avait recours à un interprète. Dans l'armée almoravide, les « Soudanais » formaient une troupe d'élite particulièrement choyée. Ces cavaliers montaient des destriers blancs, étaient armés de boucliers et portaient des coiffures rouge foncé. Le poitrail de leurs chevaux était agrémenté de grelots en forme de coings (ou poires). Ils participaient aux parades et ont joué un rôle déterminant lors de l'intervention des Almoravides dans Al Andalous. Par ailleurs, les femmes noires jouissaient alors d'un prestige certain et étaient recherchées comme concubines, ce qui a contribué au métissage, particulièrement dans les classes aisées des cités. La littérature de l'époque abonde en ce sens : « Dieu les a douées de remarquables qualités physiques et morales au-delà de tout souhait: douceur du buste, éclat du noir, beauté des yeux, régularité du nez, blancheur des dents, agrément de l'odeur ».

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Yakṣa Manji
Most important historical takeaways from koran:
1: Jesus WAS the messiah, however he was NOT the literal son of god
2: Jesus was NOT crucified
3: Jesus and Moses were alive at the same time
4: no mention is made of WHERE pharaoh and his kingdom were located
5: Pharaoh and his kingdom were COMPLETELY destroyed with NOTHING remaining (no pyramids or monuments)
6: countless "advanced" civilizations have been destroyed by god and his angels
7: God himself promises the preservation of the koran
8: the koran explicitly warns of people who want to change history
9: whoever the koran refers to as jews, it says that they believe ezra or uzair, (ausar/osiris) is the son of god. This part is very important coupled with the notion that jesus was not the son of god and was not crucified

What this implies:
1: whoever the koran refers to as jews clearly already had the system of kabbala which is well known to originate from "egyptian" or firaunic mythology
2: this points to a clear connection with any group which uses "egyptian iconography"

3: these takeaways are in direct conflict with the most important takeaways from the bible. This would mean that from a koranic viewpoint the bible is almost entirely unreliable.
4: no specific geological locations are given for most places within the koran,
5: there is in fact very little mentioned of the life of the prophet, other than the fact that he would come after jesus and be the final prophet.

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This event is recorded and accepted as authentic by the earliest Islamic biographers: Ibn Ishaq[1] and Ibn Sa'd[2]. It was a standard part of how the early Muslims told the life of Muhammad. Al-Tabari[3] records several accounts of the event, Ibn Taymiyyah[4] accepts it as authentic, and Imam al-Bukhari[5] gives a highly truncated version of the event. 2

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Now the apostle was anxious for the welfare of his people [the Quraysh], wishing to attract them as far as he could. It has been mentioned that he longed for a way to attract them, and the method he adopted is what Ibn Hamid told me that Salama said M. b. Ishaq told him from Yazid b. Ziyad of Medina from M. b. Ka`b al-Qurazi: When the apostle saw that his people turned their backs on him and he was pained by their estrangement from what he brought them from God he longed that there should come to him from God a message that would reconcile his people to him. Because of his love for his people and his anxiety over them it would delight him if the obstacle that made his task so difficult could be removed; so that he meditated on the project and longed for it and it was dear to him. Then God sent down "By the star when it sets your comrade errs not and is not deceived, he speaks not from his own desire,"[Q. 53:1-3] and when he reached His words "Have you thought of al-Lat and al-`Uzza and Manat the third, the others"[Q. 53:19-20], Satan, when he was meditating upon it, and desiring to bring it (sc. reconciliation) to his people, put upon his tongue "these are the exalted Gharaniq [a high flying crane] whose intercession is approved". When the Quraysh heard that, they were delighted and greatly pleased at the way in which he spoke of their gods and they listened to him; while the believers were holding that what their prophet brought from their Lord was true, not suspecting a mistake or a vain desire or slip, and when he reached the prostration and the end of the Sura in which he prostrated himself the Muslims prostrated themselves when their prophet

prostrated confirming what he brought and obeying his command, and the polytheists of the Quraysh and others who were in the mosque prostrated when they heard the mention of their gods, so that everyone in the mosque believer and unbeliever prostrated, except al-Walid b. al-Mughira who was an old man who could not do so, so he took a handful of dirt from the valley and bent over it. Then the people dispersed and the Quraysh went out, delighted at what had been said about their gods, saying, "Muhammad has spoken of our gods in splendid fashion. He alleged in what he read that they are the exalted Gharaniq whose intercession is approved".

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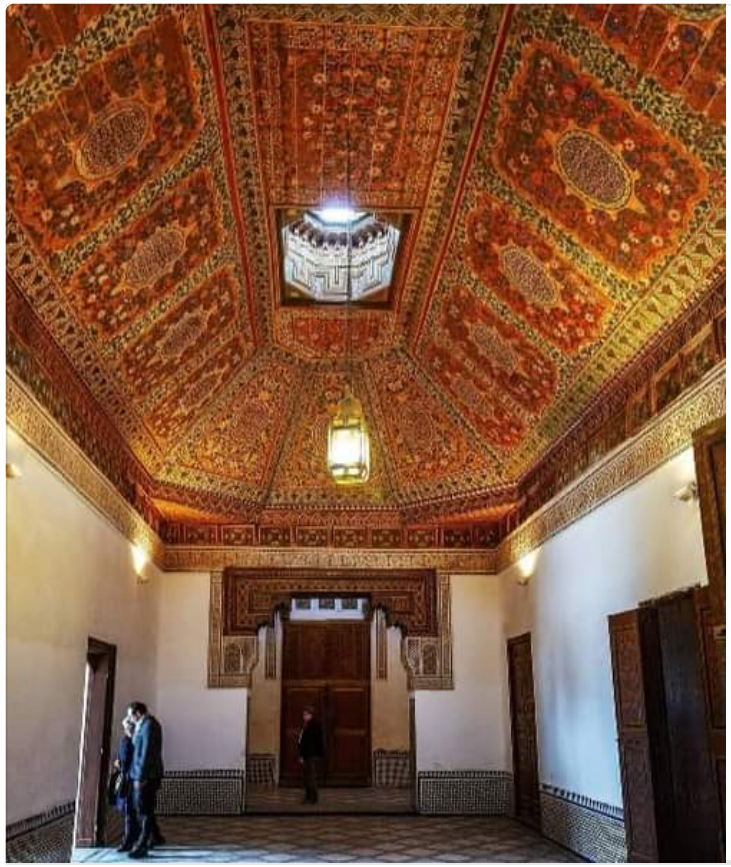

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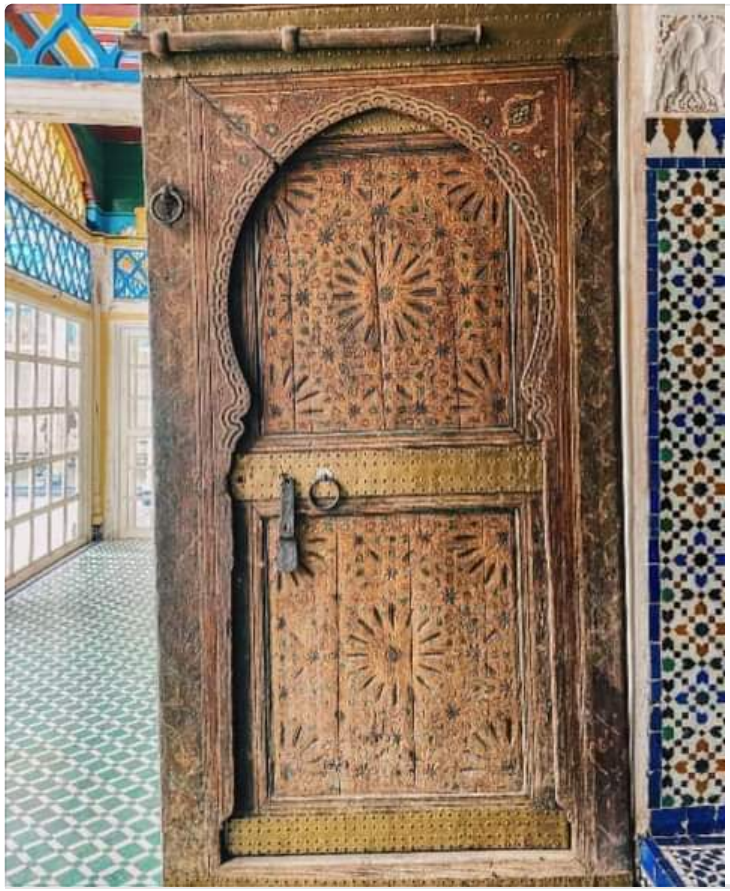

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В западном мире распространено представление о том, что в Средние века христиане и мусульмане изначально находились в состоянии войны друг с другом. Между тем это совсем не так.

Такое видение прошлого представляет собой наследие крестовых походов. Хотя в эпоху раннего Средневековья, безусловно, было много войн и конфликтов на религиозной почве, правда намного сложнее. «Христианские и мусульманские правители могли торговать друг с другом, могли поддерживать мирные отношения, когда это их устраивало», – говорит историк Сэм Оттевилл-Соулсби, автор книги «Император и слон. Христиане и мусульмане в эпоху Карла Великого», вышедшей в июле этого года.

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В центре повествования находится слон, который был подарен Харуном ар-Рашидом Карлу Великому. Как говорит историк, через несколько столетий после смерти этого короля в эпоху крестовых походов его начали изображать как великого крестоносца, сражающегося с мусульманами. Например, это можно увидеть в «Песне о Роланде». «Эта идея о том, что Карл

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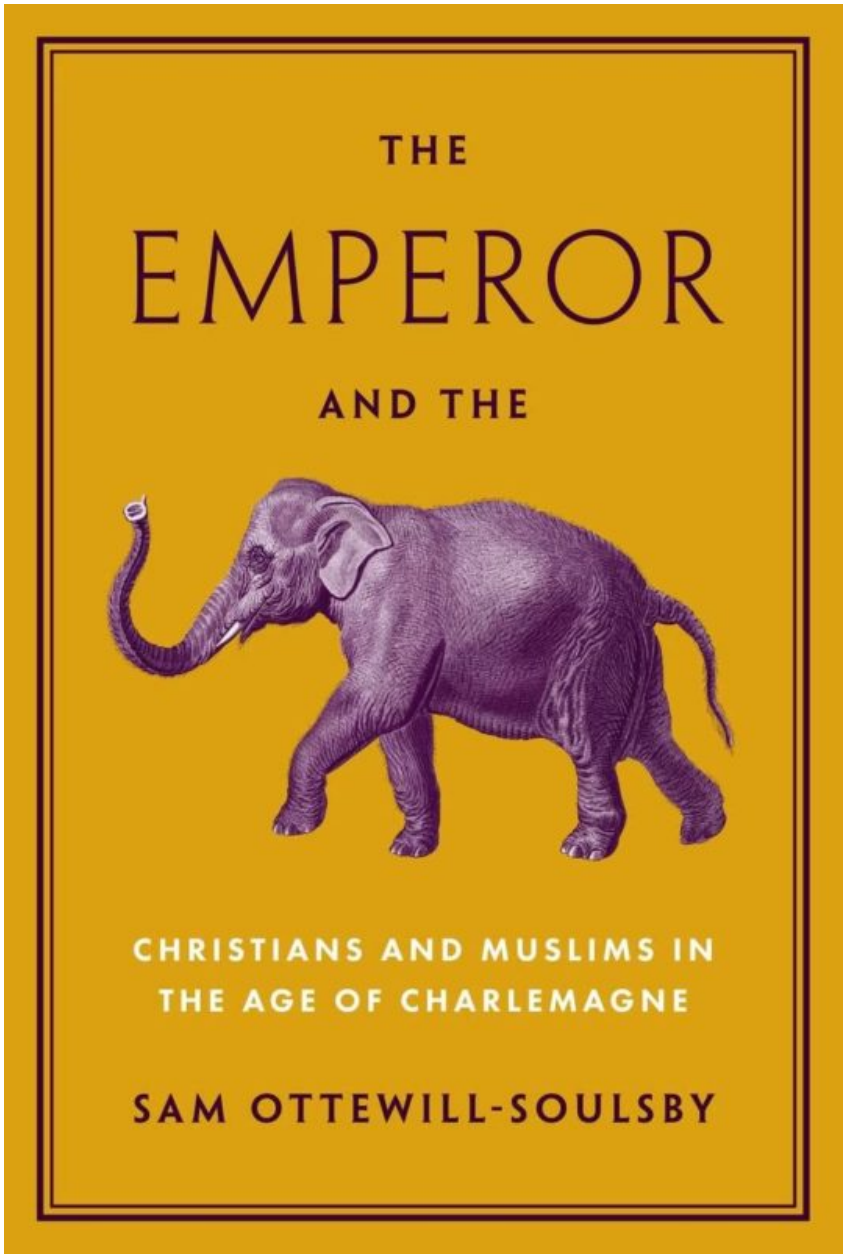
Великий – борец с мусульманами, – во многом проникла в культуру», – отмечает Оттевилл-Соулсби. Подобные искажения продолжают сохраняться и в нынешнюю эпоху. Книга «Император и слон» начинается с цитаты из статьи Washington Post 2016 года, в которой Карл Великий назван «императором Священной Римской империи, который пытался изгнать мусульман из Европы».

Харун ар-Рашид – аббасидский халиф, правивший с 786 до 809 гг. / Источник: Capodimonte Museum

Между тем дело обстояло далеко не так. Карл Великий поддерживал дипломатические отношения с исламским миром. В 799 году в Багдад прибыла отправленная им миссия, чтобы предложить дружбу Харуну ар-Рашиду. Халиф отправил в ответ богатые дары. Обмен делегациями происходил несколько раз. В числе диковинок, присланных Карлу Великому, был и слон. Оттевилл-Соулсби считает, что этот дар заключал в себя целый ряд смыслов. Его следует рассматривать в более широком контексте периода правления Карла Великого, когда он изображал из себя римского императора, собирая по кусочкам разрушенное

королевство. Слон, вероятно, намекает на то, что как слон представляет собой нечто впечатляющее в животном мире, таким же является и Карл Великий на политической арене.



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Также, по словам историка, подарок был призван продемонстрировать силу и уверенность. Оттевилл-Соулсби приводит современную аналогию китайской панда-дипломатии: «Одним из способов распространения мягкой силы китайского правительства является сдача панд в аренду зоопаркам по всему миру. Это способ продемонстрировать дружеские намерения, а также дать представления о культурной самобытности Китая, и я думаю, что слон был чем-то подобным».

Оттевилл-Соулсби говорит, что слон, подаренный Карлу Великому, почти наверняка был индийским, поскольку африканских было гораздо труднее дрессировать и приручать. «Одна из проблем, с которой столкнулся Харун на тот момент, была связана с завоеванным им Синдом, который находился в состоянии восстания, что, помимо прочего, мешало доставлять слонов из Индии. Посылая Карлу Великому своего слона, халиф демонстрировал свою уверенность в том, что восстание в Синде будет подавлено», – заявляет историк.

Посланцы Харуна ар-Рашида дарят Карлу Великому часы / Источник: Getty

Слоны – не единственные четвероногие, которые привлекли внимание Оттевилла-Соулсби. В другом своем труде он подробно рассматривает верблюдов, подаренных эмиром Кордовы Мухаммедом I королю Западно-Франкского королевства и внуку Карла Великого Карлу Лысому в 865 году.

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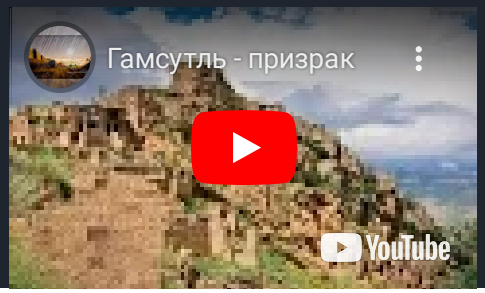

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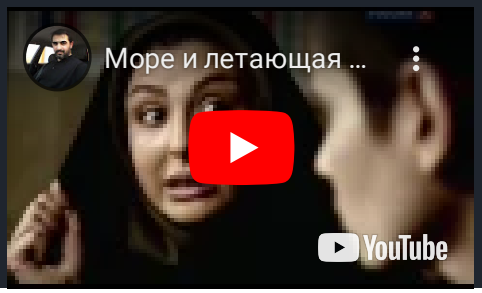

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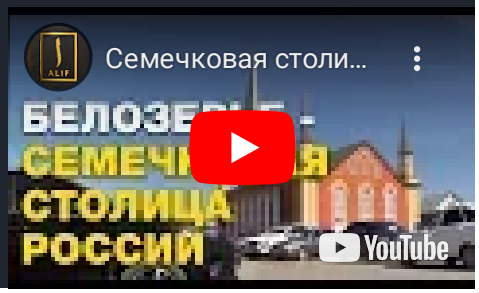

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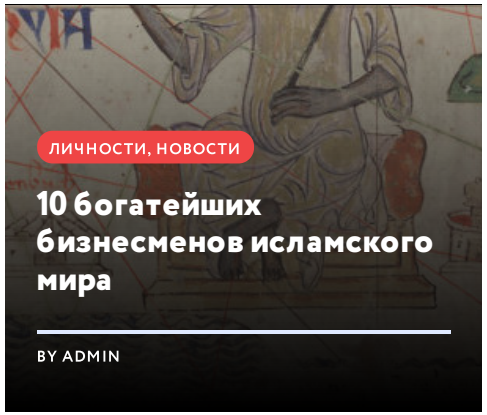

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Говорящие барабаны, которые языком ритма и тонов способны имитировать человеческую речь, сыграли значительную роль в истории йоруба. На протяжении веков они служили эффективным средством коммуникации.

Йоруба – это западноафриканская этническая группа, населяющая в основном различные районы Нигерии, Бенина и Того. Ислам они начали принимать еще в XIV в. Большинство их сейчас является мусульманами (в основном, суннитами маликитского мазхаба), часть – христианами, а остальные придерживаются традиционных верований.

Говорящий барабан, языком ритма и тонов способный имитировать человеческую речь, – один из старейших музыкальных инструментов. Он используется многими африканскими народами, такими как канури, джерма, фулани, хауса, дагомба.

Как полагают, этот инструмент сыграл значительную роль в истории йоруба. Согласно преданиям, первым барабанщиком этого народа был Аянгалу. Он был практически обожествлен после своей кончины и считается духом-покровителем всех музыкантов, играющих на это инструменте. Само слово «Аян» на языке йоруба означает «барабанщик», и некоторые имена на этом языке, такие как Аянбиси, Аянгбаде, Аянтунде, Аянванде, содержат такую приставку.

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Говорящие барабаны йоруба отличаются особой красотой. Изготовленные из дерева определенных пород, они обычно имеют форму песочных часов. С обоих концов находится мембрана, натягиваемая нитями. Раньше ее делали из овечьей, козьей или говяжьей шкуры, а сейчас используют современные материалы.

В Нигерии правитель народа Йоруба принял мусульманский титул эмира.

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Многие африканские языки являются тональными, то есть высота звука важна для определения значения конкретного слова. На этом принципе и построена система передачи сообщений с помощью барабанов – при ударе они издают звук, имитирующий тон речи. Играют на них изогнутыми палками или пальцами, зажав подмышкой, а высоту звучания барабанщик регулирует, натягивая нити руками. Большие инструменты устанавливают на земле.

Со временем появилось множество вариантов говорящих барабанов, большинство из которых имеет ту же конструкцию, что и упомянутые выше. Они могут иметь одинарную мембрану или двойную и разные размеры в зависимости от происхождения и назначения. Например, барабан *бата* небольшой, его носят на шее, а играют на нем с помощью двух палочек, расположив на уровне груди. Еще один маленький инструмент подобного вида – *ганган*. Такие барабаны обычно издают приятный звук и могут иметь размеры от 8 до 14 см в диаметре. С другой стороны, йоруба использовали одни из самых больших говорящих барабанов из всех африканских – это *лунна* и *дундун*. Их длина обычно составляет 23-38 см, а диаметр – 10-18 см.

Говорящие барабаны в прежние времена являлись средством общения между племенами. С их помощью на большие расстояния передавали сообщения о коронациях, смертях, празднованиях и войнах. Барабаны также предупреждали и о приближающейся к деревне опасности. Они делали это быстрее, чем всадники, и поэтому они на протяжении веков служили эффективным средством коммуникации. Также этот инструмент используется на церемониальных мероприятиях, таких как свадьбы, похороны, частные мероприятия.

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Источник: Wikipedia

Научиться играть на говорящем барабане – непростая задача, и требуются годы, чтобы стать мастером и передавать сообщения, понятные получателям. Только лучшие барабанщики могут заставить его говорить, модулируя высоту звука и захватывающим образом передавать его интерпретацию целых фраз.

Каждому инструменту присваивалось имя, которое, как считалось, помогало ему передавать сообщения и привлекало особую благосклонность предков. Подобно сложной азбуке Морзе или телеграфу, ритмы и удары барабана означают разные слова, но, чтобы избежать двусмысленности, они должны сопровождаться поясняющими предложениями. Поэтому даже короткие фразы часто становятся в восемь или десять раз длиннее. Например, простое сообщение «Тихая погода» может звучать так: «Буря не опускается, солнце находится в состоянии покоя, ветерок спокоен, небо не плачет», а «Возвращайся домой» – «Заставь свои ноги вернуться тем путем, которым они шли, заставь свои ноги вернуться тем путем, которым они шли, поставь свои ноги ниже, в деревне, которая принадлежит нам». Таким образом, сообщения часто звучали очень поэтично, но при этом следовало обеспечить ясность смысла.

Говорящие барабаны широко использовались африканскими сказителями – гриотами. На них они аккомпанировали, исполняя песни или рассказывая истории и басни. Йоруба разработали очень сложный жанр гриотской музыки, в основе которого лежит использование этого музыкального инструмента. Язык и литература барабанов в этой этнической группе были очень развиты, а игра на них, как правило, была специализированным и часто передаваемым по наследству занятием. Опытные барабанщики, владеющие общепринятой лексикой барабанного языка и литературы, часто состояли на службе у королевского двора. Кроме того, в прежние времена гриоты играли ту же роль, что глашатаи в средневековой Европе. Короли их отправляли в разные населенные пункты, чтобы огласить свою волю или сообщить какую-то весть.

Говорящий барабан и сейчас широко используется современными африканскими группами. У йоруба существует несколько разновидностей музыки, в которых он фигурирует. Например, это жанр фуджи.

Какаки – традиционный музыкальный инструмент, на котором играют в честь королей и султанов.

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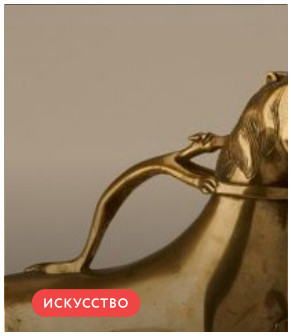
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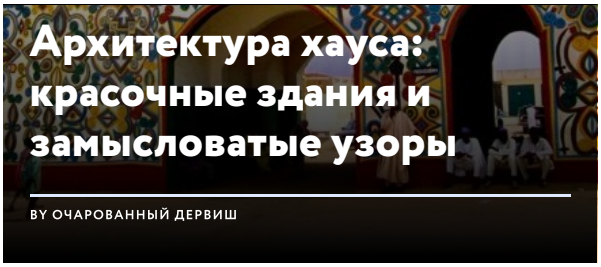

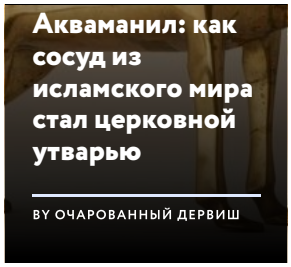

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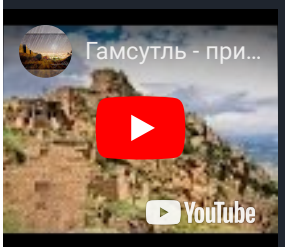

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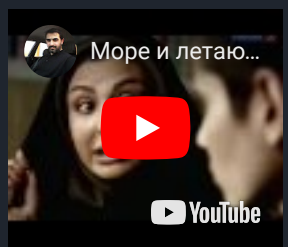

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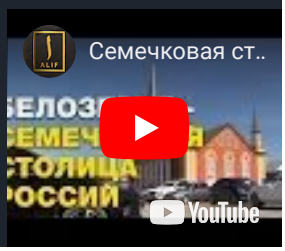

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Легенда о правителе из Мали, отказавшемся от трона, чтобы исследовать Атлантический океан

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Манса Абу Бакр II был правителем империи Мали в Западной Африке в период ее расцвета в XIV веке, сообщает сайт Ancient Origins.

В период своего расцвета империя Мали была богатейшей страной мира. Об этом можно судить хотя бы по тому факту, что Манса Муса, непосредственный преемник Абу Бакра II, считается самым богатым человек в истории. Отправившись в свой знаменитый хадж, этот правитель, находясь в Каире, поведал эмиру Ибн Амиру Хаджибу удивительную историю о том, что его предшественник отрекся от трона, чтобы исследовать Атлантический океан. От Ибн Амира Хаджиба ее услышал сирийский историк аль-Умари. Последний передает, что Манса Муса поведал: «*Абубакар снарядил 200 кораблей, наполненных людьми, и столько же – золотом, водой и провизией, которых хватило бы им на годы … они ушли, и прошло много времени, прежде чем кто-либо вернулся. Затем вернулся один корабль, и мы спросили капитана, какие новости они привезли. Он сказал: «Да, о султан, мы путешествовали долгое время, пока в открытом море не появилась река с мощным течением … другие корабли пошли вперед, но когда они достигли того места, они не вернулись, и их больше не видели…Что касается меня, я сразу отправился в путь и не вошел в реку». Султан подготовил 2000 кораблей, 1000 для себя и людей, которых он взял с собой, и 1000 для воды и провизии. Он оставил меня своим заместителям и отправился в Атлантический океан со своими людьми. Это был последний раз, когда мы видели его и всех тех, кто был с ним. Итак, я стал королем по праву».*

Малийский правитель открыл Америку задолго до Колумба?

Можно предположить, что целью этой истории было объяснить, как Манса Муса получил трон империи Мали, положив начало новой династии. Но она может быть и вполне достоверной, хотя подобный рассказ не встречается ни в одном другом африканском или арабском источнике, за исключением, возможно, устной традиции.

Преемником Абу Бакра II стал Манса Муса / Источник: Ancient Origins

Некоторые исследователи даже склонны считать, что Абу Бакр II не просто плавал «по» Атлантическому океану, а переплыл «через» него и достиг Северной и Южной Америки. Они приводят и доказательства в пользу своей точки зрения.

Например, утверждается, что некоторые названия на старых картах показывают, что Абу Бакр и его люди достигли Нового Света. Это такие названия, как порт Мандинга (в честь народа мандинка, проживающего в Мали), залив Мандинга и Сьерра-де-Мали.

Манса Муса: самый богатый человек в истории.

Другой аргумент заключается в том, что Колумб, прибыв в Америку, обнаружил там металлические изделия из Западной Африки. Согласно одному источнику, об этом сообщал сам Колумб. Другой источник утверждает, что химический анализ золотых наконечников копий, найденных этим мореплавателем в Америке, показал, что металл происходит, вероятно, из Западной Африки.

Малийцы (возможно с мансой Абубакаром II) встречаются с коренными жителями Америки / Источник: Pinterest

Также приводится множество других примеров предполагаемого малийского присутствия в Новом Свете, в том числе скелеты, надписи, здание, похожее на мечеть, лингвистические анализы и резные изображения, на которых, как утверждается, изображены малийцы. Однако такие доказательства не совсем убедительны, поскольку источники, их перечисляющие, не предоставляют дополнительной информации или ссылок в подтверждение своих заявлений.

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Учитывая, что доказательства в пользу этого в лучшем случае неубедительны, а в худшем – вообще отсутствуют, кажется маловероятным, что Абу Бакр II достиг Нового Света. Тем не менее, история о его отречении от трона, чтобы отправиться исследовать Атлантический океан, является удивительной. Это можно сравнить с ситуацией, если бы какой-нибудь современный мировой лидер оставил должность, чтобы стать астронавтом.

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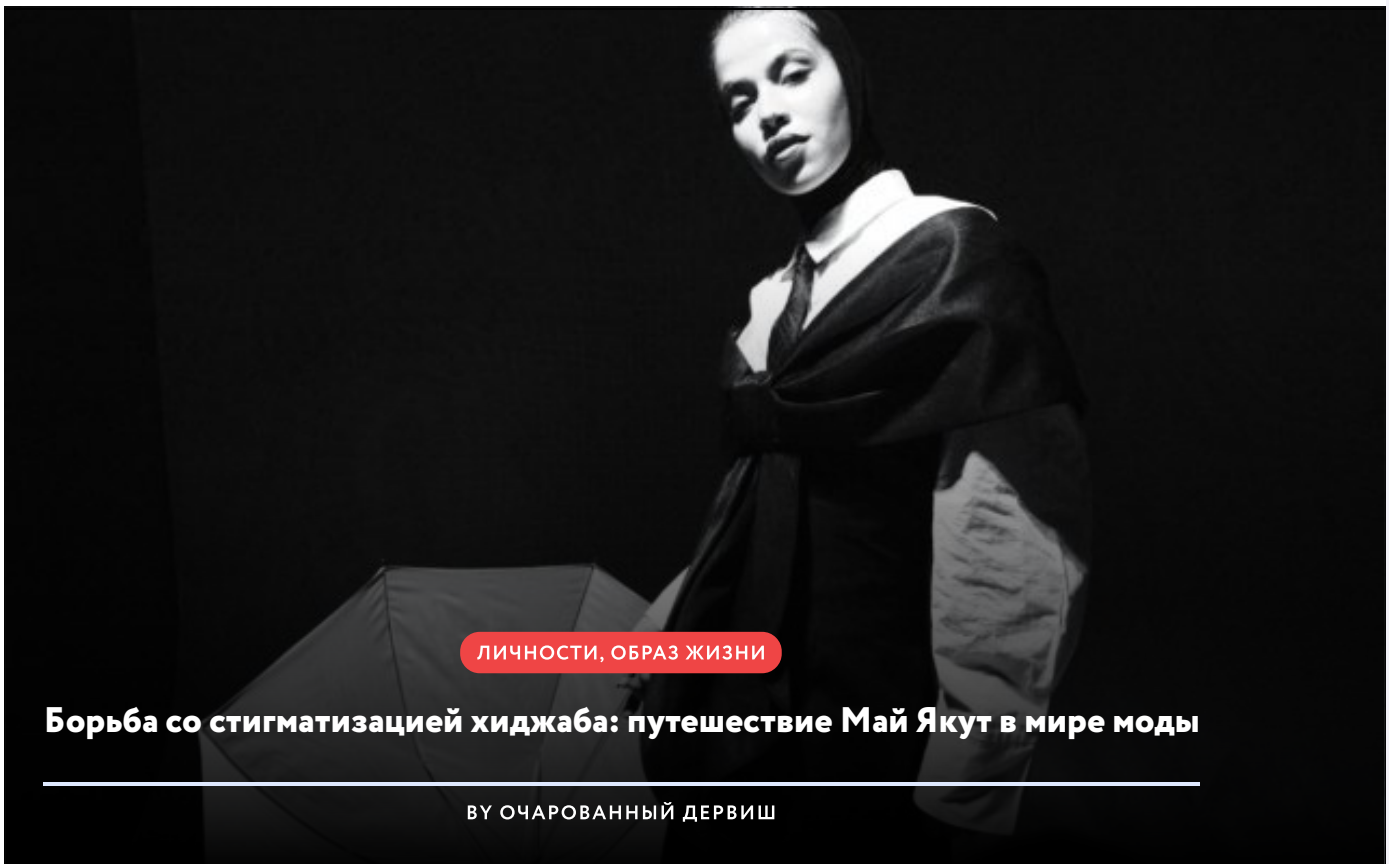

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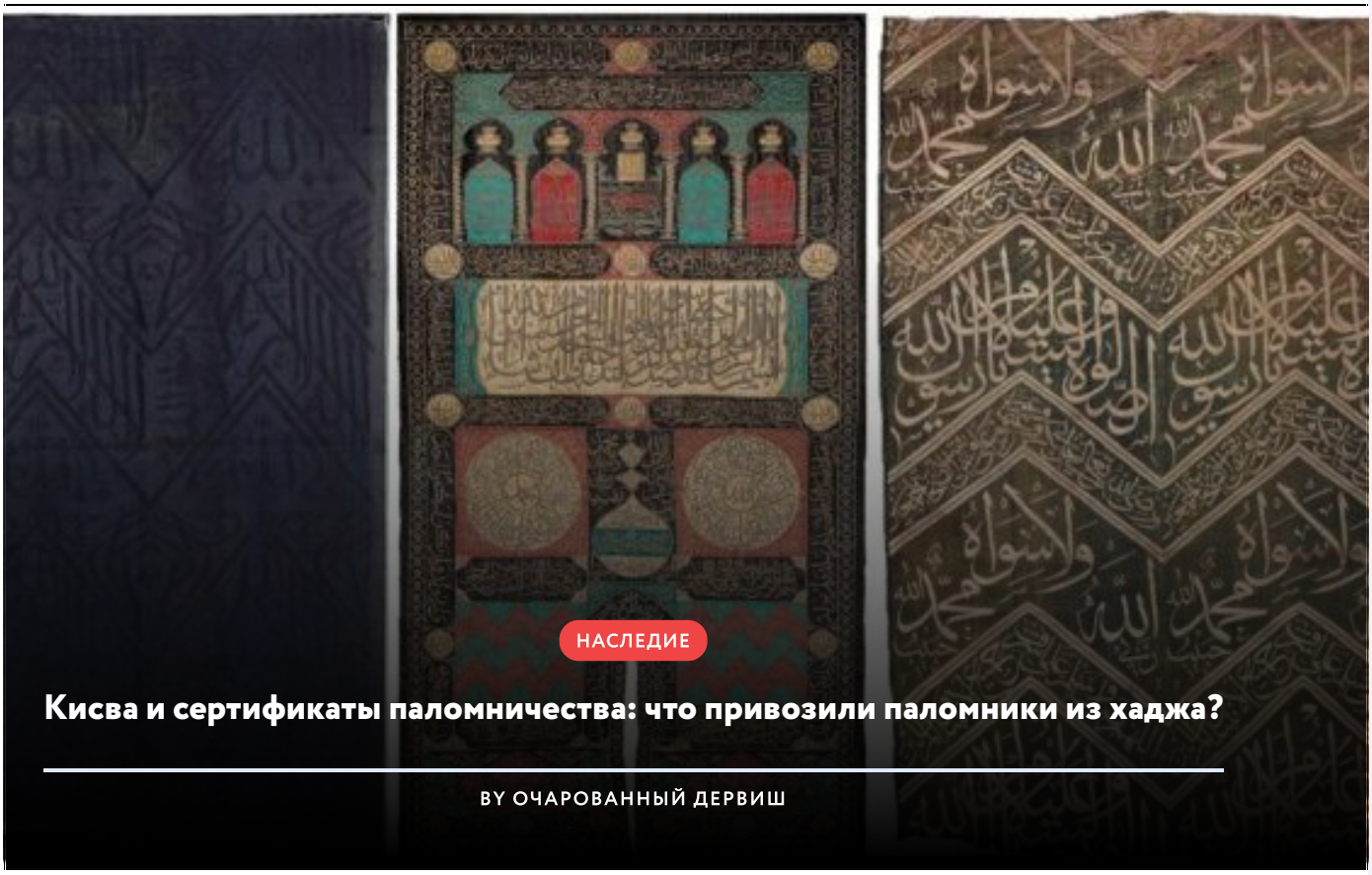

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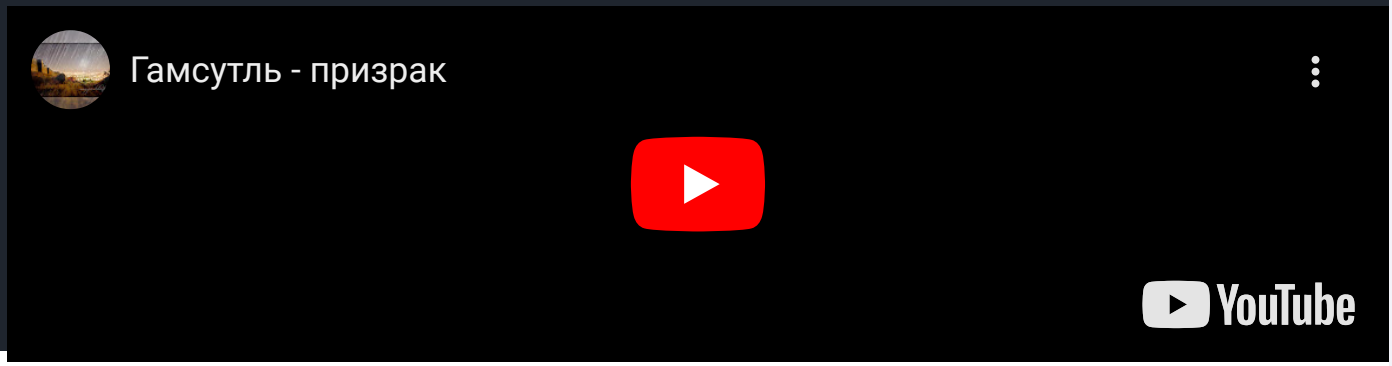

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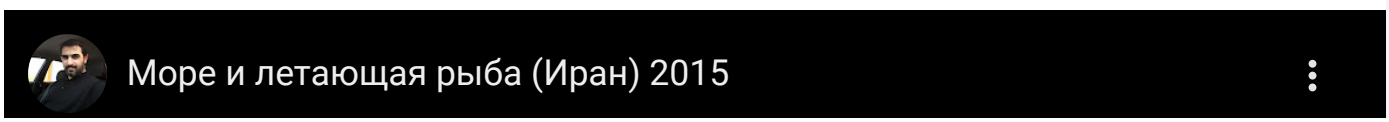

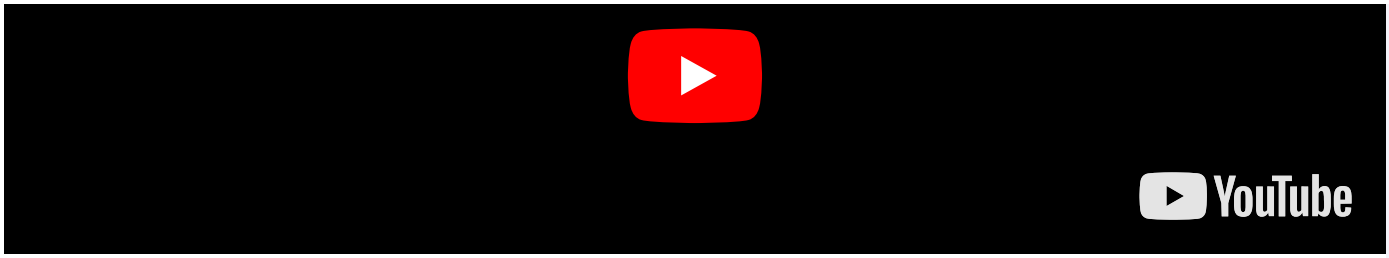

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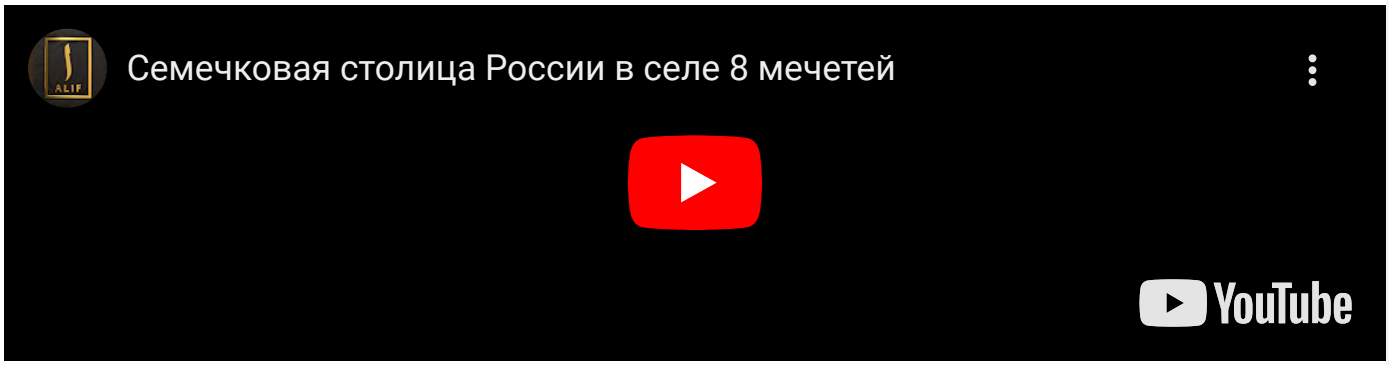

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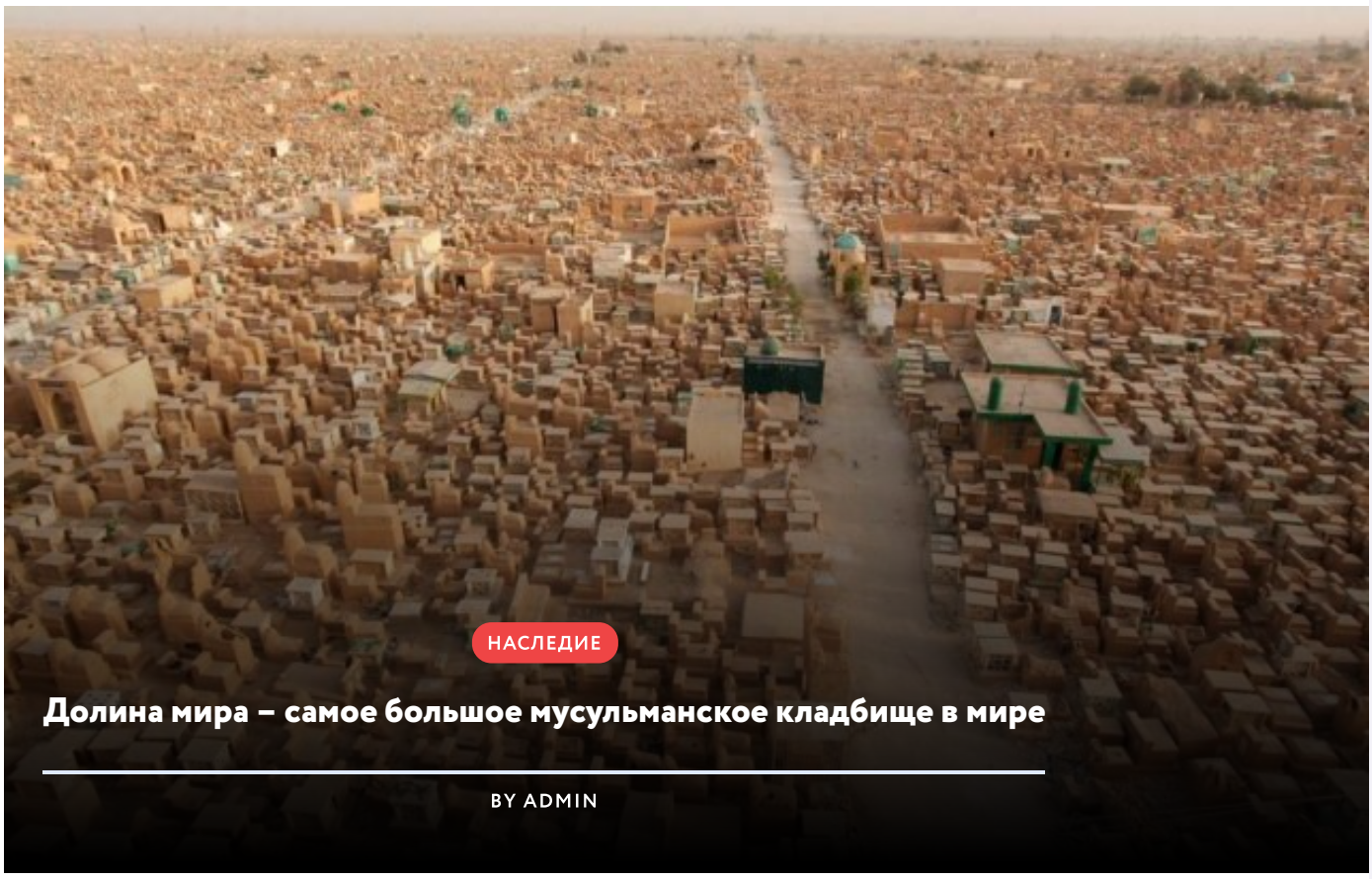

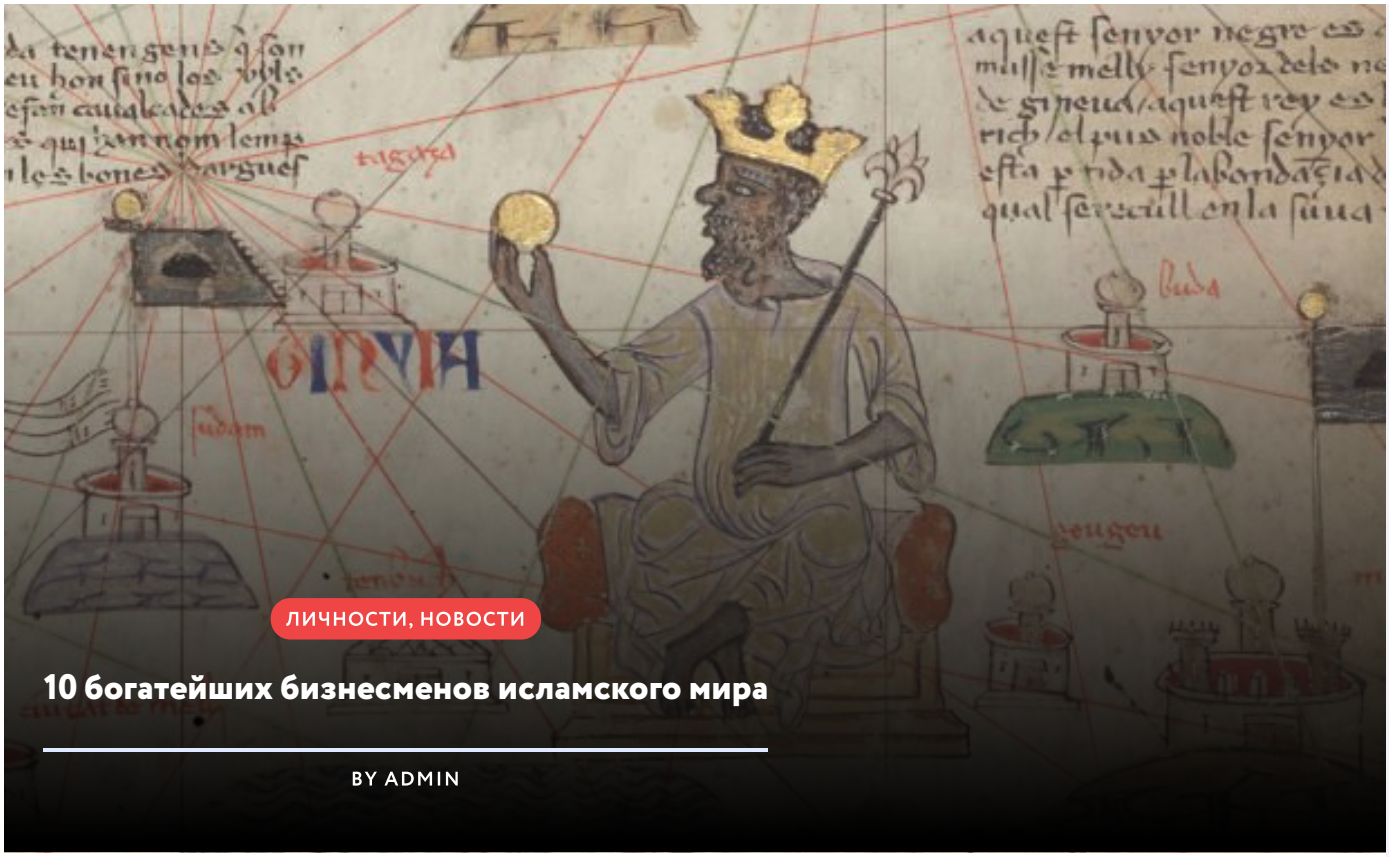

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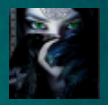

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"Ala's themes are luck, harvest, joy, cleansing, death and cycles. Her symbols are yams and the crescent moon. This West African earth-Goddess represents the full cycle of earth's seasons from birth to death, gently reminding us that spring is transitory – so enjoy it now! Serious crimes are an abhorrence to Ala, and the spirits of the dead go to Her womb to find rest. Votive candles are a suitable offering for this Goddess figure.

When you get up this morning, light any candle to welcome both Ala and spring. If possible, include yams in your dinner meal to internalize the joy and good fortune Ala brings with the warmer weather. Bless your yams by putting your hands (palms down) over them, focusing on your goals, and saying:

'Ala, be welcome
In this your sacred food, place the energy of happiness,
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The people of Ghana believe in celebrating the new year over thirteen days instead of one. During this time they dance to banish evil, honor their dead ancestors, encourage serendipity, and petition Ala for a good harvest season. Ala's shrines and other sacred places are bathed on the last day of festivities to wash away the old, along with bad memories. For us this equates to dusting off our altars, bathing any god or Goddess images we have, and generally cleansing away old energies so Ala can refresh us."

(*Patricia Telesco, "365 Goddess: a daily guide to the magic and inspiration of the goddess".*)

Ala (also known as *Ani*, *Ana*, *Ale*, and *Ali* in varying Igbo dialects) is the Earth Mother Goddess; female Alusi (deity) of the earth, morality, death, and fertility in Odinani. She is the most important Alusi in the Igbo pantheon. The Igbo people of Nigeria call Her the mother of all things, but She is both the fertile earth and the empty field after the harvest. She is present at the beginning of the cycle of life, making children grow in their mother's womb, and She is there at the end of the cycle, to receive the souls of the dead into Her own womb. Her name literally translates to 'Ground' in the Igbo language, denoting Her powers over the earth and Her status as the ground itself. Ala is considered the highest Alusi in the Igbo pantheon and was the first Alusi, daughter of Chukwu, the supreme god. Ala's husband is Amadioha, the sky god.

"Ala" by saiaii

As the Goddess of morality, Ala is involved in judging human actions and is in charge of Igbo law and customs known as 'Omenala'. Taboos and crimes among Igbo communities that are against the standard of Ala are called *nsọ Ala*. Army ants, who serve the Goddess, attack those who break such rules. But first, they appear in nightmares so that the wrongdoer might rectify his behavior. All ground is considered 'Holy land' as it is Ala herself. With human fertility, Ala is credited for the productivity of land. Ala's messenger and living agent on earth is the python (Igbo: *éké*), it is and animal especially revered in many Igbo communities. [1][2]

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"Ala's shrine is at the center of a village, people offer sacrifices at planting, first fruits, and harvest. In the Owerri region, building called Mbari honor the Goddess. They are never occupied, the ritual of building being more important than the structure. The square Mbari are filled with painted figures of Ala, who balances a child on Her knees while she brandishes a sword and is surrounded by the images of other gods and animals. Due to poverty and war, Mbari are built less frequently and are smaller than in the past." [3]

Please visit Sisters in Celebration to read a beautiful earth healing ritual to Ala.

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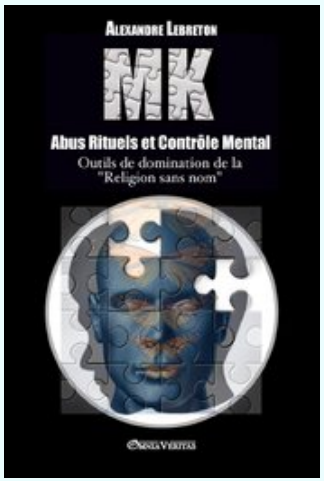

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Герметический орден Золотой зари

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Гермети́ческий о́рден «Золото́й зари́» (англ. *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn*, лат. *Ordo Hermeticus Aurorae Aureae*; или, в большинстве случаев, просто **«Золотая заря»** или **«Золотой рассвет»**[1]; англ. *Golden Dawn*, лат. *Aurora Aurea*) — магический орден, представляющий собой оккультную организацию, действовавший в Великобритании в течение второй половины XIX — начала XX века, практиковавший теургию, магию, алхимию и поощрявший духовное развитие своих адептов. Произвёл одно из наиболее сильных влияний на западный оккультизм XX-го века[2][3].

Три основателя, Уильям Роберт Вудман (рус. (англ.)), Уильям Уинни Уэсткотт (рус. (англ.)) и Сэмуэль Лиддел МакГрегор Мазерс были франкмасонами и членами Английского общества розенкрейцеров (лат. *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, — *S.R.I.A.*)[4]. Уэсткотт считается инициатором первоначальной идеи о создании «Золотой зари».

Система «Золотой зари» основывалась на иерархии и инициациях, подобных масонским ложам, тем не менее, женщины принимались в орден

Герметический орден Золотой зари

Герметический Розовый крест «Золотой зари».

Дата основания / создания / возникновения	1888
Основатель	Макгрегор Мазерс, Сэмуэль Лиддел, William Robert Woodman[d] и William Wynn Westcott[d]
Расположение штаб-квартиры	Лондон, Великобритания
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на равных основаниях с мужчинами.

«Золотая заря» состояла из трёх орденов, и по сути была первым из них, то есть так называемым «внешним орденом». Однако, зачастую всю совокупность орденов, из которых состоял орден «Золотой зари», часто называют по имени «внешнего ордена». Внешний орден обучал эзотерической философии, основанной на герметической каббале рус. (англ.) и персональном развитии посредством изучения и познания четырёх природных Стихий, основ астрологии, дивинации на таро и геомантии. Второй, или «внутренний орден» — «Рубиновой розы и золотого креста» (лат. *Rosae Rubeae et Aureae Crucis*) обучал практической магии, включая скраинг рус. (англ.), астральные путешествия и алхимию. Третий орден состоял из «Тайных владык рус. (англ.)» («Неведомых высших»), весьма искусных, но не воплощённых на физическом плане, которые, как считалось, руководили действиями двух других орденов, через духовную связь с вождями второго ордена. Однако, сама история возникновения ордена говорит о том, что некоторые из тайных владык Третьего ордена все таки были воплощены на физическом плане, и представляют собой, судя по всем описаниям и их упоминаниям — неких очень загадочных личностей, о которых очень мало известно. Существует мнение, что активное участие в организации «Золотой зари» — приняли английские наследники линии мартинизма из оккультных кружков под названием «Друзья Сен-Мартена».

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Герметический Розовый крест «Золотой зари».

Представление о магии и ритуале в таких современных течениях Нью-эйдж, как викка или телема, было почерпнуто из **«Золотой зари»**[5].

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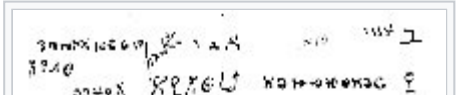
История «Золотой зари» [править код]

Основными документами подлинного ордена «Золотой зари» являются Шифрованные рукописи (рус. (англ.)), написанные на английском с использованием шифра тритемия. Манускрипты содержат конкретные наброски ритуалов степеней ордена и устанавливают учебный план постепенного обучения, включавшего герметическую каббалу (рус. (англ.)), астрологию, оккультное таро, геомантию и алхимию.

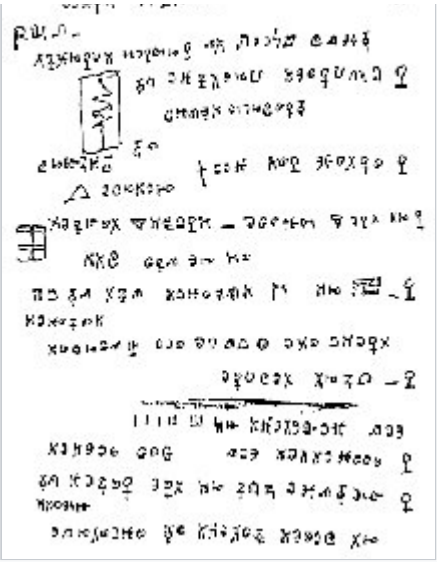
Согласно документам ордена, рукописи были переданы Кеннетом Маккензи (рус. (англ.)), масонским учёным, преподобному А. Ф. А. Вудфорду, которого британский оккультный писатель Фрэнсис Кинг (рус. (англ.)) описывает как четвёртого основателя[6](хотя Вудфорд и умер вскоре после основания Ордена)[7]. Документы не впечатлили Вудфорда, и в феврале 1886 года он передал их масону Уильям Уинни Уэсткотту (рус. (англ.)), который сумел расшифровать их в 1887 году[6]. Уэсткотт был очень доволен своим открытием и спросил мнения о нём у Сэмуэля Лиддела МакГрегора Мазерса. Уэскотт попросил Мазерса превратить манускрипты во вразумительную систему работы ложи. Мазерс в свою очередь попросил о помощи Уильяма Роберта Вудмана (рус. (англ.)), и тот согласился[6]. Мазерсу и Уэсткотту приписывают развитие набросков ритуалов из Шифрованной рукописи до рабочего вида[8]. Мазерсу, как правило, также приписывают разработку учебных программ и ритуалов *Второго Ордена*, который он назвал Rosae Rubae et Aureae Crucis (RR et AC, Рубиновой розы и золотого креста)[9].

Шифрованные рукописи [править код]



Уильям Уинни Уэсткотт (рус. (англ.)) получил Шифрованные рукописи в 1887 году от

преподобного Вудфорда, пожилого масона. По другой версии Шифрованные рукописи перешли к Уэсткотту в августе 1877 вместе с письмом Вудфорда, в котором тот впервые упоминает о существовании «Золотой зари» и указывает на некую «пожилую Сестру из Германии», с которой Уэсткотту необходимо связаться.[10]



Шифрованные рукописи

Также существует версия, что «Шифрованные рукописи» были написаны Кеннетом Маккензи (рус. (англ.)), автором «Королевской масонской энциклопедии» и членом S.R.I.A. Маккензи знал Элифаса Леви и был другом Фредерика Холланда. По мнению одного из исследователей истории Золотой Зари Р. А. Гилберта — *Храм Германубис* был прототипом основанной Холландом в 1883 году эзотерической группы, известной как «*Общество Восьми*». Маккензи составил ритуалы для этой группы, схематично отображенные в Шифрованных рукописях. После смерти Макензи рукописи досталась Уэсткотту.

Сами Шифрованные рукописи представляют собой зашифрованный текст объёмом около 60 страниц. Ключ к тексту был найден Уэсткоттом в «Полиграфии» аббата Иоганна Тритемия. В этих документах содержались схемы серии ритуалов, которые и были положены в основу создания Герметического ордена «Золотой зари». Однако, следует заметить, что сами Шифрованные рукописи представляют собой действительно схемы, более похожие на черновики ритуалов, записанные по памяти одним из посетителей собраний, где такого рода ритуалы могли проводиться. Если смотреть на них под другим углом, то они представляют собой черновые наброски, или скорее — «план», по которому автор собирался разрабатывать целостную систему.

Также, по версии Уэсткотта, среди листов этого Шифрованных рукописей им был обнаружен адрес некой фрейлин Анны Шпренгель (рус. (англ.)), немецкого адепта Ордена Золотого рассвета (нем. *Die Goldene Dammerung*). Уэсткотт написал по указанному адресу письмо и получил ответ. В ходе переписки, продолжавшейся вплоть до смерти *Анны Шпренгель* в 1890 году, английским оккультистам было позволено организовать третий храм ордена «Золотой зари» в Лондоне — храм Исиды-Урании.

Первый храм, или отделение ордена «Золотой зари», по этой версии скорее всего располагалось в Германии, и именовалось «Свет, любовь, жизнь», второе — «Германубис» ранее уже основывалось в Англии.[11]

Влияние других оккультных учений [править код]

На идеи и работу **«Золотой зари»** оказали сильное влияние: христианский мистицизм, каббала, герметизм, религия Древнего Египта, теургия, франкмасонство (в особенности масонский Устав Мемфис-Мицраим), алхимия, розенкрейцерство, теософия, енохианская магия Джона Ди и Эдварда Келли, гримуары эпохи Возрождения, а также Элифас Леви, Папюс, и другие представители континентальной оккультной школы, на то время представленной учением мартинизма.

Основание Первого храма [править код]

В октябре 1887 года Уэсткотт написал Анне Шпренгель, чье имя и адрес были получены при расшифровке Шифрованных манускриптов. Уэсткотт утверждал, что получил мудрый ответ, в котором были дарованы почетные степени «свободных адептов» Уэсткотту, Мазерсу и Вудману, а также хартия на открытие храма Золотой Зари, работавшего в пяти степенях, чьи наброски содержались в манускриптах.[12][13]

Таким образом, уже в 1888 году в Лондоне был основан храм Исиды-Урании рус. (англ.)[12], где практиковались и совершенствовались ритуалы, декодированные из шифрованных манускриптов[14]. Также, было принято решение о том, чтобы женщинам разрешалось членство в Ордене на правах «*абсолютного равенства*» с мужчинами, в отличие от SRIA и регулярного масонства[13], позаимствовав образец смешанного послушания из уже существовавших либеральных масонских Уставов, таких как Египетское масонство Калиостро, и эзотерическое масонство Мемфис-Мицраим. В этом первом храме не изучали никаких магических практиках per se (за исключением изгоняющих ритуалов и медитаций), отдавая предпочтение обучению философии и метафизике. Он был назван Внешним, или Первым орденом, и четыре года «Золотая заря» состояла только из него. Внутренний орден, который начал действовать в 1892 году, был кругом адептов, прошедших весь курс обучения Внешнего ордена. Эта группа в конечном итоге и стала известна как Второй орден[15].

В течение короткого времени после начала работы Внутреннего ордена были основаны храм Осириса в Уэстон-сьюпер-Мэр, храм Гора в Брадфорде и храм Амон-Ра в Эдинбурге. Несколькими годами позже Мазерс основал храм Ахатхор в Париже[12].

Тайные Владыки [править код]

В 1891 году переписка Уэсткотта с Анной Шпренгель внезапно прекратилась, и он получил известие из Германии то ли о её смерти, то ли о том, что её товарищи не одобряли основание Ордена, и дальнейшая связь невозможна. Поэтому, если основатели желают связаться с «Тайными владыками», они должны делать это сами[12]. В 1892 году Мазерс провозгласил, что связь с «Тайными владыками» установлена, и добавил ритуалы для Второго ордена — Ордена Рубиновой розы и Золотого креста[12]. Ритуалы были основаны на предании о могиле Христиана Розенкрейца, и Усыпальница Адепта стала силой, контролировавшей Внешний орден[16]. Позже, в 1916 году, Уэсткот

заявил, что Мазерс также составил эти ритуалы на основе материалов, полученных от брата Lux ex Tenebris, некоего «континентального адепта»[17]. Заявление Уэсткотта дает возможность предположить, что возможно, Мазерс вступил в контакт с неким представителем Континентальной оккультной розенкрейцерской школы, или линии преемственности. Возможно, это был кто-либо из Ордена Мартинистов Папюса, активно развивавшегося в то же самое время во Франции, и своей осевой идеей имеющий также Розенкрейцерство.

Некоторые последователи традиции «Золотой зари» верили, что «Тайные владыки» не обязательно являются живущими людьми или сверхъестественными существами, но скорее представляют собой символ реальных или легендарных источников духовного эзотеризма, великого руководителя, или учителя духовного пути или практики, нашедших выражение в учении ордена.[18]

Устройство общества и его учение [править код]

Пентакль земного шара, один из начальных "инструментов" Адепта в познании принципов магии Золотой зари.

Согласно «Исторической лекции», написанной Уэсткоттом, орден представляет собой герметическое общество, члены которого изучают принципы оккультной науки и магии Гермеса Трисмегиста. Система степеней, используемых в ордене, была заимствована от Английского общества розенкрейцеров (Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia — S.R.I.A.), где состояли Уэсткотт и Мазерс , и представляла собой 10 степеней по аналогии с 10 сфирот, последовательное прохождение которых символически отражало духовное совершенствование члена Ордена.

Учение ордена представляло собой синтез различных оккультных доктрин, в частности, в ордене изучались герметизм, каббала, алхимия, таро, астрология, геомантия, ритуальная магия, магия талисманов, вызывание духов, и многое другое.

Золотой век [править код]

К середине 1890-х годов «Золотая заря» укрепила своё положение в Великобритании, и включала более сотни членов, среди которых были представители всех слоёв викторианского общества[7]. В лучшие времена Золотой Зари его членами были многие знаменитости, такие как актриса Флоренс Фар (рус. (англ.)) и ирландская революционерка феминистка Мод Гонн, ирландский писатель Уильям Батлер Йейтс, уэльский писатель Артур Мэйчен и

английские писатели Эвелин Андерхилл (рус. (англ.)) и Алистер Кроули.

Приблизительно в 1897 году Уэсткотт разрывает связи с «Золотой зарёй», оставив Мазерса руководить орденом. Предположительно, этот поступок мог быть связан с некоторыми оккультными документами, которые были найдены в двухколесном экипаже, благодаря чему о связи Уэсткотта с «Золотой зарёй» стало известно его начальству. Возможно, перед ним был поставлен выбор: уйти из ордена или оставить должность коронера[19]. Несмотря на отсутствие доказательств того, что Мазерс подбросил документы, похоже, что отношения между Мазерсом и Уэсткоттом после этого происшествия едва не закончились. После ухода Уэсткотта Мазерс назначил Флоренс Фарр на должность Верховного адепта в Англии. Генри Барри (рус. (англ.)) сменил Уэскотта в должности канцлера — одного из Верховных адептов ордена.

Мазерс оставался единственным действующим членом-основателем после «ухода» Уэсткотта. Однако из-за личных противоречий между другими членами и уходом Мазерса из центра деятельности лож в Великобритании в Париж, среди членов Второго ордена росли сомнения в авторитете Мазерса как лидера.

Восстание [править код]

К концу 1899 года «верховные адепты» храмов Исиды-Урании и Амона-Ра выразили недовольство руководством Мазерса и его растущей дружбой с Кроули. Они также стремились вступить в контакт с Тайными владыками самостоятельно, независимо от Мазерса[20]. Личные разногласия внутри храма Изиды-Урании были обусловлены спорами между Сферой (англ. *The Sphere*) Флоренс Фарр, тайной группы внутри храма Изиды-Урании, и остальными Младшими адептами.[20]

В Лондоне Кроули отказали в инициации в «младшие адепты». Мазерс отменил их решение и быстро посвятил его в храме Ахатхор в Париже 16 января 1900 года[21]. По возвращении в лондонский храм Кроули потребовал у мисс Кракнелл, действующего секретаря, документы удостоверяющие полученную им степень. Для лондонских «верховных адептов» это стало последней каплей. Флоренс Фарр, уже считавшая, что лондонский храм должен быть закрыт, написала Мазерсу, выражая своё желание уйти в отставку как его представительница, и готовность остаться, пока не найдется правопреемник.[21] Мазерс ответил 16 февраля обвинениями в адрес Уэсткотта, полагая, что за таким поворотом событий стоит именно он, и поставил под сомнение связь и переписку Уэсткотта с «Тайными владыками». После того, как остальные Верховные адепты в Лондоне были уведомлены, 3 марта они избрали «комитет семи», и потребовали провести полное расследование. 23 марта Мазерс прислал немедленный ответ, отказавшись предоставлять доказательства, отказавшись признавать лондонский храм, и освободив от должности своего представителя Флоренс Фарр[22]. В ответ 29 марта в Лондоне было созвано генеральное собрание с целью сместить Мазерса с должности главы и исключить его из ордена.[23]

Расколы [править код]

В 1901 году Йейтс частным образом опубликовал памфлет «Остается ли орден «Рубиновой розы и золотого креста» магическим орденом?»[24]. После того, как храм *Исиды-Урании* провозгласил независимость, споров стало ещё больше, что привело к отставке Йейтса[25]. «Комитет трёх», состоявший из П. В. Баллока, М. В. Блэкдена и Дж. У. Броди-Иннеса (рус. (англ.)), принял на себя временное руководство орденом и храмом Исиды-Урании. Вскоре Баллок ушёл в отставку, и Роберт Фелкин (рус. (англ.)) занял его место.[26]

В 1903 году А. Э. Уэйт и Блэкден объединились, чтобы сохранить название Исиды-Урании, тогда как Фелкин и другие лондонские члены основали Орден утренней звезды, в котором Йейтс оставался до 1921 года, а Броди-Иннес продолжал деятельность в своем храме Амон-Ра в Эдинбурге.[27]

Реорганизация [править код]

Когда Мазерс осознал, что уладить конфликт невозможно, он попытался восстановиться в Лондоне. Храмы Брадфорда и Уэстон-сьюпер-Мэр оставались лояльны к нему, но в них было мало членов[28]. Тогда он назначил Эдмунда Берриджа (рус. (англ.)) своим представителем.[29] Согласно Френсису Кингу (рус. (англ.)), исторические свидетельства указывают на то, что «*в 1913 году в процветающем Втором Ордене при Берридже-Мазерсе было 23 члена*».[29]

Дж. У. Броди-Иннес продолжал возглавлять храм Амон-Ра, решив, что бунт был неоправдан. В 1908 году Мазерс и Броди-Иннес были в полном согласии друг с другом.[30] Согласно источникам, которые расходятся во мнении относительно фактической даты, где-то между 1901 и 1913 годами Мазерс переименовал ветвь «Золотой зари», которая оставалась лояльной к его лидерству, в Орден Альфа и Омега.[31][32][33][34] Броди-Иннес принял на себя руководство английскими и шотландскими храмами, а Мазерс сосредоточился на увеличении своего храма Ахатхор и расширении американских связей[32]. Согласно оккультисту Израелю Регарди, «Золотая заря» появилась в США до 1900 года, и в Чикаго был основан храм Тота-Гермеса.[30][32] До начала Первой мировой войны в 1914 году, Мазерс основал два или три американских храма.

Большинство храмов орденов орденов «Альфа и Омега» (рус. (англ.)) и «Stella Matutina» (Орден утренней звезды) к концу 1930-х закрылись или бездействовали, за исключением двух храмов ордена «Stella Matutina»: храма Гермеса в Бристоле, который нерегулярно функционировал до 1970-х, и Вэйр Ра в Северном Хавелоке, Новая Зеландия, который постоянно действовал до закрытия в 1978 году.[35][36]

Устройство и степени [править код]

Большая часть иерархической структуры Золотой Зари была заимствована из **SRIA**, которое в свою очередь происходило от Ордена розового и золотого креста.[37]

Первый орден

- Вступление: Неофит 0=0
- Зелатор 1=10
- Теоретик 2=9
- Практик 3=8
- Философ 4=7

Второй орден

- Промежуточная степень: Портал
- Младший адепт 5=6
- Старший адепт 6=5
- Свободный адепт 7=4

Третий орден

- Магистр Храма 8=3
- Маг 9=2
- Ипсиссимус 10=1

Парные номера степеней относятся к позициям на Древе Жизни. Степень Неофита 0=0 не имеет позиции на **Древе**. В других парах, первое число представляет количество ступеней от дна (Малхут), а вторая цифра — число шагов сверху вниз (с Кетер).

Степени Внешнего ордена связаны с четырьмя стихиями: землёй, воздухом, водой и огнём соответственно. Кандидат на получение степени получал инструкции о метафизическом значении каждого из этих элементов, и должен был сдать письменный экзамен и продемонстрировать определенные навыки для получения доступа на эту степень.

Второй орден не был, строго говоря, частью «Золотой зари», но являлся отдельным орденом, известным как ордена «Рубиновой розы и Золотого креста». Второй орден руководил учением Внешнего ордена и управлял им.

После прохождения степени «портала» кандидат получал наставления, касающиеся практической магии. После сдачи экзамена и получения согласия остальных «верховных адептов», кандидат получал степень Младшего адепта (5=6). Она в свою очередь состояла из четырёх под-степеней, соответствующих четырём степеням Внешнего ордена .

Член Второго ордена имел власть и полномочия инициировать кандидатов во Внешний орден, хотя, как правило, не без разрешения владык своего храма.

Известные члены [править код]

- Алджернон Блэквуд (1869-1951), английский писатель и путешественник, один из ведущих авторов-мистиков, классик литературы ужасов и рассказа с привидениями первой половины XX века. Кавалер Ордена Британской империи (CBE)[38][39].
- Анни Хорниман рус. (англ.) (1860–1937), британский продюсер репертуарного театра и новатор; член богатой семьи Хорниман рус. (англ.) - торговцев чаем, владельцев англ. *Horniman and Company*[40][41].

- Анна Элизабет, графиня де Бремон (рус. (англ.)) (1849-1922) американская журналистка, писательница, поэтесса и певица. Была посвящена в Орден Золотой Зари в мае 1888 года вместе с женой Оскара Уайльда Констанс[42].
- Арнольд Беннет (1867-1931), британский писатель, журналист и драматург, литературный критик[43].
- Артур Мейчен (1863-1947), ведущий лондонский писатель 1890-х, автор известных фантастических и оккультных романов, таких как "Великий Бог Пан", "Белые Люди" и "Холм Снов". Валлиец по рождению и воспитанию [44][45].
- Габриэль Бортвик (рус. (англ.)) (30 июня 1866 г. - 10 октября 1952 г.) автомобилист-первопроходец и механик, была одной из первых богатых женщин-автомобилистов, открывших гараж и школу для обучения мужчин и женщин вождению автомобилей. Являлась председателем исполнительного комитета женской автомобильной и спортивной ассоциации, которая была связана с Королевским автомобильным клубом[46][39].
- У. Б. Йейтс (1865–1939), ирландский поэт, драматург и писатель[47][48][49].
- Мойна Мазерс (рус. (англ.)) (1865–1928), художница, получившая образование в Лондоне, жена С. Л. МакГрегора-Мазерса и сестра философа Анри Бергсона[50][51].
- Роберт Фелкин (рус. (англ.)) (1853–1925), медик-миссионер, антрополог и исследователь Центральной Африки, писатель, основатель новозеландского отделения Золотой Зари и храма Smaragdum Thalasses (рус. (англ.))[52][53].
- Сакс Ромер (1883–1959) (англ. *Sax Rohmer*, псевдоним Артура Генри Сарсфилда Уорда), писатель, наиболее известный циклом остросюжетных романов о докторе Фу Манчу[44].
- Сэмюэль Лидделл МакГрегор-Мазерс (1854-1918), британский масон, один из трех основателей Золотой Зари, плодовитый писатель, оккультист и исследователь[54][51].
- Сэр Артур Конан Дойл (1859–1930), создатель Шерлока Холмса, врач, ученый и спиритуалист[55].
- Уильям Уинн Уэсткотт (рус. (англ.)) (1848–1925), основатель «Золотой Зари», врач, лондонский коронер, плодовитый писатель, британский масон, бывший верховный маг Розенкрейцерского общества Англии (SRIA)[56][53].
- Уильям Роберт Вудман (рус. (англ.)) (1828–1891), врач, британский масон, бывший верховный маг Розенкрейцерского общества Англии, один из трех основателей Золотой Зари[57][39].
- А. Э. Уэйт (1857–1942), британский писатель, масон и соавтор колоды Таро Райдера — Уэйта[58][53].
- Флоренс Фарр (рус. (англ.)) (1860-1917), лондонская театральная актриса и музыкант[38][53].
- Беннетт, Чарльз Генри Аллан (1872–1923), наиболее известен тем, что основал первую Буддийскую миссию в Соединенном Королевстве и стремился распространять учение о Дхарме на Западе[59][60].
- Уильям Шарп (1855—1905) - шотландский писатель, поэт и мистик,

литературный критик и биограф, с 1893 года работавший также под тайным псевдонимом Фиона Маклауд (англ. *Fiona Macleod*)[61].

- Эдвард У. Берридж (рус. (англ.)) (1843-1923) был врачом в Лондоне, гомеопатом в Соединенных Штатах и оккультистом[62][60].

Культурное влияние [править код]

Учение Ордена оказало большое влияние на многие оккультные организации, возникшие после его распада, его система легла в основу многих эзотерических практик, а также оказало влияние на литературу через таких авторов, как Артур Мэйчен, А. Э. Уэйт, У. Б. Йейтс, А.Блэквуд.

Книга «Золотая заря» [править код]

Книга «Золотая заря» Израеля Регарди вышла в свет в 1937 г. Книга разделена на несколько основных разделов. Сначала идут обучающие лекции, в которых описываются основные учения Каббалы, символизм, медитация, геомантия и т. д. Затем следуют ритуалы внешнего ордена, состоящие из пяти ритуалов посвящения в степени Золотой Зари и раздел посвященный ритуалам внутреннего ордена, включая два ритуала инициации и церемонии равноденствия. Как система и как книга она была самым используемым источником для современных западных оккультных и магических трудов, в качестве учебника и энциклопедии[63].

Современные ордена «Золотой зари» [править код]

Так как ни один из храмов, обладающий бесспорной линией преемственности, не прожил дольше 1970-х, за исключением полностью пересмотревшего всю систему Храма Пола Фостера Кейса, который был преобразован в Орден «Строителей Святая Святых» (**Builders of the Adytum, B.O.T.A.**), несколько организаций возродили учение и ритуалы изначального Ордена «Золотой зари». Среди них следующие имеют особое значение:

- The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, Inc. (рус. (англ.))
- The Open Source Order of the Golden Dawn (рус. (англ.))
- The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn in Britain[64]
- Ordo Stella Matutina (рус. (англ.))[65]
- Rosicrucian Order of the Golden Dawn[66]
- Order of the Golden Dawn[67]
- Esoteric Order of the Golden Dawn[68]
- Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, outer Order of the Rosicrucian Order of Alpha et Omega[69]
- The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn in Latin America and Spain[70]
- The Order of the Golden Dawn in the Outer[71]
- Ordo Splendor Lucis[72]

См. также [править код]

- Луи Клод де Сен-Мартен
- Мартинизм
- Теургия
- Розенкрейцеры
- Магия
- Мистерии
- Эзотерическое христианство
- Теософия
- Оккультизм
- Эзотеризм
- Каббала, Христианская каббала
- Спиритуализм
- Мистицизм, Христианский мистицизм
- Алхимия, Философский камень

Примечания [править код]

1. ↑ Фаликов, 2010, Последняя дата была высчитана членами оккультного ордена «Золотой рассвет», основанного в Англии в 1888 году. В орден входили столь разнообразные люди, как знаменитый «чёрный маг» Алистер Кроули (1875–1947) и будущий лауреат Нобелевской премии поэт Уильям Йейтс (1856–1939)..
2. ↑ Jenkins, Philip (2000) *Mystics and Messiahs: Cults and New Religions in American History*, pg. 74. «Also in the 1880s, the tradition of ritual magic was revived in London by a group of Masonic adepts, who formed the Order of the Golden Dawn, which would prove an incalculable influence on the whole subsequent history of occultism.» USA: Oxford University Press.
3. ↑ Smoley, Richard (1999) *Hidden Wisdom: A Guide to the Western Inner Traditions*, ppg 102—103. «Founded in 1888, the Golden Dawn lasted a mere twelve years before it was shattered by personal conflicts. At its height it probably had no more than a hundred members. Yet its influence on magic and esoteric thought in the English-speaking world would be hard to overestimate.» USA: Quest Books.
4. ↑ Regardie, 1993, page 10
5. ↑ Джон Майкл Грир, «Энциклопедия Тайных Обществ», ISBN 978-5-386-01758-3
6. ↑ [1] [2] [3] King, 1989, page 42-43
7. ↑ [1] [2] King, 1989, page 47
8. ↑ Golden Dawn researcher R. A. Gilbert has found evidence which suggests that Westcott was instrumental in developing the Order's rituals from the Cipher Manuscripts. See Gilbert's article, *From Cipher to Enigma: The Role of William Wynn Westcott in the Creation of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn*, from Carroll Runyon's book *Secrets of the Golden Dawn Cypher Manuscripts.*
9. ↑ Regardie, 1993, page 92
10. ↑ Эллик Хоув. Маги «Золотой зари». — М.: Энигма, 2008. — 624 с. ISBN 978-5-94698-061-6
11. ↑ см. Лекция по официальной истории «Золотой Зари» , Кинг Ф. «Современная ритуальная магия» М.: «Локид», «Миф», 1999, 368 стр., ил. (Коллекция «Сфинкс») ISBN 5-320-00300-5
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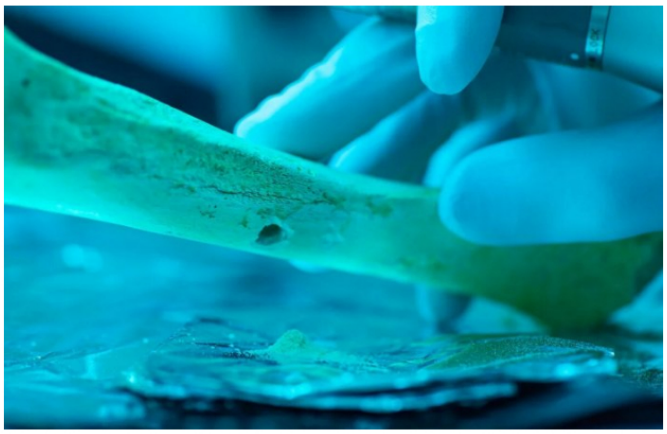
Jan Bartek - AncientPages.com - Today, more than 10 percent of all global marriages occur among first or second cousins. While cousin-marriages are common practice in some societies, unions between close relatives are discouraged in others.

Scientists from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, and the University of Chicago have now investigated how common close parental relatedness was in our ancestors.



The researchers screened DNA extracted from ancient human remains for the genomic signs of parental relatedness. Credit: MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology

The researchers re-analyzed previously published DNA data from ancient humans that lived during the last 45,000 years to find out how closely related their parents were. The results were surprising: Ancient humans rarely chose their cousins as mates.

In a global dataset of 1,785 individuals only 54, that is, about three percent, show the typical signs of their parents being cousins. Those 54 did not cluster in space or time, showing that cousin matings were sporadic events in the studied ancient populations. Notably, even for hunter-gatherers who lived more than 10,000 years ago, unions between cousins were the exception.

To analyze such a large dataset, the researchers developed a new computational tool to screen ancient DNA for parental relatedness. It detects long stretches of DNA that are identical in the two DNA copies, one inherited from the mother and one from the father. The closer the parents are related, the longer and more abundant such identical segments are. For modern DNA data, computational methods can identify these stretches with ease.

However, the quality of DNA from bones that are thousands of years old is, in most cases, too low to apply these methods. Thus, the new method fills the gaps in the ancient genomes by leveraging modern high-quality DNA data. "By applying this new technique we could screen more than ten times as many ancient genomes than previously possible," says Harald Ringbauer from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, the lead researcher of the study.

Studying background relatedness

Beyond identifying matings of close kin, the new method also allowed the researchers to study background relatedness. Such relatedness originates from the typically many unknown distant relationships within small populations. As a key result, the researchers found a substantial demographic impact of the technological innovation of agriculture.

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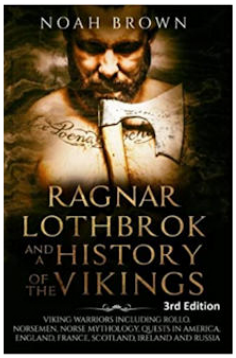

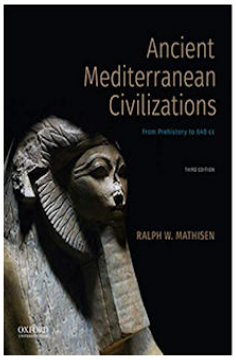

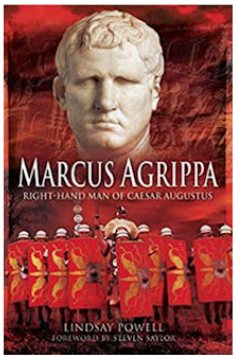

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Пляски Святого Вита – это социальное явление, связанное с танцевальной манией, охватившей материковую Европу в период с XIV по XVII век, когда жертвы танцевали буквально до упаду. Также известные как "Танец Святого Иоанна", эти вспышки танцевальной мании собирали в группы людей, которые могли исчисляться тысячами. Толпы несчастных, истерично танцующих на улицах в течение часов, дней и, возможно, даже месяцев, пока они не падали в обморок от истощения или не умирали от сердечных приступов или инсультов.

В современной литературе жертвами этой танцевальной мании часто изображают женщин, хотя средневековые хроники говорят о том, что мужчины, женщины и дети в равной степени были подвержены этому странному заболеванию.

Одна из самых известных вспышек произошла в Ахене, Германия, 24 июня 1374 года, через несколько десятилетий после того, как Черная смерть (пандемия чумы) охватила всю Европу.

Почему люди страдали от танцевальной мании?

Изначально считалось, что танцевальная мания – это проклятие, приписываемое Святому Иоанну Крестителю или Святому Виту, отсюда и название заболевания. По этой причине люди, страдающие танцевальной манией, отправлялись в места, посвященные Святому Иоанну Крестителю, чтобы помолиться об избавлении.

Связь этого явления со Святым Витом можно проследить по инциденту, который произошел в Германии в 1278 году. В тот год группа из 200 человек так бурно танцевала на мосту через реку Маас, что мост обрушился, убив многих танцоров. Тех, кто выжил, отнесли в близлежащую часовню, названную в честь Святого Вита, и многие из них, как сообщается, полностью восстановили здоровье.

Самое интересное, что такие случаи не были единичными, а фиксировались множество раз по всей средневековой Европе. Вспышки заболевания происходили в Италии, Люксембурге, Франции, Германии, Голландии и Швейцарии в течение последующих трех столетий. В попытке объяснить это явление было выдвинуто несколько гипотез. Например, некоторые видят причину галлюцинаций и конвульсий, сопровождавших пляски Святого Вита, в отравлении грибом спорынья, паразатириующем на некоторых злаках, в том числе, на ржи и пшенице.

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Симптомы отравления спорыньей совпадали с наводнениями и влажными вегетационными сезонами, поскольку влажные условия были подходящими для роста грибка claviceps purpura. Этот гриб содержит токсичные и психоактивные химические вещества, включая лизергиновую кислоту и эрготамин, используемый в наше время в качестве прекурсора. Обычно встречающийся на культурном зерне, таком как рожь, гриб может вызывать определенные симптомы "пляски Святого Вита", включая нервные спазмы, психотические галлюцинации и конвульсии.

девиантных религиозных сект. Известно, что эти люди совершали паломничества по Европе в годы, последовавшие за Черной смертью, чтобы добиться божественной благосклонности. Со временем их число росло. Поскольку они были вовлечены в длительные пляски, пост и эмоциональное поклонение, то такие симптомы, как галлюцинации, обмороки и неконтролируемая дрожь, были обычным явлением.

Танцевальная мания как социальное явление

Хотя весьма правдоподобно, что некоторые из участников плясок Святого Вита действительно страдали психическими заболеваниями, утверждается, что большинство участников на самом деле не страдали ни от одного из симптомов, приведенных выше. Вместо того чтобы рассматривать пляски Святого Вита как форму психического расстройства, на него можно взглянуть как на социальное явление, иногда называемое "массовым психогенным заболеванием".

Этот вид социального феномена, или болезни, подразумевает возникновение схожих физических симптомов без известной причины, которые действуют на большую группу людей как форма социального влияния. Можно предположить, что некоторые из тех, кто участвовал в этих странных плясках, делали это из страха, в то время как другие танцевали, чтобы вписаться в толпу.

Похожие формы массовой истерии в современности

Хотя может показаться, что такая форма массовой истерии встречается только в учебниках истории, на самом деле она так же часто встречается и в наше время. Например, эпидемия смеха в Танганьике в 1962 году была вспышкой массовой истерии в Танзании, когда неконтролируемый смех, сопровождаемый обмороками, респираторными проблемами и плачем, распространился от группы школьниц на всю школу, соседние школы и целые деревни. Тысячи людей в той или иной степени пострадали. Говорят, что это явление не удавалось полностью искоренить в течение восемнадцати месяцев!

Случаи массовой истерии, такие как танцевальная мания прошлого, по-прежнему ставят в тупик медицинское сообщество. Можно, конечно, поиронизировать над нелепым и странным поведением, но исследования показали, что существует ряд сложных факторов, которые могут в действительности способствовать формированию и распространению коллективной истерии.

К ним относятся слухи, чрезвычайная тревога или волнение, культурные верования, социальный и политический контекст, подкрепляющие действия авторитетных лиц и стресс. Случаи массовой истерии регистрировались по всему миру на протяжении веков и лишний раз напоминают нам о сложной природе человеческой психологии.

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Культура Миджикенда африканской нации Кения охватывает девять родственных племен, населяющих прибрежные и внутренние районы Кении и Северной Танзании, и, как и многие племена этого региона, у них есть свои собственные тайные знания, мифы и верования о мире духов среди проклятых африканских статуй. Одно из основных верований, священных для этих племен – это идея о том, что среди них живут духи предков, играющие неотъемлемую роль в обществе своих потомков.

Эти духи дают советы живущим, но могут и рассердиться или начать мстить, если их не уважают или пренебрегают. А так, как такие проступки среди людей периодически случаются, то это приводит к частым ритуалам и даже жертвоприношениям животных, чтобы духи оставались счастливыми и умиротворенными. Одна интригующая грань древнего поклонения духам – это то, что называют статуями виганго. Также их называют киганго, если говорят о них в единственном числе. Они наделены духовными силами и эти силы не любят, когда с ними шутят.

Сами статуи изготавливаются из устойчивой к термитам твердой древесины, полученной из священных лесов, обычно высотой до полутора метров в виде грубого изображения человека, который когда-то жил в племени. Все это украшается символическими символами и ручной резьбой. Статуи служат в качестве сосудов для воплощения духов предков, в частности, старейшин племен. Сделать их могут только члены тайного общества Гоху или “Общества Благословенных”, которым семья поручает начать работу над статуей, после чего она устанавливается с соответствующим ритуалом, подношениями, жертвоприношением животных и публичным пиршеством.

Считается, что после того, как статуи установлены в необходимое место и наделены силой, то они позволяют общаться с умершим, поддерживать связь с миром духов. Статуи традиционно оставляют там, где они были первоначально установлены, пока они не сгниют. Перемещать их нельзя, чтобы не оказаться жертвой проклятых африканских статуй. Даже если деревня переезжает, что часто случается, то в новом месте ставят новую статую, чтобы переместить дух в фигуру второго поколения, называемую как кибао.

Иногда за заброшенной статуей по мере возможности ухаживают и делают подношения, чтобы убедиться, что мир духов умиротворен. Считается, что пытаться потревожить или разрушить статуи в любой момент их жизни – значит вызвать на себя гнев духов. Поэтому зачастую оставленные статуи становятся добычей мародеров.

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С 1980-х годов сотни статуй виганго были украдены для перепродажи арт-дилерам и частным коллекционерам по всему миру. Воры – это обычно обнищавшая молодежь из деревень Миджикенда, у которой не особо много возможностей для заработка, а за статую можно получить довольно привлекательную сумму. Некоторые можно продать за тысячи долларов на международном рынке искусства. Из-за такой прибыльности кража проклятых африканских статуй виганго была широко распространена, вызывая большие раздоры в местном обществе, где они являются глубоко священными предметами, а их кража – пощечиной и осквернением традиций и духов предков.

Считается, что кража виганго может привести к большим несчастьям из-за гнева злых духов. Люди могут обезуметь, или духи навлекут на них стихийные бедствия, неурожаи и падеж скот, среди многих других. Один из старейшин племени сказал об этом так:

> *Виганго может показаться простой деревяшкой, но я могу сказать вам, что гнев этих духов может иметь смертельные последствия для всего общества. Они не проявляют милосердия к тем, кто их не уважает. Некоторые молодые люди сошли с ума, а другие с, казалось бы, с перспективным будущим неожиданно отказались от своей выдающейся карьеры без уважительной причины, но, поверьте мне, если копнуть глубже, основная причина их затруднений кроется в неуважении к виганго. Дух предка, находящийся в потревоженном киканго, может вызвать на вас болезни, безумие.*
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> *У вас может пропасть кто-нибудь из членов семьи или в семье начнутся разлады, вы можете потерять урожай, а ребенок может родиться глухим или немым. В отместку за кражу идола, дух украдет у вашей семьи благополучие. Мне очень горько. Воры виганго лишили нас наших благословений, нашего здоровья и осквернили наши обычаи. Такие ситуации могут быть исправлены только старейшинами, выполняющими особые ритуалы, чтобы успокоить наших предков и освободить пострадавших юношей, иначе проклятие унаследует вся их родословная.*

Даже воры верят в это, и очень многие из них пытаются провести защитные ритуалы, прежде чем украсть их, чтобы попытаться противодействовать проклятию. Считается, что после кражи, время имеет решающее значение и статую необходимо вернуть как можно скорее. И хотя их во множестве находят в различных музеях, коллекциях произведений искусства и сувенирных лавках, но лишь немногие возвращаются обратно домой.

В большинстве случаев их находят совершенно случайно. Иногда их продажа перехватывается теми, кто их ищет. Но в некоторых случаях киганго возвращается тем, кто сам испытал его проклятие. Череда несчастных случаев, неудач и встреч с чем-то пугающим и сверхъестественным, заставляла некоторых владельцев проклятых африканских статуй вернуть деревянных идолов обратно в Кению. Один сельский житель по имени Мваранду сказал о вернувшихся виганго из своей деревни:

“Они вызвали много проблем в США, куда были проданы. Люди слышали голоса духов, требующих, чтобы их забрали домой в их деревню, где жители тоже страдали. И в Европе и в США происходили очень странные несчастные случаи, и именно поэтому их пришлось вернуть обратно”.

К сожалению, незаконная торговля виганго продолжается. Но в последние годы репатриация этих произведений искусств и осведомленность Интерпола о них активизировалась, что заставило многих дилеров удариться в бега. Тем временем создание новых виганго замедлилось из-за страха, что они тоже будут украдены, а те немногие, что были сделаны, местные жители укрепляют с помощью тяжелых бетонных оснований, пытаясь предотвратить воровство.

Правительство Кении тоже принимает усилия, чтобы сделать продажу таких реликвий незаконной, повысить осведомленность об их тяжелом положении и остановить поток этого осквернения своего культурного наследия. Внимание средств массовой информации, привлеченное к проблеме, также заставило многих людей, владеющих такими артефактами, добровольно вернуть их, однако сотни статуй остаются в музеях и частных коллекциях, в основном в Соединенных Штатах. Существует ли на самом деле коварное проклятие или нет – неизвестно. Но, наверное, лучше не пытаться узнать это на практике.

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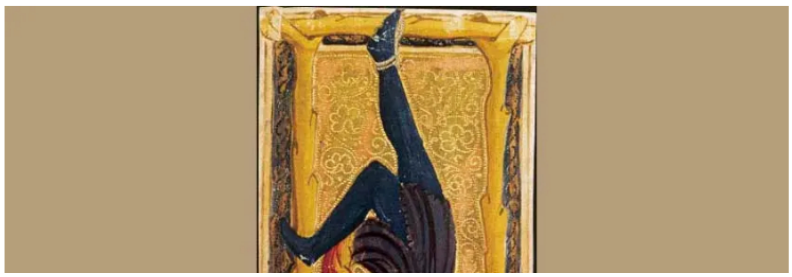

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Карта Таро – Повешенный, 15 век.

Древняя мудрость и видение будущего

Колода Таро состоит из двух частей: Старших и Младших Арканов, и именно в Старших Арканах может скрываться куда гораздо более древний символизм.

Для многих оккультная традиция Старших Арканов берет свое начало в работах швейцарского масона Антуана Кур де Жебелена, который считал, что эти символы восходят к Древнему Египту и содержат каббалистическую мудрость.

Принц Кастракани Фиббия (1360-1419) с картами Таро.

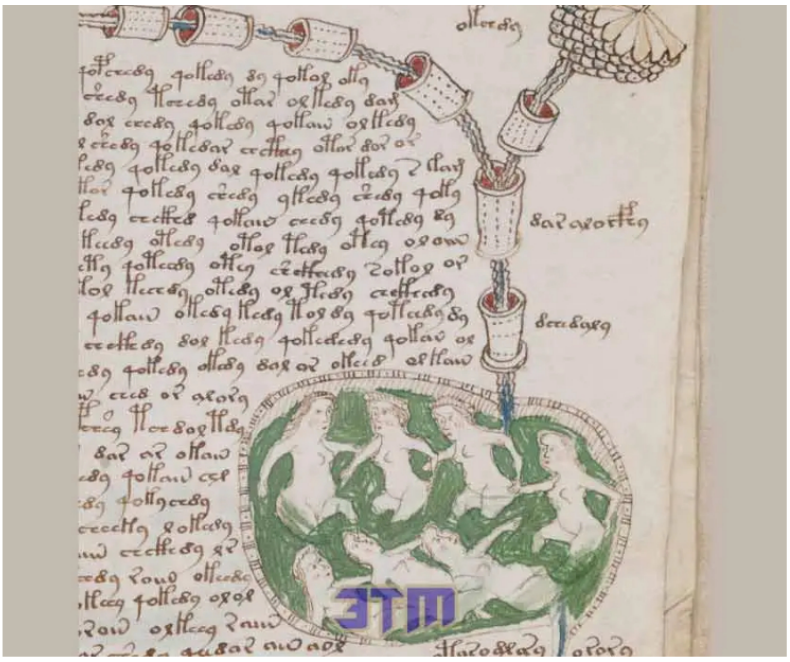
Вслед за де Жебеленом о скрытых значениях карт и их возможностях для гадания писали такие эзотерики, как Жан-Батист Аллиетт и Элифас Леви. Вскоре из карточной игры Таро превратились в способ предвидеть будущее и открывать тайные знания, доступные искателю через расшифровку арканных символов.

Древняя скрижаль Исиды

Другим известным сторонником древности Таро был немецкий ученый-полимат и монах ордена иезуитов Афанасий Кирхер. Именно интерпретация Кирхером римской алтарной скрижали первого века “Скрижаль Исиды кардинала Бембо” оставила наибольший след в его исследованиях карт Таро.

Хотя репутация Кирхера сильно пострадала из-за его сомнительной интерпретации египетских иероглифов, часто забывают, что он действительно продемонстрировал связь между древнеегипетской и современной коптской формой.

Однако другие его исследования, включая составление карты Атлантиды и утверждения о том, что “Манускрипт Войнича” представляет собой форму универсального языка, вынуждают отнести его к числу наиболее эксцентричных ученых XVII века.



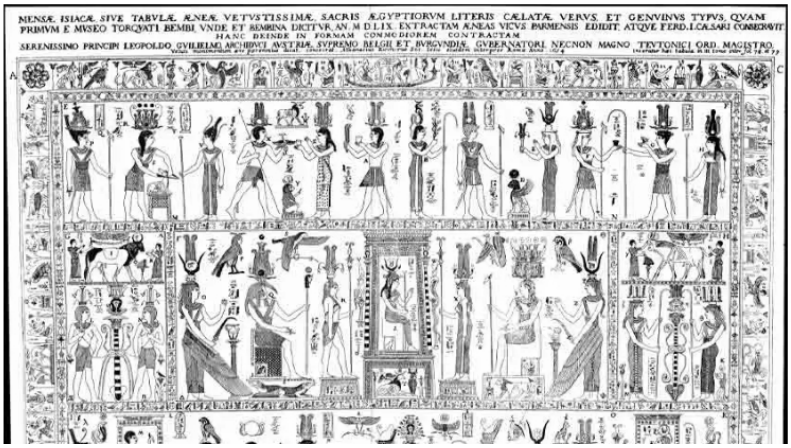
Страница иллюстраций и текста из загадочной рукописи Войнича.

Учитывая, что первое производство бумаги появилось в Китае около 200 года до н.э., можно с уверенностью сказать, что Таро как карточная колода не существовали в Древнем Египте. А как же символы Таро? Могут ли изображения, появляющиеся на картах, представлять собой древнюю систему преобразующего знания, и могли ли эти символы открываться посвященным во время церемониальных обрядов по мере их продвижения по ступеням священных орденов?

Карты Таро из Tarocco Siciliano.

Загадочная скрижаль

Скрижаль Исиды размером 50 на 30 дюймов (127 на 76 см) изготовлена из бронзы, эмали и серебра.



Скрижаль Исиды кардинала Бембо.

На поверхности скрижали выгравированы изображения и иероглифы, напоминающие египетские, и все они ведут к центральной фигуре – богине Исиде. Поскольку она была создана, скорее всего, в Риме в I веке, ее долгое время считали просто бессмысленной фантазией, не имеющей под собой никакой эзотерической основы. Мнение Кирхера о том, что она представляет собой тайный мистический обряд, было отвергнуто после того, как в 1820-х годах Шампольон изучил Розеттский камень.

Розеттский камень.

Однако история получила новый поворот, когда в 1860 году Элифас Леви в своей работе “История магии” намекнул, что Кирхер действительно был на верном пути, но ему не хватило правильной расшифровки, и что тайные обряды, изображенные на табличке, связаны с “Книгой Тота” или Таро.

Элифас Леви.

Забытое вселенское знание

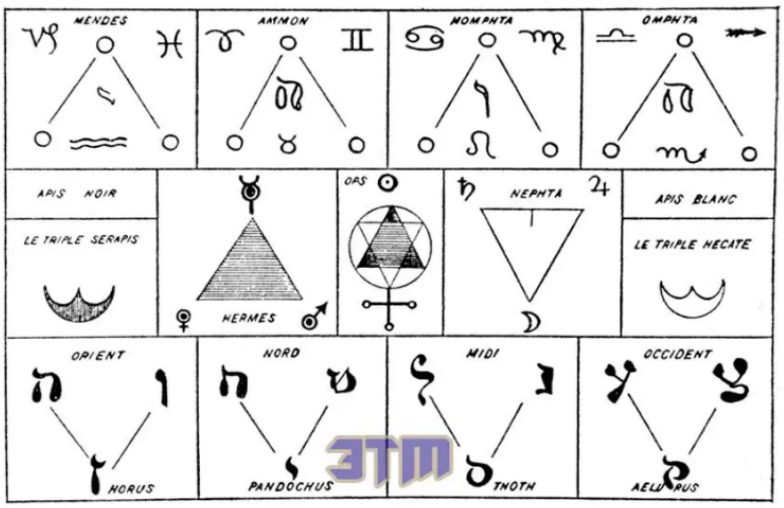
Леви утверждал, что создал ключ, с помощью которого можно расшифровать времена года, зодиак, Тетраграмматон, тайное имя Бога, а также 22 основных аркана Таро.

Он стал первым человеком, который после изначальных исследований Корта де Жебелена в конце XVIII в. тщательно проанализировал связь между 22 основными арканами и каббалой.

Пентаграмма Тетраграмматона Элифаса Леви, которую он считал символом микрокосма или человека.

Леви был непреклонен в своих выводах и писал: “Заключенный в тюрьму человек, не имеющий другой книги, кроме Таро, если он знает, как ею пользоваться, мог бы за несколько лет приобрести вселенское знание и говорить на любые темы с непревзойденной ученостью и неиссякаемым красноречием”.

Он считал, что символы Старших арканов – это тайный ключ к забытым, но вечным истинам.



Ключ Элифаса Леви к Скрижали Исиды.

Известный исследователь Таро Роберт Плейс в своей книге “Таро: история, символика и гадание” пишет, что “...Леви, как и Платон, верил, что все знания находятся внутри нас и что мы их помним”.

Что же это означает с точки зрения возраста Таро? По сути, мы имеем табличку, древнее происхождение которой не вызывает сомнений. По мнению антикваров, эта скрижаль относится к римскому храму, посвященному Исиде, приблизительно к I веку.

Затем скрижаль исчезла, пока после разграбления Рима в 1527 году ее не приобрел кардинал Бембо.

Проблема для любого, кто пытается проследить происхождение любого таинственного культа, заключается в том, что по самому определению его обряды и история скрыты. Так можем ли мы в этом контексте назвать Скрижаль Исиды подделкой, поскольку мы до сих пор не понимаем ее символики?

Тайные послания

Скрижаль представляет собой один из лучших образцов древней металлургии, тщательно

украшенный бронзой, черной сталью, серебром и медью. Изображения, по мнению историков оккультизма, соответствуют архаическим, эзотерическим системам, которые должны были оставаться тайной и понятными только для посвященных.

Из таких работ, как сочинение Плутарха “Об Исиде и Осирисе”, мы знаем, что в храмах Исиды в Риме проводились обряды, состоящие из интерпретации египетских церемоний, и эти храмы развивались независимо друг от друга, не имея центральной или догматической системы.

Эти же системы записывали свои сакральные знания в форме, которая могла быть понятна только жрецам и жрицам каждого отдельного храма. Пока центральная идеология была понятна и поддерживалась, символы, внешнее оформление и изображения могли меняться в зависимости от места и культурного влияния.

Но если Скрижаль Исиды действительно изображала древнюю систему оккультных знаний, то мы должны были бы ожидать, что найдем еще хотя бы один сохранившийся пример с теми же мотивами, относящийся к той же эпохе. По случайному совпадению его нашли. Это Скрижаль Кебеса.

Планеты, созвездия и человеческая душа

Это письменное произведение, датируемое примерно I веком, претендует на описание скрижали, на которой изображена жизнь души, начиная с предсуществования и заканчивая загробным миром. Подобно Таро и каббалистическому Древу жизни, скрижаль можно понимать на различных уровнях, включая мирскую рутину жизни, а также путешествие и влияние планет и созвездий.

Она, по-видимому, выражает алхимическую и герметическую идеологию “Как вверху, так и внизу”.

Как вверху, так и внизу. Маг из колоды Таро Райдера-Уэйта.

По словам Рональда Деккера в его работе “Эзотерическое Таро”, “она отображает продвижение души по жизненному пути”.

Далее Деккер подробно пишет об образах: “Они сопоставимы с некоторыми обитателями Таро: влюбленными, Добродетелями, отшельниками”.

Позднее табличка была переосмыслена в виде гравюры на дереве Гансом Гольбейном Младшим (около 1497-1543 гг.).

Как же это связано с Таро и, в частности, со Старшими Арканами?

PER BEATVM RHENANVM.

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Титульный лист с Tabula Cebetis, так называемой Скрижали Кебеса. Металлическая гравюра Ганса Гольбейна Младшего, 1521 г.

Тайные знания, священные церемонии

Если учесть, что 22 буквы еврейского алфавита, используемые в каббале, произошли от финикийского письма, которое, в свою очередь, развилось из египетской иероглифики, то мы получаем очень интересную связь.

Некоторые ученые сегодня также связывают финикийский алфавит с созвездиями, а в самой Каббале 22 пути часто называют путями души и творения. Эту тему созидания и трансформации подметил психолог Карл Юнг, сказав: “Кажется, что набор картинок в картах Таро также отдаленно восходит к архетипам трансформации”.

Стоит также упомянуть, что греческий историк Аммиан (330-395 гг.) писал о тайных камерах под египетскими храмами, где нарисованные изображения и резьба представляли собой тайные знания, доступные только посвященным во время священных церемоний.

Согласно Мэнли П. Холлу в книге “Тайные учения всех веков”, в рукописи Томаса Тейлора подробно описано, как Скрижаль Исиды была алтарем, перед которым стоял Платон, получая знания о великих тайнах. Если это так, то мы вновь вынуждены рассматривать египетское происхождение символов, используемых в Таро, и мудрости Старших Арканов.

Возможно, настало время переосмыслить Скрижаль Исиды и Скрижаль Кебеса как остатки этого сокровенного, сакрального знания.

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Mieux comprendre les systèmes de croyances, les pratiques culturelles et l'utilisation des ressources naturelles des anciens Égyptiens. Tel était l'objectif d'une équipe internationale de scientifiques quand elle s'est penchée sur le mystérieux contenu d'un récipient de la collection du Musée d'art de Tampa, (*Tampa Museum of Art*, Floride, États-Unis), vieux d'environ 2 200 ans : un vase rituel à la forme de la tête de Bès, dieu mineur antique "de l'accouchement, de la fertilité, de la sexualité, de l'humour et de la guerre" dans le panthéon égyptien, selon la World History Encyclopedia.

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Qu'elle ne fut pas leur surprise quand les chercheurs ont découvert, à l'intérieur, les restes d'une concoction contenant un certain nombre de composés : le *Peganum harmala* (aussi appelée harmal ou rue de Syrie), le *Nymphaea caerulea* (ou lotus bleu d'Égypte) et des plantes du genre *Cleome*, *"dont il est traditionnellement prouvé qu'elles ont des propriétés psychotropes et médicinales"*, notent-ils dans un article publié sur le serveur de pré-impression Research Square le 31 mai 2023, qui n'a pas encore été évalué par leurs pairs. Ils ont par ailleurs également identifié des traces de fluides humains en son sein, suggérant *"l'implication directe"* des Hommes dans de potentiels rituels.

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En effet, les différentes analyses menées ont révélé une composition assez complexe pour le contenu du vase de Bès. Le *Peganum harmala* se distingue en premier lieu. Originaire du bassin méditerranéen, du Proche-Orient et d'une partie de l'Asie, cette plante possède des graines produisant des alcaloïdes harmine et harmaline en grande quantité, *"qui induisent des visions oniriques"*, notent les chercheurs dans leur étude. Elles concentrent aussi (en plus faible quantité) de l'alcaloïde vasicine, qui à certaines doses, peut *"faciliter l'accouchement ou provoquer l'avortement"*, ajoutent-ils.

Si l'utilisation de la rue de Syrie n'est pas encore attestée dans les textes hiéroglyphes qui sont parvenus jusqu'à nous, la plus ancienne preuve de son emploi remonte à la période prédynastique égyptienne, avec la découverte de graines datées de 3700-3500 av. J.-C.

Ses noms de "bêsa" dans les papyri médicaux grecs et "bêsasa" dans l'Égypte moderne seraient par ailleurs, d'après les auteurs du rapport, attribués à celui de Bès, en faisant "la plante de Bès".

Plus tard, durant les périodes gréco-romaines, les écrits d'Ammien Marcellin (~330-395) mentionnent des pratiques dans lesquelles des consultants dormaient dans les chambres de Bès — des pièces décorées de figure de la divinité excavées à Saqqarah — afin de faire des rêves prophétiques. Des centaines de graffitis en langue grecque, retrouvés gravés sur le temple funéraire de Séthi Ier à Abydos (Haute Égypte), désignent aussi le dieu comme le "donneur d'oracles", "le donneur de rêves". L'emploi du harmal pour ses effets serait ainsi cohérent dans le cadre de pratiques liées à Bès.

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D'autres plantes considérées comme psychoactives

Les traces d'une autre plante psychoactive, qui peut également être liée à la divinité par diverses preuves archéologiques, ont été retrouvées dans le récipient du Musée d'art de Tampa : le *Nymphaea caerulea*, le nénuphar bleu ou plus "improprement" appelé lotus bleu d'Égypte.

Plusieurs espèces de nénuphars sont connues pour leurs propriétés "narcotiques et sédatives", et ont été traditionnellement consommées dans diverses régions d'Afrique et d'Asie — en Égypte, l'utilisation de leurs fruits, graines et rhizomes est attestée pour produire de la farine dès la période gréco-romaine (après 30 av. J.-C.). Or, comme le soulignent les spécialistes, au moins douze figurines de Bès émergeant d'une fleur de nénuphar bleu ont été décelées par les archéologues. Cette *"analyse biochimique a renforcé cette association"* entre cette plante et le dieu.

Derniers végétaux des plus intéressants cachés dans la mixture, les *Cleome*. Parmi les dix espèces indigènes connues en Égypte, découvertes dans tout le pays de l'époque prédynastique (vers 3300-3150) à l'époque copte (à partir de 43 apr. J.-C. environ), deux y sont bien présentes : la *Cleome gynandra* (ou *Gynandropsis gynandra*) et *Camellia chrysantha*.

La plus significative est la première, car elle a largement été utilisée sur le continent à des fins médicinales, pour des caractéristiques similaires à celles de *Peganum harmala* : ses racines fraîches consommées par voie orale permettaient (selon la quantité) de faciliter le travail, quand ses feuilles servaient d'abortif — pour rappel, Bès était (entre autres) considéré comme le dieu de la grossesse.

> « En combinant toutes ces données, nous pouvons conclure que les plantes *Peganum harmala* et *Nymphaea caerulea* ont été délibérément utilisées comme sources de substances psychoactives à des fins rituelles. »

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Par ailleurs, en plus de révéler la présence de liquide à base de fruits fermentés (peut-être dérivés du raisin) et d'autres ingrédients (miel, gelée royale, blé tendre, graines de sésame, levures de fermentation...) dans le mélange, les analyses ont montré que les personnes qui en ont été à l'origine y

ont également ajouté délibérément leurs propres fluides corporels. *"Les analyses protéomiques ont indiqué une forte présence de protéines humaines (non classées comme contaminantes, ndlr) dans le résidu"*, qui comprennent *"les liquides comme le lait maternel, les sécrétions muqueuses (orales ou vaginales) et le sang"*, écrivent les scientifiques à l'origine de ces récentes recherches.

"En conclusion [...] il serait possible de déduire que ce vase a été utilisé pour une sorte de rituel de reconstitution de ce qui s'est passé lors d'un événement significatif du mythe égyptien", expliquent-ils.

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Toutefois, les historiens ignorent encore beaucoup de choses sur la religion des anciens Égyptiens, et le culte de Bès n'est pas épargné. Des figures du dieu ont été retrouvées des frontières de l'Égypte jusqu'au nord de la Syrie et en Crète minoenne, sur des sites archéologiques parfois plus anciens que le récipient ici étudié. Ils savent aussi que s'il n'était pas vénéré au même titre qu'un Osiris ou un Thot — il n'avait pas de temple ni de culte officiel — il a longtemps été honoré au quotidien dans les foyers égyptiens pour sa nature protectrice, ses talents de guerrier repoussant le mal.

"Le personnage de Bès étant vénéré comme un génie protecteur, on peut supposer que le liquide bu dans ces tasses était considéré comme bienfaisant", en concluent ainsi les chercheurs. Mais la consommation de liquides hallucinogènes faisait-elle partie des pratiques courantes réalisées dans le cadre du culte de Bès ? Des recherches supplémentaires seront nécessaires pour découvrir à quel point la recette du curieux récipient a pu être employée, en Égypte comme ailleurs.

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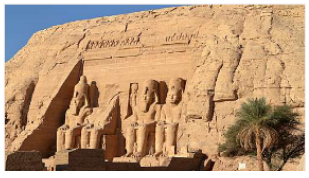

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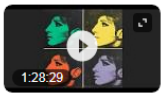

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Picture the scene. It's AD 1348. You're a rural peasant born into a life of unimaginable hardship. All around you, serfs perform backbreaking work from dawn until dusk, working their feudal lord's land to pay him his hefty dues.

The best you can hope for is that your small business as a basket weaver takes off enough to secure you a small land holding of your own, which may sustain you in old age. The worst you can expect is a life of crippling physical labor, a diet severely lacking in meat, and possibly an early death from childbirth or plague.

Under these circumstances, might you be tempted to take holy vows and become a monk? If so, read on—because there was a lot more to life as a monk than the silly haircut!

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10 The Silly Haircut

Yeah, you know the one. The bowl cut with the circular bald patch on top? This unique style was achieved by shaving the middle section of the hair and trimming the rest. It held a great deal of spiritual significance for the monks who wore it.

The style is called a "tonsure," and it was worn to represent a monk's devotion to Christ. A few conflicting theories exist about why only a section of the head was shaved. Some believe the remaining circle of hair symbolized the crown of thorns Jesus wore during his crucifixion. Others think that the practice developed during the Crusades when Christians wanted to differentiate themselves from Muslims who ritually shaved off all their hair after visiting Mecca.

Either way, the haircut was rocked by many generations of monks for centuries until 1973 when the tonsuring ceremony was abolished by Pope Paul VI, and it declined in popularity. [1]

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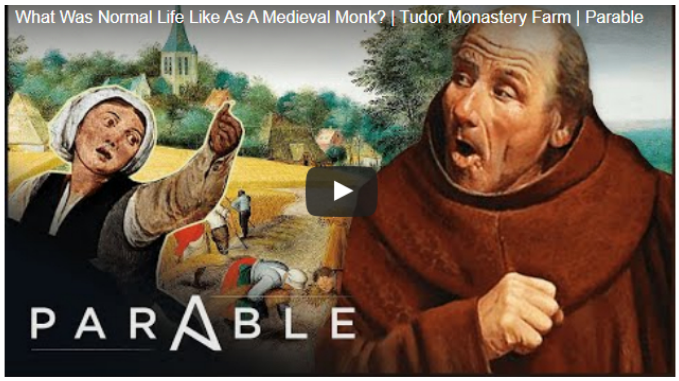

Monks fared much better than the peasants and serfs when it came to the standard of their accommodation. Yes, their bedroom was essentially a cell with a bit of straw in it. They didn't technically own very much at all—but they had a roof over their head and regular meals in their belly, which was more than could be said of the general population!

Many monasteries were huge, sprawling, ornate complexes built in the Gothic style and designed to showcase the wealth of the church and reflect the glory of God to the unwashed masses. It wouldn't have been a bad place to hang out.

In England, settlements of monks have been found that date back to as early as AD 406. Monasteries in England famously came to an abrupt beginning in the 1530s during the reign of King Henry VIII, who grew so frustrated at having to ask the Pope's permission to get a divorce he wiped the land of all traces of Catholicism and declared the country Protestant instead. The monasteries were ransacked, and the spoils were shared among the rich.[2]

End of an era!

8 Poverty, Chastity & Obedience

Hmmm. It's not the most attractive of lifestyles, is it? A medieval monastery was a community of men who had foresworn earthly possessions and chosen to live apart from society among other like-minded fellows. They committed themselves to spiritual, rather than physical, pleasures. As such, they took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and were expected to live free of physical possessions and emotional attachment to the outside world. These vows were based on the writings of St. Benedict, who laid out the rules for an ideal monastic life all the way back in the 6th century.

Of course, chastity was easily avoided if a) you were attracted to men and b) you could find a willing (and discrete) partner within the monastery. For those lucky chaps, life was probably pretty sweet.[3]

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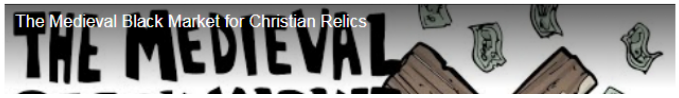

An important aspect of monastic life was the possession of an icon or holy relic. The icon could be anything that people might revere and flock to see—a piece of the original cross on which Christ was crucified, for example, or the bones of a saint. Or, in the case of the city of Turin in Italy, the shroud worn by Jesus in his tomb.

If you were lucky, your monastery's relic would become famous, and Christians from far and wide would embark on a pilgrimage to see it—bringing with them much-needed business for the local area and a massive uptick in donations to your church.[4]

6 Shhhhhh!

If a monk found himself suffering from a touch of ennui after joining a monastic order, he wouldn't have been able to pass the time by enjoying good gossip with his new co-workers. Monasteries were places of peace, and as such, most of the duties performed by monks were carried out in complete silence. They weren't even allowed to chat at dinner!

Some monks got around the rule of silence by communicating in other ways. Sign language was used during meal times when a monk wanted to request food or drink. Some also communicated in secret by whistling! These methods were often taught to the young "novices" (teenage recruits who were learning the ways of monastic life) and "oblates" (children who had been entrusted to the care of the monks). In this way, the silent languages were passed down through the generations.[5]

5 Stand, Sit, Kneel... and Repeat

Starting to think life as a monk might have been a tad boring? Well, you're probably right! Luckily, the tedium of charitable acts and perpetual silence was broken up regularly by lengthy and complicated church services.

Monks attended a whopping eight services each day. They woke with the sun (so summer was probably a lot more painful than winter!) and took part in various choral services such as Matins, Lauds, and Mass. They also held a daily Chapter, which was a formal meeting to discuss monastic business. In all, a monk could expect to participate in a church service for up to 10 hours per day. That's a lot of chanting![6]

4 More Than Meat-Free Fridays

Medieval life was strictly regulated. England's "sumptuary laws" dictated behavior in all sorts of areas, and not just for monks. There were laws about which clothes and colors people were allowed to wear based on their social status, for example, and how much eateries were allowed to charge for food.

Monasteries were generally very affluent institutions, and for all the drawbacks of monastic life, monks could usually rely on enjoying food regularly and of a high standard. However, by law, medieval folks were bound to observe three "fasting" days per week: Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. They observed many more during times of religious observances, such as Lent.

The word "fast" here doesn't apply in the modern sense. During these specific days, people were only required to abstain from meat and dairy products. Fish and vegetables were fine. Amazingly, some monks missed meat so much during fasting days that they devised a way to beat the system—they re-categorized some meat items as fish! There's evidence that beaver tails and rabbit fetuses were eaten during times of fasting. One group of monks in France even started gobbling up the local puffins![7]

3 The Arts

We've got a lot to thank our robe-clad brothers for. Monasteries were incredible places of learning, and monks (as well as their sisters over in the nunneries) spent a great deal of time and effort preserving, copying, and writing books and

manuscripts. Thanks to them, many classics by Cicero, Aristotle, and Virgil survive. Free from the constant struggle to find food and with the great advantage of being literate, these men had the time and the tools to create great art. We can still see their imaginative flair in the illuminated manuscripts that survive and the choral music composed during the Middle Ages.

In fact, monasteries were often the only places that housed books. Books were very precious and expensive items. It's no coincidence that monasteries were a main target during the Viking raids that took place in Europe up until the 11th century. Monks may have taken a vow of poverty—but the institutions themselves were filthy rich, and it seems many knew it.[8]

2 Jobs

On top of your daily commitments to church services, learning, and charitable acts, you might also be given a specific area of responsibility in the monastery. The "big cheese," of course, was the abbot—and you probably wouldn't be given that job unless you got very, very lucky.

The abbot liaised mainly with the outside world and was the "face" of the institution for the wider community. Next in the chain of command was the prior, who line-managed the monks. He appointed a steward, who looked after the monastery's finances, and a cellarer who oversaw food and drink stores. The almoner was responsible for looking after the poor and needy out in the community, and the cantor ran the choir. The sacrist ensured the church was tidy and the services ran smoothly.[9]

Sounds exhausting!

1 Stylish Attire

When you picture a monk, you probably imagine a man dressed in brown robes, with sandals on his feet and rosary beads in his hand. In fact, robes came in many different colors and depended on which order you belonged to.

The Benedictine Order wore black and eventually became known as "the black monks." The Carthusian Order wore white. The Capuchin friars in Italy wore brown robes with a long pointed hood—it's from these monks that the word cappuccino is derived![10]

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The most important deity in the religious and social life of the Igbo people of Nigeria, is Ala (also known as Ani, Ana, Ale, and Ali in varying Igbo dialects) Ala literarily mean the earth and so Ala, the deity is the Earth Mother or female Goddess, (deity) of the earth.

Ala is the most important Alusi (deity) in the Igbo pantheon. She is the mother of all things. Ala is present at the beginning of the cycle of life, from making children grow in their mother's womb, and there at the end of life's cycle. She it is that receives the souls of the dead into her own womb. Ala is daughter of Chukwu Okike, the supreme god.

As the owner of men, whether alive or dead, ancestor cult of the Igbo is therefore closely associated with Ala as the queen of the underworld.

Ala is the source of human morality and is in consequence the principal legal sanction. Ala is involved in judging human actions and is in charge of Igbo law and customs known as 'Omenala'. Taboos and crimes among Igbo communities that are against the standard of Ala are called nsọ Ala, ('desecration of Ala'). Homicide, kidnapping, poisoning, stealing farm-products, adultery, giving birth to twins or abnormal children, are all offences against Ala, and must be purged by sacrifice to her. Laws are made in her name, and by her oaths are sworn. Maintaining order and carrying out justice against wrongdoers are part of the functions of the deity. Ala is, in fact, the unseen president of the community, and no Igbo group is complete

which has not its shrine and priest of Ala.
People who commit suicides are not buried in the ground or given burial rites but cast away in order not to further offend and pollute the land, their ability to become ancestors is therefore nullified.[18] When an individual dies a 'bad death' in the society, such as from the effects of divine retributive justice or breaking a taboo, they are not buried in the earth, but are discarded in a forest so as not to offend Ala. As in cases of most alusi, Ala can be malevolent if perceived to be offended and can cause harm against those who offend her.
All ground is considered ‘Holy land’ as it is Ala herself. With human fertility, Ala is credited for the productivity of land. Ala’s messenger and living agent on earth is the python (Igbo: éké), it is an animal especially revered in many Igbo communities. Almost every Igbo village has a shrine dedicated to her called íhú Ala where large decisions are taken. As noted earlier, Ala is believed to be involved in all aspects of human affairs including festivals and at offerings. Ala stands for fertility and things that generate life including water, stone and vegetation, colour, beauty which is connected to goodness in Igbo society, and uniqueness. She's a symbol of morality who sanctioned omenala Igbo customs from which these moral and ethical behaviours are upheld in Igbo society. “Ala’s shrine is at the center of a village, people offer sacrifices at planting, first fruits, and harvest. In the Owerri region, building called Mbari are erected in honor the Goddess. The Mbari are filled with painted figures of Ala, who balances a child on her knees while she brandishes a sword and is surrounded by the images of other gods and animals.
Ala in addition to embodying nature, is the cosmic base on which the vault of heaven, ígwé, rests.
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Balaam (Валаам) - иудейский дьявол жадности и алчности
Baphomet (Бафомет) - тамплиеры поклонялись ему как воплощению Сатаны
Bast (Баст) - египетская богиня удовольствия, представляемая в виде кошки
Beelzebub (Вельзевул) - {иврит) Повелитель Мух, взятый из символизма скарабея
Behemoth (Бегемот) - иудейская персонификация Сатаны в виде слона
Beherith (Бегерит) - сирийское имя Сатаны
Bile (Вил) - кельтский бог Ада

Chemosh (Чемош) - национальный бог моабитов, позднее - дьявол
Cimeries (Кимерис) - восседает на черной лошади и правит Африкой
Coyote (Койот) - дьявол американских индейцев

Dagon (Дагон) - филистимлянский мстительный бог моря
Damballa (Дамбалла) - змеиный бог вудуизма
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Emma-O (Эмма-О) - японский правитель Ада
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Kali (Кали) - (хинди) дочь Шивы, верховная жрица туггиев

Lilith (Лилит) - иудейская дьяволица, первая жена Адама
Loki (Локи) - тевтонский дьявол

Mammon (Маммон) - арамейский бог богатства и выгоды
Mania (Мания) - богиня Ада у этрусков
Mantus (Манту) - бог Ада у этрусков
Marduk (Мардук) - бог Града Вавилон
Mastema (Мастема) - иудейский синоним Сатаны
Meiek Taus (Мелок Таус) - йезидский дьявол
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Metztli (Метцтли) - богиня ночи у ацтеков
Mictian (Миктиан) - ацтекский бог смерти
Midgard (Мидгард) - сын Локи, изображаемый в виде змеи
Milcom (Милком) - аммонитский дьявол
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Mormo (Мормо)- (греч.) Царь Вампиров, супруг Гекаты

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Nergal (Нергал) - вавилонский бог Гадеса
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Nija (Нидза) - польский бог подземного мира

O-Yama (O-Яма) - японское название Сатаны

Pan (Пан) - греческий бог вожделения, помещенный позднее в дьявольскую свиту
Pluto (Плутон) - греческий бог подземного царства
Proserpine (Прозерпина) - греческая королева подземного царства
Pwcca (Пакка) - уэльсское имя Сатаны

Rimmon (Риммон) - сирийский дьявол, которому поклонялись в Дамаске

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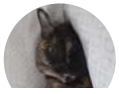

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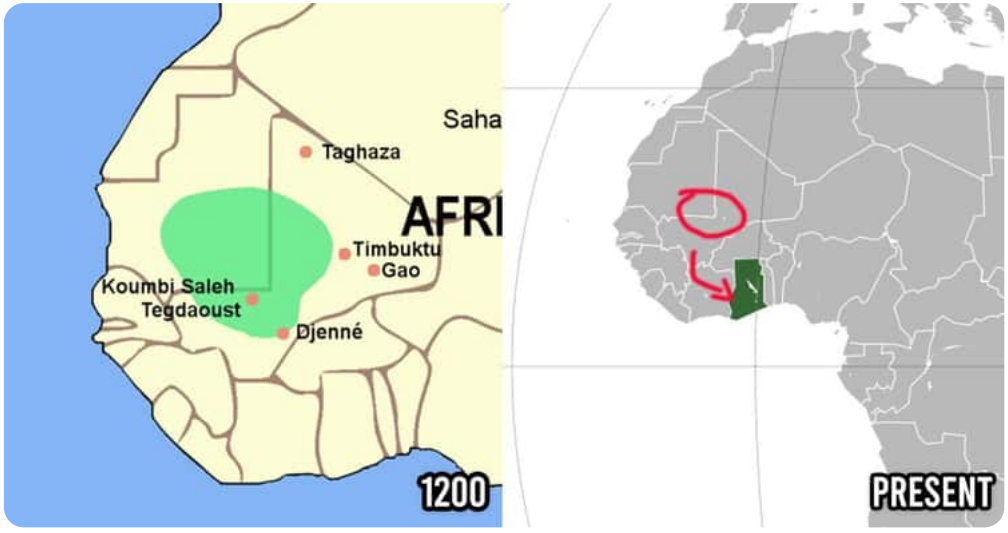
LIST RULES *Vote up the most interesting territorial changes.*

The borders of modern nations today tell the stories of the ever-changing fortunes of history. The medieval borders of some of the most prominent kingdoms differ greatly from their modern equivalents; for example, Russia's enormous contemporary borders were once confined to the lands of an obscure duchy, while the United Kingdom was a long way from united.

This collection looks at some of the most interesting territorial changes that occurred from medieval times to the world we know today.

1 Ghana Empire - A Trading Powerhouse Not Actually Located In Modern Ghana



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Summary of changes: One of history's greatest trading empires, Wagadou - usually known as the Ghana Empire - was not actually based in what is now Ghana. The introduction of a camel to the area made possible perilous long treks across the Sahara. A vibrant trade network in salt and gold was

soon established as the riches of the gold coast came across the desert in trade caravans. The area directly controlled by the Wagadou was somewhat limited, while the area influenced by its trade was vast. It would be succeeded by the Mali Empire, famed for its incredible wealth and investment in education.

Modern Ghana took its name from the empire but does not otherwise overlap geographically or share any other history with the Wagadou. Ghana gained its independence from the United Kingdom in 1957.

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2 Germany - From Many Small States To One

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Summary of changes: A German sense of identity stretches back to ancient times, but a single, unified German nation didn't form until 1871. For centuries the numerous German states were loosely bound together in the Holy Roman Empire. The extent of the emperor's authority over the many

small German states was greatly limited. The Holy Roman Emperor was more of a powerful figurehead than a monarch in the traditional sense.

After Napoleon dissolved the Holy Roman Empire in the early 19th century, the long path to German unification began in the mid-1800s, ending with the formation of the German Empire in 1871. The tumult of the first half of the 20th century saw German territory expanded and sharply contracted with the fortunes of war. After splitting in the wake of the World War II, Germany united once more 1990.

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3 Mexico - From The Triple Alliance To Being Ceded

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Summary of changes - What was often referred to as the Aztec Empire was the Triple Alliance of three great city-states: Tenochtitlan, Tetzcoco, and Tlacopan. Tenochtitlan became the dominant power and was centered where Mexico City stands today. Before the arrival of the Spanish and deadly European diseases, the Aztecs ruled directly over central Mexico, but exerted influence as far away as the Yucatan peninsula

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After centuries of Spanish rule, Mexico won independence in 1821 after more than a decade of conflict. It lost more than half of its territory in 1848 after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ceded more than half a million square miles of territory, including California and parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah. More territory was sold to the US in 1854 with the Gadsden Purchase, which brought the southern portions of modern-day Arizona and New Mexico into the US.

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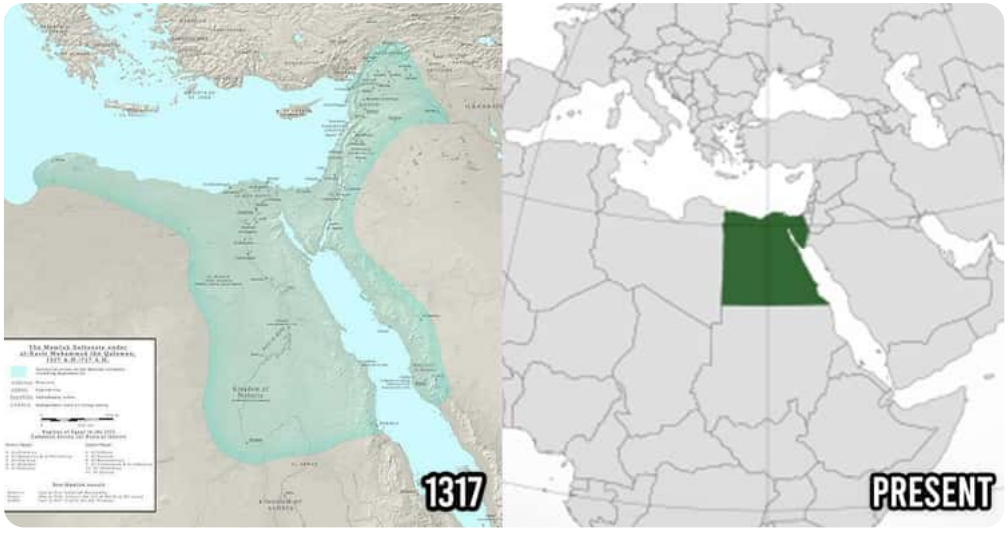
4 Egypt - From Conquest To Independent State



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Summary of changes: Egypt was ruled by the Mamluks in the Middle Ages, whose territory spanned from modern-day Libya to Syria. The Ottomans conquered the empire in the 16th century, but it managed to briefly regain a certain degree of autonomy in the 19th century before falling under British

influence in 1882.

Although technically still a vassal of the Ottomans, Egypt was essentially ruled by the British until the 1950s. The Republic of Egypt formed in 1953, but it wasn't until 1956 that British troops finally departed for good.

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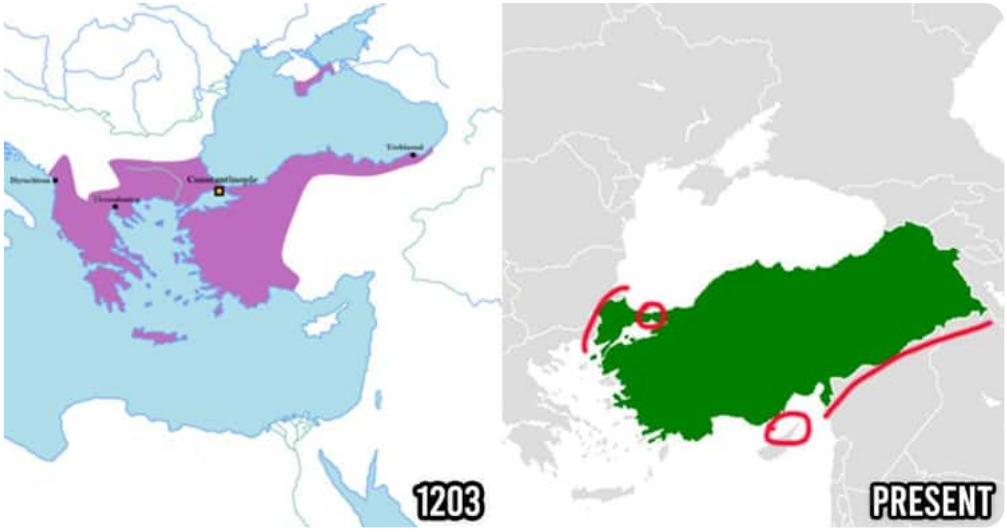
5 Turkey - From Byzantine Rump State To The Bridge Between Europe And Asia



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Summary of changes: Anatolia was subject to a vast number of territorial changes in its storied history. In the 13th century, parts of the area were still just about in the hands of the ailing Byzantine Empire (shown in purple) but would soon give way to the rising power in the region: the Ottomans. The Ottoman Empire would reach its greatest extent toward the end of the 17th century, where it would control Southern Europe and much of the Arabian

peninsula. The empire entered a long period of decline in the 18th century and lost most of its European territory by 1914.

After the World War I, the empire fell and modern-day Turkey formed in the aftermath in 1923. Istanbul (formerly Constantinople) has the unusual distinction of being a city that sits on two continents. Cyprus is the subject of a territorial dispute between Turkey and Greece; Turkey's claim on the northern part of the island is unrecognized internationally.

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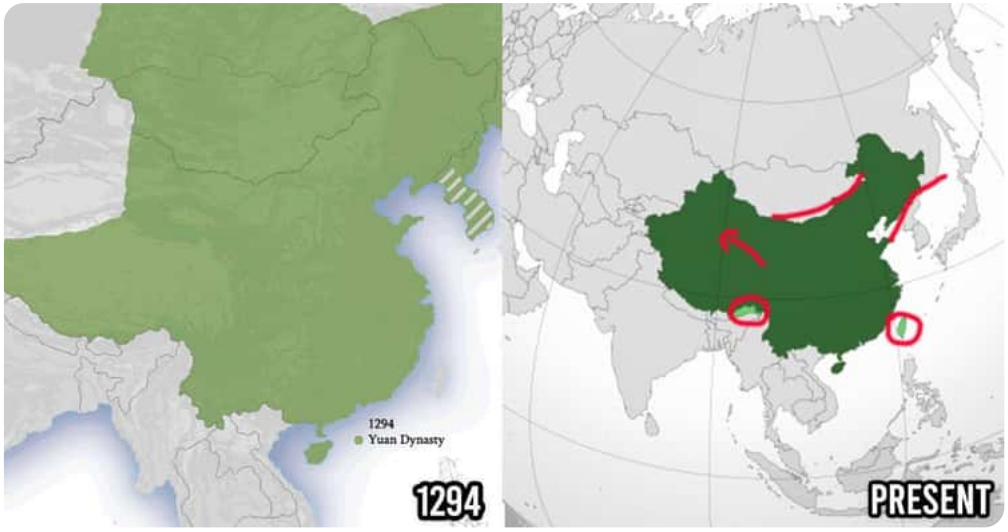
6 China - From The Mongols To Rapid Growth



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Summary of changes: The Mongol Yuan Dynasty ruled China at the turn of the 14th century. Mongolia and portions of today's Russia were part of the dynasty's territory, with Korea as a vassal state. The Yuan dynasty was overthrown by the Ming dynasty in 1368.

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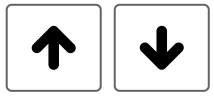
After the chaos of the 19th and early 20th centuries, China's modern borders were established after the conclusion of the civil war. The defeated Republic of China fled to Taiwan in December 1949. There are two internal borders in the former Portuguese territory of Macau and the former British protectorate of Hong Kong. Externally, China shares borders with no fewer than 14 sovereign states.



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7 Russia - From A Duchy To The World's Largest Nation

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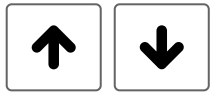
Summary of changes: In the 1300s, Russia was merely the Grand Duchy of Muscovy and a tributary of the Mongol Empire. The entity we know as Russia was formed in 1547 during the reign of Ivan the Terrible. Eastward expansion began during Ivan's reign and continued into the 19th century. At one point there were even Russian settlements in California.

Significant territorial changes took place in the 19th & 20th centuries. Alaska was sold in 1867; the island of Sakhalin was lost and regained from Japan; and the Baltic nations were annexed by and later broke off from the Soviet Union. The curious exclave of Kaliningrad was gained after World War II and still remains part of Russia today. Fifteen new nations formed in the wake of the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991, including Russia.



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8 Spain - From Reconquista To Colonial Empire

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Summary of changes: In the Middle Ages, the Iberian peninsula was divided between northern Christian kingdoms and Muslim emirates to the south. The Balearic Islands were conquered by the Christian kingdom of Aragon in the 13th century. Spain formed from the union of Castille and Aragon by

the marriage of Isabella and Ferdinand; this paved the way for the completion of the Reconquista in 1492 by conquering the last Iberian emirate of Granada. Later that same year, Christopher Columbus made his famous voyage with the financial backing of the Spanish crown, ushering in a period of colonization.

Spain lost the key port of Gibraltar to the British in 1704, and the issue remains a bone of contention between the two nations to this day. Spain's expansive colonial empire dissolved after a series of independence wars broke out in the early 1800s. The last of the empire was swallowed up by the US at the turn of the 20th century. Today, the northeastern region of Catalonia is the subject of a major independence movement.

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9 France - From Fractured Kingdom To The Hexagon

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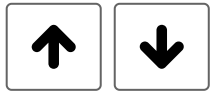
Summary of changes: France experienced significant territorial changes in Europe from the Middle Ages onward. The left image is France after the Treaty of Brétigny; English provinces are shown in pink.

Significant portions of France were in English hands until the conclusion of the Hundred Years' War. Calais remained with England until 1558. The Catalan region of Northern Catalonia was ceded by Spain in 1659; Corsica was conquered in 1768; and the border with Italy was finally settled after

World War II.

France's modern European borders are often referred to as l'Hexgone ("the hexagon") after the distinctive six-sided shape.



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10 Peru - From The Incas To Decolonization

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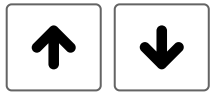
Summary of changes: Before Spanish colonization, the Incas rose to become the dominant power in the region in the 15th and early 16th centuries. At its greatest extent, the Incan empire stretched from Ecuador to northern Chile - an area of more than 700,000 square miles and around 10 million subjects. It was divided into four quarters known as *suyu* (pictured).

The arrival of the Spanish in the 16th century devastated the region with European diseases. More than three-quarters of the empire's entire population perished in less than 40 years.

Peru, along with other South American countries, gained independence from Spain in the early 1800s. Peru prospered after independence, but later fell into financial difficulties and a disastrous conflict with Chile as an ally of Bolivia. Bolivia became landlocked, while Peru lost the Province of Tarapacá in the south via the peace treaty.



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11 United Kingdom - From Divided Island To Slightly Less Divided Island

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Summary of changes: In the 14th century, the United Kingdom was anything but united. Scotland was in the midst of a lengthy struggle against English dominion, while Ireland was a fractured kingdom. Wales had fallen under English rule but would never truly lose its own identity. The islands of Orkney and Shetland were absorbed by Scotland after Norway failed to pay a marriage dowry to King James III in the 15th century.

The path to unification was set when the English Queen Elizabeth I passed without an heir, leaving the Scottish King James I to become king of both Scotland and England. Although he wanted to merge his kingdoms into one, it would be a further century before Scotland and England unified parliaments in 1707, creating Great Britain. Ireland was annexed in 1801, but most of the island broke free from British rule in 1922. Six of the nine counties of Ulster remained part of Britain, forming the UK as we know it today.

Although often erroneously conflated with the UK as a whole, England is one of the four co-equal sovereign nations that comprise the UK, alongside Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

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12 India - From Muslim Conquests To Partition

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Summary of changes: The Indian subcontinent has been the subject of numerous conquests by outside powers over the centuries. Alexander the Great's most difficult campaign by far only nibbled at the edges of India before turning back. The Muslim Delhi Sultanate was the dominant power in the region in the Middle Ages, with the Tughlaq dynasty reaching the greatest territorial extent in 1335 (pictured).

India's modern borders mostly formed in the wake of gaining independence from the British in 1947. Some states were annexed after the partition, such as Hyderabad in the center and Junagadh in the west, in 1948. The separate nations of East and West Pakistan were formed by the partition plan, with East Pakistan becoming Bangladesh in 1948. The status of Kashmir (light green on the second map) is disputed by India, China, and Pakistan.

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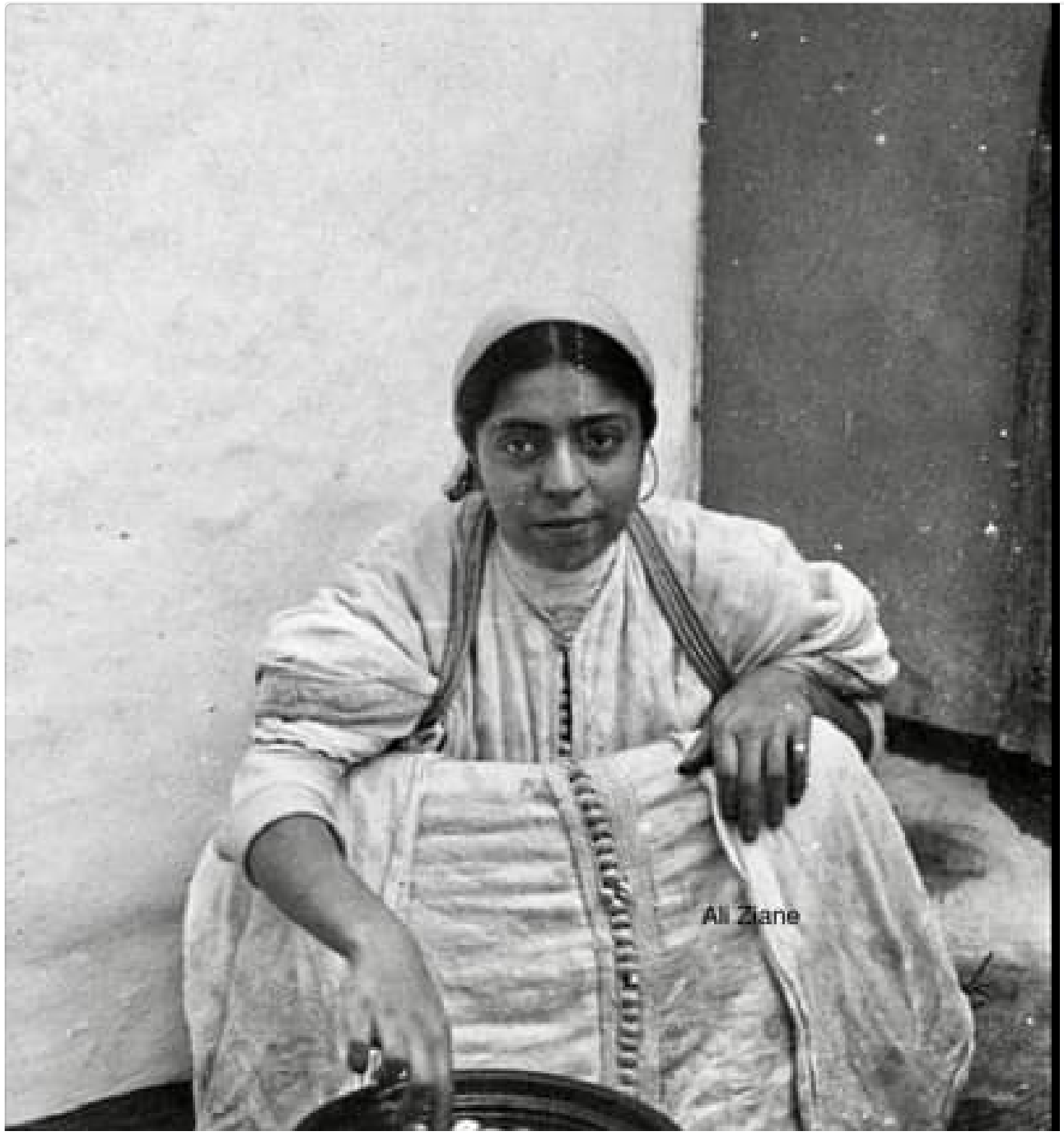
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Blood of horseshoe crabs is being used in Covid vaccine: They are now in danger of extinction

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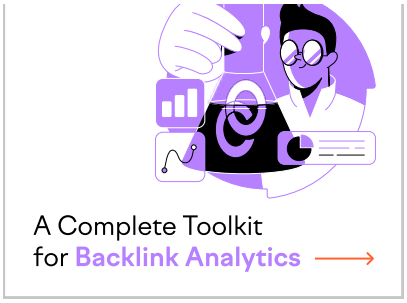

Horseshoe crabs are amazing creatures that have been on this planet for 450 million years. They survived the mass extinction, several ice ages, and now they can die out because of man. What is the reason? They have bright blue blood, which is highly valued because it is a natural source of Limulus polyphemus (LAL). Now they are in danger of extinction because their blood is being used in Covid vaccines and for drug testing. Up to 30% of the crustaceans have already been killed off in the US.

Why is blue blood used?

Limulus polyphemus immune cells are sensitive to toxic bacteria. As a result, blue blood has been used for almost 20 years to test vaccines and drugs for bacterial toxins. It is currently an essential tool for testing COVID vaccines entering the market. Blue blood is sucked out of the crabs and then crabs are returned to the ocean, where most of them die. One laboratory in South Carolina reports that blood is sucked from a crab for up to 8 minutes.

"As it is now, the entire supply chain for endotoxin testing of drugs rests upon the harvest of a vulnerable or near extinct sea creature," Kevin Williams, a scientist who manufactures synthetic LAL told The Washington Post.

The Atlantic horseshoe crabs could go the way of the Asian horseshoe crab that is extinct in Taiwan and disappearing in Hong Kong, as a result of mainly biomedical testing. The US horseshoe crab is not endangered yet, but as more than a third of the crabs die after the blood is drawn, their threat is approaching.

Blood from Horseshoe crabs is a huge business

Ryan Phelan, co-founder and Executive Director of Revive and Restore, a wildlife conservation group based in California that lobbied for the synthetic, told Yahoo News: *"You've got a very large, biomedical bleeding industry with a vested interest in keeping those horseshoes crabs coming in and basically protecting this monopoly.* "

Some pharmaceutical laboratories use synthetic versions of LAL, but live crab blood is still used in the United States.

"In the US, 525,000 horseshoe crabs per year were captured during 2013 to 2017 and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission estimates short-term bleeding-induced mortality to be 15 percent (4 percent to 30 percent), resulting in mortality of approximately 78,750 horseshoe crabs annually in recent years comprising a minor portion," according to a study published in Frontiers.

According to the Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission, in 2019, 640,000 crabs were used in the United States to draw blood. The blood of these crabs is of very high value and is an industry worth $ 500 billion. That's why the South Carolina lab is worth $ 13 billion. Charles River officials have said in the past that more than 80 million LAL tests are performed each year. When crabs' blood is taken, they are slower, stressed, and death often due to ill-treatment.

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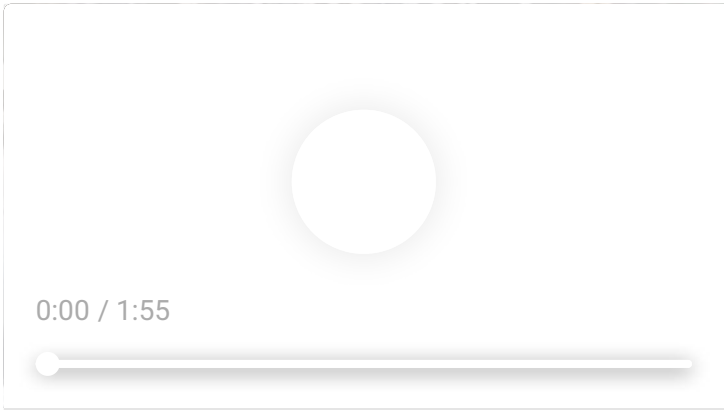

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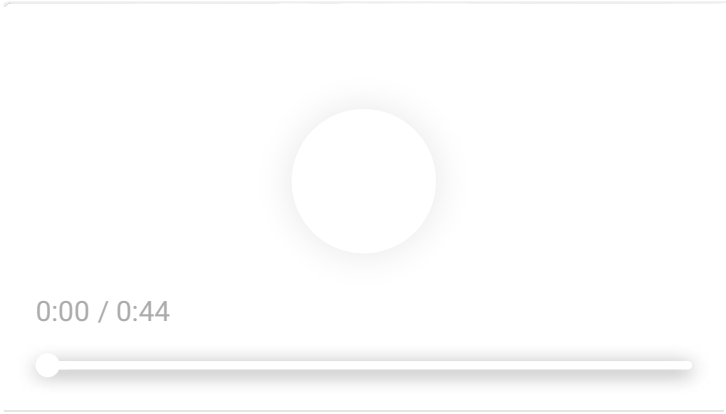

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Mansa Musa

Research has revealed that the richest person of all time lived in the 14th century in West Africa and went by many names, including Kankan Musa Keita, Emir of Melle, Lord of the Mines of Wangara, Conqueror of Ghanata and the Lion of Mali II, but today he is usually referred to as Mansa Musa. Adjusting his wealth to modern values, he was worth about an estimated $400 billion as the Sultan of ancient Mali, which controlled the trade routes across the Sahara Desert.
Mali empire was a central to several key trading routes in the world, and with the support of well trained army, Mali became a strong and powerful empire.

Meanwhile On a pilgrimage of one of the Emperors of Great Mali Empire to Mecca in 1324 AD, Mansa Musa, brought so much money and gold with him that his visit resulted in the collapse of gold prices in Egypt, Arabia and the western world. It took another twelve years for the economies of the region to return to what it was.

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Lakish Hankins

I wish someone will do a movie on him insure will it's alot of ancestors and forefathers we need to know abt especially this generation that we come from kings and Queens thank u for this 17

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May we always remember our ancestors 33

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Dolie Felder Jr. replied · 19 replies

Phylicia Eke

I Love the story of the great African Empire. 32

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Mimi Williams

Fantastic! Mansa Musa is one of my Favorite Kings of Africa along with HANNIBAL, KING JAMES, Women Kings of Egypt & Western Africa! We NEVER GET OF ALL THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE DARK CONTINENT BECAUSE THEY KEEP WHITE WASHING IT LIKE ESTABLISHING THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ISRAEL! REMEMBER BLACKS RULED EUROPE FOR 700yrs! (Aware of CAPS No Trolls! Peace! 108

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EpsDad Dex replied · 89 replies

Melvin Moss

I got into a debate with some guy on Facebook.... about who the richest person who ever lived was..... after numerous back and forth posts.on the subject (I tried to tell him it was MANSA MUSA) but me when I'm discussing or Debating on something I listen to the other persons side (even if I know better) I love talking..... until I'm not interested anymore.....so when I got tired of hearing his talking point.....I said don't take my word just research or Google MANSA MUSA.....and then get back to me..... I'm still waiting to hear back from him .....I learned about MUSA years ago 50

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Delford Bowen replied · 54 replies

Thio Gitungo

Im proud of my continent Africa but not of it's past. Thank you for this post. I wonder how so many Africans can glorify a man who enslaved tens of thousands of his fellow Africans. A great man? You've got to be kidding!! Solomon of Israel had an incredibly vast supply of gold too, but the difference between him and this Mansa tyrant is that he took great care to NEVER enslave a fellow countryman or use them for unpaid labour. Maybe that's why his city Jerusalem still stands today while this Timbouktu is a mere heap of bricks in the desert. Moral? Never aspire for greatness by trampling on the heads of your own brothers and sisters; history will give you a harsh judgement. Ask Chaka of Zululand. 23

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Precious Makaika Gondwe

"How come we hardly hear of this great African Empire" probably because you skipped history in school. I learnt about both Ghana and Mali while I was in school, it's an important element of African History. We need to encourage students to study history, both as a subject, or a pass time. In this way, we won't be answering the question you are asking. 7

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Stella Franste... replied · 1 reply

Eliseus Oluseye

King Solomon was the wealthiest man that ever lived according to many biblical researchers, king Solomon was worth 2.2 trillion dollars not talking of the richest in marriage of many wife's and the richest in wisdom 12

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Mikel Saint Emma replied · 7 replies

Abdulai Kargbo-akp

Great, but I think Mansa Musa represents where lack of progress of many African leaders started. If such riches were used for the development of Mali, that country could have been an America or Europe where many Africans are running to today. I'd like a catalogue of this 'great' man's development efforts any time he is mentioned. Otherwise he should be recorded as a man who contributed to the continent's backwardness, starting from those early days. 21

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Namata Debuma... replied · 8 replies

James Berry

I went to high school I'm California and although this wasn't close to being in a history book my teacher tought us about him he didn't want us to think black history started with slavery or the civil rights movement. 29

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Richest and the highest giver 26

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Sbusiso Blose replied · 12 replies

Vernetta Modeste
I have heard that is why I named my son Mansa. 46

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Kevin Smith replied · 44 replies

Ali Blessings Idi
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KT Nesbitt
Interesting how we continue to have school curriculums that will propagate their European his-story's!
Yet,constantly reminding us of pseudo African American genealogy and their his-story!
Imagine,eliminating from HISTORY that there was an "aire"that rival the approximately "2100 billionaires"currently in the world!
I wonder who stole his empire? 8

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Success Sowah replied · 8 replies

Sam R James
Our famous people of color story are buried throughout our generation or our black history teachers don't teach Thank you for this 4

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Ogun Orisha Wa... replied · 3 replies

Peter Gray
We only heard about Mali recently because Al Qaida crossed the country's border. Ancient African prowess or domination doesn't make it into TV broadcast content … it's not glitzy enough. And praises the the wrong demographic. Malian gold was used to mint several European coins in the 1400s. 1

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Back DoorMen
The great man that definitively ruined Soudan (west Africa in his time),and particularily Mali. ,still one of the poorest country in the world to this day.

And he didn't only gave ALL the Gold to the muslims,he gave them slaves too....(remember slavery?)
Great man indeed.

13

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Intellx Steve
Stop estimating his wealth in modern values ($400 billion) , that's downgrading !
and prove of ignorance of the malevolent purpose of it's initiators !!!

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Adegboyega Ade... replied · 2 replies

Ngufan Louisa Uvõr
Mali empire had many worthy rulers. Sundiata Kaita also known as Sogolon Djata was another great ruler. He was born crippled and never walked until he was 18 or so. His mother would cry for her inability to get baobab leaves for soup until one day from no where Sundiata gained strength in his limbs. He got up walked to a baobab tree uprooted it from its roots and brougth to his mother. As a matter of fact, Sogolon was a mockery name given as his inability to walk and control the flow of saliver from mouth.

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Anthony Ochai replied · 17 replies

Enoch Jnr
Such a distasteful legacy. After all his wealth, he couldn't even make positive impact to his country and continent. We are poor because of such people. I hate to hear that the richest man to ever live was an African but yet we are poor and still begging

2

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Kevin Smith replied · 2 replies

Louis Mejia
I teach about Mansa Musa and the Mali empire, the salt trade, every year here in Los Angeles.

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Will Williamson replied · 33 replies

Geoffrey Acquah

Oh we hardly hear of all these great stories because African's mismanaged all this wealth and still run to our white brothers for help. Until we start using the brain God gave us, our heroes will always be forgotten. Remain blessed

9

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Dauglas Chivandire

The only people who can talk about our heritage an great history is African , not the west , sadly Africa has worsted its history by following western distorted narratives of African failures.

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Phil Enchi

Wealth was taking away from Africa to the western world because back then, Africans where into idols worshipping while the western world was really and truly dedicated to God. The wealth transfer was Divine, to strengthen the faith of those whom these wealth were dictated to. As I compose these write-up, these wealth is about returning to its original position thanks to the great Rival taking place in Africa. The African continent will be soo great again,100 times than the West, The East and middle East. Africa will be the only hope for the world to live in. The time is just at the corner. God is in control.

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Kevin Smith replied · 23 replies

Peter Ukaegbu

The richest man in Africa is Mr.Sylvester Sunday ukaegbu.later I will tell you the reason why some of you have not heard about him.

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Hassan Kanneh replied · 8 replies

Kofi Yayra

I read about mansa musa kankan when I was in secondary school, form 4 and form 5 from the history book entitled West Africa History by F K Buah, on Songhai Empire, and also African history book by Professor Adu Boahene

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Zofoa Tryself

Thanks for the Post. At least through it many none historians have fed their brains and Africa shines brighter. We are the a great continent and shall always be despite our castigation by the western world.

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Joe Mullery

Musa built a powerful advanced country. Timbuktu became one of the leading cities of learning in the world. Not only was he probably the richest in history, he had a huge number of slaves. He took 10,000 slaves along on his pilgrimage and estimates were he had 10 times that at home. There were several kingdoms and caliphate in Africa which were more advanced than European kingdoms of their time. And those African kingdoms were far wealthier and had vastly more slaves

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Solomon Halleluyah

Great man indeed...is the only empire I remember in all history read...

Your good work will always speak for you

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Ronald Jones

Just as European history has been widely publicized, the same treatment needs to be given to African history. The history of the Mali Empire and it's leaders should be as well known to the general public as ancient Rome, Greece, and Byzantium.

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Houari Hossin replied · 1 reply

Souad Seedawi
عندنا دلائل على ان القفطان موجود منذ عهد الموحدين وتطور مع المرينيين والسعديين ! شكرا جزيلا 3

See translation
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Fatima Tamesmant replied · 2 replies

Mohamed Zarroud
قصة الشعر و لباس القفطان المغربي الامازيغي منذ ملكة نوميديا التي عاصرة الفرعون

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سامية حمزاوية
Fatiha Morchid اش راكي تخرطي يا الفهيمة ماعلاقة تونس ودزاير باللباس المغربي التقليدي خصوصا في حلته الملكية فين عمرنا شفنا القفطان والجلابة عند التوانسة ودزايرية فيما مضى مثلا في ستينات وسبعينات القرن الماضي لماذا لم يكن احد من هؤلاء يتكلم عن القفطان والجلابة والشربيل والطربوش

2 الفاسي .. من الاحسن لك تسكتي يلا ماجاتك نفس على بلادك وتراث بلادك يا لالا

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Habiba Kherratia

ليتكلمو عنا في وثاءق التاريخية للبلدان الاخرى. لا نحتاج لتزوير التاريخ شكرا شاف. الحجة والبرهان. وكما قال الحسن الثانى رحمه الله لا تبرر الحجج بنية لاصحاب النويا الخبيث 1

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Mr. Imhotep
Aksum, also spelled Axum, powerful kingdom in northern Ethiopia during the early Christian era.
Despite common belief to the contrary, Aksum did not originate from one of the Semitic Sabaean kingdoms of southern Arabia but instead developed as a local power. At its apogee (3rd-6th century CE), Aksum became the greatest market of northeastern Africa; its merchants traded as far as Alexandria and beyond the Nile River. Aksum continued to dominate the Red Sea coast until the end of the 9th century, exercising its influence from the shores of the Gulf of Aden to Zeila on the northern coast of Somaliland (modern Somalia and Djibouti).

During the 2nd and 3rd centuries CE its growth as a trading empire increasingly impinged on the power of the kingdom of Meroe, the fall of which was brought about in the 4th century by an Aksumite invasion. During the 4th century the kings of Aksum were Christianized - thus becoming both politically and religiously linked to Byzantine Egypt.

At the same time, they extended their authority into southern Arabia. In the 6th century an Aksumite king reduced the Yemen to a state of vassalage. In the latter part of the 6th century, however, the Persians invaded South Arabia and brought Aksumite influence there to a close.

Later the Mediterranean trade of Aksum was ended by the encroachment of the Arabs in the 7th and 8th centuries.

Gradually, Aksumite power shifted internally to the Agau (Agaw, or Agew) people, whose princes shaped a new Christian

line in the Zagwe dynasty of the 12th-13th century.

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Peace family,

I really need your attention on this. It's very serious. You may have noticed that we were not posting much these last weeks and there are many reasons for that. It's getting harder to share truths on these platforms. They are inventing reasons to sabotage us. You must know that we are independent thinkers. We don't follow any ideology. We try to do what is good for our people in the long term. And these restrictions are not easy for us.

They don't want our people to heal properly but we can't give up. We are THAT generation and we must accomplish our purpose.

So, if you want to continue receiving our posts, make sure to subscribe. It's very simple and free. The link is in BIO, In the HIGHLIGHTS and sometimes in the STORY. We will send you a message to tell you where to join the secret community. Do it before it's too late. Those who won't be on the list will miss a lot of advantages. It's very serious.

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Thank you.

Mr. Imhotep

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Jerome Hanington

Do u have published books about African history....??
Where can I get them....??
We need to supply them in schools...!

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Ras Jay replied · 2 replies

Tee Jay

West has erased the real history of the region. 1500bc, a ship was wrecked at the red sea shore of zula now known of Eritrea coast. In this region there was well known port called port of Adults that use to do trade as far as China. The wrecked ship was fugitive from Egypt who was running away. When he found this land and people, he found his exit from becoming fugitive and represented the information to the Egyptian pharaoh. Egypt sent ships to open trades with this new empire. The Egyptian called it punt land meaning land of the gods because of the mountains elevation. Axum was slave, ivory, exotic animals trading outpost of this empire. Axum became a full empire after adulis was destroyed by pirates in stealing gold. The population ran to Axum and created new empire far from the sea.

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Tee Jay replied · 18 replies

Robel Kidane

This place you called abssinya is just the name of the present day Ethiopia. It does not have any relation with what you are refering as axum kingdom. The Axumite kingdom includes only I REPEAT ONLYYYY present day Eritrea and Tigray region of Ethiopia. The term abyssinia is usually used by the Amhara Ethnic people which did not have any connection with Axum kingdom. Axumites used the Geez language and were the first official countey to accept chratianinty as its official belief.but the abbysinians used Amharic language (which was developed much later than Geez).
Axum city as its capital and the port city of Adulis as its finnacial and trade center were the main places. So dont devire history.

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Neway Mengistu replied · 1 reply

Liya Abreha

No Ethiopian. Modern day Tigray and Eritrea

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Gela Becha Ata... replied · 1 reply

Anthonio Aradaw
This is an African story we should teach our children about. Africa should operate as one nation as our ancestors used to do before the colonizers reared their head in our beautiful continent. African Unite!

11

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Ackerline P Smith
We were so far ahead of yt folks that it's a shame. I just wish we remembered who we are, to continue our greatness.

7

14 hrs **Like** **Reply** **More**

Justin Torino replied · 3 replies

Vincent Warmington
I would like some of those black socall historian always talking about ancient African history but they never talk about African useing money in ancient times when I hear some of them talking it like Africa never use money to traders like they only use to swap goods all over the world if African never use money in ancient times where did European get to know the concept of useing money if ones go by history and I leave it as that

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Vincent Warmin... replied · 2 replies

Frederick Acquah
YES The empire was a trading centre.

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Sean Sessler
They had too, I would assume the Richest man in the World Mansa Musa was probably alive during that time. (Just a guess)

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Mahmud Breezy... replied · 7 replies

Karozi John
At one time Macedonia was super power dominating ancient world under Alexander the Great, but later later Roman empire became super power, many other empire rise and fall, now USA who know which is next, ..that's how thing change!

3

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Tyrone O'Sulli... replied · 2 replies

Scott Barksdale
All ancient nations have a form of “mined” currency some even had notes. True story

46 mins **Like** **Reply** **More**

Duoth Biel
Great and most powerful peaple represented the whole of Africa with dignity during those days. I love this wonderful history 1

6 hrs **Like** **Reply** **More**

Mustafe Omar Khadiib
True Wordd Somalia was puntland!

on Mon **Like** **Reply** **More**

Ngonidzashe Mangoro
Unfortunately they think that they are not related to 'negros' 1

on Sun **Like** **Reply** **More**

Ngonidzashe Ma... replied · 28 replies

Duane Washington
Thats not long ago at all. 1500 years? 500 years AFTER jesus supposedly lived? That was like yesterday.

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Timothy Holt replied · 3 replies

Johannes Nkosinathi Masuku
Then what happened?

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David Reed
There was a lot of things going on in the world Europeans(England, Spain, France and other) just stole it and claimed it and forced the education system to teach us they created or invented 90% of the things we have. 23

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David Reed replied · 7 replies

David Reed replied · 7 replies

Paul Petterson

Did you know, that world oldest gold treasure dating from 4,600 BC to 4,200 BC was found in Bulgaria, or said with other words Europe?! How about oldest homosapiens specimen, disprooving the out of Africa evolution theory? Also Europe, both in Greece and Bulgaria!!!

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Slimme Sdm

They had the first currency in the world. The first place where people used golden, silver and brass coins, long before Europeans, Asians, Arabs etc. Africa rules.

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Slimme Sdm replied · 4 replies

Top fan

Teresa Mbu

If you listen to tribal history we were all one people, the kingdom of aksum was all of Africa and that what we need to realise. We are one and the same people all over the world. See the similarities in out culture and understand, look beyond what we have been told or what is in books, open your eyes and see

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Alonso Viasfar... replied · 2 replies

Scott Crosby

After a second golden age in the early 6th century the empire began to decline in the mid 6th century, eventually ceasing its production of coins in the early 7th century. The Mediterranean trade of Aksum was ended by the encroachment of the Arabs in the 7th and 8th centuries, and the Aksumite population was forced to go farther inland to the highlands for protection, abandoning Aksum as the capital. The Zagwe dynasty was a line of 12th- and 13th-century Ethiopian kings who combined a nomadic military life with an impassioned desire to build monuments to their Christian religion. Contributing to the downfall of the Zagwe dynasty was the problem of succession to the throne among the Zagwe princes. They could not arrange a smooth succession to the throne, and most of the time settled the issue by force of arms.

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Henok WoldeGiorgis

Axum is the seat of the kingdom and the emperor's political and religious center but adulis is center of the trade of the axumite .the axum kingdom is the present day of Tigray.

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Darren Fitzgerald

Then the Arabian armies destroyed them and stole their land.

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Darren Fitzgerald replied · 2 replies

Mr. Imhotep
7 hrs ·

Western scholars have always tried to hide that very important part of Kemet's history. It makes sense knowing their agenda. With colonization, they have divided us. They have convinced us that we were not related. That we needed them more than we needed each other, which is a lie.

African countries trade more with foreign countries than they trade with their own brothers next to them. We buy more toxic goods from foreigners than from other Africans.

This shows our lack of knowledge. If we were aware of who we are, we would focusing on producing and consuming the goods that come from Africa. Because they are the most adapted to our physiology. They are the ones that will make us reach our true potential.

We would exclusively use materials from the continent to build our infrastructure and only import from foreigners when there is no African alternative. That's the way our ancestors did it. Kemet built huge castles to serve as caravanserai, an evidence of how important those inter-african trade routes were to them. We must learn from that.

We have everything but we are still acting like it wasn't the case. We must kill that scarcity mindset, that's the only way our eyes will open.

Acting this way is also a way to support black businesses. That's the next level of supporting black businesses. We must understand that we are not in competition with each other. We are in the same team. We need each other. That's the way of getting through this.

Once again, stop acting like you are in competition with other African countries. That's the most stupid way of thinking especially knowing the situation we are in. We have common oppressors but above all we are all part of the same family. It's time to be smarter.

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Jt Edwards

Formal glory was amazing. Why can't they get away from corrupt leaders over the last 600 years!

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1 reply

Lamont Bell

Your suggestion is great, but before we can do those things, we have to get Europeans out of Africa.

The greatest of the "golden age" of Africa was the Songhai Empire and it was plundered of all of its wealth and resources during the Atlantic Enslavement Trade.

Today, African nations have very little control of its resources. They are much like African American businesses in the U. S. today struggling to stay afloat while companies like Walmart, COSTCO, and more offer prices that make it virtually impossible for them to compete.

Africa is suffering just like African American businesses who have to compete with business loans being given to Asians and Arabs to open businesses in African American communities.

China has now gained great footage in some African countries with financial deals that will be impossible for those countries to repay.

Here is some information that may be found with simple Google searches:

"It was only the major powers in Europe that competed for the control of Africa. These were Britain, France, and Germany and the weaker powers of Spain, Portugal and Italy who had very small possessions in Africa. Britain and France were at the forefront of imperialism in Africa."

"European nations collectively control over $1 trillion worth of Africa's most valuable resources."

"The UK government has used its power and influence to ensure that British mining companies have access to Africa's raw materials. This was the case during the colonial period and is still the case today."

"France alone has been holding the national reserves (as a colonial tax) of fourteen african countries since 1961: Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon."

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Lamont Bell replied · 16 replies

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Andy Thornton
Politicians dont work like you would like on africa, unjust like the rest of the world

2 hrs **Like** **Reply** **More**

1 reply

Yambu Tutu
Employ the 'Pyramid Process, in all you do. Take one step at a time. Put first things first. Do the easier task to accomplish, first, when it doesn't matter in what order you do things. Especially teach children, to do this. It builds confidence. We should first build communities, before we try to build a nation. All things matter. They exist for a reason. They exist - therefore - they matter. Do our lives matter - of course they do, but how much do they matter, and to whom? How much do they matter to us, and how do we demonstrate it? Why do we call each other Queens and Kings? Are these our terms. Is their an exact equivalent in African cultures to the function of the Kings and Queen, who most of our people in the Americas are aware of? If they are some are they even the model we should be using? Is Isabela of Spain or Leopold of Belgium, to be our model of leadership or authority? Don't get caught up in, Critical Race Theory. Get caught up on 'critical thinking', especially concerning matters of race and racism. Have a vision and move toward, and work on it. Consider stop the use of slang. It makes worst an already problematic language. If you must use slang consider making up a completely new word. Don't redefine already exiting words. The generational divide is wide enough, as it is. Communication across generations is vital. Never be ignorant - ignoring what you know. Seek knowledge, but never believe knowledge alone is power. Knowledge requires power, to make it useful. You must cultivate/grow and exercise your power, and become an initiator/creator. One creator - One humanity - One destiny.

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Celeser Smith
Thanks for sharing the accurate history of the motherland because Europeans never did ! 3

7 hrs **Like** **Reply** **More**

Celeser Smith replied · 3 replies

John Garvin
Great but in modern times,blacks have sold their own kind 6

4 hrs **Like** **Reply** **More**

Talor Locus replied · 2 replies

Willie Roejr

No doubt about it , we r family n we really do not needed these ppl., who r keeping us from our full being our self , counting on one other helping each other n not killing each other over petty shit or our worse enemy the $ bill

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Artist Dadypa

Stop acting like you are in competition with other countries. Thank you. Trade amongst you other African countries 2

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Cartar Bragg

I think Western cultural influence takes a back seat to Chinese cultural influence now in Africa and slavery started in Africa by Africans. Slavery continues in Africa as I witnessed first hand in Morocco.

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Barbara West

True history

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Talor Locus replied · 2 replies

Aiden O'Callaghan

I'm a European white and I would love nothing more than to see Africa rise to its former glory and the suffering to stop 4

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Mike Loparo replied · 9 replies

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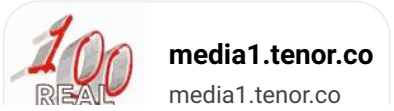
Lands Landsmark



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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Charlie Gates

"Although they look similar, the prefix intra- means "within" (as in happening within a single thing), while the prefix inter- means "between" (as in happening between two things)."

Trade within Africa would be intra- Africa trade. Inter- kingdoms would also be correct.

Now...let me guess, the good were natural resources...

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Almira Rowell

Thank you for this information.Our Beautiful History Has Been Hiden for a long time.Great Educational History. Peace Always

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Veronica Hardy

We are not from Africa, we are from Asia, enslaved in Africa, but they not gonna tell u that...pay attn 2

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Phillip Gardne... replied · 8 replies

Almira Rowell

Thank you for this iinformatio.I love what you're saying.Our Beautiful Black History has been hiden

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Richard Hellings
What a crock of shit! It will do you no good to keep pushing your lies, and half truths. 2

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Terizzah Asa-Ono replied · 5 replies

Brian Wallace

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Tyson Maynard
On any given day in 2016, an estimated 9.2 million men, women, and children were living in modern slavery in Africa. The region has the highest rate of prevalence, with 7.6 people living in modern slavery for every 1,000 people in the region. 1

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Terizzah Asa-Ono replied · 1 reply

Cedric Edwards

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Robert Killion
Great but in modern times,blacks have sold their own kind

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1 reply

Mike Hancho
Ofcourse they had good trade routes. They started the slave trade far before any white man stepped foot on the continent and still practice slavery there today. 1

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1 reply

Bryan Schultz
so, my question to you is, how did the greatest civilization ever lose everything to the global minority, white europeans? i mean, according to your posts, not only did ancient Africans start basically everything, they also knew the worth of goods and such. what happened?

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Kateregga Augustine
Thank to teach brother ,may our creator award you 1

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Mr Truth
There's no such thing as ancient Africa, as no one lived there until the Arab slave trade of the Middle Ages.

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Freddie Motswana
Well said.thanks for the light.

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

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Mark Edward Potter Briley
History!

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

Raymond D. Lovins
Make Africa Great Again!

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James Jenkins
That’s Right

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Talor Locus replied · 1 reply

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Как празднуют еврейский праздник Шавуот 2021: традиции и обычаи

09:36, 16 мая 2021

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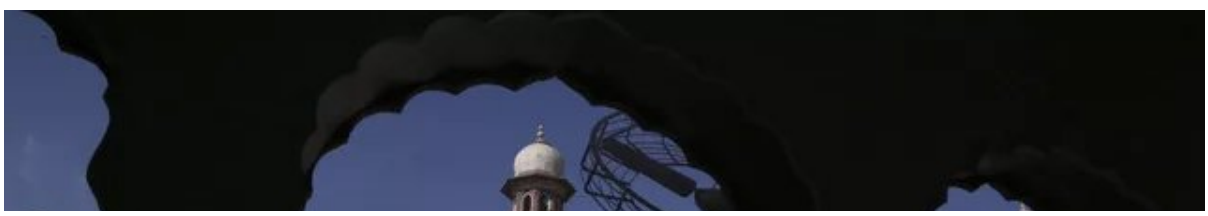
Шавуот – еврейский праздник дарования Торы, один из трех иудейских торжеств, связанных с паломничеством

Подписывайтесь на Sputnik

Шавуот по еврейскому календарю празднуют шестого числа месяца сиван, через 50 дней после Песаха — Исхода евреев из Египта, поэтому праздник также называют Пятидесятницей.



Ураза-байрам 2021: молитвы, традиции и обычаи

12 мая 2021, 12:01

Праздник Шавуот в 2021-м выпадает на 17 мая, но, как и все еврейские торжества, его начинают праздновать накануне с заходом солнца.

Из материала Sputnik Грузия вы узнаете, как празднуют Шавуот, а также о традициях и обычаях еврейского праздника.

Праздник дарования Торы

По библейскому преданию, евреи прожили в Египте 430 лет. Исход еврейского народа из Египта, по традиционной точке зрения, произошел в XV веке до нашей эры. Хотя, по вычислениям египтологов, Исход произошел примерно в 1250-м до Рождества Христова.

В третий месяц по выходу из Египта, евреи подошли к горе Синай, где Бог даровал своему народу основу Торы — десять заповедей, и расположились станом против горы.

Как зажигается благодатный огонь в Иерусалиме: схождение огня 2021

1 мая 2021, 10:50

Именно в этот день Моисей, который провел 40 дней на горе Синай, получил скрижали Завета с десятью заповедями, которые устанавливают морально-нравственные правила поведения. Соответственно, главное событие еврейского праздника – это слушание десяти заповедей.

Моисей получил также устные заповеди – часть из них он записал (свиток Пятикнижия — Письменная Тора), а вторую — Устную Тору, записали через 15 столетий, после разрушения Второго Храма.

Устная Тора — это многотомное произведение Талмуд и много других книг, объединенных общим названием Мидраш.

Народ Израиля, получив Тору, поклялся перед Богом, что всегда будет выполнять все заповеди и никогда от них не отступит.

В еврейский праздник, по традиции, к Стене плача в Иерусалиме приходят десятки тысяч верующих, чтобы отблагодарить Бога за полученные заповеди.

В Торе Шавуот назван "Праздником жатвы" и "Днем первых плодов", так как еврейский праздник посвящен также сбору урожая, поскольку в это время начинается жатва пшеницы и созревают самые первые плоды.

Рамадан 2021: что можно и нельзя делать мусульманам в священный

месяц

11 апреля 2021, 18:01

Евреи в праздник приносили в храм два каравая хлеба, испеченных из первой пшеницы, или другие "первинки" нового урожая, созревшие в саду и в поле. В храм разрешали приносить ячмень, пшеницу, виноград, инжир, гранат, финики и маслины.

Все заповеди Шавуот были связаны с Храмом, соответственно после его разрушения их выполнение стало невозможным.

В отличие от остальных праздников, Шавуот мало упоминается в еврейских законах – никакого особого трактата в Талмуде о нем нет. Шавуот также мало отражен и в еврейском художественном творчестве.

В Израиле Шавуот празднуют только один день, так как праздник попадает на сезон полевых работ, а за пределами страны в диаспорах — два дня.

Как празднуют Шавуот

По традиции, Шавуот, как и все еврейские праздники, начинают праздновать накануне вечером. В синагоге читают праздничную вечернюю молитву – Маарив, а в доме зажигают свечи. После службы возвращаются домой и празднуют наступление Шавуота.

Пост в Рамадан 2021: что можно и нельзя есть мусульманам

В праздничную ночь по традиции евреи изучают Тору – это традиция символизирует ту далекую тревожную бессонную ночь около горы Синай, которая предшествовала ее принятию.

После утренней молитвы в синагоге читают десять заповедей – евреи их слушают стоя, как бы заново переживая тот благоговейный трепет, который испытали впервые их далекие предки у горы Синай. Это традиция подтверждать Завет еврейского народа с Богом, поэтому все евреи должны в эти минуты быть в синагоге и, как три тысячи лет тому назад, слушать слова десяти заповедей вне зависимости от того, понимают они священный язык или нет.

Утром в Шавуот в синагогах читают Книгу Рут (Руфь) — знаменитой праведницы, по рождению моавитянки, которая является прабабушкой царя Давида. После смерти мужа-еврея она осталась со свекровью и приняла иудаизм.

Книгу Рут в праздник читают потому, что принятие иудаизма Рут было подобно принятию Торы еврейским народом. Рут евреи считают самым милосердным человеком со времен Авраама, которая была необходима еврейскому народу, чтобы преодолеть духовное заболевание, поразившее целое поколение. Считается также, что в день дарования Торы родился и умер ее правнук — царь Давид.

В Шавуот, по традиции, маленьких детей начинают обучать Торе. Чтобы "подсластить" первый урок, посвященный еврейскому алфавиту, по обычаю пекут сладкое печенье в форме букв. Печенье обмакивают в мед и предлагают юным ученикам съесть ту или иную "букву", предварительно ее прочитав.

Традиции и обычаи

В канун Шавуота, по традиции, совершают очистительное погружение в ритуальный бассейн - микву, так как перед паломническим праздником каждый еврей должен очиститься.

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В микву по обычаю погружаются еще раз в праздник утром – это традиция напоминает об очищении, совершенном Израилем в "дни отделения", которые предшествовали получению Торы в состоянии абсолютной чистоты.

В Шавуот запрещена любая работа – зажигать огонь в праздник не положено. Еду, по традиции, разрешено готовить только на сам день праздника, используя огонь, зажженный до наступления Шавуот.

Обычно евреи оставляют горящей горелку, так как зажигать от живого огня, который нужен не только на кухне, но и для зажигания праздничных свечей, дозволяется.

Нельзя в праздник пользоваться спичками, поэтому курильщики, по обычаю, или склоняются над горелкой, или прикуривают друг у друга. Кстати, электрический свет также нужно включить накануне праздника.

В Шавуот по обычаю нельзя брать в руки любые деньги или пользоваться любыми видами транспорта.

Праздничное застолье

В Шавуот, как и в другие праздники, по традиции, проводят два праздничных застолья – вечером и утром. Каждое из них начинают Кидушем, то есть произносят слова благодарности Всевышнему над бокалом вина.

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В праздник, по обычаю, едят молочные и мучные блюда — сыр, сметану, творог, блинчики с творогом, торты, пироги, вареники, коврижки с медом, пирожки или блины с сыром.

Эта традиция восходит к событиям, произошедшим у горы Синай — вернувшись в лагерь в день дарования Десяти заповедей, евреи из-за данных им законов кошерности не смогли воспользоваться своей кухонной утварью. Поэтому в тот далекий день им пришлось довольствоваться молочными блюдами, овощами и фруктами.

В Шавуот многие едят пироги, которые пекут на меду — эта традиция напоминает иудеям о том, что Тора как молоко и мед для тех, кто ее учит.

Мясную трапезу по еврейской традиции устраивают попозже отдельно. Чтобы выполнить заповедь "Радуйся в свои праздники", хотя бы две трапезы в праздники должны быть мясными.

Мясо является признаком праздничного застолья, но законы кошерности строжайше запрещают смешивать молочные блюда с мясными и вообще любые мясные и молочные ингредиенты в одном блюде или в одной посуде, или даже в разной посуде, но во время одной трапезы.

Между приемом мясных и молочных блюд нужно выполнить определенные действия. Молочную трапезу по обычаю завершают чтением молитвы после еды - Биркат амазон, затем делают часовой перерыв и только после этого стелят новую скатерть и подают мясные блюда.

В праздник по традиции синагоги и дома украшают свежими цветами и зеленью, которая напоминает об обычае приносить первые плоды на

благословение в Иерусалимский Храм, а также символизирует надежду на щедрый урожай.

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The Criminal Native Secret Societies of the West Coast of Africa

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THE West Coast of Africa still teems with native secret societies of many kinds, from the age-old ones of tremendous importance and membership to the newest of the rapidly increasing democratic and patriotic associations. The great mystic and religious societies, such as *Poro* of Sierra Leone and *Egbo* of Nigeria, keep up their prestige and power

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Leone and *Egbo* of Nigeria, keep up their prestige and power, even in the face of advancing civilization. But those subversive and criminal are now few in number and not important. In that fact there is tribute to the excellent police staffs of the Coast.

Of course all the societies were once ' criminal ' from the point of view that they observed laws other than those made by the European protecting powers. As witness the inclusion amongst their officials of an ' executioner,' who, true to his title, punished the breaking of society law with death. They still include such officials, and many writers assure us that the executioners yet find work for axe or sword or poison, although there is no proof of this that would satisfy a court of law. In some of the districts of the Belgian Congo and of Angola and of the Kamerun where the society called *Ndembo* is in power, remembering (since a Head or Grand Master, who died in the eighties, had a crooked spine) that the signs or marks of the organization are twisted and malformed things, it *is* curious the number of people one notices who are distorted, wry-necked, hump-backed, and contorted of limb.

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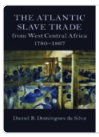

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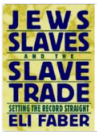

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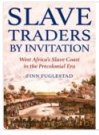

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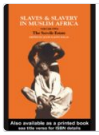

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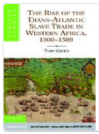

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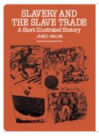

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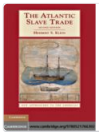

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King Charles III's admiration for Islam has excited the UK's Muslim community. With the ascension of a Muslim-friendly king, Yahya Birt asks us to consider the monarchy's violent history of empire and current soft power.

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King Charles III, then a prince, making a speech during a visit to the Mohammedi Park Masjid Complex in Northolt, England on 19 March 1996. [Getty]

The seductive power of the British monarchy still exerts a gravitational pull on British Muslim (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/uk-muslims-express-sorrow-over-queen-elizabeths-death) communities today. On a popular level, we see this in the fervent hope that King Charles III is a closet Muslim who bears a royal connection to the Hasanid Sayyids through the medieval Spanish aristocracy.

From the 1990s, some Sufi sheikhs have been keen to claim a crypto-Muslim theory about Charles' hidden personal Islam on the basis of their own spiritual dream-visions. The genealogical claim of Muhammadan lineage (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/queen-elizabeth-ii-descended-prophet-muhammad) in the royal family is also historically dubious. So both claims can be safely set to one side.

The truth about Charles (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/accession-council-proclaims-charles-britains-new-king) is that he is a committed Islamophile. He has studied the Quran and even started learning Arabic to further that end. He is a fan of Martin Lings' (Abu Bakr Siraj al-Din's) acclaimed biography of the Prophet Muhammad, and the noted English Sufi and Keeper of the Oriental manuscripts at the British Library.

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The King is tolerably well read in Sufi doctrine. He has an abiding interest in Islamic architecture, arts and gardens. He set up the School of Traditional Arts near Regents Park that teaches the traditional Islamic arts at masters level, and he is patron to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, where he has sponsored a Young Muslim Leadership Programme. In 2007, he set up Mosaic, a mentoring programme focused on Muslim young people.

Thus, it is uncontroversial to say that Charles III is the most knowledgeable of all English monarchs about Islam and the most sympathetic (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/king-charles-iii-uks-most-pro-islam-monarch) towards it in the monarchy's millennium-long history. One of his gardens at Highgrove is modelled on a Turkish carpet.

Besides his focus on Islam, King Charles has also studied Greek Orthodoxy and frequently visited Mount Athos in part because his paternal grandmother, Alice, was an Orthodox nun. Similarly, he has also studied Judaism with some seriousness and is close to the former Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks.

In the nineties, Charles floated the idea that his title as King should be changed from "Defender of the Faith" to "Defender of Faith", which he argued better reflected the original sense of the Latin title, *Fidei Defensor.*

It was a seemingly subtle change but one that had the potential to transform his role from protector and head of the Anglican Church to an expanded interfaith role most suited to multi-faith Britain in the twenty-first century. This was partly driven by his engagement with French metaphysician and Muslim convert René Guénon's doctrine of perennialism, or the belief in the transcendent unity of all religions.

His suggestion of a wider sense of *Fidei Defensor* was criticised at the time for diluting his role as head of Anglican church, and in recent years he clarified that he accepted the title as it stands. However, according to his biographer Robert Johnson, he remains committed to forging a strong connection to all faiths in Britain as King. In less welcome times than the multiculturalist, post-Cold War nineties, British Muslims will welcome the ascension of a Muslim-friendly monarch.

Let me end on a note of scepticism. We should recognise the tremendous soft power (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/prince-charles-visit-jordan-egypt) of the British monarchy. It blunted the end of direct

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Perhaps the bloodiest (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/queens-death-ignites-debate-over-africas-colonial-past) of these was the crackdown on the Mau Mau uprisings in Kenya in the first eight years of Elizabeth's reign. Most of the colonial archives showing evidence of internment camps, torture, rape, and mass hangings and killings were deliberately destroyed. It was only in 2011 that Kenyan survivors were allowed to sue the British government.

It remains customary for heirs to the Crown to serve in the British military, as Prince Harry did in Afghanistan. Even though as commander-in-chief of the British Armed Forces, Elizabeth's and now Charles' role is delegated to their government, all military personnel make their pledge of loyalty to the monarch.

"My final plea to British Muslims is not to be easily charmed by Charles and rush unthinkingly for the photo, career and funding opportunities and the imperial gongs at the crowning of a new Islamophilic monarch"

The nation's might is embodied in the royal person, so behind the soft power of monarchy also lies the steel of British military power, and so to the extent that the recent monarchs provided legitimacy to the violent end of Empire, they should be held accountable.

So, in many ways, Elizabeth's longevity delayed Britain's post-imperial reckoning (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/features/platinum-jubilee-dont-pardon-royal-familys-past) in changing the way it sees itself in the world, but after Brexit no one should hold their breath.

For years, the Royal Family and Charles in particular sold millions of pounds' worth of military hardware in the Arabian Gulf, and the monarchy will be used to front future trade deals with autocrats with a penchant for the romance of royalty. Charles played a central role in pushing British arms exports to Arab regimes (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/king-charles-iii-and-middle-east-what-can-we-expect) after the Arab Spring, totalling £14.5 billion, which have been used to suppress democracy and commit war crimes.

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So, my final plea (https://english.alaraby.co.uk/opinion/muslims-mourn-queen-under-prevents-watchful-eye) to British Muslims is not to be easily charmed by Charles and rush unthinkingly for the photo, career and funding opportunities and the imperial gongs at the crowning of a new Islamophilic monarch.

Instead, we should, at the very least, take a conscientious pause to ponder what the implications really are of monarchy in terms of natural justice and fairness in twenty-first century Britain.

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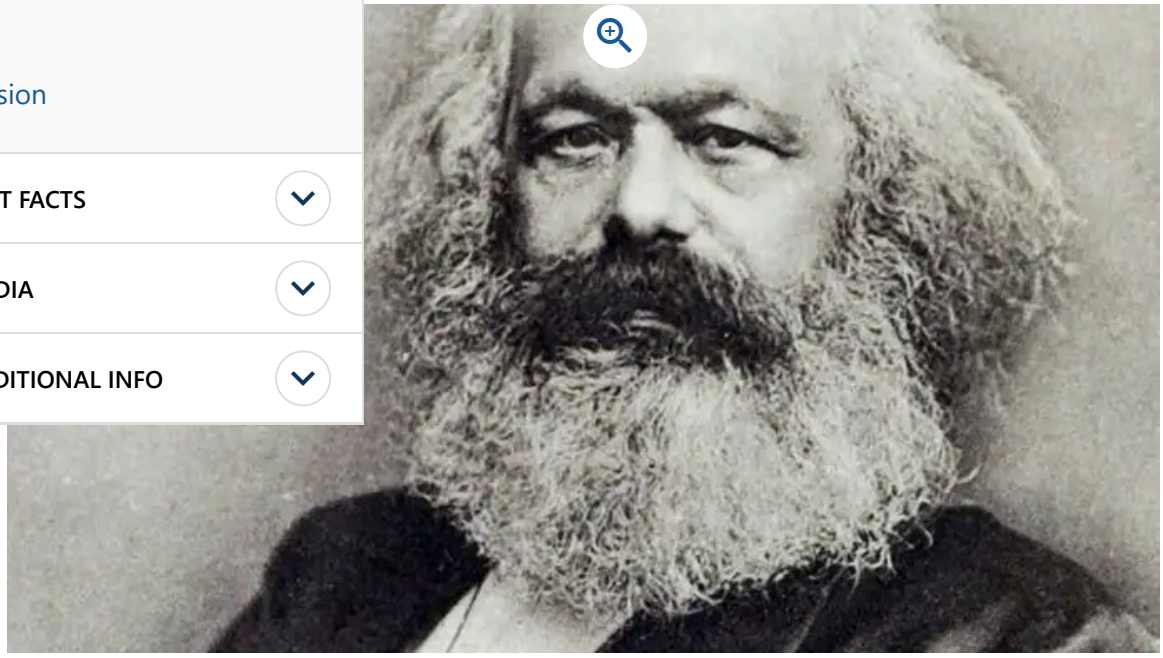

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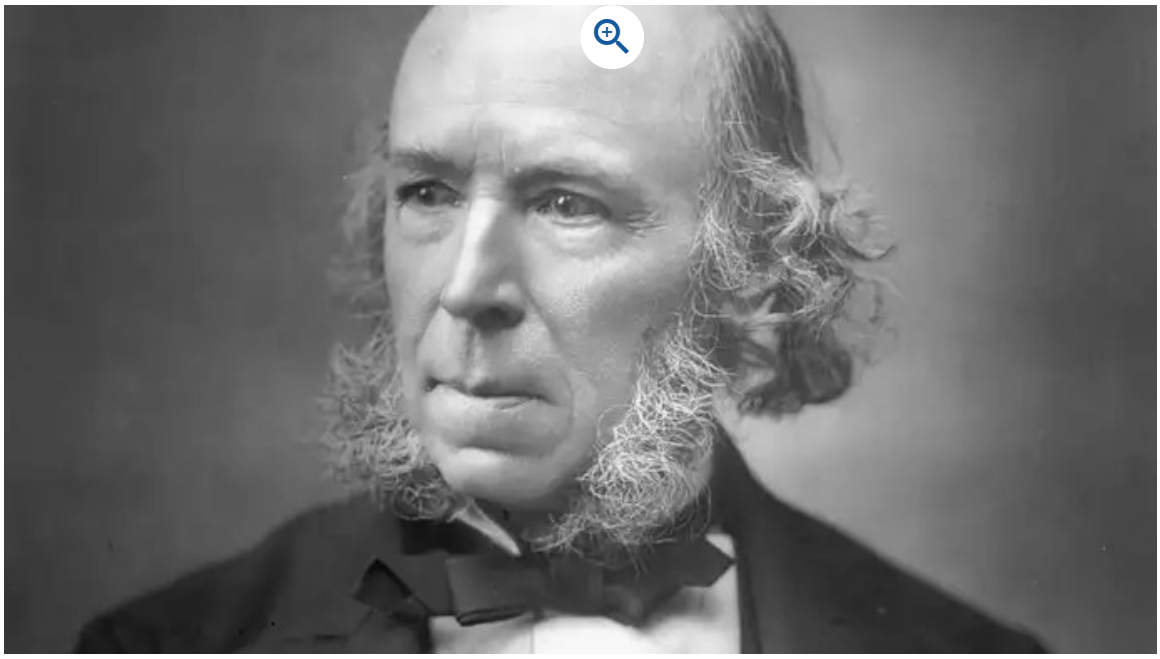
The biological connotations of the term *structure* are evident in the work of British philosopher Herbert Spencer. He and other social theorists of the 19th and early 20th centuries conceived of society as an organism comprising interdependent parts that form a structure similar

to the anatomy of a living body. Although social scientists since Spencer and Marx have disagreed on the concept of social structure, their definitions share common elements. In the most general way, social structure is identified by those features of a social entity (a society or a group within a society) that persist over time, are interrelated, and influence both the functioning of the entity as a whole and the activities of its individual members.



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The origin of contemporary sociological references to social structure can be traced to Émile Durkheim, who argued that parts of society are interdependent and that this interdependency imposes structure on the behaviour of institutions and their members. In other words, Durkheim believed that individual human behaviour is shaped by external forces. Similarly, American anthropologist George P. Murdock, in his book *Social Structure* (1949), examined kinship systems in preliterate societies and used social structure as a taxonomic device for classifying, comparing, and correlating various aspects of kinship systems.

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Several ideas are implicit in the notion of social structure. First, human beings form social relations that are not arbitrary and coincidental but exhibit some regularity and continuity. Second, social life is not chaotic and formless but is, in fact, differentiated into certain groups, positions, and institutions that are interdependent or functionally interrelated. Third, individual choices are shaped and circumscribed by the social environment, because social groups, although constituted by the social activities of individuals, are not a direct result of the wishes and intentions of the individual members. The notion of social structure implies, in other words, that human beings are not completely free and autonomous in their choices and actions but are instead constrained by the social world they inhabit and the social relations they form with one another.

Within the broad framework of these and other general features of human society, there is an enormous variety of social forms between and within societies. Some social scientists use the concept of social structure as a device for creating an order for the various aspects of social life. In other studies, the concept is of greater theoretical importance; it is regarded as an explanatory concept, a key to the understanding of human social life. Several theories have been developed to account for both the similarities and the varieties. In these theories, certain aspects of social life are regarded as basic and, therefore, central components of the social structure. Some of the more

prominent of these theories are reviewed here.

Structural functionalism

A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, a British social anthropologist, gave the concept of social structure a central place in his approach and connected it to the concept of function. In his view, the components of the social structure have indispensable functions for one another—the continued existence of the one component is dependent on that of the others—and for the society as a whole, which is seen as an integrated, organic entity. His comparative studies of preliterate societies demonstrated that the interdependence of institutions regulated much of social and individual life. Radcliffe-Brown defined social structure empirically as patterned, or "normal," social relations (those aspects of social activities that conform to accepted social rules or norms). These rules bind society's members to socially useful activities.

American sociologist Talcott Parsons elaborated on the work of Durkheim and Radcliffe-Brown by using their insights on social structure to formulate a theory that was valid for large and complex societies. For Parsons, social structure was essentially normative—that is, consisting of "institutional patterns of normative culture." Put differently, social behaviour conforms to norms, values, and rules that direct behaviour in specific situations. These norms vary according to the positions of the individual actors: they define different roles, such as various occupational roles or the traditional roles of husband-father and wife-mother. Moreover, these norms vary among different spheres of life and lead to the creation of social institutions—for example, property and marriage. Norms, roles, and institutions are all components of the social structure on different levels of complexity.

Later sociologists criticized definitions of social structure by scholars such as Spencer and Parsons because they believed the work (1) made improper use of analogy, (2) through its association with functionalism defended the status quo, (3) was notoriously abstract, (4) could not explain conflict and change, and (5) lacked a methodology for empirical confirmation.

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Лабораторные исследования показывают, что окситоцин, так называемый "гормон любви" может помочь по-настоящему "разбитому" сердцу. Ученые провели исследования с использованием клеток рыбок данио-рерио и человека. Результаты показали, что гормон, вырабатываемый мозгом, может помочь в регенерации сердечной ткани после травмы и теоретически его можно будет использовать в будущем для лечения сердечных приступов, пишет Live Science.

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Но новое исследование показывает, что у рыбок данио-рерио этот гормон помогает восстановить повреждение мышечные ткани сердца, которые отвечают за сердечные сокращения. Эксперименты с клетками человека также указывают на то, что подобный эффект от воздействия окситоцина может быть и у людей, если этот гормон вводить в нужное время и в нужной дозе.

По словам ученых, у нашего сердца очень ограниченные возможности в плане восстановления поврежденных тканей, особенно это касается последствий сердечных приступов. Тем не менее, как показало еще одно исследование, клетки сердца могут восстанавливаться после травмы, хотя этот процесс происходит не так эффективно, как нам бы хотелось. То есть значительной регенерации мышечной ткани сердца после сердечного приступа у взрослых людей не наблюдается.

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Но ученые из Университета штата Мичиган, которые и провели новое исследование, предполагают, что стимулирование восстановления клеток сердца можно провести с помощью гормона окситоцина. Пока что такой процесс удалось запустить только в лабораторной посуде с клетками человека. В то же время эксперименты на рыбках данио-рерио, которые известны своей удивительной способностью к регенерации тканей, показал эффективность данного метода лечения для живого организма.

В течение трех дней после сердечной травмы мозг рыбок начал вырабатывать окситоцин как сумасшедший, и создавал в 20 раз большее количество гормона, чем до травмы. Затем гормон попал в сердце и запустил процесс восстановления поврежденных тканей.

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#فتح_السودان أعظم غزوات الامبراطورية المغربية:

تعتبر غزوة احمد المنصور الذهبي للسودان واحدة من أعظم الغزوات في التاريخ المغربي، وأكثرها تفردا، بحيث كانت اول محاولة لغزو السودان لم يسبق لها أي سلطان مغربي.

كانت هذه الغزوة تمثل مواجهة مباشرة بين #الامبراطورية_المغربية و #الامبراطورية_السونغية والتي يرجع تأسيسها إلى #محمد_إسكيا الملقب بإسكيا الكبير، امتد حكمها من 1464 إلى 1591، حكمت منطقة غرب الساحل الإفريقي وكانت واحدة من أكبر الامبراطوريات في التاريخ الإفريقي.

تعود جدور النزاع بين الامبراطورية السعدية والسونغية إلى سنة 1544 حيث كانت رغبة السعديين في استغلال مناجم الملح في منطقة #تغازى، وأرسل #احمد_الأعرج يطلب من إسكيا إسحاق التنازل عن معادن هذه المنطقة، لكن الأخير رفض ذلك، بل أراد أن يظهر قوته لأحمد الاعرج فأرسل جيشا من ألفين فارس من الطوارق ليغيروا على آخر بلد في منطقة درعة دون أن يخلفوا أي قتيل، فغاروا على سوق وأكلوا كل ما وجدوا فيه من أموال.

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لكن التوسع داخل السودان كانت تواجهه عدة صعوبات أولها صعوبة اجتياز الصحراء الكبرى، وهي مجازفة خطيرة جدا، لكن رغبة أحمد المنصور في استباق الاسبان الذين كانت لهم أطماع في هذه المناطق كانت أكبر.

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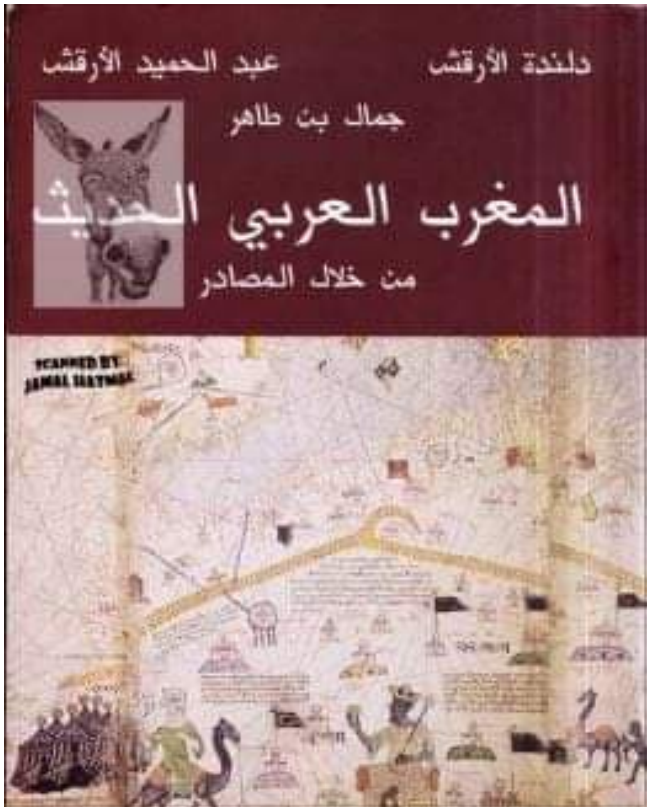

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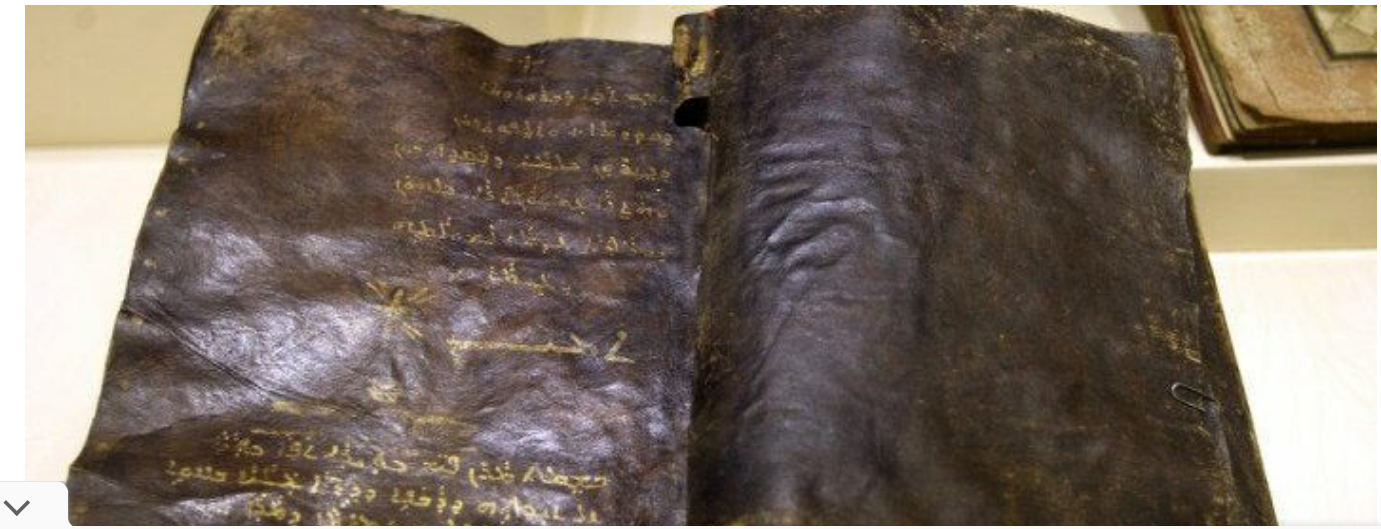

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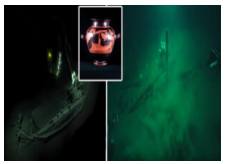

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The Kolbrin Bible tells the history of human creation and mentions ancient cultures (civilizations) that existed on Earth before Adam and Eve arrived. Perhaps being one of the most disputed ancient texts, this document says the existence of highly developed ancient civilizations on Earth before “written history.”

“In those days, people will put the Great Book before them [upon its return], and wisdom will be revealed, and few are gathered to the stand, the hour of trial will have arrived. The fearless (brave in the heart) will survive…” Manuscripts 3:10.

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The so-called Kolbrin Bible, which many people are ignorant of, narrates the story of ancient events in humanity’s forgotten history. Some of the stories in the ‘Kolbrin Bible’ are thought to anticipate our written history, while others predict terrible disasters that haven’t yet occurred on Earth.

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The Kolbrin is thought to be equivalent to the classical Christian Bible. It’s believed to contain fascinating facts about biblical passages like the Flood and the Exodus. The Kolbrin texts also mention ‘The Destroyer’ as a pivotal figure in both of these catastrophes, as well as a slew of future cataclysms.

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It was conceived by many authors, from ancient Egyptians to ancient Celts. The Kolbrin is divided into two sections, just as the Old and New Testaments – two parts, making 11 books.

Ancient Egyptians wrote the first six books of the Kolbrin Bible, while ancient Celtic priests ‘pinned down’ the remaining books.

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The ancient text also tells the story of human creation and reveals the presence of ancient cultures that existed on Earth before Adam and Eve arrived.

Kolbrin's first section contains the story of creation, which is read both as a religious and scientific text. Kolbrin's last two books are devoted to Jesus.

Interestingly, this ancient document, also known as the Bronze Book or Colebrook, refers to the “mortal men” who married the daughters of Adam and Eve and had children together, and also describes the Fallen Angels mentioned in Genesis. . It goes against the popular notion that celestial creatures and good humans interbred.

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Manuscripts 3:3

As the years go by, specific laws apply to the stars in the sky. Their ways are changing. There is movement and restlessness, they are no longer constant, and there is a red light in the sky.

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The Destroyer will arrive when blood drops on the Earth, and mountains will open up and spew fire and ashes. Trees will be destroyed, and all living things will be swallowed. The Earth will consume the water, and the sea will boil.

Manuscripts 3:6

People will run away like crazy. They will hear the Destroyer's trumpets and battle cries and seek refuge in the caves of the Earth. Fear will engulf their hearts, and their courage will flow like water from a broken pitcher. They will be consumed in the flames of wrath and destroyed in the breath of the Destroyer.

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Vivianite: The Necro Crystal You Never Knew Existed

This strange mineral grows on corpses.

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A vivianite specimen showing beautiful green and dark green colors caused by oxidation. Image Credit: Rob Lavinsky via Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA 3.0)

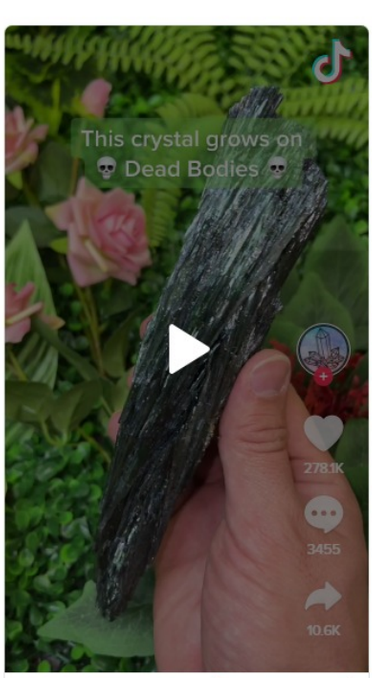
Fans of the fantasy genre are probably used to the idea of special stones or crystals that have formed on ancient dead bodies and boast some sort of mystical property, but did you know there are real necro crystals in the world?

What is vivianite?

Vivianite, a rare phosphate mineral ($Fe_3(PO_4)_2–(H_2O)_8$) has been found growing on organic materials such as fossil shells, animal waste deposits, and even on decomposing bodies.

The crystal, which is well known for its beautiful and vividly colored structures, develops in iron-rich sedimentary deposits containing bones, decayed wood, and other organic remains, especially in clay and sandstone. They can also be found in hydrothermal replacement deposits and in phosphate-rich granite pegmatites – igneous rock with a coarse texture and interlocking crystals.

The crystal is extremely fragile and, when freshly formed, is



often pale white or
transparent, but its color actually changes when it is exposed to light. This is caused by oxidation, which continues to darken the crystal through shades of blue, to darker green and purple, and eventually a thick purplish black.

Why does vivianite form on dead bodies?

Well, the key here is the interaction between iron, water, and phosphate. Our bodies contain plenty of phosphate, especially in our teeth and bones, which is released into the surrounding environment when we start to decompose. In rare conditions, where the surrounding area contains water and iron, the phosphate can react and form mineral vivianite.

In most cases, vivianite has been observed on bodies that have been buried for several centuries where it has formed on the bones and teeth. There are also far older examples where it has been found on the tusks of mammoths and the bones of other animals that are several thousands of years old, but there are a few instances where it has been identified on more recent human bodies.

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In the 1960s, archaeologists discovered several bodies in Lake Walchen, Germany, which were partially skeletonized and also covered in fat wax, or Adipocere – a product of decomposition that turns body fat into a soap-like substance. One of the bodies had an iron plate fastened to it that had formed vivianite between it and the fat wax. An analysis of the body's clothes indicated that it had probably been in the water for somewhere between 30 and 50 years and that the crystals could have only formed in such a short time because the iron plate had released sufficient iron II ions as it corroded, allowing the vivianite to grow on the phosphate-rich parts of the body.

In 1998, another team of researchers discovered vivianite on the remains of a US Serviceman who had been listed as missing in action from Vietnam since 1963 after his B-26B aircraft went missing. By analyzing the mineral, the researchers were able to conclude that the body had likely been buried in wet soil alongside parts of the plane, which allowed the vivianite to grow.

Vivianite has also been found on the body – inside and outside the skin and in the lung tissue – of "Ötzi", the 5,300-year-old iceman discovered by a German tourist in the Tirolean Ötztal Alps in 1991. It is believed that the crystal formed on the body at the points where it had contact with iron-containing rocks.

Similarly, in 1996 another vivianite-encrusted adipocere body was discovered in a bay of Lake Brienz in Switzerland and is thought to belong to a man who drowned there sometime in the 1700s.

Vivianite was named in 1817 after John Henry Vivian, an English mineralogist who first discovered the mineral in Cornwall, England.

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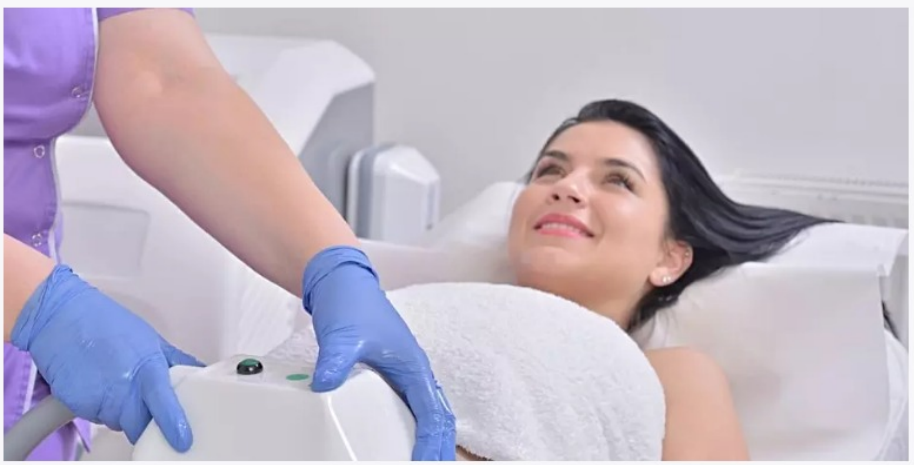

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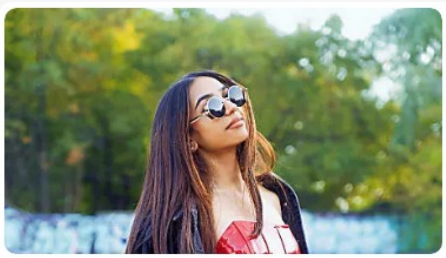

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In 1996, a cadaver in adipocere condition was discovered in a bay of the Brienzer See in Switzerland. The torso was named “Brienzi” following the “Iceman” Ötzi. Several outer parts of the body were incrusted; the incrustation was in blue color. Further investigations showed that the bluish covering of parts of the adipocere torso were a mineral known as

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A blue encrustation was found on the repatriated remains of three U.S. Servicemen listed as missing in action (MIA) from Vietnam after 28 years. The identification and origin of the blue material was determined. Scanning electron microscopy with energy dispersive analysis and powder X-ray diffraction identified the material as the mineral vivianite, $Fe_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot 8H_2O$. Vivianite has been found often associated with fossilized

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менструация у мужчин

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Месячные у мужчин?!

У мужчин есть гормональный цикл, который длится около месяца. Наука доказала, что уровень гормонов опускается и поднимается в течение нескольких дней, недель и месяцев как у мужчин, так и у женщин. Согласно исследованиям, у мужчин уровень тестостерона колеблется в зависимости от времени года.

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Археологи впервые исследуют мумии детей в катакомбах капуцинов

Фотографировать в катакомбах нельзя, поэтому мумий будет рисовать художник.

12 ноября 2021, 15:57

Детские мумии из **погребальных катакомб**, расположенных под монастырем капуцинов в Палермо, впервые разрешили исследовать археологам, сообщает Университет Стаффордшира.

Эти катакомбы содержат самую большую коллекцию мумий в Европе: более 1284 мумифицированных и скелетонизированных тел, датируемых концом XVI - началом XX века. Детей принимали в катакомбы с 1787 года, однако до этого момента исследования проводили только на взрослых мумиях.

Планируют установить пол и возраст детей, причины их преждевременной смерти и мумификации, проверить наличие травм и патологий, а также постараются понять стиль их жизни, питание и особенности здоровья. Известно, что в катакомбах монастыря хоронили людей из высших слоев общества.

Исследовать 41 мумию детей будут неинвазивными методами, то есть вскрытие проводить не будут. Вместо этого используют рентген, а внешний вид мумий зафиксирует художник, так как фотографировать в катакомбах нельзя.

Читайте также: На раскопках виллы I века возле Помпей археологи нашли комнату рабов — видео

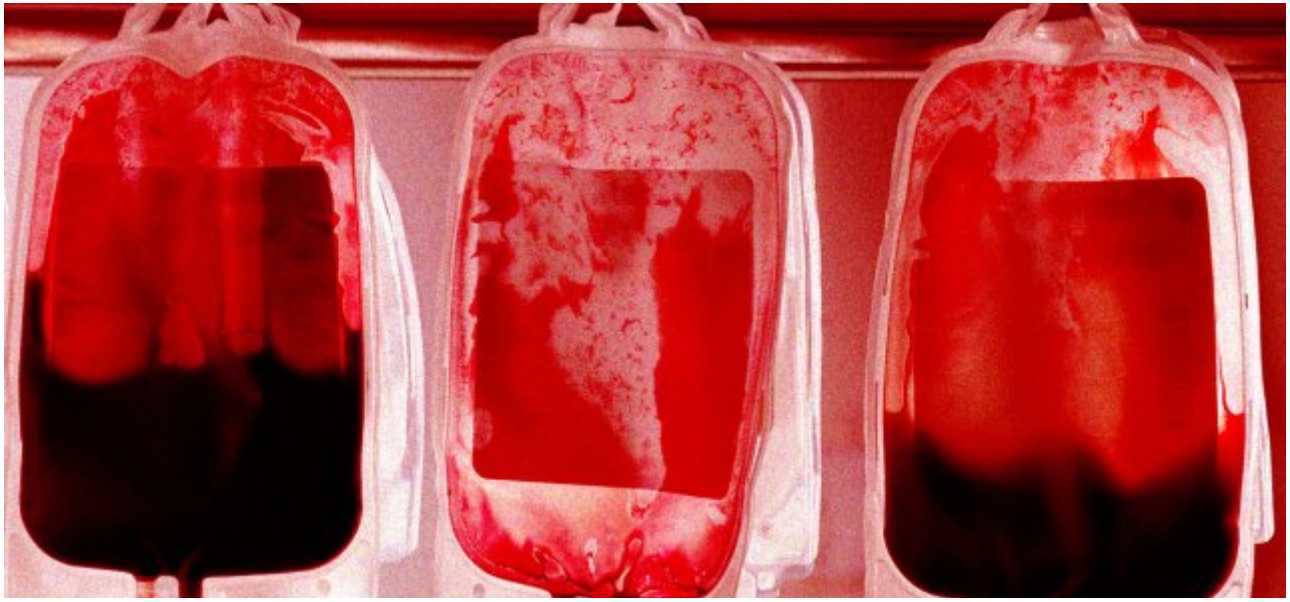
Изучением детских мумий займется команда кафедры биоархеологии Университета Стаффордшира под руководством доктора наук Кирсти Сквайрс. На это исследование ученые получили грант в размере 70 тысяч фунтов стерлингов. Оно стартует в декабре 2021 года и продлится до конца 2023-го.

Ранее российские археологи **раскопали в оккупированном Крыму кенотаф** времён великого переселения народов. В нём, среди прочего, нашли клинковое оружие.

ТЕХНОЛОГИИ И НАУКА

Прикладной вампиризм. Ученые выяснили, что свежая кровь действительно может омолаживать

Юлия Чайка | 09 декабря 2021 в 11:55



Исследователи провели эксперимент на мышах, в ходе которого удалось регенерировать мышечную ткань грызунов.

молодых грызунов может быть секретом того, как продлить мышцам молодость. В будущем это открытие может поспособствовать развитию терапии по регенерации мышц для пожилых людей, пишет Futurism.

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Подпишись — и всегда будь в курсе событий.

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Команда ученых выяснила, что частицы в мышиной крови, называемые внеклеточными везикулами, передают в мышечные клетки "белок долголетия" — клото, некую информацию.

"По мере старения мышей внеклеточные везикулы становятся слабее и в результате посылают все меньше информации для белка. Однако, когда мы дали старым мышам кровь молодых, их клетки и ткани начали "молодеть". Так у грызунов, например, улучшилась регенерация мышц", — рассказала ведущий автор исследования Фабрисия Амброзио из Питтсбургского университета.

Тем не менее, когда ученые удалили из крови внеклеточные везикулы, эффект

исчез. В целом, процесс очень напоминает вампиризм.

Может ли этот эффект подействовать и на людях пока что остается неясным. Попытки применить этот метод к реальным пациентам были встречены резкой критикой и неубедительными результатами.

Как показали другие исследования ученых, кровь молодых грызунов может помочь повысить когнитивные способности у пожилых особей. Это означает, что лечение с помощью внеклеточных везикул теоретически способно замедлить или даже предотвратить снижение когнитивных функций грызунов с возрастом.

Но перед тем, как начать открывать специальные клиники по переливанию крови молодых людей, необходимо провести гораздо больше исследований.

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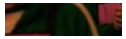

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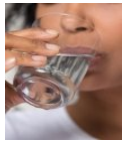

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Les technocrates de la DARPA créent une nouvelle technologie qui pourrait potentiellement devenir l'arme biologique la plus meurtrière sur terre.

La Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency est une agence du ministère de la Défense et développe des technologies pour l'armée.

Arme biologique ? - Les scientifiques d' alarme sonore sur DARPA plans pour propager des virus utilisant les insectes

Une équipe de scientifique sonne l'alarme dans un nouveau Forum Politique scientifique rapport (recherche agricole, ou un nouveau Bioweapon système ?) Sur un programme mystérieux gouvernement américain qui développe des virus génétiquement modifiés seraient dispersés dans l'environnement à l'aide d'insectes.

Les insectes infectés par le virus ou « Frankenstein » sont en cours de développement comme contre-mesures contre les menaces naturelles et artificielles potentielles pour l'approvisionnement alimentaire américain.

Le programme géré par la Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) du Pentagone pourrait être considéré comme une tentative de développement d'une toute nouvelle classe d'armes biologiques qui inciterait d'autres pays à rechercher des armes similaires, ont-ils averti.

Les chercheurs de l'Institut Max Planck de biologie évolutive et de l'Université de Fribourg en Allemagne, et de l'Université de Montpellier en France suggèrent que le programme de la DARPA pourrait probablement enfreindre la Convention sur les armes biologiques , le premier traité multilatéral de désarmement interdisant le développement, la production et le stockage d'armes biologiques et à toxines.

Surnommé le programme « Insect Allies » , la DARPA a commencé à modifier les insectes en 2017, dans le but de produire des cultures plus résistantes pour aider les agriculteurs à faire face au changement climatique, à la sécheresse, au gel, aux inondations, à la salinité et aux maladies, a déclaré Gizmodo.

La technologie au centre du programme est une toute nouvelle méthode de modification génétique des cultures.

Au lieu de modifier les semences en laboratoire, les agriculteurs enverraient des essaims d'insectes dans leurs cultures, où les insectes génétiquement modifiés infecteraient les plantes avec un virus qui transmettrait les nouveaux gènes de résilience, un processus connu sous le nom d'altération génétique horizontale .

D'où le nom de la technologie - Horizontal Environmental Genetic Alteration Agents (HEGAA).

Pour que HEGAA fonctionne, Gizmodo explique que les laboratoires de la DARPA développent un virus qui est inséré dans le chromosome d'un organisme cible. Les scientifiques utiliseraient des cicadelles, des aleurodes et des pucerons génétiquement modifiés en laboratoire à l'aide de CRISPR , ou d'une variante d'un système d'édition de gènes, pour transporter le virus dans les cultures.

Chaque plante serait alors infectée par l'insecte, déclenchant les effets escomptés de la protection des cultures contre les menaces naturelles et/ou d'origine humaine.

Cependant, l'auteur principal du rapport, Richard Guy Reeves du Département de génétique évolutive de l' Institut Max Planck de biologie évolutive , déclare que le programme Insect Allies de la DARPA est inquiétant et constitue un exemple de recherche à double usage dans laquelle le gouvernement américain, en plus à l'aide aux cultures des agriculteurs, développe également une arme biologique. Insect Allies serait soutenu par un financement de 27 millions de dollars.

Selon Gizmodo, quatre équipes de recherche universitaires travaillent actuellement sur le projet, y compris des chercheurs du,

Institut Boyce Thompson à New York

Université d'État de Pennsylvanie

Université d'État de l'Ohio

Université du Texas à Austin

La DARPA soutient que,

"tous les travaux sont menés à l'intérieur de laboratoires fermés, de serres ou d'autres installations sécurisées", et que les

insectes ont une durée de vie intégrée pour limiter leur propagation.

D'ici 2020 ou 2021, la DARPA prévoit de tester les insectes infectés par le virus sur des cultures à l'intérieur de serres dans des endroits non divulgués.

Reeves a déclaré que l'utilisation d'insectes comme véhicule pour la modification génétique est une idée horrible car ils ne peuvent pas être contrôlés et indique que les pulvérisations aériennes traditionnelles pour fournir des HEGAA sont le pari le plus sûr.

La DARPA affirme que les insectes sont la seule solution pratique, car la pulvérisation aérienne de HEGAA nécessiterait une infrastructure agricole accrue - quelque chose qui n'est pas disponible pour tous les agriculteurs.

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Le rapport précise qu'il n'existe actuellement aucun cadre réglementaire mondial pour soutenir ce nouveau mode de transport des HEGAA vers les cultures, qui, s'il n'est pas correctement supervisé, pourrait entraîner des incidents potentiels.

Les scientifiques du rapport interprètent le programme d'insectes de la DARPA comme,

"une intention de développer un moyen de livraison de HEGAA à des fins offensives", telles que la conduite d'une guerre biologique.

Ces insectes génétiquement modifiés pourraient être porteurs d'une dangereuse maladie mortelle que l' administration Trump pourrait déclencher sur les terres agricoles du Venezuela, de la Syrie, de l'Iran, de la Corée du Nord, de la Russie et même de la Chine, ce qui décimerait l'approvisionnement alimentaire des pays. Selon les scientifiques, l'introduction de

cette technologie potentiellement dangereuse ouvrirait la voie à une toute nouvelle classe d'armes biologiques envoyées par des insectes qui pourraient être considérées comme des armes de destruction massive. Les scientifiques préviennent que cette technologie inciterait les nations rivales à développer des programmes similaires sur les insectes. En réponse à une question de Gizmodo, un porte-parole de la DARPA a déclaré qu'il se félicitait du dialogue universitaire sur le programme Insect Allies

, mais critique la conclusion du rapport, affirmant qu'elle est,

"trompeur et parsemé d'inexactitudes."

Blake Bextine , directeur du programme DARPA pour Insect Allies, rejette bon nombre des affirmations de Reeves.

"La DARPA ne produit pas d'armes biologiques et nous rejetons le scénario hypothétique", a déclaré Bextine à Gizmodo.

« Nous acceptons et sommes d'accord avec les préoccupations concernant la double utilisation potentielle de la technologie, un problème qui se pose avec pratiquement toutes les nouvelles technologies puissantes.

Ces préoccupations sont précisément la raison pour laquelle nous avons structuré le programme Insect Allies comme nous l'avons fait, en tant qu'effort de recherche fondamentale transparent, dirigé par une université, qui bénéficie de la participation active des régulateurs et des éthiciens et d'une communication proactive avec les décideurs », a déclaré Bextine.

Le but du programme Insect Allies, déclare-t-il, est de se préparer à une nouvelle ère de menaces émergentes pour l'agriculture américaine.

Brextine a ajouté que la DARPA évalue les impacts environnementaux potentiels des HEGAA.

« La DARPA est extrêmement sensible aux risques environnementaux et aux effets hors cible, et a structuré le programme Insect Allies pour les identifier et les atténuer », a-t-il déclaré.

"La DARPA a mandaté plusieurs niveaux de biosûreté et de biosécurité à chaque étape du programme."

Si le programme de la DARPA réussit, ils auront développé des traitements de gain de fonction qui peuvent être délivrés au,

« bonnes plantes » et « les bons tissus », a-t-il déclaré.

En d'autres termes, la DARPA veut des insectes d'armes biologiques guidés avec précision.

Jason Delborne , professeur agrégé à l'Université d'État de Caroline du Nord, expert en génie génétique, affirme que les préoccupations semblent « appropriées ».

"Les implications sociales, éthiques, politiques et écologiques de la production d'HEGAA sont importantes et méritent le même niveau d'attention que l'exploration de la science qui sous-tend la technologie potentielle", a déclaré Delborne à Gizmodo.

"Les auteurs soutiennent de manière convaincante que spécifier les insectes comme mécanisme de livraison préféré pour les HEGAA est mal justifié par les visions des applications agricoles.

L'infrastructure et l'expertise requises pour la pulvérisation des champs agricoles - du moins dans le contexte américain - sont bien établies, et ce mécanisme de livraison offrirait un meilleur contrôle sur la propagation potentielle d'un HEGAA. »

La DARPA pourrait être sur le point d'obtenir une nouvelle arme biologique qui serait très certainement utilisée contre,

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Corée du Nord

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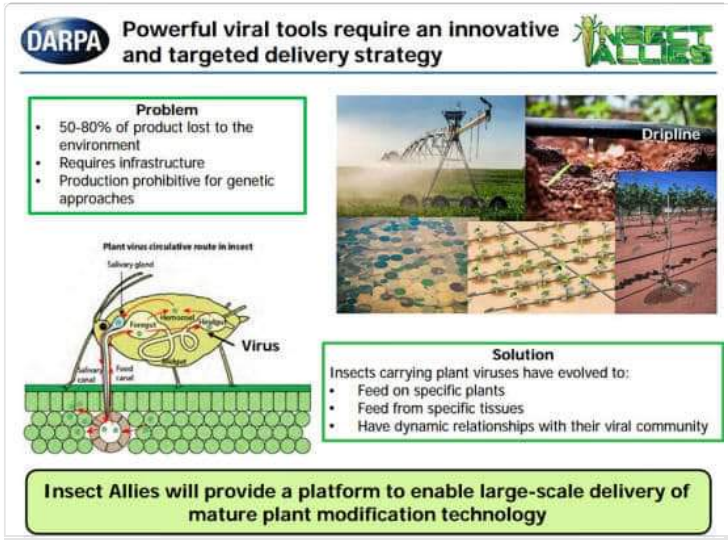

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فهاد البوسط غانتكلمو على واحد التاريخ الأمريكي اللي عمرنا غا نشوفوه لا في الأفلام الهوليودية و لا في البرامج الوثائقية
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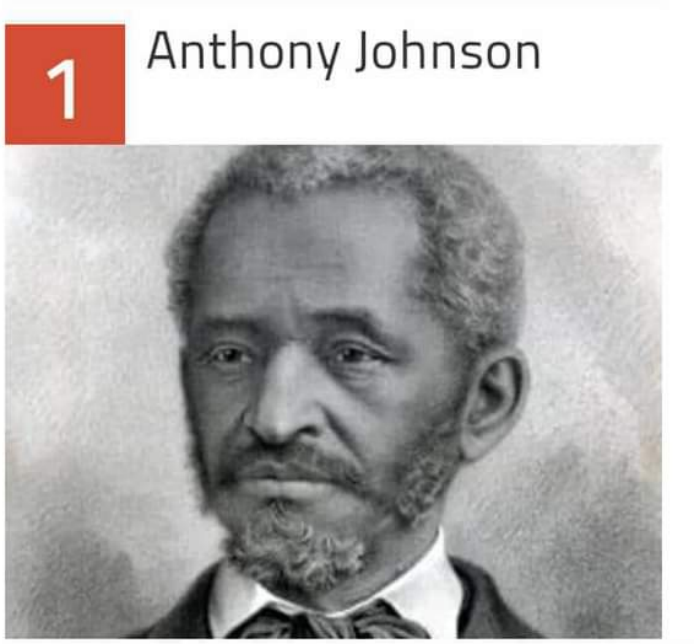

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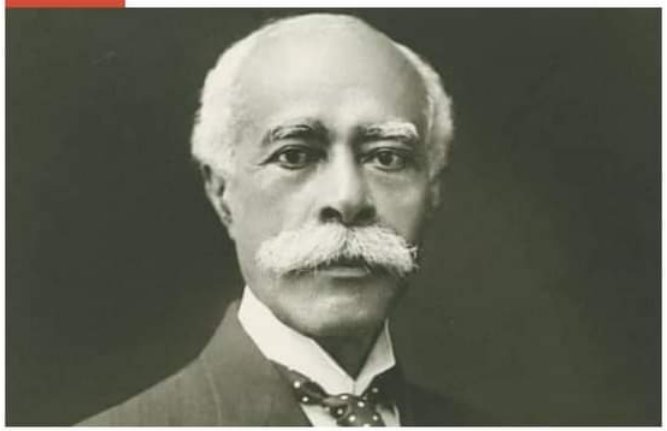

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" العرب لم يغزوا أبدا إسبانيا "

!! توسعت الحضارة الإسلامية في ثلاثة قارات في بضع عقود
وحتى نهاية القرن السادس ميلادي، لم يكن هناك شيء ينذر بأن هذه القبائل البدوية في الجزيرة العربية الصحراوية يمكن أن تحمل المشعل الذي سينير العالم على مدى ثمانية قرون. بدأت الفكرة الإسلامية تبرز، وسيكون قدر كل البشرية أن تعهد بنفسها لراية هذا الهلال الخصيب.

في سنة 635، سيطر المسلمون على سوريا، ثم فلسطين في639، ثم بلاد ما بين النهرين في641، بعدها مصر في642، تلتها الفرس في643، ثم طرابلس في647، وقبرص في649، ثم البنجاب في 664، شمال إفريقيا في701 واسبانيا في713 ...، حاول المؤرخون بعد ذلك، شرح هذا الانتشار المذهل للإسلام بوضع مجموعة من النظريات كان القاسم المشترك بينها أن الإسلام انتشر بالقوة.

محاولا وضع نقطة نظام لهذه التأويلات المتحيزة، حيث كتب : " يبدو لنا Ignacio Olague يخوض في هذه الدهشة المؤرخ الإسباني الكبير اغناسيو أولاغ من خلال دراسة حركات مشابهة، إن انتشار الإسلام نتج عن قوة #الفكرة وليس قوة #جيش هجومي.

"إن " أسلمة" العالم لم تكن إلا ثمرة حركة فكرة قوية ."occidentalisé" واليوم التغريب "hellenisé "كما كان الحال أيام الإغريق

مبحث هذا الكتاب التاريخي هو عن أن دخول الإسلام في شبه الجزيرة الأيبيرية لم يكن أبدا كما يظن بعض المؤرخين، أي انه كان نتيجة قوة السلاح، لكنه كان نتيجة أزمة لم يكن ممكنا الخروج منها إلا بتبني الإسلام كدين وكأسلوب حياة ...

غزو العرب لإسبانيا خرافة تكذبها الوقائع التاريخية
" الإصرار على الاعتقاد أن شعوبا مزدهرة ومتحضرة تركت معتقداتها وغيرت أخلاقها، بسبب كمشة من بدو رُحل خرجوا من الصحراء، أخضعوها، يُنبيء عن جهل تام للحياة الاجتماعية. ينبغي أن تختزل السمة العسكرية للأحداث في دور صغير، بخصوص تفاصيل الحياة اليومية يجب ان نستوعب أن المشكلة هو على المستوى الثقافي. لم يكن هناك اعتداء عسكري بل أزمة ثورية"

المسيحية التي بدأت في القرن الثالث ميلادي في الانتشار لم تكسب ابد لذاتها عدد الناس كأولئك الذين اعتنقوا طواعية مذهب الاريوسية (Arianisme- وهذا المذهب هو ما طور بطريقة ما في شمال إفريقيا والشرق الأوسط فصل فيها المؤرخ ... (مذهب يرفض فكرة التثليث

(ولا ننصح المؤمنين بالبحث في هذا التاريخ)

الذي استولى على السلطة و ،(Rodéric) نشبت حرب أهلية بين أولاد الملك المتوفى وشيعته والمدعو روديريك (Vitiza) في سنة 710، وبعد موت فيتيزا أراد غزو الأندلس. كان أولاد فيتيزا اريوسيين وروديريك وانصاره كاثوليك ... فطلب أولاد فيتزا تعزيزات من جيرانهم البربر الأريوسيين الذين يقيمون في على رأس سبعة ألاف جندي ليساعد أولاد فيتيزا، اختفى روديريك (Gibraltar)الشمال المغربي .وهكذا عبر طارق بن زياد المضيق الذي يحمل حاليا اسمه سنة 711، وذاب المسلمون بين عشرة ملايين من السكان لكن المتقبلين لكل ما هو إسلامي (Guadalete) المنهزم في معركة في غوادالا.

أما الموجة الثانية جائت من الشرق التي عبرت إلى اسبانيا كانت مع شخصية تدعى موسى بن نصير بجيش تعداده 18000.

إذن كان المجموع خمسة وعشرون ألف جندي وطئ قدمه اسبانيا، هل يمكنهم أن يغزوا بلدا فيه عشرة ملايين من السكان آو عشرة ملايين روح بهذه البساطة ؟ أبدا، بل اسبانيا هي التي قدمت نفسها هدية للإسلام. تطور آريوسية اسبانيا وما نتج عنه من المذهب الرافض للتثليث جعل الناس يتوجهون إلى الإسلام بمجرد أن عرض عليهم ...

الأريوسيين الذين ساندوا فكرة الوحدة، انضموا بقوة إلى الفكرة الإسلامية حيث حققت كل آمالهم. " الفكرة القوية" تفرض نفسها بسبب قوتها و ملائمة الوسط الذي يتلقاها" :

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للمؤرخ الإسباني Emilio Gonzalez Ferrin

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«Race et histoire dans les sociétés occidentales», le racisme à la racine

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Retraçant l'origine du terme racisme dans un essai imposant, Jean-Frédéric Schaub et Silvia Sebastiani analysent comment se sont construites les hiérarchies entre groupes sociaux à l'époque moderne.

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Un homme espagnol et une femme métisse, au XVIIIe siècle, dans l'une de ces peintures dites de «castes», qui décrivent les métissages entre Amérindiens, colons européens et esclaves africains. (Aurimages/Aurimages)

par Jean-Yves Grenier

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Cet ouvrage imposant par son érudition n'est pas une simple histoire de la race et du racisme à l'époque moderne. Il s'agit pour Jean-Frédéric Schaub et Silvia Sebastiani de comprendre comment l'Europe occidentale et ses empires ont construit des différences entre groupes sociaux qui reposent sur un fondement considéré comme naturel, en l'occurrence les catégories raciales. Il y a donc bien une politique de la race, observent-ils, dont l'un des signes est que le terme de «race» appartient au langage de l'époque, à la

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Le recours à la race est ancien puisqu'elle fonde la distinction nobiliaire et son principe de l'hérédité. La question du «bon sang» ou du «sang bleu» est au cœur d'une différence pensée comme relevant de la nature. Cette élection par le sang n'est pas métaphorique

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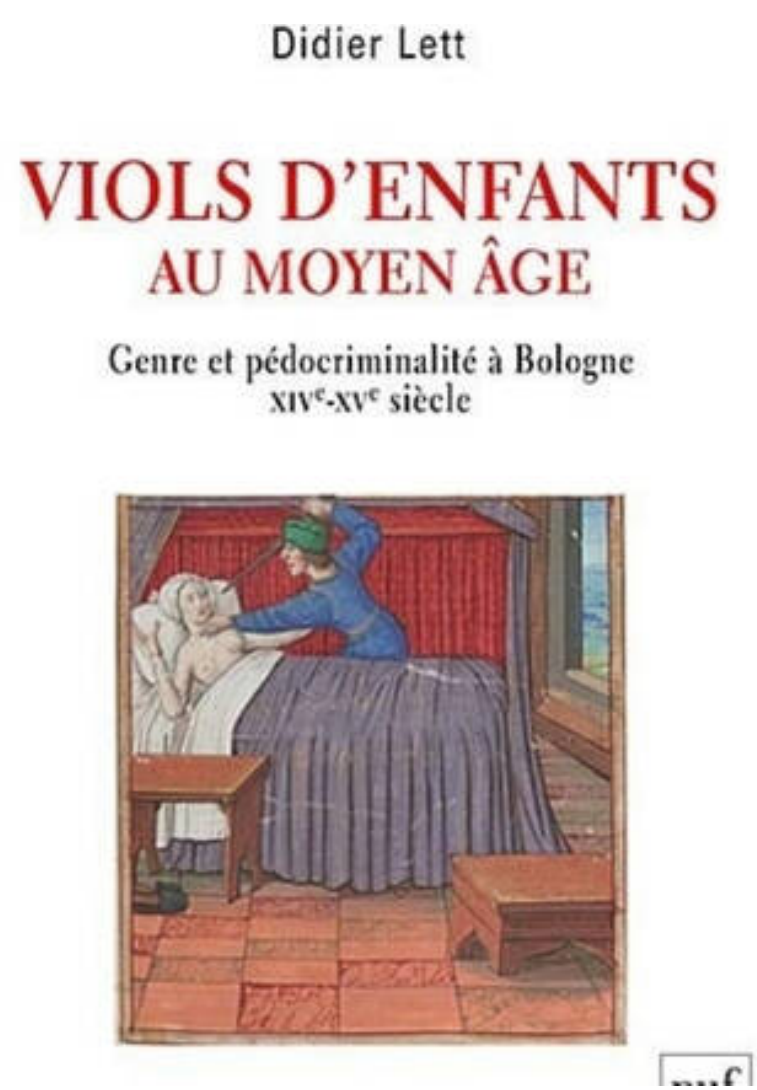

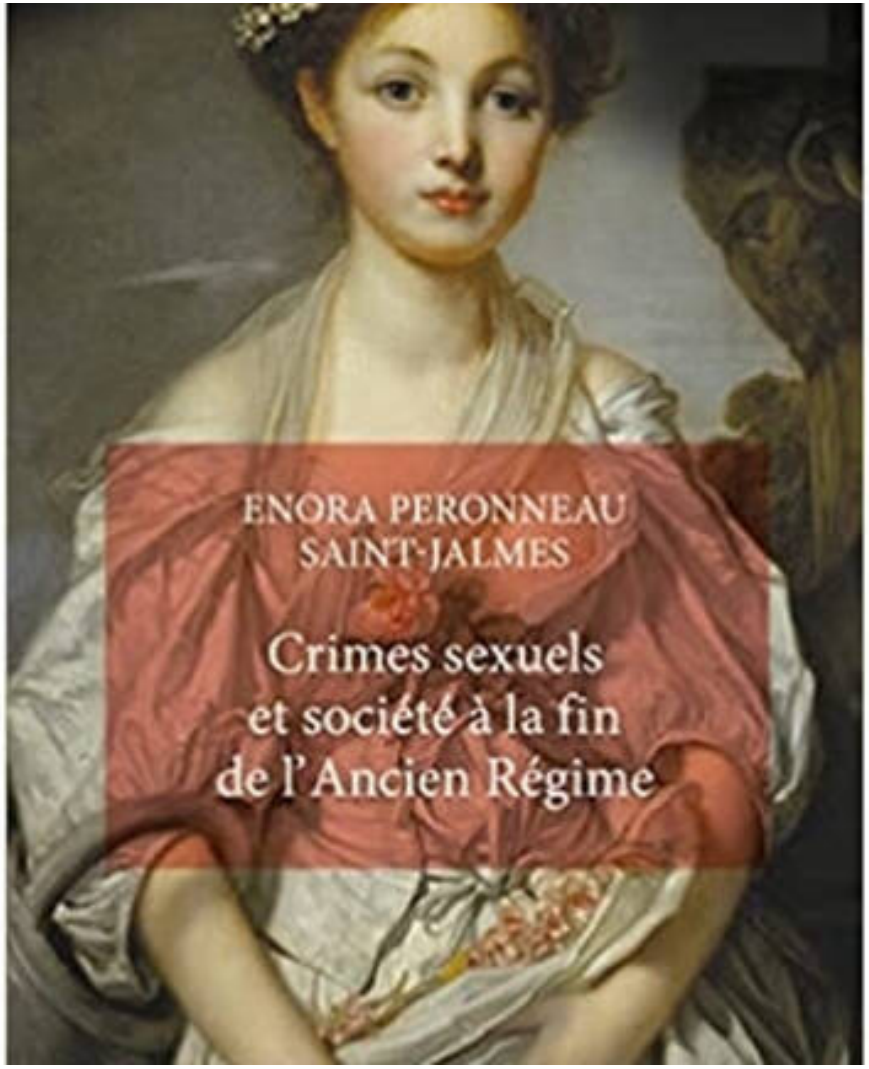

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1e mai, date importante pour les satanistes et illuminatis

+4 8 participants

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 8:21 am
par Invité

Vous savez tous que les conciliaires ont choisi la journée du **1e mai** pour "béatifié" Woltija.
Comme peu de choses sont laissées au hasard avec la franc-maçonnerie, rappelez-vous que le **1e mai 1776**, les *Illuminatis* furent fondés par Adam Weishaupt.

Chez les satanistes, **le 1e mai** correspond à l'une de leurs 8 fêtes principales durant l'année:
La Nuit de Walpurgis se situe entre le 30 avril et le 1er mai. Célébrée dans toute l'Europe depuis des temps reculés, elle a été identifiée au sabbat des sorcières.

Notre-Dame priez pour nous.

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 8:41 am
par gabrielle

A Rome, ils sont très actifs pour le 1er mai, les textes de leur liturgie sont prêts, la coordination de la cérémonie est au point...

Pour eux ce jour là, ce sera comme le coup d'envoi , une grande première puisque c'est la première fois qu'un antipape sera "bienheureux"

Pour nous ce jour sera bien triste.

De plus, il compliquera la situation, va donc dénoncer Wojtyla après... les gens vont nous rétorquer "c'est un saint"

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 9:17 am
par Invité

> ***Gabrielle*** *a écrit:*
> *Pour eux ce jour là,* ***ce sera comme le coup d'envoi*** *, une grande première puisque c'est la première fois qu'un antipape sera "bienheureux"*

Tout à fait d'accord avec toi. Pire encore, comme je l'ai mentionné sur un autre post, Gabrielle, étant donné que les petits frères 3 points donnent une grande importance au nombre 11, peut-être sommes-nous dans une année cruciale pour les évènements de la fin (année 20....11) et que cette béatification marquera un coup d'envoi de quelque chose de monstrueux.

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 9:44 am
par Diane + R.I.P

René a écrit:

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Une chose est certaine, plus le temps passe, plus la secte tient dans ses tentacules la terre entière, plus nous nous rapprochons du dénouement.

Pour le 1er mai, je leur souhaite un déluge de pluie

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 1:17 pm
par JCMD67

J'ai toujours cru que le 1er mai c'était la fête du muguet...

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 4:30 pm
par ROBERT.

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Pour faire suite à René , la Vierge est une arme formidable contre Lucifer,

car elle est *terrible comme une armée rangée en bataille* (Cant. VI, 4)

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Sam 23 Avr 2011, 4:46 pm
par ROBERT.

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1er mai, date importante pour les satanistes et Illuminatis: voici ce que leur répond Notre-Seigneur : *(…)Mon temps n'est pas encore venu, mais votre temps est toujours prêt.* (Jean, VII, 6)

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Sam 23 Avr 2011, 6:17 pm
par Javier

Mais le 1er mai c'est aussi mon anniversaire !

Alors, faut-il que je sois triste en ce jour ?...

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 6:29 pm
par Invité

> **JCMD67 a écrit:**
>
> ***J'ai toujours cru que le 1er mai c'était la fête du muguet...*** 😉😄

La fete du travail aussi...

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 6:36 pm
par JCMD67

On est mal barré Tonino... 😳

Sam 23 Avr 2011, 8:19 pm
par Roger Boivin

Les franc-maçons récupèrent tout ce qu'il y a de plus religieux, si je ne me trompe ; n'ont-il pas pris saint Jean-Baptiste pour l'un de leurs patrons ?

Dim 24 Avr 2011, 11:40 am
par Johnny

Lun 25 Avr 2011, 9:12 am
par Diane + R.I.P

C'est aussi le mois de Marie, une belle raison pour nous de nous réjouir et de demander à la Vierge Marie d'écraser la tête du serpent.

Si j'étais Ratzi je porterais un casque de fer le 1er mai

Lun 25 Avr 2011, 1:08 pm
par Louis

> **Diane a écrit:**
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> *C'est aussi le mois de Marie, une belle raison pour nous de nous réjouir et de demander à la Vierge Marie d'écraser la tête du serpent.*
>
> *Si j'étais Ratzi je porterais un casque de fer le 1er mai*

... et même un double casque de fer: il va avoir aussi à en découdre avec Saint Joseph: le 1er mai le Pape Pie XII ne l'a t-il pas aussi fait la Fête de Saint Joseph Artisan ?

Saint Jospeh, terreur des démons, priez pour nous.

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^ The Zionist Infestation of Africa Revisited: The More Details, the More Devils

http://www.maskofzion.com/2012/05/zionist-infestation-of-africa-revisited.html

By **JONATHAN AZAZIAH** Monday, May 28, 2012

There is simply no end to the rape, plunder and pillage that Africa has endured at the hands of international Zionism. (*Graphic:* ***SKULZ FONTAINE***)

AS THE CLICHÉ FAMOUSLY GOES when one attempts to point out the mysterious or little-known intricacies of a certain historical event, "the devil is in the details." An extension of this idiom, when it is applied to the shadowy world of the tribal supremacist persons who govern geopolitics through their kinship networks that extend throughout every sector of society, would most aptly be, "the more details, the more devils." And nowhere is this addendum more appropriately put to use than the ravaged continent of Africa.

In Mask of Zion's first report on Jewish-Zionist intrigues in Africa, ***"The Zionist Infestation of Africa: Zimbabwe to Uganda, Congo to Somalia and Beyond* (1),"** numerous nations, events and figures were investigated and a plethora of previously suppressed or unknown truths were brought to light for the very first time. This second summary will expound upon many of these revelations, exposing new players, going behind the curtains of new nations and returning to critical plot points already discussed to present an even more damning account of the overall agenda of the Jewish exploitation machine vigorously gnawing at the core of the African continent. Thus, "the more details, the more devils," and assuredly, the following will not contain a shortage of either.

The Zionist entity has stolen so much water from Palestine, it must now thieve from Sudan, Egypt and Libya to sustain its criminal existence.

^ The Zionist Entity's Water Wars: Sudan, Egypt and Libya

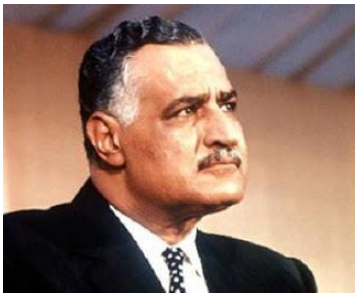
ABDULLAHI AL AZREG, SUDAN'S AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, recently gave a stunningly candid interview to the Islamic Republic of Iran's Press TV in regards to the ongoing conflict between his nation and the artificial country known as "South Sudan". Ambassador Al Azreg stated unequivocally that the South Sudan regime was engaged in a "proxy war to execute the projects of the Zionist movement"; he further declared them "puppets," not only carrying out "designs" against Khartoum itself but "other Muslim and Arab countries." He slammed Jewish Hollywood as a prime mover and shaker against Sudan and accurately noted that the "Save Darfur" campaign was the product of several powerful American Jewish organizations. He also pegged the seemingly nonstop propaganda against Sudan as "mainly Zionist propaganda **(2)**." These admissions are echoed and fully documented by an abyssal Mask of Zion investigative report on Jewish Hollywood's symbiotic relationship with the usurping Zionist entity and how it routinely targets the enemies of "Israel" through its films, television shows and actors **(3)**.

What lies at the heart of the criminal Zionist regime's subversion of Sudan, beyond the obvious prize of oil and the immediate objective of balkanization, is blue-gold; water, lots and lots of water, and not just any body of water either, but the ancient Nile River itself. This plot, developed in 1974 and known as the "***Yeor Plan***", would see Nile water diverted from Egypt's northern Sinai region through tunnels underneath the Suez Canal and ultimately, through the illegally besieged Gaza Strip into al-Naqab, referred to by occupying "Israeli" Jews as the "Negev". The Zionist regime initially suggested that 1% of the Nile's precious water would be sufficient for its needs. The problem with this seemingly tiny amount however, was that the 1% desired by usurping Jewish entity belonged to Sudan. Despite the Zionists' ambitions and the notorious Egyptian collaborationist Anwar el-Sadat's treacherous willingness to oblige them, Egypt could not transfer any of its water resources unilaterally; it needed approval from its Nile partners: Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire **(4)**. The only nation here that was operating from a staunch anti-Zionist stance of course, was Sudan, and disapproval from just one of the nine nations, invalidated any such dispersal objectives. Sudan had to be ruined and put under control for the Jewish supremacist enclave's "H2O hegemony" could be established.

The usurping Jewish regime is not subverting its North African enemies for oil and land alone as it is so often said; "Israel" wants their precious "blue-gold."

THE YEOR PLAN WAS CONCOCTED because "Israel" is suffering, and has always suffered from a water crisis and thus far, it has proved to be completely incapable of solving it, generating more and more political instability with each passing moment **(5)**. This is due to the Zionist occupiers being nothing more than the equivalents of parasites. They consume, consume and consume, caring not in the slightest about the land they are literally bleeding dry **(6)**. Every one of the rivers that flourished with pristineness before the advent of Zionism is now polluted, some to devastatingly deadly levels, except the Upper Jordan. The Lower Jordan on the other hand is used by the usurping, occupying Jews as nothing more than a dumping ground. 88% of the wells in the occupation capital of Tel Aviv are polluted, and this is just the tip of the iceberg **(7)**.

The Zionist land thieves can't turn to the water in the occupied West Bank because of their policies of "water occupation" and "water apartheid", in which they systematically destroy Palestinian water wells while hoarding hundreds of millions of cubic meters of water, insanely forcing Palestinians to buy their own water back at criminally inflated prices and taking over major aquifers throughout the territory, effectively denying the aboriginal Palestinian people of one of their most basic human rights. These cruel Zionist efforts are being aided by Britain **(8)**, the Talmudist Rothschild family's "homebase" and great colonial pillager of Africa. And in illegally besieged Gaza, the situation is even more daunting. An astonishing 95% of the water in the Strip is undrinkable thanks to Jewish contamination, specifically the ungodly bombing campaign carried out by the "Israeli" terrorist army during Operation Cast Lead. Additionally, due to this, hundreds of Palestinian babies in the world's largest open air prison are suffering from "blue baby syndrome," a horrific disease of immune system deficiency and disfigurement **(9)**. The hateful usurping entity doesn't mind the children of non-Jews suffering because of poisoned water but it would never subject its own "tribe" to such horrors. Hence why it needs Africa's blue-gold.



Egyptian giant Gamal Abdul Nasser: assassinated by Zionist asset Anwar el-Sadat.

WITHOUT THE COLLUSION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED Anwar el-Sadat, arguably the Arab World's filthiest collaborationist, the Yeor Plan wouldn't even be a remote possibility. In fact, to take it a step further, if the great Arab nationalist leader Gamal Abdul Nasser was alive, not even the dream of such a plot would have made its way into reality. And this is why Nasser, the usurping Jewish entity's arch-nemesis, "had to go". A long-time target of Mossad and CIA operations, President Nasser died untimely at the age of 52 on September 28th, 1970. Eyewitness testimony confirms that none other than Anwar el-Sadat himself is responsible for poisoning the legendary Nasser on behalf of his "Israeli" and American masters. Nasser didn't "die of natural causes" as it is commonly repeated in mainstream historical discourse, he was assassinated **(10)**. El-Sadat, a self-hating Arab, immediately hijacked the Egyptian presidency in the wake of Nasser's death, and began implementing initiatives to spread sectarian hatred throughout society, cheapen Islam for imperial objectives and de-Arabize Egyptian culture **(11)**, all to the great pleasure of "Israel" and the Zionist-occupied governments of the West. Nasser of course, was vehemently anti-sectarian and did everything in his power to preserve Muslim and Egyptian unity **(12)**.

While Egypt was being subverted on a cultural, societal and political level by their proxy el-Sadat, the Zionists deepened their presence in the North African giant that had already been in effect for decades prior. Operation Susannah was the first, in which Egyptian-Jewish Aman operatives posed as Arabs and attempted to detonate explosives inside Egyptian, American and British targets; the goal was to foment a Western proxy war against Nasser so "Israel" could retake the Suez Canal. The event is known today as the Lavon Affair. Most infamous of all is easily the Mossad-CIA conspiracy known as "***Operation Cyanide***", in which Egypt was to be blamed for an attack on an American Navy ship, thus triggering World War Three. The operation spun out of control and is now known as the USS Liberty Massacre. Since 1978, at least 15 "Israeli" spy networks have been dismantled within Egypt. Former Shin Bet head and Zionist war criminal Avi Dichter declared openly to a crowd at the "Israeli" National Security Research Center on May 26, 2010 that weakening Egypt was vital to the very foundation of the Zionist entity's foreign policy **(13).**

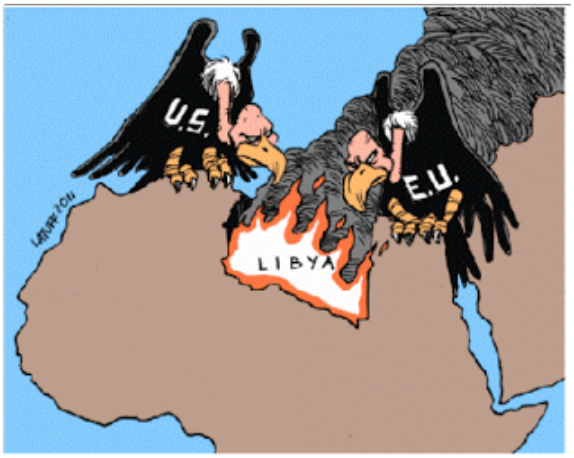
Much of the Zionist regime's subversion in Egypt focuses on breaking up the unity between Muslims and Christians.

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY 2011, Mossad detonated a car bomb right outside of al-Qiddissin Coptic Church in Alexandria, murdering at least 25 innocent people, just one week after yet another "Israeli" spy network was uncovered. The usurping Jewish regime's international intelligence directorate was spying on Egyptian government officials, attempting to penetrate Islamic opposition groups and infiltrating Egyptian telecommunications firms to strengthen other Zionist espionage networks in Lebanon and Syria. The objective of the bombing was to provoke Muslim-Christian tension. Thankfully, this failed miserably **(14).** Only a few weeks after the murderous attack came the "Egyptian Revolution", which the Zionist entity had its hands in with its proxy, the April 6 Youth Movement, a group of westernized House Arabs bankrolled by Jewish capitalist strongmen, Peter Ackerman and George Soros. The aims of the April 6 Youth Movement were to subvert the real revolutionary fervor of the Egyptian people and secure the installation of a regime like that of el-Sadat's equally treasonous successor, Hosni Mubarak **(15)**. Currently, as per the 1982 plan of Oded Yinon, "***A Strategy for Israel in the 1980s***", the usurping entity has used the chaos of the "Egyptian Revolution" to launch a full-scale intelligence assault on Egypt to reoccupy the Sinai **(16)**, a clear scheme to compliment and facilitate the Yeor Plan.

NATO, the attack dog of international Zionism, murdered more than 100,000 Libyans including al-Qadhdhafi himself, in another Jewish-designed genocide.

DIRECTLY TIED TO THE JEWISH-ZIONIST designs for Sudan and Egypt is the once-glorious North African nation of Libya. Another target of Oded Yinon's nefarious policy paper **(17)**, Libya has been ravaged by NATO and its proxy militias in another stratagem designed by the forces of international Zionism: **UN Watch**, a Zionist-headed affiliate of the **American Jewish Committee**, AIPAC's foreign policy wing, and the **Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI),** a Jewish-Zionist nest of the same neoconservative war criminals responsible for masterminding the annihilation of Iraq. The demolition of Libya began on the Jewish revenge holiday of Purim, like Iraq before it, and as of this moment, at least 100,000 innocent lives have been claimed, including women, children and Libyan leader Muammar al-Qadhdhafi himself **(18)**. Apart from thieving Libya's oil and gold, a central objective of the Zionist war on Libya was to disassemble al-Qadhdhafi's Great Manmade River and have several Zionist firms rebuild it, establishing a neoliberal stranglehold over Libya's entire water supply **(19)**.

At the peak of the Zionist-engineered aggression, NATO warplanes not only indiscriminately bombed the Great Manmade River, Earth's largest irrigation project, leveling it and terribly contaminating it beyond measure, but the only factory that made replacement pipes for it. The Zionist-controlled mainstream media buried this crime against humanity, this act of unadulterated malevolence, with deceptive coverage of the ungodly massacre of Norwegian teenagers on Utøya Island, reporting it as the work of a lone gunman instead of the real perpetrator: the usurping Jewish entity's Mossad **(20)**. The Great Manmade River was providing water and irrigation to at least 70% of the Libyan people, in addition to serving as an asset for Libya to challenge "Israeli"-Egyptian hegemony over the vegetable-export market in Europe. A key element of the Great Manmade River's functioning is the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System, largest fossil water aquifer system in the world, which lies beneath Libya, Egypt, Sudan and Chad **(21).** It should be noted that Chad has been used as a staging ground by the usurping Zionist entity and its American marionettes to destabilize Libya since the 1980s **(22)**.



The US and the EU, the Zionist Power Configuration's vultures, left Libya ravaged so "Israel" could control its water.

BY SABOTAGING AND SUBSEQUENTLY laying waste to Egypt, Sudan and Libya in three balkanizing "water wars", the Jewish occupation regime will then be able to assert its dominance over the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System and the Great Manmade River, in addition to the obvious perk of knocking off three of its sworn and most hated enemies in its quest for "Greater Israel." The three prospective agents of ushering in this new age of Imperium Judaica's hegemony over North Africa's water resources are Veolia (formerly Vivendi), Suez Ondeo (formerly Generale des Eaux) and Saur, Zionist-French multinational behemoths that control over 40% of the global water market **(23)**. Veolia in particular is an ultra-Zionist firm, with deep ties to the usurping Jewish entity and its closest ally, the House of Saud. The Zionist-French mega-corporation is complicit in monstrous human rights abuses across occupied Palestine, from the West Bank to al-Quds, as it provides direct services to the "Israeli" institutions that uphold the tyranny, from the IOF to the illegal Jewish settlements **(24)**. Veolia will no doubt be the chief executor of Zionism's Yeor Plan.

A man by the name of Jean-Luc Touly, who was employed as an accountant at Veolia/Vivendi for 30 years, blew the whistle on the origins of these multinational water giants. They were created more than 150 years ago. And they were created by bankers **(25).** At that point in history (and really, at this point in history too), the word "banker" was dead-on synonymous with the phrases "Rothschild family" and "Rothschild lieutenant", and France, a mighty colonial power, was (and still is) under the jackboot of this predatory plutocratic Jewish dynasty, lock, stock and barrel **(1).** To this very moment, Veolia/Vivendi is being advised by the Rothschilds **(26).** It is fitting that a creation of the International Jewish Money Power, stays with the International Jewish Money Power. And it is equally fitting that Africa, raped and pillaged repeatedly and incessantly by Rothschild-financed colonialism for centuries, is being prepped for this creation, this three-headed Zionist "water monster", to hurt it and torment it even more.

The United States government, in just one of the many glaring signs that all of its mechanisms of governance have been through a process of "Israelification", has just declassified a document which states that water-based conflicts will threaten its "national security interests" in the near and distant future. One of the water bodies mentioned is none other than the Nile River **(27).** American "national security interests" under threat? No, the Zionist entity's. And as per the 1975 MOU between the United States and "Israel" that stipulates America must fulfill the energy needs of the Jewish occupation regime whenever it is necessary to do so **(28)**, it is definite that this study was conducted at the behest of Zionist interests. And, with "Israel" growing closer to the fabricated regime in South Sudan with each passing day, a dastardly military-intelligence relationship that dates back to at least 1967 **(29)**, it is also clear that the water wars against Sudan, Libya and Egypt are, unfortunately, ongoing Zionist projects.

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MASHAV, a "humanitarian aid" front for the Jewish occupation entity's Foreign Ministry, has penetrated deep into Africa.

^ The Union of "Israel" And USAID: A Match Made In Hell

ON APRIL 23RD, 2012, THE TREACHEROUS USAID signed an MOU with its "Israeli" counterpart, MASHAV, a subordinate of the Zionist occupation regime's Foreign Ministry. As if to brag about the closeness between the two subversives, MASHAV director Daniel Carmon said, "This agreement is not the start of the relationship; it is the continuing and the strengthening of the relationship." The MOU was designed to increase USAID-MASHAV cooperation in the field of "food security" for four African nations: Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Rwanda, all proxies of the Jewish terror "state." The MOU is the first of its kind **(30)**; it has taken the lengthy cooperation between USAID and MASHAV, as confirmed by Carmon, from the covert realm to the public eye.

"Food security" is merely a front however. The eerie name of the initiative is "Feed the Future," and one of the key areas that MASHAV will be focusing on is water and irrigation technologies **(31).** The only "future" that this new overt USAID-MASHAV axis is going to be "feeding" is the usurping Zionist entity's appetite for more water wars. Jordanian political science professor Ghazi al-Rababah has correctly observed that "Israel" plans to fight multiple water wars over the next 7 years, not only in North Africa where Egypt will be target number one, but also in Lebanon over the ancient Litani River, which the Zionist dragon stole hundreds of millions of cubic meters of water from during its savage 22-year occupation of the South **(32).** The "Feed the Future" plot of USAID and MASHAV will undoubtedly assist in these expansionist war plans.

USAID, run by Jewish-Zionist Donald K. Steinberg, is MASHAV's "American" partner in crime.

MASK OF ZION'S FIRST STUDY OF ZIONISM IN AFRICA rigorously documented the extensive relationships between the Talmudic occupation enclave and Uganda, Ethiopia and Tanzania. Rwanda though, was only mentioned in passing due to Mask of Zion's investigation of Jewish-Zionist Donald K. Steinberg, current controller of USAID and long-time US State Department stalwart who advised the "philo-Semitic" war criminal Clinton administration to turn a blind eye to the Rwandan Genocide **(1).** It is completely certain that the destructive USAID-MASHAV partnership was spearheaded by "Israel-firster" Steinberg and, it is also completely certain that he helped cover up the Rwanda Genocide because his beloved Zionist entity was in the thick of it, at the core of it, organizing, plotting and directing, unbeknownst to the majority of the world.

The Rwandan Genocide wasn't a product of years of ethnic tension between Hutu and Tutsi as it so familiarly repeated in parrot-like fashion, an assessment awash in colonialist and orientalist undertones and overtones. It was the result of Zionist-Western intrigue, neocolonialism and intelligence operations at the highest levels. A devilish assassination was the spark of the massacres and ethnic cleansing that eventually became genocide. Juvénal Habyarimana, the third president of Rwanda, was brutally murdered on April 6th, 1994 when his plane was shot down by the forces of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), led by current Rwandan President Paul Kagame, who holds office despite being accused of a plethora of war crimes **(33).** This was the culmination of seditious warfare that began in late 1990, when Kagame's RPF invaded from Zionist proxy state Uganda, with backing, funds and arms from the CIA and the US State Department. Jewish-Zionist war criminal Madeline Albright, in collusion with Kofi Annan, covered up the origins of the RPF and its atrocities at the UN **(34).**

Rwandan war criminal Paul Kagame with Zionist mass murderer Benjamin Netanyahu (real name: Benjamin Mileikowsky); Kagame was and is the frontman for "Israeli" intrigue in Rwanda.

KAGAME WAS FULLY BACKED by the Zionist-occupied governments of America, Britain and, "Israel" itself provided direct support as well. Mossad agents were embedded with Kagame's RPF from 1990 until the genocide concluded in 1994 **(35).** The primary mover and shaker in the horrific travesty of humanity that unfolded in Rwanda during those years, the war criminal who can be considered the architect of the Rwanda Genocide, was "Israeli" spymaster David Kimche **(36)**, a Zionist godfather who participated in the ethnic cleansing of Palestine, designed Mossad's doctrine and modus operandi, helped found Mossad's research department, established Mossad's foothold in Africa in the 1960s as an agent of its Tevel Unit, laid the groundwork for the Sabra and Shatila massacre by building up the Jewish occupation regime's ties with the Phalangists and a whole host of other services to international Zionism **(37).**

Kagame, Kimche's puppet and protégé, surely as a repayment for its help in establishing his rule, has become one of the usurping Jewish entity's most visible and vocal African allies. He visited occupied Palestine for the 60th anniversary of the Nakba and became initiated in the Jewish religion of "Holocaustianity." During his visit, he met with "Israeli" war criminals Shimon Peres (real name: Szymon Perski) and Tzipi Livni, as well as Burkina Faso's President Blaise Compaore **(38)**, another Mossad asset who, with strong

"Israeli" support, overthrew and murdered Burkinabé revolutionary leader Thomas Sankara, one of the great freedom fighters of the modern era **(1)**. When it was all said and done, the Mossad-RPF-CIA nexus murdered about one million men, women and children and the majority of the victims were Hutu, not Tutsi as "official history (read: Jewish history)" has it. World opinion on the Rwandan Genocide remains diluted, largely in part to the viral viewing of the critically acclaimed film, "Hotel Rwanda," which depicts Kagame and his RPF band of slaughterous thugs as heroes **(39).**

Thanks to Zionist puppet Kagame, Rwanda and "Israel" now have exceedingly brotherly relations.

THIS IS THE FINAL PHASE OF INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM'S gutting of Rwanda, spreading hasbara to cover its tracks and fool the world as it has with every other conflict, war and swindle that it has forged since its ascendance to global power. Hotel Rwanda was produced by Lions Gate Films and United Artists, both owned and operated by Zionist Jews, like every other film studio and production company in Jewish Hollywood **(3)**. United Artists is a subsidiary of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM), a Jewish "founding father firm" of the entertainment capital of the world that has historical ties to Jewish Organized Crime **(40)**, including the real "boss of bosses", the real "don of dons", the powerful and shadowy figure who was known simply as "The Fixer," Sidney Korshak **(41)**, a Jewish supremacist at heart, as evidenced by his anti-assimilation mentality and vast donations to the Zionist entity **(42).**

While the interconnected networks of International Jewry indeed intended to keep the domineering role of "Israel" far away from the Rwanda tragedy, its machinations are exposed here for all to see. May the Rwandan people come to know this dark, shocking and potent truth so their martyrs can not only rest in peace once and for all, but so their tormentors, Steinberg, Albright, Kimche, Kagame, his RPF commanders, the Mossad superiors of Kimche and the rest, pay severely for their bloody and pernicious crimes. Rwanda needs its freedom; and the perfect way to start a struggle for it would be to scrap the treachery of USAID and MASHAV, therefore alleviating the East African nation from anymore unnecessary Zionist plunder.

^ Glencore: An Empire of Zionist Criminality Built with African Blood

Glencore: the corporate leviathan founded by Jewish-Zionist "fugitive financier" Marc Rich; currently headed by Zionist Jew Ivan Glasenberg.

MARC RICH IS A NAME THAT IS PERCEIVED to no longer have relevance in the fields of geopolitics, international finance or global espionage. Marc Rich is a man that is considered to be part of a bygone era. Such perceptions and considerations are drastically inaccurate. Marc Rich is famous for being a "fugitive financier", a Jewish-Zionist billionaire who spent years on the run from American and international authorities for tax evasion and illegal oil deals, only to be pardoned by war criminal and Zionist stooge Bill Clinton on his last day in office. What is buried about Rich is that he was a lifelong asset of the Zionist entity's Mossad who conducted business in Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran as a means of spying on these nations for "Israel." Rich was pardoned by Clinton after sledgehammer pressure from "Israeli" leaders like the aforementioned Shimon Peres, Ehud Barak (real name: Ehud Brog), ex-Mossad director Shabtai Shavit and the heaviest hitters of the American Jewish community **(43)**. Rich is central to the thesis of this essay for a reason even more abyssal than the aforesaid details.

The Jewish-Zionist "fugitive financier" is the founder of Glencore (previously Marc Rich and Co. AG), "the biggest company you never heard of," a multinational commodities trading and mining hulk that has penetrated deep into Africa, including but not even close to limited to Equatorial Guinea, where Glencore owns two oil fields, Ivory Coast, where it is described as the "favorite trader" of the state oil company, and Zambia, where it has a 73% stake in the landlocked Southern African nation's second largest mining company **(44)**. Glencore is currently headed by "Israeli"-South African Jew Ivan Glasenberg **(45).**

Rich built Glencore into a world powerhouse through his numerous connections in the intelligence underworld, essentially making it a front for Mossad's most clandestine operations. Glencore made a killing selling oil to the apartheid regime in South Africa, a brotherly ally of the usurping Zionist entity. It made another killing, literally, in the Congo, through its ties to the Orthodox Jewish "Israeli" war criminal and diamond baron Dan Gertler. Glencore has $4.5 billion worth of holdings in the Congo, via cobalt, gold and copper, and it is all thanks to the Chabadnik Gertler, who reportedly "managed the

entire relationship between Glencore and the Congolese government." Though Rich is out and Glasenberg is in, the Mossad formula of bribing and blackmailing dictatorships across the globe for profit remains **(46).**

Glencore is a stronghold of criminal Jewish exploits built from the ground up with the blood of innocent Africans from across the continent.

APART FROM ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH Jewish supremacist gangster Gertler, who has the blood of at least 10 million Congolese on his money-grubbing, war-profiteering hands **(1)**, Glencore itself is linked to an abundance of human rights abuses in the Congo. The corporate monster of Zionist intriguers Rich and Glasenberg is exploiting children as young as 10 years old, forcing them to work over 150 feet underground in copper and cobalt mines. It is also dumping raw acid into the Congo's Luilu River **(47)**. In Zambia, Glencore had a plant shut down due to its excessive emissions of highly toxic acid mist **(48)**.

"The biggest company you never heard of" has now made its way into the Southwestern African nation of Namibia, where it has purchased a majority stake in the Rosh Pinah mine, a major regional zinc and lead producer. It will look next to taking over Namibia's uranium and gold mines **(49)**. Glencore also has its filthy "chosenite" paws in the zinc mines of Burkina Faso and the nickel mines of Tanzania **(50)**, both puppet states of the Zionist regime. Truly, Glencore, the child of lifetime Mossadnik Marc Rich, is a Zionist criminal empire built with the blood, sweat and tears of millions of Africans for the furtherance of the usurping Jewish entity's ambitious geopolitical aims.

The tentacles of international Zionism have extended into more African countries than one can even imagine. (Graphic by Skulz Fontaine)

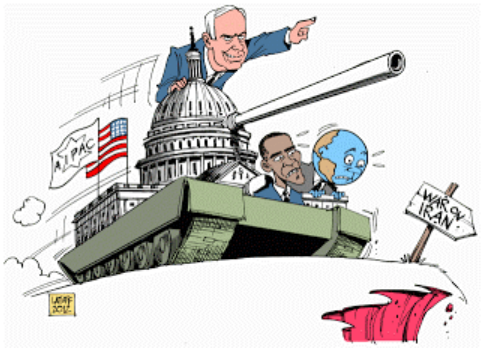
^ Conclusion: Under the Thumb Of Jewish Intrigue - Somalia, Mauritania, Morocco, Gambia, Algeria, The Boers And More

THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF AFRICA weren't the only ones that the Jewish exploitation machine violated and steamrolled. International Jewish Finance had no problem whatsoever turning on colonialists who weren't going along with the plan of granting hegemony to "the tribe." The Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902 was a bitter, intra-colonialist conflict fought between the Boers (Afrikaners) and Brits for the domination of the resource-rich land of South Africa. 12,000 native South Africans, 30,000 Boers and 22,000 Brits lost their lives in the three years of bloodshed, with the colonial British army in particular being exceptionally merciless, employing scorched-earth tactics to terrorize the Boers **(51).**

The pinnacle of Britain's savagery was its placement of 115,000 indigenous South Africans and 116,572 Boers, predominantly women and children, into filthy and brutal concentration camps, herding them into the mass detention centers like animals. 27,927 Boers died in the camps due to disease and malnourishment. 26,251 of them were women and children, with 22,074 of these children being under 16. Other war crimes included the barbaric execution of POWs, the looting of food supplies and the destruction of livestock. All of this mass murder, torture and besiegement was vigorously fueled by the Jewish Money Power. The ever-ubiquitous Rothschild family, the monolithic Oppenheimer gold, diamond and media dynasty, the influential Jewish networker Barney Barnato (real name: Barnett Isaacs) and Rothschild lieutenants Lionel Phillips and Alfred Beit were the hidden hands behind the Anglo-Boer War, manipulating it every step of the way to bolster their wealth and further their quest for global supremacy **(51)**.

Though the predatory plutocratic Jewish financiers worked behind curtains and moved in the shadows, their plans were exposed by numerous British Parliament members, the British Labor Movement and Irish nationalists. The Anglo-Boer War was damned as a plot "to secure the gold fields of South Africa for cosmopolitan Jews", in which propaganda was financed by "capitalist Jews" and spread by the "Jewish lords of the press". It was said that "the financial Jew" was everywhere to be found "operating, directing, inspiring the agencies that have led to this war". This Jewish cabal was unrepentantly damned as a "financial serpent". It was the "Jewish factor", the "Jewish Randlords", who did everything in their power to cement their "Jew-imperialist design" in South Africa, in "true parasitic fashion **(51)**." It is pathetic and shameful that the Boers, who fought valiantly against Rothschild-backed Britain, would later go on to

establish the Pretoria apartheid regime, which was, as long as it lasted, the Zionist entity's closest African ally. Moreover, the Anglo-Boer War is exceedingly telling of how pathologically cunning the Jewish Power Configuration is, as it weaves in and out of various circles, making friends out of enemies and enemies out of friends, all for the ultimate benefit of World Jewry.



The Jewish subversion of Africa is part and parcel of the ongoing Zionist war on the Islamic Republic of Iran.

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE CURRENT AND greatest enemy of international Zionism and the Jewish supremacists who uphold it is the Islamic Republic of Iran, which "Israel" has been mobilizing against, propagandizing against, infiltrating, terrorizing, bombing directly and by proxy, provoking, hurting and subverting since the Islamic Revolution triumphed more than three decades ago **(52).** Africa has become a battleground in the Jewish occupation regime's war against Iran. Led by incumbent President Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Persian nation has reached out to Senegal, Nigeria, Mauritania, Gambia, Sudan, Eritrea and even Kenya and Uganda over the last several years, much to the dismay of "Israel." Because of this, the Zionist entity has countered Iran every step of the way, succeeding in its undermining in some cases while maintaining ongoing efforts in others **(53)**. The Jewish "state" is using Iranian efforts in Africa in conjunction with some hardcore hasbara against the Lebanese Islamic Resistance of Hezbollah as pretexts to establish an "international intelligence agency" with "Israel" at the head of it and West Africa being the starting point of its operations **(54).** There is no limit to Zionist fanatics' hysteria and desperation.

In November 2009, after months of strenuous diplomatic negotiations, the Zionist entity firmly established its presence in the tiny West African nation of Gambia, building bilateral ties in the fields of telecommunications, construction, electronics, sewage, commerce, agriculture and beyond. Most notably, "Israel" provided the Gambian government with a state-of-the-art irrigation system **(55)**, indubitably for its growing appetite to foment water wars on the continent. One year later, nearly to the day, in what absolutely appeared to be an "Israeli" victory, Gambia cut all of its with the Islamic Revolution and expelled the Persian giant's diplomats, claiming that Iran was shipping guns and drugs onto its shores **(56).**

An "Israeli" victory was indeed what it was as the entire affair turned out to be an elaborate farce to humiliate Iran, staged by Mossad's Gambia station chief, Danny

Shinn, who had infiltrated Gambia's National Drug Enforcement Agency and the State House in the capital city of Banjul **(57)**. Shinn set up a network of assets comprised of ex-regime officials, placing them on Mossad's payroll, and also provided torture training, weaponry and surveillance equipment to the Gambian military and intelligence sectors through a front company of his **(58).** The slippery Mossad agent's whereabouts are currently unknown, but his work is done; Gambia is under the dominion of "Israel".

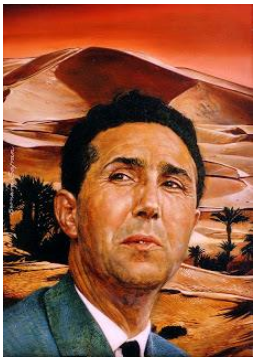
Relations between Mauritania and the usurping Zionist entity crumbled to nothing after the ritualistic Jewish assault on Gaza during Operation Cast Lead.

RELATIONS BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND THE USURPING Jewish entity were once thoroughly solid. Autumn 1999 saw Mauritania recognizing the Zionist occupation regime, in a disgraceful public act of treason to the Arab and Islamic worlds. Trade and diplomacy followed, and Zionism had seemingly gained another ally (read: puppet) on the Arab, as well as the African fronts. Mauritania even accepted a most denigrating proposal from the Jewish terror "state" to take on the nuclear waste from the illegal Zionist nuclear weapons haven known as Dimona **(59)**. All of this putrid comradery however, was short-lived. Relations between Nouakchott and Tel Aviv came crashing down with Operation Cast Lead. Outraged at the genocidal aggression that claimed the lives of 1,440 Palestinians, including 431 children, Mauritania shut down the "Israeli" embassy and expelled all Zionist entity diplomats **(60)**. Since this defiance, the Jewish occupation dragon has designated Mauritania an "enemy state" and prepped it for infiltration and subversion.

Whatever plans the Zionist entity had in store for Nouakchott were thwarted when "the biggest Mossad spy ring" in the country's history was exposed on January 4th, 2012. Fake "activists" from across the Arab world and several high-profile businesspeople were arrested and interrogated as members of a vast, corrosive Zionist intelligence network embedded throughout Mauritanian society **(61).** The outed "Israeli" nexus was one of extreme significance, as it was tied to the Zionist agents who murdered Hamas commander Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai and the Mossad operatives that infamously blew up an Ethiopian airliner in Lebanon **(62)**.

Recently, indisputably due to its principled anti-Zionist stance, Mauritania has been slammed with nefarious propaganda by Zionist-run CNN as a modern outpost of slavery. The hasbaranik "news" network alleged that 10-20% of the North African nation's citizens were slaves **(63).** This horrific and gargantuan lie, debunked by respectable reporters, human rights activists and government officials back in 1996, originated with

Charles Jacobs, a notorious Jewish supremacist, Islamophobe and Zionist hardliner who has been present in neoconservative networks for years. Jacobs also helped disseminate the same slavery hasbara about Sudan, setting up or heading Jewish-Zionist front organizations to give credence to the lies of "Israeli"-trained South Sudanese rebels, chiefly the American Anti-Slavery Group **(64)**. This is another primordial tactic of the Jewish occupation regime; attempt to destroy the enemy militarily or subversively, and if this fails, smear the enemy so the world perceives him as dirty and defeated anyway.



Algerian revolutionary Ahmed Ben Bella; a freedom fighter utterly hated by "Israel" and its French colonialist allies.

HISTORICALLY, THE USURPING JEWISH DEMON has always considered the massive North African nation of Algeria an adversary, hating it passionately. Aman, the Zionist entity's military intelligence wing, worked intimately with SDECE (French intelligence) to undermine the Algerian liberation struggle. The most brazen act of this nexus was the assassination attempt on the first president of Algeria, Nasser protégé and legendary freedom fighter Ahmed Ben Bella via the hijacking of his plane **(65)**. On August 14th, 1963, the Algerian government, freshly (and barely) independent after the debilitating war of attrition with its Rothschild-financed French colonialist oppressors from 1954-1962, foiled a regime change plot led by "Israeli" intelligence and the pro-colonialist terrorist group, the French Secret Army Organization (OAS). Ten Zionist agents and 20 of their proxies were arrested. President Ben Bella, a fierce anti-Zionist, accused the Zionist entity of attempting to plunge the newly independent Algeria into chaos due to its stance on the total liberation of Palestine **(66).**

The OAS itself was an iniquitous den of Jewish intrigue. It not only had an exclusively Jewish faction, its leadership was being advised on the intricacies of clandestine warfare by partisans of Irgun, the notorious mass murdering "Israeli" terrorist organ. The usurping Zionist entity's intelligence apparatuses were also providing support to the OAS on the ground as a means of retaining the French colonial presence in Algeria, as was the CIA. What is even more disturbing is that the OAS, tormentors of the Algerian people and willing marionettes of the Jewish occupation regime, was financed by the extremely shadowy Permindex corporation, a nexus of Jewish financial barons, Mossad agents, Zionist lobbyists and Jewish Organized Crime kingpins that was integral to the assassination of US President John F. Kennedy and numerous attempts on the life of President of France Charles de Gaulle **(67).**

Since the decolonization of Algeria and the triumph over the Mossad-OAS efforts to reverse Algerian liberation, "Israel" has steadfastly targeted the North African behemoth with a cornucopia of designs, especially as of recent. In the summer of 2007, Mossad was revealed to have been running prominent Algerian journalist Said Sahnoun, who had provided the "Israeli" foreign intelligence directorate with information on Algeria's military capabilities **(68).** December 2007 saw the Algerian capital of Algiers being struck with a double car bomb by Mossad, leaving at least 47 innocents murdered in cold blood **(69).** There is a strong possibility that this was classical Jewish vengeance for the outing of Sahnoun. In March 2010, a Mossad agent in possession of a fake Spanish passport was arrested by Algeria's security services for spying on oil companies **(70).** Later on in 2010, "Israeli" military intelligence was caught spying on Algeria's peaceful nuclear facilities and its Air Force base in Umm Bawaki, the largest in Africa **(71).**

"Algerian" separatist terrorist Ferhat Mehenni: traitor of Africa and proxy of Zionism bought and paid for by American Jewry.

RELIGIOUSLY ADHERING TO THE Yinon Plan of destabilization and balkanization, of which Algeria is a feature **(17)**, "Israel" hosted Ferhat Mehenni, leader of the Paris-based Mouvement pour l'autonomie de la Kabylie (MAK), an Algerian separatist group, on May 22nd, 2012. Mehenni seeks to establish a tribal enclave in the northern region of Algeria called "Kablye", a terribly blatant invocation of Oded Yinon's vision of chopping up Arab and Muslim states into smaller, weaker entities. The separatist strongman is an advocate of establishing ties with the usurping Jewish entity and setting up an "Israeli" embassy in Algiers. The Zionist regime openly and flagrantly supports the MAK and has facilitated at least three of Mehenni's trips to the Talmudic stronghold. He plans for the Jewish occupation regime to be the first entity that "Kablye" establishes diplomatic ties with, and why wouldn't he? Mehenni has received over $1 million euros from the wealthy and powerful American Jewish community **(72)**, he is merely catering to his Zionist masters' wants and needs.

"Israeli" media programs have also been firing bullets of absurd but nevertheless dangerous hasbara about Algeria possessing nuclear weapons **(73)**; a reprehensible lie. With Libya destroyed by the Zionist-engineered war of aggression led by NATO, and Egypt very much under fire from an "Israeli" scheme to retake the Sinai, it vividly appears that Algeria is next on the Zionist hit-list. The "divide and conquer" and "weapons of mass destruction" pretexts are already in place and that is exceptionally frightening.

If Anwar el-Sadat was the Arab World's greatest and most perfidious traitor, the "kings" of Morocco, and "King" Hassan II in particular, undoubtedly register as his closest front runners or even, his heirs. Forged by "King" Muhammad V in the early 1950s and furthered after his death in 1961 by his son, "King" Hassan II, the devilish relationship between Mossad and the Moroccan security-intelligence complex is one of the utmost closeness and treachery. It began in 1954 when Mossad founder Isser Harel set up a clandestine base in Morocco for the purpose of forcing Moroccan Jews to occupied Palestine. Mossad agent Shlomo Havillo was initially made station chief, but he was later replaced by a more devoted Jewish supremacist named Alex Gatmon, who was also given dominion over the Misgeret, Mossad's secret militia in Casablanca. Harel and Gatmon launched two major operations, "Mural" and "Yakhin", in which they smuggled hundreds of thousands of Mizrahi Jews out of Morocco with the full complicity of the "King" and his security services **(74)**. This was just a front for something far more diabolical however.

The main reason that the Moroccan monarchy and usurping Jewish entity formed an alliance was to overthrow Gamal Abdul Nasser. Meir Amit, lifelong servant of Zionism and Isser Harel's "replacement" as director of Mossad, trained the security services of "King" Hassan II in counterintelligence, interrogation and torture, all for the purpose of taking down Nasser and replacing his regime with one more compliant to the regional objectives of "Israel" and the monarchy **(75).** This new alliance would prove destructive to Nasser and his anti-Zionist ambitions, as the turncoat Moroccan intelligence apparatus supplied the Jewish "state" with critical access to high-level meetings between Arab military commanders just prior to al-Naksa, thus giving "Israel" the upper hand it needed to launch its pre-emptive war **(76)**.

The tyrannical Moroccan monarchy and the usurping Zionist entity are intimately intertwined through their intelligence services.

IT WAS THIS PUTRID COOPERATION that also led to the kidnaping, barbaric torture and murder of great Moroccan revolutionary Mehdi Ben Barka, first discussed in Mask of Zion's first report on Africa. Mossad was the guiding hand behind Ben Barka's tragic and bloody fate. The international Jewish murder machine had tracked the "Moroccan Che Guevara's" entire career, penetrated his inner circle and set him up on a fake meeting with a "sympathetic French millionaire" who wanted to help him topple the "King" and liberate Morocco from tyranny. It was at this meeting that Moroccan Interior Minister (and Mossad asset) Muhammad Oufkir and his allies in an "Israel"-allied SDECE faction would kidnap Ben

Barka and later execute him. The man behind the fiction that led to the cold-blooded murder of Mehdi Ben Barka was none other than David Kimche **(77)**, the ancient Mossadnik behind the Rwandan Genocide. Beyond the cooperation between his security services and Mossad, "King" Hassan II held numerous secret meetings with "Israeli" war criminals over the years, from prime ministers to generals, Knesset members to intelligence heads, doing everything that he could to harm and undermine the Palestinian people **(78)**.

Mossad also trained the bodyguards of the Moroccan despot. To show just how deep the friendship between Tel Aviv and Rabat actually went, when long-time Mossad contact Muhammad Oufkir plotted to overthrow "King" Hassan II, the Zionist entity's global terror squad stopped it from occurring. As a means of gratitude, the "King" increased his ties to Zionism; more weapons, more intelligence, more cultural and economic cooperation, more trade, which amounts to at least $100 million per year, and more "Israeli" involvement in helping Morocco emerge triumphant in its brutal, expansionist war against the indigenous Sahrawi people of the Western Sahara **(74)**, who were and are being (righteously) supported by the Zionist entity's hated enemy, Algeria. Zionism's wholly vile and incestuous friendliness with the Moroccan tyrant is especially vital to its infestation of Africa, on all fronts. Morocco is essentially a launching pad for Jewish criminal activity on the continent. The Moroccan people themselves, known for their visceral despisal of the usurping Zionist dragon and who literally chased an "Israeli" diplomat out of their country in March **(79)**, must take down the "King" and restore dignity to Morocco.

Al-Shabab, the righteous Islamic Resistance of Somalia, is under intense fire from the marionettes of International Jewry.

WHILE MASK OF ZION PROMINENTLY featured the plight of occupied Somalia in its first report, new revelations have since emerged that add more layers of devilishness to what has befallen the Horn of Africa nation. Additionally, International Jewry's proxies in Europe and America have stepped up the aggression against the Somali people.

On May 15th, 2012, EU naval forces and helicopters ruthlessly shelled the village of Handulle, ridiculously dubbing it a "pirate haven" and vowing to continue facsimile attacks in the future **(80)**. No evidence was (or has been) presented to confirm the "pirate" allegations and no casualty count was issued either although it wouldn't be farfetched by any means to assume many civilians were murdered by this cruel, criminal and colonial attack. It is imperative to note that the Somali pirates are by no means

"robbers" or, as Zionist ideologues tend to describe them, "terrorists," they are defenders of their homeland, putting their lives on the line to stop Western (read: Jewish) imperial encroachment and corporations from dumping toxic waste in Somali waters **(81).**

It is now known that the Zionist-occupied United States government has been using F-15s to bomb Somalia, as well as its naval destroyers **(82).** The US has also pieced together a mercenary army from forces of the Zionist entity's proxies in Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya, aggressively pushing them in conjunction with Predator and Reaper drone strikes against Al-Shabab, the Somali Islamic Resistance **(83)**. "Israeli" intelligence has of course played a vital role in supporting these proxy efforts to crush Al-Shabab (84), and the Zionist entity, through its shipping mega-firm ZIM, has even clashed with Somali pirates before, shooting them for attempting to stop a Jewish occupation ship from contaminating their waters with harsh chemicals **(85)**. On April 27th, 2012, a US terror drone hammered Somalia's southwestern region of Gedo, leaving at least 22 people murdered and dozens of others injured **(86)**. Just two weeks later on May 11th, America's remote-controlled death machines hit Somalia again, this time murdering more than 38 people in the southwestern district of Badade **(87)**. It is utterly miraculous that Bab-el-Mandeb, the strategic waterway between Somalia and Yemen, hasn't changed colors from blue to red from all of the innocent Somali blood spilled.

Abraham Karem: the Jewish-Zionist maniac who invented the Predator Drone, the machine of death currently tormenting Somalia.

NEVER SHOULD IT BE FORGOTTEN that the perverted mind that gave the world the Predator drone was a Jewish one. Abraham Karem, who served in the Air Force of the "Israeli" occupation army for 9 years, is considered to be the man, or rather, the Zionist parasite, who "changed the way the United States wages war." Karem gave birth to the Predator drone in 1980 in his home in Hacienda Heights, California, after emigrating from Jewish-occupied Palestine **(88)**. The warmongering Zionist Jew wreaked havoc on the Palestinian people as an occupation soldier and now continues that legacy vicariously through his twisted and murderous mechanical creation, which wreaks havoc on innocents all over the world, including Somalia. Moreover, even before Karem fathered the Predator (aptly named considering the predatory natures of Jewry and Zionism), going back to at least 1970, "Israel" was manufacturing drone technology. In fact, the Jewish "state" can be considered the "drone godfather" and first deployed drones in Lebanon in 1982. The Zionist entity accounts for 41% of all drones exported worldwide, its drones are used by at least 24

countries and it maintains a network of front companies to "judaize" security establishments the world over **(89)**, just like it is "judaizing" occupied al-Quds. Therefore, it can be said, unequivocally, that Somalia's drone torment is Jewish at the root.

Jewish-Zionist fanatic Michael Chertoff: author of the Patriot Act, 9/11 conspirator and godfather of Somalia's plight.

WHILE SOMALIA HAS BEEN OCCUPIED by AU-UN forces since 2006, its humanitarian crisis was manufactured several years before that; 5 years before that exactly, just weeks after the September 11th massacre in New York City. Drought and famine are maliciously widespread, with women and children being the main victims of this weaponization of human catastrophe, public health care has all but collapsed, food aid has been suspended and millions of Somalis have been displaced inside and outside of their homeland. And it is all because of the Patriot Act, as well as all of the other "counter-terrorism laws" just like it that followed, which have enforced sanctions against "terrorist entities" (read: Resistance groups) like Al-Shabab and crippled humanitarian organizations **(90).** The Patriot Act is the work of Jewish-Zionist war criminal Michael Chertoff, "son of Mossad", who wrote it many years before the "Israeli" false flag attack on September 11th, which he was a primary organizer of, and who had it edited just before it passed in Congress to ensure all Zionist-linked firms that participated in the 9/11 event were protected from prosecution **(91)**. Somalia's humanitarian woes are also Jewish at the root, making Al-Shabab's Resistance (and eventual victory over) these Zionist-backed invaders all the more important.

There is truly no end to the rape of Africa by the Jewish exploitation machine. What has been written here may be even more detailed, more abyssal than the previous Mask of Zion report, but it is by no means the alpha and omega; books, masses of books, can be written about what "Israel" and its Jewish internationals have done to the African continent. "Israeli" MK Michael Ben-Ari, Jewish supremacist, ethnic cleansing and mass murder advocate and protégé of the loathsome "Israeli"-Jewish terrorist founder of the JDL Rabbi Meir Kahane **(92)**, shockingly admitted in a recent interview that, "In Africa, we caused people to be slaughtered because we were money-hungry **(93)**." Indeed that is what many Jews involved in the plunder of Africa may be, but this is about geopolitics. This is about the execution of Zionist stratagems and Ben-Ari knows it.

The much-discussed Chabadnik war criminal Dan Gertler is now linked to blood diamond dealing in the Southern African nation of Angola, and he has recently launched new projects in the Congo to finance more illegal Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank **(94).** "Israeli" billionaire war criminal Beny Steinmetz, a buddy-like associate of Gertler, just took over a massive mining plant in Sierra Leone called Koidu Holdings and referred to his new blood diamond operation as the "the future **(95)**." In Mali, an initiative of Jewish cultural imperialism has been launched, with big-name "Israeli" and Malian musicians collaborating to defy the BDS movement and normalize the crimes of the "Israeli" occupation army **(96).**

The Zionist entity has also fully restored its diplomatic ties with the West African nation of Ghana **(97)**, more than four decades after Mossad overthrew Ghanaian founding father and cherished leader Kwame Nkrumah in its secret war with the Chinese Secret Intelligence Service (CSIS). The usurping Jewish entity would end the war with CSIS after the "Nkrumah Affair" and then forge an alliance with it to curtail Soviet influence in Africa, as per the policy designed by Meir Amit to keep superpowers divided and weakened in the name of "Jewish survival". Mossad would do just that in the years following, pitting Chinese operatives against Russian operatives and using Africa as the battleground **(98).**

Field Marshall Dedan Kimathi Waciuri: Kenyan revolutionary who defied Rothschild-funded British colonialism and gave his life for the freedom of his nation.

55 YEARS AGO, KENYAN FREEDOM FIGHTER and legendary revolutionary Field Marshall Dedan Kimathi Waciuri was hung by the Rothschild-financed British colonial regime, one of at least 1,090 Kenyans executed in this manner during the 1950s, along with 300,000 other Kenyans thrown into British concentration camps **(99)**, like the Boers and their indigenous comrades before them who fought Jewish domination. Field Marshall Kimathi was murdered for one reason and one reason only: he resisted his oppressors and utterly refused to compromise this dedicated stance.

He chose dignity over humiliation. Liberation over subjugation. Death over a life in slavery. It is this kind of steadfastness that the African continent needs now, maybe more so than ever before. Without it, the Jewish exploitation machine will continue onward with its rampage throughout Africa, leaving an oceanic trail of blood in its tracks. With it however, the Resistance will be triumphant, in honor of Field Marshall Kimathi and all of the martyrs before him and after him, from Rwanda to Libya, Somalia

to Egypt, Algeria to Gambia and every nation in between. And the Zionist infestation of Africa will not only be counteracted, but prevented from manifesting itself ever again.

~ The End ~

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^ 26 comments:

Abu-Suleyman May 29, 2012 at 2:03 PM long but very good quality!

Den June 1, 2012 at 9:54 PM Ditto! Hi; I was in East Africa (Kenya) for a couple of years. My associate at the time, a local "Asian" (Muslim Indian of Mombassa), who frequently was in Nairobi had been close to an ISRAELI who worked as a security officer (carrying

9mm Parabellum/NATO BERETTA Semi-Auto whose license was obtained from the local authority).

This Indian chap informed me that in NOVEMBER 1996 the Kenyan authority/intelligence service conducted a "trial" of intercepting ALL facsimile communications of all foreign embassies/Missions in NAIROBI! And it was assisted by the MOSSAD!!!

A young, unmarried para-commando look like young ISRAELI, a MOSSAD guy I strongly suspected, all of a sudden stayed right next to the townhouse where my family and I rented during the last two years of our stay in Nairobi (sharing walls!), so he could easily did crude eavesdropping on my communications with some authorities/intel guys in JAKARTA then.

^ Yusuf (Joe) Jussac, Jr. a.k.a unclejoe C me at www.scribd.com/tjoaginsing

https://www.scribd.com/user/272535/Yusuf-Joe-Jussac-Jr-a-k-a-unclejoe

rubyinthedust May 29, '12 10:06p very comprehensive work, included much info that was unknown to me. One suggestion: Change that photo of Michael Chertoff. With that light around his skull (like a halo) even with radiating lines makes this look like a portrait of a Catholic saint, i.e. someone to admire, and Chertoff is certainly no holyman...Maybe it was planned that way, to fool the masses, so for that reason I'd change it.

rmstock June 1, 2012 at 3:33 PM My message to Ambassador Susan E. Rice **N/A** http://usun.state.gov/leadership/c31461.htm

Subject: The Corporate Infestation Of Africa Revisited: The More Details, The More Devils Dear Mrs. Rice, I'd like to invite you to read and go over the summation of atrocities committed in Africa over the last two decades and arrive at renewed conclusions when observing the peculiar interests of Israeli lobby groups in Washington DC to convince the US President to take down Iran, like another Iraq, Syria or Libya.
^ "***The Zionist Infestation Of Africa Revisited: The More Details, The More Devils***"
by Jonathan Azaziah, Monday, May 28, 2012 http://www.maskofzion.com/
http://www.maskofzion.com/2012/05/zionist-infestation-of-africa-revisited.html

If only half of the above report is true, Israeli objectives towards Iran will be put on hold permanently, because of pending lawsuits of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Yours Sincerely, Robert Stockmann

Anonymous June 2, 2012 at 7:09 PM Excellent letter. Mr. Stockman but... good luck getting a reply. This article is another tour de force by Mr. Azaziah who deserves as wide a readership as possible. Maybe, just maybe more Americans will wake up from

their insensate slumber. The late George Carlin tried to teach us why our ignorance was so important to the "owners" of the country:

^ George Carlin: Execute the Bankers VIDEO "***George Carlin - Death Penalty***"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDO6HV6xTmI
http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article31492.htm

Noor al Haqiqa June 4, 2012 at 12:25 PM Another excellent piece, 'Ziah.

Posted of course. As always your insights leave me with too much meat to chew in a single sitting....

Anonymous June 5, 2012 at 12:53 AM Another brilliant, well-researched article. Thank you, Jonathan!

"He slammed Jewish Hollywood as a prime mover and shaker against Sudan and accurately noted that the “Save Darfur” campaign was the product of several powerful American Jewish organizations." Oh, how Jewish Hollywood needs to be slammed!

I recently started placing an "un" prefix in front of the word American in any Jewish group or organization's name which contains it. For example: un-American-Israeli Political Action Committee, un-American Jewish Committee, un-American Jewish Congress, etc., for it certainly has a better 'ring' to it and more importantly, reflects the true nature of the Jewish lobby's interests which, ninety-nine times out of one-hundred, does not jibe with the average American's, or for that matter, the average European's! All the best, John

WebNews June 5, 2012 at 1:07 PM An excellent site revealing Zionist crimes against Iran - very detailed and with irrefutable facts:

^ IranianFacebook.com http://iranianinfo.wordpress.com/

Unknown June 9, 2012 at 4:18 AM Congratulations Jonathan on another excellent fact filled account of the Zionist monsters takeover of the African continent. The reality of the Zionist penetration of most every country on the planet is mind boggling in its breadth and scope. These fanatics who are determined to implement the ***Protocols of Zion*** completely are almost beyond contempt. Thank the lord there are a few quality journalists who do the research and bring us the true picture. Bless you

Adversario June 10, 2012 at 1:05 PM What do you think about the situation in Congo/Zaire and particularly Laurent Kabila, former president of Congo after Mobutu Sese Seko (Kabila renamed the country, formerly Zaire to Democratic Republic of Congo). He was killed in very strange circumstances...

I don´t know much about him, but he overthrew corrupted US-backed puppet-dictator Mobutu in 1997 and a couple of years later, in January 2001 he was killed "by one of his bodyguards"... Greetings!

Mask Of Zion June 11, 2012 at 7:11 PM Greetings brother Adversario,

Thank you for stopping by and reading my brother.

I discussed the Congo at greater length in my first piece, "***The Zionist Infestation of Africa: Zimbabwe to Uganda, Congo to Somalia and Beyond***". For an overall view though, you can check my source here: http://dissidentvoice.org/2008/02/gertlers-bling-bang-torah-gang/

Kabila was a bought-and-paid-for puppet of the Jewish supremacist gangster blood diamond tycoon Dan Gertler. It is sad that so many African leaders have fallen into the Zionist trap. Blessings, ~ Ziah

Barry June 14, 2012 at 7:55 PM Just read this one. Terrific! Bravo! The Somali pirates are freedom fighters stopping illegal dumping! How did you come up with that? Not even the pirates claim that. You must have made it up during one of your Jew hating fever dreams.
There are so many lies, distortions, half-truths and full-on psychoses in this article, I cannot hope to do it true justice. So I will just say that in the annals of hatred, there is no Nazi or Cossack or Crusader or Jihadi who hates nearly as well as you.
I am sending this to my friends. While we plot to dominate the world, it will give us real insights into the one and only mind that truly understands us. Huzzah!

Mask Of Zion June 15, 2012 at 7:53 PM Barry, Your diatribe has done nothing but reinforce numerous pieces that I and persons far more experienced than I have written: you and your ilk have a complete and total incapability of responding to anything even remotely critical of your behavior without launching into full-blown ad hominem mode and ignoring any and all documentation of said misbehavior or outright criminality. It is hysterical Jewish delusion at its finest. You don't even realize how sad and pathetic that you are.

There isn't a single "lie, distortion, half-truth" or anything of the sort in this piece, everything is well-sourced and accounted for, mostly from Jewish and Zionist outlets. But you're not interested in facts, are you? You're only interested in smearing because that is what resonates within your very tribal being.

If you had any interest in the said facts, you would know that it was International Jewry that declared war on the "Nazis", not the other way around, and National Socialist Germany merely fought a war of defense against globalist Jewish aggression; you would

know that the Cossacks, led by the legendary Bohdan Khmelnytsky, rose up against ALL of their oppressors from 1648-1656, including and most especially the Jewish usurers and landlords who had tormented them for over a century, and you would know that there were Jews amongst Khmelnystsky's revolutionaries who had suffered at the hands of Jewish elites too. And "crusader"? And "Jihadi"? It is stunning how your hasbara never changes, truly stunning.

Tell your "friends" at the ADL, SPLC, JIDF, ZOA and all of the rest that their day in hell is coming. ~ Ziah

Anonymous **July 22, 2012 at 9:19 AM** You can say that again, and again.
Great Work Jonathan. Bismillah Davy

Anonymous **August 24, 2012 at 5:21 AM** Fantastic Jonathon I hope to that they all do burn in hell forever,, it's not like there's no facts or no proof it's all there

Clementino Gonsalves Unmasked **June 16, 2012 at 8:52 AM** The Wikipedia entry for the Bantustan of Bophuthatswana can provide some useful "starting points" for further investigation into the ties between the old South Africa and the Zionist Entity. This topic can cause some discomfort to certain people, particularly white nationalists, who view pre-1994 South Africa as an opponent rather than a component of the NWO.

Clementino Gonsalves Unmasked **June 16, 2012 at 8:52 AM**

^ Bophuthatswana WIKI http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bophuthatswana

Mask Of Zion June 16, 2012 at 9:04 AM Peace and blessings brother Clementino, Thank you so much for this little nugget and you are absolutely correct in your comment. I dealt heavily with the ties between Pretoria and Tel Aviv in my first piece on the Jewish aggression against the African continent, "***The Zionist Infestation of Africa: Zimbabwe to Uganda, Congo to Somalia and Beyond***", and the ties are indeed exceedingly vast. Many of our white nationalist comrades unfortunately are unwilling to see how deeply connected apartheid South Africa and the usurping Zionist entity were because of racial solidarity and this is certainly the incorrect position.

This is not to say that the Rothschild-financed British genocide against the Boers was right, or that the great number of Zionist Jews who were part of and came to domineer the anti-apartheid struggle were good persons, they obviously weren't and were actually very detrimental to a just cause (as they always are), we are simply saying that Pretoria was a very dirty regime that was no more than another puppet of international Zionism. I would never support the filthy monarchies of Morocco, Jordan or any of the GCC scoundrels just because they are Arab and I am Arab; our white nationalist

comrades should learn this lesson. What can we do but spread the truth and say God willing? Thank you again for stopping by. Regards, ~ Ziah

Clementino Unmasked **June 17, 2012 at 12:45 PM** Salaam brother Jonathan and thank you for your kind reply. I fully agree with your take on this subject and admire your skill at synthesis of complex topics such as this one and fitting the pieces of the puzzle to create a picture clear for all to see.

Another aspect of the Apartheid-Zionism relationship which may merit some investigation is the Calvinist theology which guided the apartheid regime and the tendency towards a strong identification with Jews-Israel-Zionism amongst many Calvinist Protestants who subscribe to the idea of predestination and apply literal interpretations of the Old Testament.

Nysoulcontrolla aka Ali July 21, 2012 at 6:02 AM aslaamu alaikum my brother, I'm editor at thenakedfacts.blogspot...I was wondering if you can do a follow up piece of Syria...your last ones were amazing...see this btw.
^ Explosive-Israhell Tool, Zionist Jewish AIPAC Lackey, CIA, Saudi, GCC Turkish...The Secret Battle For Syria by Ambassador Marc Ginsberg

http://thenakedfacts.blogspot.com/2012/07/explosive-israhell-toolzionist-jewish.html

Nysoulcontrolla aka Ali July 21, 2012 at 8:17 AM

^ UK Special Forces Train Syria's Armed Rebels

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The Mail admitted that[[[[[[[leaders of armed terror groups in Syria have been trained by former SAS soldiers]]]]]] as it claimed that the government of Syrian President Bashar Al Assad would be toppled within four weeks
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Nysoulcontrolla aka Ali August 1, 2012 at 7:58 AM

SALAAM BROTHER...HERE IS MY NEW VIDEO...HOPE YOU ENJOY IT... THE SYRIA CONSPIRACY THE FINAL NAILS IN CONSPIRATORS COFFINS

^ The Syria Conspiracy the Final Nails In the Conspirators Coffins

9:01 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rI9Wvw_7h4

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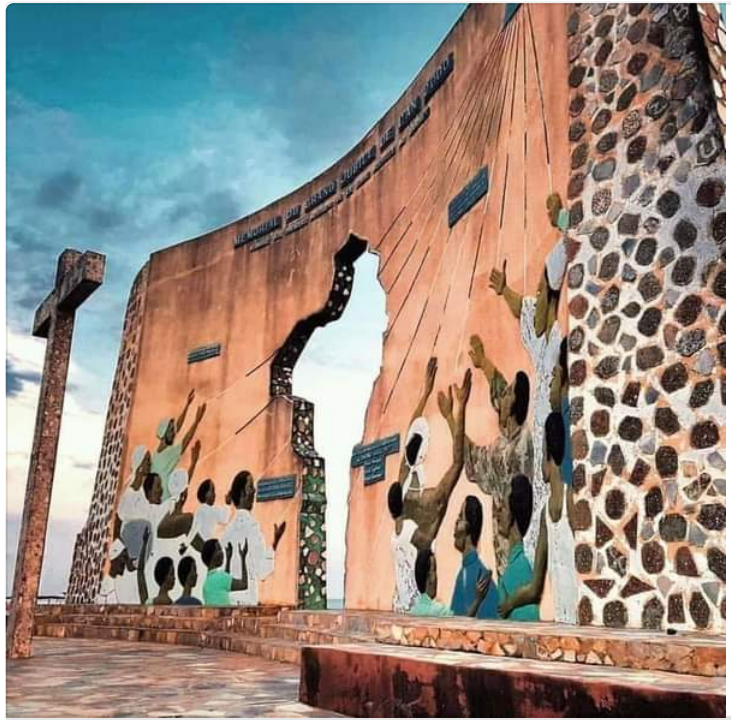

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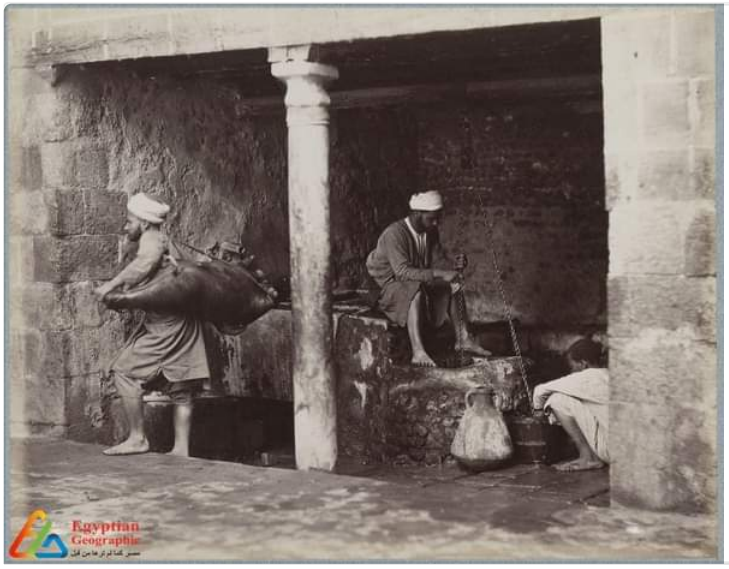

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As long as humans have walked the Earth, they've been finding reasons to kill each other. Over time, we've gotten pretty good at it. It should come as no surprise then tha tty inventive ways to gain advantage over the enemy. Many of these st ern armies. Still, it

can be pretty surprising just how creative ancient armies could be when it came to the art of killing. Here are some surprising, but often effective, ancient warfare tactics.

1.The Egyptians Lost a Major Battle Because of Cats

It's pretty much common knowledge that the ancient Egyptians adored cats. Several of their gods were depicted as cats. Mafdet, Bastet, and Sekhmet, representing justice, fertility, and power respectively, were usually depicted as cats.

Cats were seen as the protectors of Egypt. References to cats protecting Egyptians by killing venomous snakes and protecting the pharaohs can be found dating back to the **First Dynasty of Egypt** . No wonder the cult of the cat became so popular.

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Unfortunately for the Egyptians, their enemies weren't above using their beliefs against them. During the 6th century BC, the Egyptians were busy fighting off Persian invaders who sought to take over Egyptian lands. The fighting was brutal, and both sides were desperate for an advantage.

At the **Battle of Pelusium** , Persian King **Cambyses II** ordered his warriors to paint cats on their shields to deter the Egyptians from attacking. When the Persians mar[illegible]p of cats.

The Egyptian forces were unwilling to risk attracting the wrath of their gods and promptly surrendered to the Persians. The victory proved to be decisive, and not long after the Persians became the new rulers of Egypt. This battle is often described as one of the earliest recorded examples of psychological warfare.

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*The Persians may have pioneered psychological warfare tactics in the 6th century BC, using the Egyptians reverence for cats against them. King Cambyses at the siege of Peluse by Paul-Marie Lenoir, oil on canvas, 1872. (**Public Domain**)*

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2.Chemical Warfare Has Been Around Since the 3rd Century BC

We often think of chemical warfare as being a relatively modern trend. Chemical warfare conjures up images of chlorine gas used during WWI, Agent Orange in Vietnam, or perhaps white phosphorus. We like to think ancient warfare tactics were more honorable somehow.

Wrong. The earliest evidence of chemical **weapons** being used in warfare dates back to around the 3rd century BC. The evidence was found at the site of Dura-Europos, located in Syria along the Euphrates River.

Dura-Europos was a Roman city that fell to the **Sassanians**. There are no surviving written sources that described the siege on Dura-Europos, but archaeological evidence paints a terrifying picture. It appears that the Sassanians attempted to breach the city walls by tunneling beneath them. The Romans caught on and began to dig their own tunnels as a countermeasure.

When Dura-Europos was excavated in the 1920s, the bodies of nineteen Roman soldiers and one Sasanian soldier were found in one of the tunnels. Strangely, there were no signs of battle or bloodshed. It wasn't until 2009 that historians found the answer.

It turns out the Sassanians had used toxic gas to [illegible] nnel clashed with the Sassanian tunnel, the invaders threw sulfur ar[illegible]urned into sulphuric

gas when breathed in. It would only have taken a couple of minutes to kill the Romans in the tunnel.

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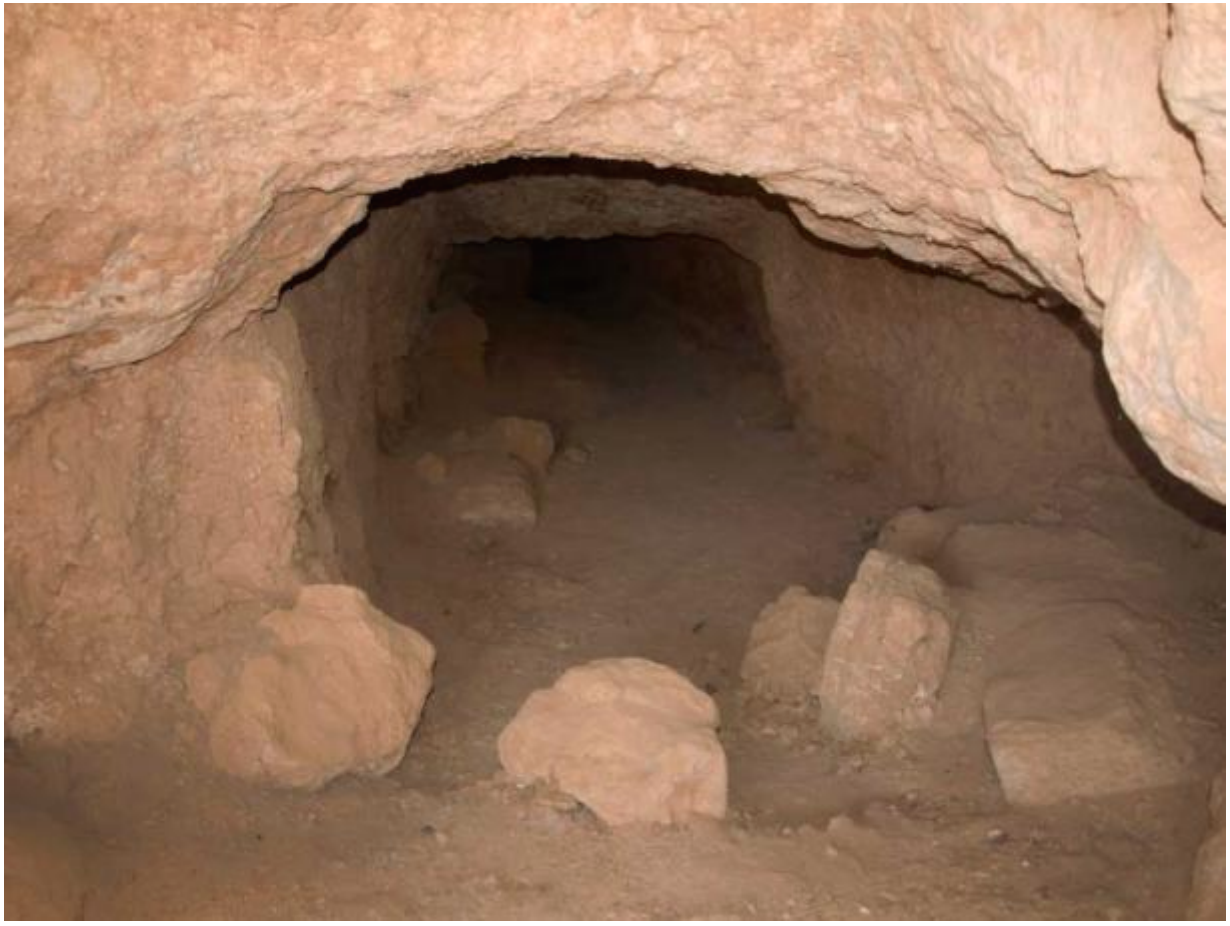


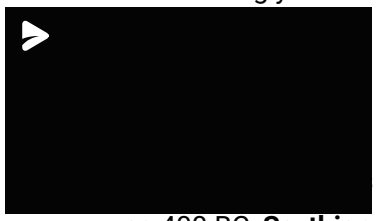
*The Romans thought they were clever, tunneling under the walls of Dura-Europos, but the Sassanians filled these tunnels with deadly sulphuric gas in an early chemical warfare tactic (Marsyas / **CC BY SA 3.0**)*

3.The Hittites Were Using Biological Warfare in 1500 BC

There is perhaps only one thing worse than chemical warfare, and that's biological warfare. Just the mere mention of biological warfare in the modern press is enough to make one's blood run cold. But just like chemical warfare, this isn't a new warfare tactic. Humans have been carrying out biological warfare against one another since ancient times.

Of course, in antiquity, they had no knowledge of bacteria or viruses, but they were smart enough to put two and two together: when people became ill, very often thos[illegible] around them soon started showing the same symptoms.

The first case of biological warfare was recorded in the Hittite texts of 1500-1200 BC. The **Hittites** made reference to people who were sick with **tularemia** being driven into enemy lands with the hope of infecting the enemy. It was devastatingly effective.



also made between the spread of disease and the rotting corpses of animals and people. As far back as 400 BC, **Scythian archers** were dipping their **arrows** in rotting bodies and feces-tainted blood. The Romans later followed suit and adopted the practice of dipping their swords in rotting blood and excrement.

*Image from an illuminated manuscript depicting a Byzantine siege of a citadel. A tactic of ancient biological warfare was to hurl infected dead bodies over city walls (**Public Domain**)*

4.The Ancient Greeks Invented a Super Weapon We Can't Replicate

Nowadays lots of people have heard of " **Greek fire** " also known as "sea fire". Greek fire was an ancient super weapon that to this day is shrouded in mystery. We don't k spite its name, who

invented it.

According to the Greek historian Theophanes, Greek fire was invented by a Greek architect named Kallinikos in the 6th [redacted]r, there is little other evidence to back this claim up. Many historians today believe it was invented in [redacted]y the **Byzantine Empire** . They believe it was first created in Constantinople and was discovered by a [redacted]om the Alexandrian school.

[redacted] the weapon was terrifying. It was a liquid that was either kept in clay pots and then launched by catapult, or sent down tubes mounted on ships. Greek fire could spontaneously ignite, and once lit, it was impossible to put out. It could burn on the ocean's surface, and if water was thrown on it, it only spread further. Simply put, it created an uncontrollable inferno.

The weapon played a major role in the defeat of the Arabs during the defense of Constantinople, and later against the **Venetians**. Despite the weapon being so powerful, no record exists of how to make it, and scientists today have been left stumped.

A Byzantine ship using Greek fire against a ship belonging to the rebel Thomas the Slav, 821. 12th century illustration from the

5.Ancient Animal Warfare Tactics

We're all familiar with the idea of animals being used in warfare. Horses have been used to some extent or another in warfare since around 4000 BC. But what might surprise you is how other animals were used in ancient warfare.

[redacted]rgest and most powerful land mammals on the planet. Their size means they are great at trampling [redacted]y can gore enemies and even throw them around like a ragdoll with their tusks. An angry elephant is [redacted]hold, making them a psychological weapon as well.

It's believed the Indians first used elephants as weapons in the 4th century BC. The practice soon began to spread. By the time Alexander the Great was fighting the Persians at the **Battle of Gaugamela** in 331 BC, the Persians were fielding elephant units.

The use of elephants as an ancient warfare tactic helped decide the Battle of Zama, painting circa 1567 (***Public Domain*** *)*

The use of elephants as weapons isn't particularly surprising, but how Alexander countered them is. How did he beat back s of the Persians? According to a letter written to Aristotle, he used pigs.

sh by nature and apparently, the sound of a pig squealing was all it took to scare away the enemy arians took this one step further when fighting the Macedonians. They covered the poor pigs in pitch before sending them running at the elephants.

Alexander the Great driving off elephants with war pigs and musical instruments in a detail from a French illuminated manuscript from 1420. (The British Library / ***CC BY 4.0*** *)*

Ingenious uses of animals in ancient warfare don't stop there though. They were also used as a kind of **early hand grenade** . It has been recorded that **Hannibal** of C s, had clay pots

filled with venomous snakes. These ' **snake bombs** ' were then thrown onto the decks of enemy ships, where the surviving snakes could wreak havoc on the crew.

[redacted] copied by the people of Hatra in Mesopotamia when fighting off the Roman troops of Septimius [redacted] didn't have many poisonous snakes to hand, so they had to manage with pots filled with poisonous [redacted] orpions.

[redacted] had a bad track record when it came to being pelted with bees. In 72 BC, the Romans were attacking Themiscyra, a Greek town famous for its production of honey. The Romans tried their usual tactic of tunneling under the city walls to circumvent their enemy's defenses. The Themiscyrans responded by filling the tunnels with swarms of very angry bees.

6.The Ancient Greeks Claimed to Have Built a Death Ray 2,000 Years Ago

When studying ancient Greek history, it can be more than a little difficult to separate fact from fiction. It's safe to say Greek historians had a habit of embellishing some of their achievements. That is to say, this next entry should probably be taken with a grain of salt.

Two historians, the 2nd century AD writer Lucian and 4th century AD architect Anthemius of Tralles both make mention of two superweapons created by Archimedes. **Archimedes** was a Greek mathematician, engineer, astronomer, and most importantly, inventor.

According to these historians, Archimedes came to the rescue during the Roman siege of Syracuse, a historic Sicilian city, between 213-212 BC. He supposedly did this by creating the world's first death ray. A series of large reflectors, probably made from highly polished bronze or copper, was used to focus the sun's rays on approaching Roman ships. The concentrated rays caused the ships to burst into flames, like an ant under a sadistic child's magnifying glass.

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Wall painting from the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy, showing the Greek mathematician Archimedes' mirror being used to burn Roman military ships. Painted by Giulio Parigi in 1600 (***Public Domain*** *)*

Unsurprisingly, modern historians aren't convinced; an ancient Greek death ray does sound a tad unlikely. However, two separate experiments have proven the death ray was possible. In 1973, Greek scientists recreated the invention using a combination of 70 mirrors coated in copper. Then in 2005, a group of Massachusetts students also managed to recreate the weapon. In both cases, the scientists managed to set fire to a wooden boat at a decent range.

If a death ray wasn't impressive enough, Archimedes is said to have invented another impressive weapon during the siege. Ancient Greek historians claimed Archimedes installed a giant iron claw that could lift up and then dash invading Roman ships against the cliffs below the city. This invention hasn't been recreated yet.

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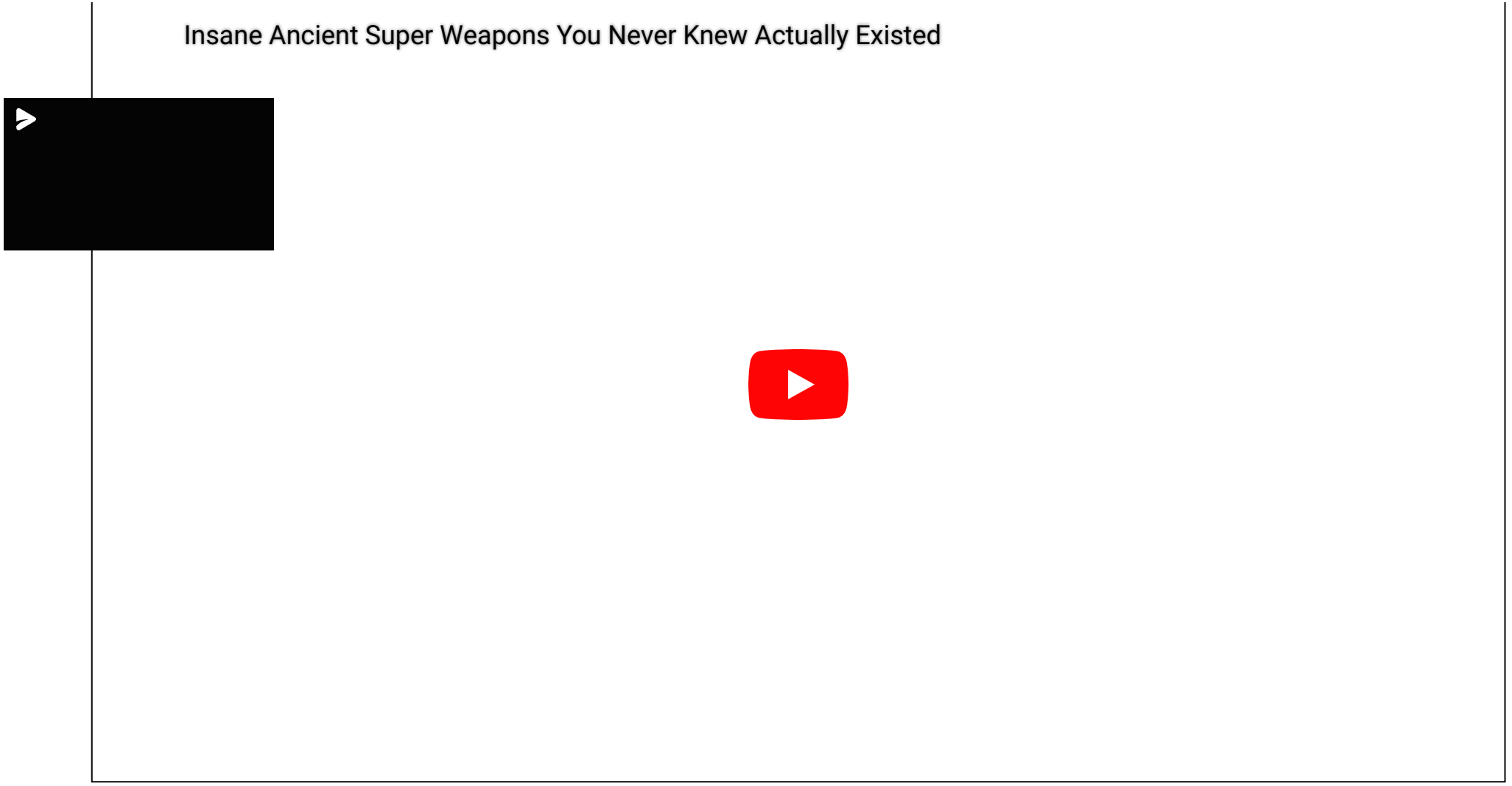
Detail of a wall painting of the Claw of Archimedes sinking a ship, taking the name "iron hand" in the ancient sources literally, by Giulio Parigi circa 1600 (***Public Domain*** *)*

Conclusion

In ancient warfare, everything from the humble bee to the sun itself was used as a potential weapon. It will probably never cease to amaze us how inventive people can become when they want someone dead.

We tend to look back at the ancients and scoff at how primitive their lives and methods seem. But in truth, their ingenuity was beyond impressive. It's just a shame so much [illegible] each other.



Perhaps the most surprising fact on this list is that we're still at it. Every year, governments and private companies spend billions of dollars researching and refining new and increasingly creative warfare tactics. In this way, we're no different from the practitioners of ancient warfare.

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10 Facts About Santa Muerte, Our Lady Of Holy Death

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It is believed that there are anywhere between 2,000 and 10,000 saints in the world. (According to the Catholic Church, a "saint" is anyone who is in Heaven.) But of these saints, only some are remembered and celebrated, while others have fallen by the wayside along the course of history. Santa Muerte, or the Saint of Death, is a Mexican saint that is representative of death and dying and serves as a figure much like the ancient Greek Hades, the god of the Underworld, and has a long and rich history as an entity of religious significance, dating back to long before the Spanish conquests of North and Central America.[1]

Various cultures have sought to personify death in different ways, from the Danse Macabre of the Middle Ages, to the Day of the Dead of modern-day Mexico and other areas within the Americas. Death has been given many faces, in many different ways. Here are ten facts about Santa Muerte, the Saint of Death, one of the most fascinating death symbols that humankind has ever believed in.

10 European Similarities

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Santa Muerte, though technically a goddess-like figure, bears a striking resemblance to the European Grim Reaper. Most often portrayed as as skeleton cloaked in black, this figure often carries a scythe and, sometimes, a globe or a scale.[2] The figure also carries all of the hallmarks of the death art motif, the Danse Macabre, which was the medieval European embodiment and personification of death, through art, music, dance, and various figures throughout time.

When Europe faced the plagues which ripped through the various nations at the time, the Danse Macabre served as an embrace of the equalizing factor of death, and the universality of death. So, too, does Santa Muerte in Mexican culture and its neighbors who celebrate it.

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In a very real way, believers in Santa Muerte as a figure in their lives, a saint or goddess to be followed, subscribe to the idea that death is the ultimate equalizer: It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, good or evil, kind or downright malevolent; someday, at some time, death, in this case personified death, comes for us all.

This great equalization has earned Santa Muerte quite a following from all types, across a broad spectrum of people, from the most socially conservative to the highly progressive crowds who feel shunned by the Catholic Church or the state governments under which they reside, and across almost all general socioeconomic boundaries.[3]

8 Cultural Roots

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The cultural roots of Santa Muerte are rich, long, intertwined, and complex, being a fusion of European traditions, including the Grim Reaper and the Danse Macabre, with indigenous Mesoamerican traditions. While not formally recognized by the Catholic Church in any way, this dark, grim figure has roots tracing all the way back to the Aztec culture's personification of death and death worship. The Aztecs were obsessed with mortality, death, and the afterlife, so it's no surprise that, when Spanish conquistadors arrived, these two cultures would fuse to create something very interesting in Santa Muerte. A few stanzas from one Aztec poem written in the mid-1520s after the Spanish had arrived goes as follows:

We know it is true
that we must perish,
for we are mortal men.
You, the Giver of Life,
you have ordained it.

We wander here and there
in our desolate poverty.
We are mortal men.

We have seen bloodshed and pain
where once we saw beauty and valor.[4]

These words are some of the roots of the modern rendition and fusion that would become Santa Muerte, tracing to a time long gone and reflections on death and mortality that took place way before our own lives began. But long before even these words were etched, the Aztecs were worshiping a goddess of death named Mictecacihuatl in a celebration much like today's Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. After the Spanish arrived in Mexico and began the conversion of the natives to Catholicism, the holiday shifted in the calendar to coincide with the Roman Catholic All Saint's Day, and the two were forever fused in Latin American culture.

7 Celebration

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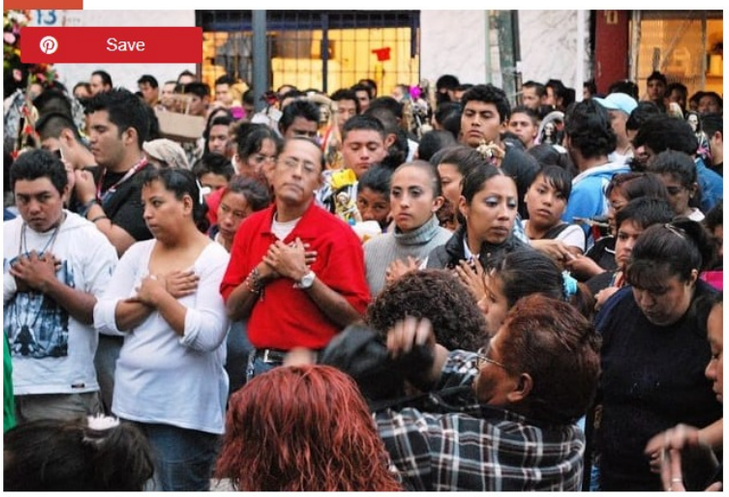
Celebrations of Santa Muerte take on various forms depending on the region and are pretty widespread. Much like the Aztecs did originally, today Santa Muerte and Dia de los Muertos are celebrated with food and dance, songs and wine, alcoholic beverages, and costumes, all of this bearing a dark, morbid theme, where the practitioners embrace the nature of death, not as a terminal finality but as a transition from one plane of existence to the next.[5] Those who celebrate not only grieve and use this time to signify loss but also to rejoice in their lost friends and loved ones passing on to what they believe is another spiritual plane.

It is also a time for them to reflect on their own mortality and the nature of existence itself. What happens when we die? This has been a question humankind has faced since time immemorial, and those who believe in Santa Muerte as a figure to be followed, rather than shyed away from, would rather take these sorts of questions head-on instead of running from them or tucking them back into the obscure, dark passages of the mind, out of sight.

6 Worship



During such Day of the Dead celebrations, as well as other times throughout the year, followers of Santa Muerte set up places of worship and shrines dedicated to the Lady, where they seek and find solace and comfort from their beliefs. Unlike the European Grim Reaper, this goddess is loved and revered, much like Hades, as one who ushers us into a better, spiritual world. Alcohol, incense, candy, and other delightful foods are consumed in worship of Santa Muerte, Our Lady of Holy Death.

Santa Muerte figures come wearing robes in various colors for different purposes during prayer, as it is believed that this goddess can grant favors and actualize what a practitioner wants to see manifested in reality.[6] White robes are a symbol to signify or ask for purity, red robes represent either passion or love, and green robes represent justice. There are also amber robes for health and black robes for protection.

5 Love

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There is a long-rooted and deep connection that traces the lineage of Santa Muerte back to pre-Columbian paganism and links the goddess not with death but with love. It has been noted that Santa Muerte began her career as a goddess and practitioner in the ways of love magic, a way for a believer to obtain the affections of the person they so desperately seek. One poem written to the deity, a prayer of sorts, translated into English in 1947, goes as follows:

Beloved death of my heart,
do not leave me unprotected
and don't leave [insert beloved's name here]
tranquil for one moment,
molest him, mortify him,
make him restless so that he will always think of me.[7]

So, this goddess of death, this saint of the dead, began also as a figure who would terrify a person into loving someone who sensed a bit of unrequited love or simply wanted the person so badly that they would do anything to possess them. There are many, many other prayers which are said to increase the chances of finding success in love through this deity, and one can imagine that they will only become more abundant with time.

4 Criminality

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Sadly, good things can only go so far before they become hijacked by people and perverted in their intentions. This is the case with Santa Muerte, who, for better or for worse, has also become a hit among Latin American criminals as well as street and prison gangs. It doesn't take much reflection to see why, with the general overarching narrative of darkness and death, Santa Muerte's imagery is almost designed for both intimidation and fearlessness, even though that's not the original religious significance at all.

Ritualistic gang killings have been performed in this deity's name, as people have sought to infuse religious culture with criminal or gang culture. As such, Santa Muerte has found herself on the front lines of cartel drug wars.[8]

3 The Cult

Further tarnishing the name of this interesting figure are reactionary, fearmongering campaigns in the West, where warnings abound about the "dangers" of Santa Muerte as a cult to undermine the church, the state, or society at large.[9] Fortunately, sane and moderate journalists and individuals see this practice for what it is, a tradition and expression of the human existence, with a rich cultural heritage spanning thousands of years, not a manifestation of Satanism.

Some sources have actually begun to trace the lineage of Santa Muerte to death rituals carried out up to 100,000 years ago, a clear indication that humans are doing what humans have always done, honoring their dead with mass graves and intricate burial practices and thinking about their mortality.

2 Progressivism

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For those in modern times who've been pushed aside, ostracized, or marginalized, Santa Muerte has also provided a place of refuge, for minorities, women, the LGBTQ community, and other groups which have found themselves bearing the brunt of hatred or violence. This saint, or goddess, depending on how you want to view her, has been a guide, an aide for many in overcoming adversity in times of strife and personal challenge.[10]

The disenfranchised often find comfort and a place of refuge in the belief in this saint and her ability to help guide them, help them make decisions to better their lives, and help them to fend off people who wish them harm. How interesting it is that a figure worshiped for so long, thousands upon thousands of years, has turned into such a progressive icon for so many people.

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1 Embrace

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Despite attempts to smite this saint and related festivals out of existence, there has been a large surge in popularity for both Santa Muerte and Dia de los Muertos events, starting in Mexico and spreading to Los Angeles and then the rest of the United States. These dark events and the dark, shadowy figure of Santa Muerte have been growing rapidly, with festivals and parades springing up at such a rate that even the Vatican is concerned.

But this dark aspect of humankind's expression isn't anything to be afraid of; for many, it's just good fun, and for others, it's a source from which they draw inspiration and healing. Santa Muerte is actually one of the fastest-growing religious figures in the United States, and festivals in her honor are plentiful, as individuals and families seek fun and thoughtful reflection upon our mortal coil.[11]

I like to write about dark stuff, philosophy, history, true crime, and death.

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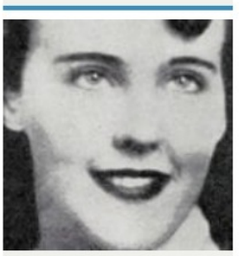

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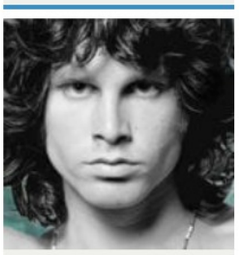

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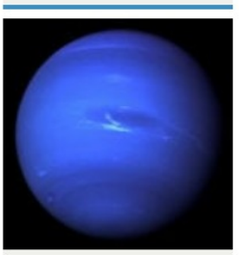

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Hillyard
4 years ago
Interesting list. Of course anything positive embraced by the people will be hijacked by criminals to try to legitimize themselves.
There are some idiots that see satan in anything that doesn't toe the line of their religion.
Personally I think that Santa La Pequeña Muerte would be more fun.

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Anon1
4 years ago edited
If you're ever down in Mexico, I highly recommend checking out Dia de los Muertos. It's kind of like Mexican mardi gras. It's not strictly about remembering those that died.

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Phil Giordana Fcd
4 years ago
La Danse Macabre!!! Dammit!

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Shiladitya Dey
4 years ago

#11 Wasn't she the woman Thanos was after?

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I see your soul...
4 years ago

When is it?

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EGarcia-Arzola
4 years ago

This is pure paganism. Real Christians especially Catholic Christians shouldn't respect that thing. Jesus himself defy death, so there's no reason to respect that thing.

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Brains Moran
4 years ago

Nobody expects the Spanish inquisition. SMH

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Melvin
4 years ago

All three of the misnamed "great" Abrahamic religions are nothing more than glorified DEATH CULTS. RELIGION: Making people stupid, violent, cruel, superstitious and insane for thousands of years.

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Jake the dog → Melvin
4 years ago

Then what made Soviets, Mongols, and stone age people so crazy ?

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Melvin → Jake the dog
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The Russian communists had their own gods, Marx and Lenin, and their own religious dogma, communism. The Russian Orthodox church had trained Russians for hundreds of years to follow authoritarian leadership, to never ask questions, and to act without thinking about the consequences. In a real way, Christianity in Russia paved the way for the Soviet State. Who says the stone age people were "crazy?" They were just primitive humans.

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Renee
4 years ago

I love Santa Muerte. She is truly the great equalizer. She doesn't care if you're gay, straight, trans, male, female, murderer, or holy man...she comes for you no matter what. She'll be there to take you, no matter who you are or what you have done. Lady Death is truly the most open-minded being in existence. She literally cares nothing for humanity's differences. We're all equal to her, just souls to usher into the afterlife, no matter what afterlife that is. She just takes us there.

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Liam Mod → Renee
4 years ago

Even if this story bores you
Mr. Death is coming for you
It's just yourself you're tricking
Clocks around the world are ticking

- - Bocephus King

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El
4 years ago

#4 Criminality
'Ritualistic gang killings have been performed in this deity's name, as people have sought to infuse religious culture with criminal or gang culture.'
Not that all those scum bags needed that excuse, but involving this kind of saint in their activities seeking some perverted 'legitimacy,' or even some kind of justification, proves the insanity of the whole worship...

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Thomas Luczak
4 years ago

So #2, thats a man ? Uh...well, Im not gay but....

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Xuca da Silva
4 years ago

If we stop and take into consideration how the different Pre-Columbian civilisations gave importance to death and the frequent depictions of skulls and skeletons in their temples and objects we don't even need to think of European Danse Macabres as some sort of influencer. Ancient Meso-American culture talked about death all the time and their legacy is still alive- if this is possible :D

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Liam Mod → Xuca da Silva
4 years ago

Seems likely.

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Roberto Carlos
4 years ago

Here in Mexico the Santa muerte figures are sold in stands at markets (mercados o tianguis) these figures come in various sizes and robe colors for different requests. I'm some figures you can remove one of the hands until your wish comes true and you have to put the hand back or else. I heard you have to make some sort of additional sacrifice. I don't believe in that, but still I won't mess with it.

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EGarcia-Arzola → Roberto Carlos
4 years ago

If you are Roman Catholic you should no mess with it. Hail Virgin Mary, and damn Death.

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Weirwolfe
4 years ago

Love the imagery. Not so the parades. Mexico.

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prepa
4 years ago

yawn, what a boring list!

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Поделиться материалом

Иероним Босх. Христос перед Пилатом, 1516

Жан-Бедель Бокасса заслужил место в первой пятерке тиранов, правивших в конце XX века. Жестокий, эксцентричный каннибал… Его режим практиковал массовые убийства, пытки, грабежи и многое другое.

Провозгласив себя президентом, он отменил первую конституцию страны и назвал ее «мертвым органом, больше не представляющим народ». А потом переименовал свое государство в империю и сам себя короновал Императором Центральной Африки.

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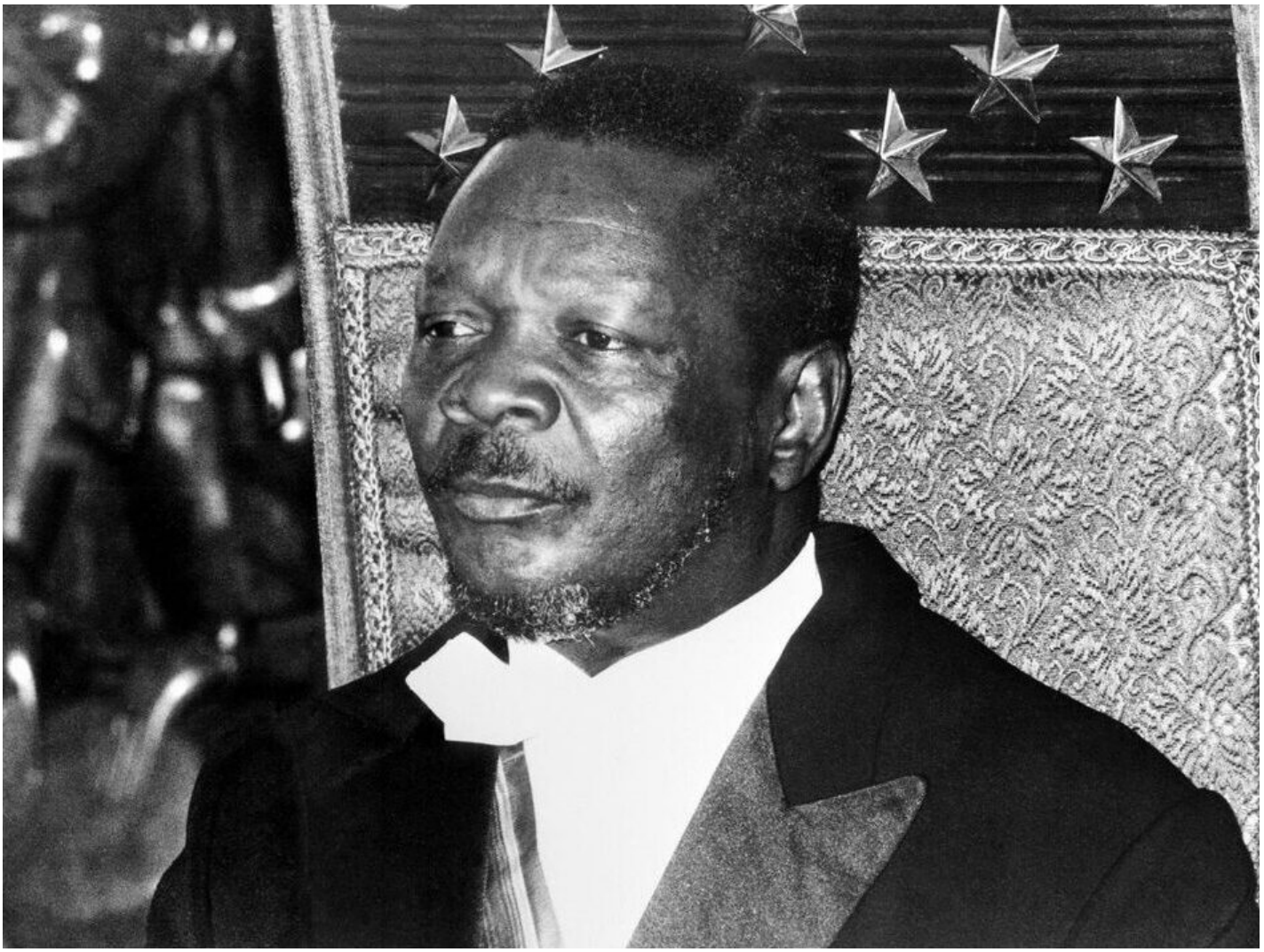

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ПРАВИЛО 1. СТАНЬ «НАСТОЯЩИМ ПОЛКОВНИКОМ»!

Родился Жан-Бедель Бокасса (1921–1996) в семье деревенского старосты на территории, которая была частью Французской Экваториальной Африки. В возрасте 6 лет Бокасса остался сиротой. Он получил французское образование в христианской миссионерской школе в Мбаики.

Далее в столичной школе Банги из него пытались сделать священника. Но Бокассу, скорее всего, это уже не интересовало. По совету своего деда он всерьез задумался о военной карьере, которая помогла бы ему взобраться на самую вершину власти.

В 18 лет, в начале Второй мировой войны, Бокасса поступил на службу во французскую армию. В 1944 году он участвовал в высадке союзников в Провансе. Потом воевал в Индокитае и Алжире. Был награжден Военным крестом и Орденом Почетного легиона — высшей военной наградой Франции, учрежденной еще Наполеоном. Даже получил французское гражданство.

В августе 1960 года на обломках французской колониальной империи возникло независимое государство — Центральноафриканская Республика (ЦАР). Это была одна из беднейших стран мира, где читать и писать умели менее 10% населения, а более четверти детей умирали от болезней и недоедания.

Вот в таком государстве Бокасса и стал «настоящим полковником» армии ЦАР. Он страстно жаждал признания. Не пропускал ни одного правительственного мероприятия, на которые приходил, увешанный всеми боевыми наградами.

ПРАВИЛО 2. ДЕРЖИСЬ ПОБЛИЖЕ К ВЛИЯТЕЛЬНОЙ РОДНЕ!

Бокасса всегда старался находиться рядом с тогдашним президентом ЦАР и всячески подчеркивал свою близость к руководителю страну. Благо делать это было нетрудно, поскольку Дако был по совместительству еще и членом семьи Бокассы — он приходился ему двоюродным братом.

Нужно сказать, что никакими заметными успехами в деле государственного строительства брат отличиться не смог. Скорее наоборот. При Дако страна продолжала лететь в экономическую пропасть, процветала коррупция.

Нуждаясь во внешней поддержке, Дако в 1964 году установил дипломатические отношения с коммунистическим Китаем и его вождем Мао Цзэдуном. Бокассе, который к тому времени дослужился до начальника штаба армии, это сильно не понравилось.

Он воспринял это как посягательство на власть местной верхушки и свою собственную. Выход нашелся быстро — взять правительство ЦАР под свой контроль.

Жан-Бедель Бокасса и румынский диктатор Николае Чаушеску, 1970 год / wikipedia.org

ПРАВИЛО 3. СОТРИ РАЗНИЦУ МЕЖДУ ЛИЧНЫМ КАРМАНОМ И ГОСБЮДЖЕТОМ!

В новогоднюю ночь, 31 декабря 1965 года, Бокасса подарил своей стране еще один «праздник» — военный переворот. Он сверг Дако и 1 января 1966-го объявил себя президентом республики. В течение последующих 14 лет Бокасса правил страной единолично.

Военную и экономическую помощью диктатору оказывала Франция, которая стремилась вернуть влияние на колонии с помощью «мягкой силы». В самом начале своего правления Бокасса аннулировал конституцию и распустил Национальное собрание. В 1972 году он провозгласил себя пожизненным президентом.

Национальная экономика, главным смыслом которой стало обслуживание экстравагантного образа жизни диктатора, рухнула окончательно. Бокасса активно разрабатывал месторождения урана и алмазов, которыми богата ЦАР, но вся прибыль от их добычи поступала в его личный карман.

Правитель любил лично посещать публичные казни, получая от этого удовольствие. Политических противников и заподозренных в нелояльности помощников казнили крайне жестоко и изощренно. Их скармливали львам или крокодилам. А семьи вырезали под корень, чтобы за казненных некому было мстить.

ПРАВИЛО 4. ПОДХОДИ К ПОИСКУ ВРАГОВ И ДЕНЕГ ТВОРЧЕСКИ!

Правление Бокассы погрузило страну в мрачное средневековье. Его спецслужбы уничтожали всех, кто не поддерживал его режим. Во внешней политике Бокасса прославился непоследовательностью своих действий. В начале правления он разорвал дипломатические отношения с Китаем, изгнав из страны всех «коммунистических агентов».

Но через пару лет начал устанавливать дружественные отношения со странами социалистического блока: Советским Союзом, Югославией, Северной Кореей, Румынией — он считал, что Франция дает слишком мало денег.

Жан-Бедель Бокасса в пионерском лагере «Артек», 1973 год / reddit.com

В июне 1970-го Бокасса впервые побывал в СССР с официальным визитом. Ему понравился ритуал братских поцелуев с Леонидом Брежневым. Вернувшись в ЦАР, он завел привычку целоваться со своими министрами — этот ритуал стал своеобразным тестом на верность… Все, кто целовал диктатора «без души», считались неблагонадежными и сразу отправлялись на тот свет.

В 1973 году Бокасса во второй раз приехал в Советский Союз. В украинском Крыму, в детском лагере Артек, Бокассу приняли в пионеры. Однако СССР, хоть и старался направить африканского диктатора по пути социализма, с деньгами расставаться не спешил. Зато после каждого дружеского поцелуя с коммунистами размер финансовой помощи от французских капиталистов ожидаемо возрастал.

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ПРАВИЛО 5. ПОСЛЕДУЙ ПРИМЕРУ НАПОЛЕОНА — СТАНЬ ИМПЕРАТОРОМ!

Жан-Бедель Бокасса был одержим всем европейским. Настолько, что решил стать императором по примеру своего кумира Наполеона Бонапарта. Но чтобы в самых точных деталях повторить его коронацию, Бокассе нужны были деньги, и немалые. И он без всякого стеснения попросил их у тогдашнего президента Франции Валери Жискара д'Эстена. И тот согласился.

А что делать? Ведь ЦАР поставляла Франции алмазы и уран, столь необходимый французской ядерной энергетике. Для организации церемонии коронации весь персонал, дизайнеры, мастера, рабочие сцены были привезены из Франции. Причем Бокасса обратился не к кому-нибудь, а к французской компании с 200-летней историей, которая готовила наряды для коронации Наполеона.

Стоимость всего «реквизита» — императорской короны, скипетра, меча и других аксессуаров — оценивалась в 5 миллионов долларов. В целом же коронация Бокассы обошлась в 25 млн долларов США. Состоялась она 4 декабря 1977 года.

После этого Бокасса стал официально именоваться Императором Центральной Африки, а его страна — Центральноафриканской империей. Методы наказания также приобрели имперский размах. За воровство провинившемуся отрезали уши, а за повторную кражу — отрубали руку.

ПРАВИЛО 6. БУДЬ ЩЕДРЫМ С ТЕМИ, КТО ТЕБЕ ПЛАТИТ!

Бокасса установил личную монополию на добычу алмазов, слоновой кости и сбор кофе в Центральной Африке. К государственной казне он относился как к личной копилке. Когда щедрые китайские коммунисты выделили ЦАР деньги на строительство университета, Император Центральной Африки на эти деньги купил замок во Франции.

Кроме этого, таких замков было еще три. С президентом Франции д'Эстеном его связывала крепкая многолетняя дружба.

В 1975 году д'Эстен воспользовался приглашением Бокассы поохотиться в частных владениях диктатора. И они прекрасно провели время в охотничьем заказнике, занимающем большую часть восточной половины страны. Рассказывали, что Бокасса любил одаривать своих гостей горстями бриллиантов.

Это был поистине императорский жест! При этом ни дарящий, ни принимающий этот дар не задумывались, что на вырученные от его продажи деньги можно было хоть немного накормить народ, находившийся за гранью нищеты.

Жан-Бедель Бокасса во время визита к президенту Шарлю де Голлю в Париже. Фото: Джеймс Андансон / infobae.com

ПРАВИЛО 7. ЕСЛИ ЛЮБИШЬ — УБЕЙ И СЪЕШЬ!

«Сахарная свинина» — так Бокасса называл человеческое мясо. Во все свои поездки он обязательно брал с собой консервы из этой самой «свинины». Потчевал он человеческим мясом и своих министров. Однажды в роли «деликатеса» на одном из заседаний Кабмина выступил их коллега, который совсем недавно сидел с ними за общим столом.

Судя по всему, Бокассе не понравилось какое-то высказывание министра в его адрес. Члены Кабмина не знали, что, вернее, кого они едят. О том, что они только что отведали и куда запропастился министр, Бокасса сообщил собравшимся лишь по окончании банкета.

А начиналась любовь к «сахарной свинине» с любви к девушке — именно возлюбленная стала первой жертвой гастрономических пристрастий диктатора. Всем известна банальная ситуация — парень от избытка чувств говорит девушке: «Ты такая сладкая! Так бы и съел тебя!» Бокасса воспринял это как руководство к действию.

Сначала он собственноручно задушил любимую, потом приказал приготовить из нее «сахарную свинину», которую с удовольствием съел. Блюдо Бокассе понравилось, и дальше он, что называется, вошел во вкус.

Жан-Бедель Бокасса, самопровозглашенный император Центральноафриканской империи, после коронации в 1977 году.
Фото: Пьер Гийо / irishtimes.com

ПРАВИЛО 8. СТРЕМИСЬ ПОЛЮБИТЬ ВСЕХ ЖЕНЩИН МИРА!

Бокасса всегда говорил, что очень любит женщин. И не только говорил, но и доказывал это на практике. У него было 19 только официальных жен. Одну из них по имени Катрин он сделал императрицей и называл Женой номер один.

Любовником он был ненасытным. Имен всех своих наложниц, которые исчислялись сотнями, если не тысячами, диктатор, конечно же, не помнил. А поскольку коллекционировал он их по всему миру, то так и называл — по стране происхождения: Немка, Бельгийка, Камерунка, Китаянка, Габонка, Туниска, Кот-д'Ивуарка…

Была и одна Румынка — агент службы безопасности Секуритате. В связь с Бокассой она вступила по инициативе Чаушеску, которого не меньше, чем Валери Жискара д'Эстена, интересовали алмазы Бокассы.

ПРАВИЛО 9. НЕ ГНУШАЙСЯ МАССОВЫМИ УБИЙСТВАМИ ДЕТЕЙ!

В течение двух лет после помпезной коронации Бокасса стал для Парижа кране токсичным. Общение с ним считалось позором. Недовольство его правлением росло. А тут еще как на зло Бокасса задумал превратить свою столицу в образец французской провинциальной моды.

Он приказал ученикам единственной средней школы Банги носить дорогую школьную форму. Это при том, что их родителям не хватало денег даже на учебники. Понятное дело, единственная швейная фабрика, где эту школьную форму шили, принадлежала Бокассе.

Жан-Бедель Бокасса, его жена Катрин и их двухлетний сын во время коронации в Банги, Центральноафриканская Республика, 1977 год / reddit.com

Это издевательство над учениками и их родителями вывело на улицу тысячи протестующих. Двести школьников «Императорская гвардия» арестовала за то, что они воспротивились приказу. Бокасса собрал их во дворе тюрьмы Банги и, размахивая тростью с золотым набалдашником, угрожал им расправой. Убийства детей продолжались несколько недель.

Их по одному выводили из камер для «проверки школьной формы», после чего забивали до смерти. По слухам, Бокасса лично размозжил своей тростью черепа как минимум пятерых детей. Эти массовые убийства официальные лица французского посольства в Банги больше игнорировать не могли… Стало ясно, что часы режима Бокассы сочтены.

ПРАВИЛО 10. ПОТЕРЯ ВЛАСТИ — ЕЩЕ НЕ КОНЕЦ ЖИЗНИ

Когда Бокасса отправился с визитом в Ливию к своему новому «другу» Муаммару Каддафи, Жискар д'Эстен приказал французским десантникам покончить с его режимом.

20 сентября 1979 года они совершили в ЦАР бескровный переворот. Операция получила название «Барракуда». Войска Бокассы не оказали сопротивления. В результате переворота спустя 14 лет кузен Бокассы Дако вернул себе некогда утраченную власть и должность президента. А страна возвратила себе прежнее название — ЦАР.

Французы конфисковали все имущество Бокассы, а Дако национализировал весь его бизнес. Но императору-людоеду, можно сказать, повезло: он отправился сперва в Кот-д'Ивуар, а оттуда переехал во Францию — в один из своих замков под Парижем…

Ходили слухи, что у Бокассы имелся какой-то компромат на президента Франции, которого экс-диктатор пытался шантажировать. Возможно, поэтому французы оставили его в покое, но решили на всякий случай далеко от себя не отпускать.

Уже свергнутый Жан-Бедель Бокасса и принадлежащий ему замок Адрикур, расположенный на окраине Парижа. Фото: Жак Павловский / infobae.com

СУД И ПОСМЕРТНАЯ РЕАБИЛИТАЦИЯ

В 1980 году Бокассу судили заочно, приговорив к смертной казни с конфискацией имущества. Его обвинили в 13 тяжких преступлениях, в том числе в убийствах, каннибализме, изнасилованиях, присвоении государственных средств…

После семи лет изгнания Бокасса вернулся в ЦАР и предстал перед судом в Банги. С него сняли обвинения в каннибализме, но признали виновным в массовых убийствах детей и других преступлениях… В 1993-м диктатор неожиданно был помилован. Выйдя из тюрьмы, он заявил, что является тринадцатым апостолом Христа.

Скончался Бокасса в 1996 году в Банги от сердечного приступа, в возрасте 75 лет. В 2010-м руководство страны выступило с заявлением о его посмертной «полной реабилитации». Таким образом, еще один диктатор, людоед и убийца прожил долгую жизнь, не понеся адекватного наказания за свои страшные злодеяния.

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Сегодня около трети всех мусульман мира проживают в Африке. Перечислим лишь некоторых известных мусульман родом из этого континента, которые сделали для ислама действительно много, пишет сайт The Muslim Vibe.

1. Сумайя бинт Хайят

Она была одной из первых женщин, принявших ислам. Сумайя – жена Ясира ибн Амира и мать Аммара ибн Ясира. Умерла в 615 году от пыток, которым её и её мужа подвергал Абу Джахль. Именно Сумайя считается первой мученицей в исламе.

2. Билал ибн Рабах

Эфиопский раб, который позже был освобожден и стал одним из самых близких и наиболее доверенных сподвижников Пророка Мухаммада (САВ), Билал был также первым муэдзином в истории ислама.

Билал был назначен хранителем государственной казны при жизни Пророка (САВ), а также участвовал во многих экспедициях и битвах Пророка. Билал умер около 640 года н.э. в Сирии и похоронен в Дамаске.

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3. Мухаммад ибн Али аль-Джавад

Мухаммад ибн Али аль-Джавад, один из потомков Пророка Мухаммада (САВ), почитается шиитами как девятый непорочный имам, а суннитами – как великий ученый. Умер в 845 году. Его мать

Хайзаран была родом из Восточной Африки. Она считалась одной из самых образованных женщин своего времени.

4. Умм Айман

Умм Айман, также известная как Барака, была освобожденной эфиопской рабыней. Она считается одной из немногих, кто знали Пророка (САВ) от рождения до смерти. Умм Айман участвовала в битве при Ухуде, ухаживая за ранеными. Умерла в 644 году и похоронена на кладбище Джаннат аль-Баки в Медине.

Битва при Ухуде / Источник: afosa.org

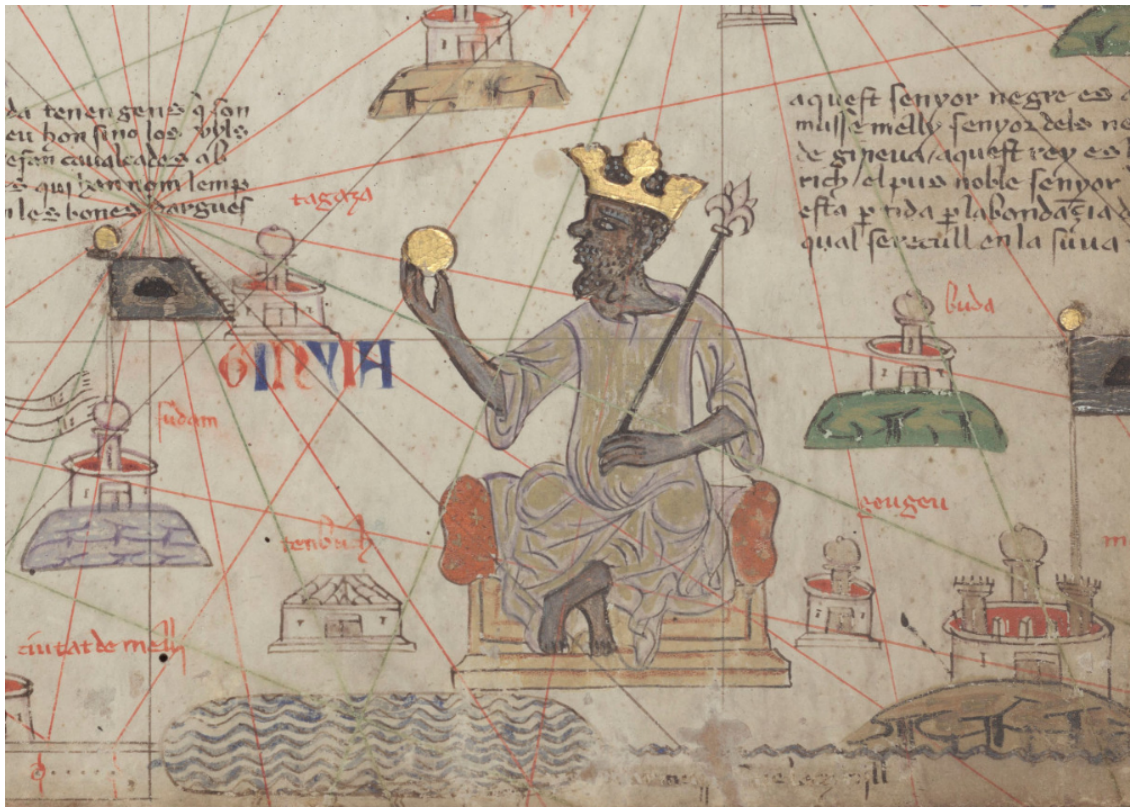
5. Аммар ибн Ясир

Аммар ибн Ясир был сыном Сумайи и Ясира. Он был одним из первых мусульман, кто в 616 году по приказу Пророка (САВ) переселился в Эфиопию. Погиб в битве при Сиффине, сражаясь на

стороне Али (р.а.). Был похоронен в Сирии, его могила привлекала паломников, пока в марте 2013 года её не разрушили салафиты-джихадисты.

6. Манса Муса

Манса Муса 25 лет правил империей Мали. Он был признан самым богатым человеком в истории. При его покровительстве библиотека Университета Санкоре стала лучшей в Африке – в ней насчитывалось от 400 000 до 700 000 рукописей, и превосходила её только Александрийская библиотека. Манса Муса умер в 1337 году.



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7. Ибн Баттута

Ибн Баттута, мусульманин-бербер из Марокко, был ученым и исследователем, который за 30 лет посетил большую часть исламского мира, преодолев расстояние около 120 000 километров. К концу своей жизни Ибн Баттута написал мемуары о своих путешествиях под названием «Подарок наблюдающим диковинки городов и чудеса путешествий». Умер в 1377 году в Марокко.

8. Ахмед Баба

Один из величайших мусульманских учёных, когда-либо появившихся в Тимбукту, Ахмед происходил из семьи мусульманских богословов и жил в эпоху Сунхай. Сегодня его помнят как известного правоведа, филолога, теолога, политического писателя и историка. Умер в 1627 году.

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9. Усман ибн Фодио

Усман ибн Фодио был религиозным ученым, правоведом, аскетом и реформатором. В 1804 году он основал Халифат Сокото. Он стремился дать образование людям и написал множество книг по

политике, теологии, философии и мистике. Был последователем тариката Кадирия. Умер в 1817 году.

10. Нана Асмау

Дочь Усмана ибн Фодио, Асмау, была поэтессой, историком, педагогом и религиозным деятелем и играла важную роль в политическом, культурном и интеллектуальном развитии Западной Африке в течение полувека после кончины своего отца.

Нана Асмау верила, что образование – это инструмент эмансипации, и боролась за женское образование. Она владела четырьмя языками, была последовательницей тариката Кадирия. Умерла в 1864 году.

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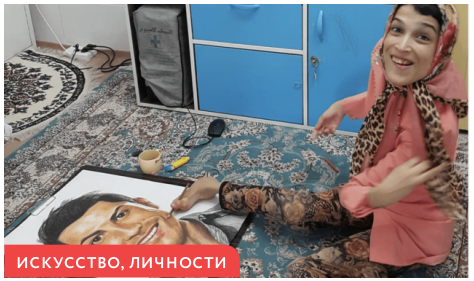

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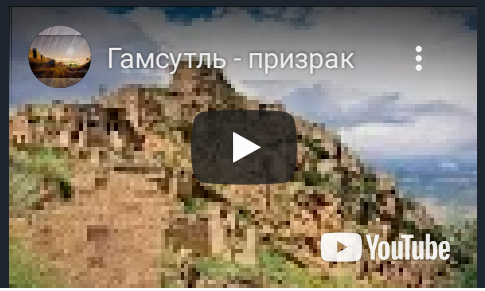

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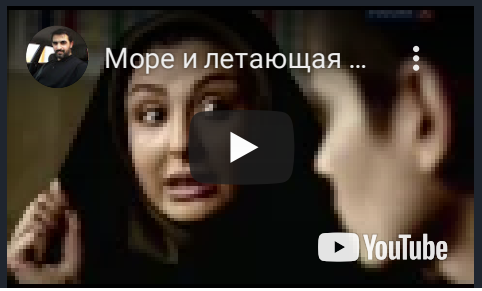

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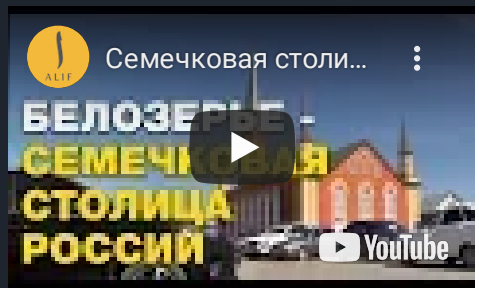

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اينهيدونا /Enheduanna جزء أسطوري في دورة ترنيمة لإنانا ، حيث يبتهج الجميع بالإلهة. وهي مؤلفة على أسطر مشابهة لأغاني

"خلف الجبل" وقد تعكس الأحداث السياسية في الجزء الأخير من عهد سرجون ، على الرغم من اقتراح تفسير نجمي للاختفاء المؤقت لكوكب الزهرة.
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صعدت إلى الجنة لتطلب موافقة أن على تدمير إبيه ، لكن الأب السماوي حذر الإلهة الشابة من الذهاب إلى هناك.

ومع ذلك ، لم تستجيب إنانا لنصيحة أنو ونجحت في صد إيبيه ، الذي دمرته تمامًا.

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، غارقة في الدم ، تندفع في معارك كبيرة ، مع درع يستريح على الأرض (؟) ، المغطاة بالعواصف والفيضانات ، السيدة العظيمة إنانا

التي تعرف جيدًا كيفية التخطيط للصراعات ، تقوم بتدمير الأراضي الجبارة بالسهم والقوة والأراضي المسيطرة.

في السماء وعلى الارض تزمجر مثل الاسد وتهلك الشعب. مثل ثور بري ضخم تنتصر على أراضٍ معادية. 7-9

مثل الأسد المخيف ، تهدئ من المرارة والغير خاضع للمتمرّد.

سيدتي ، عندما تكتسب مكانتها بالجنة ، يا سيدتي إنانا ، عندما تصبحين رائعة مثل الأرض ، عند خروجك مثل أوتو الملك وبسط ذراعيك على نطاق 10-22

، واسع ، على المشي في الجنة ومرتديّة رعبًا مخيفًا ، في ضوء نهارك المتألق وتألقك على الأرض ، أثناء سيرك في سلاسل الجبال وإخراج الأشعة الساطعة

أثناء الاستحمام بنباتات الجرين للجبال (في النور) ، عند ولادتك للجبل المشرق ، الجبل ، القدوس. ضع ، على ..... ، على كونك قويًه مع الصولجان مثل

الرب المبتهج ، مثل الرب المتحمس (؟) ، على ابتهاجك في مثل هذه المعركة مثل السلاح المدمر - يترنم الأشخاص ذوو الرؤوس السوداء في الأغنية وكل الأراضي تغني أغنيتها بلطف.

سوين العظيمه ، إنانا العذراء /Suen سأمدح سيدة المعركة ، طفلة 23-24.

، أعلنت إنانا "عندما كنت أنا ، الإلهة ، أتجول في الجنة ، أتجول على الأرض ، عندما كنت أنا ، إينانا ، أتجول في السماء ، أتجول على الأرض) 25-32

، عندما استدرت نحو وسط الجبال ، عندما اقتربت أنا ، الإلهة ، من الجبل ، Lulubi عندما كنت أتجول في عيلام و سوبير ، عندما كنت أتجول في جبال

اقتربت من الجبل ، لم يظهر لي أي احترام عندما اقتربت من سلسلة جبال إيبيه لم يظهر لي أي احترام ، Inana ، لم يظهر لي أي احترام ، لأنني.

بما أنه لم يبدوا لي أي احترام ، لأنهم لم يضعوا أنوفه على الأرض من أجلي ، لأنهم لم يفركوا شفتيهم في الغبار من أجلي ، فسأملأ شخصيًا سلسلة" 33-36 الجبال الشاهقة برعبي.

على جوانبها الرائعة ، سأضع كباشًا رائعة ، على جوانبها الصغيرة سأضع كباشًا صغيرة" 37-40.

سأدفعها وأبدأ" لعبة "إينانا المقدسة. في سلسلة الجبال سأبدأ المعارك وإعداد النزاعات.

سأجهز سهامًا في الجعبة. سأقوم ..... أحجار مقلاع بالحبل. سأبدأ في تلميع رمح. سأجهز عصا الرمي والدرع" 41-44.

سأضرم النار في غاباتها الكثيفة. سآخذ بفأس لعمله الشرير. سأجعل جبيل ، المطهر ، يكشف عن أسنانه المقدسة عند مجاري المياه" 45-48.

سأقوم بنشر هذا الرعب عبر سلسلة الجبال التي يتعذر الوصول إليها أراتا.

49-52 "، مثل المدينة التي لعنها آن ، لا يجوز استعادتها أبدًا. مثل المدينة التي عبس فيها إنليل

."قد لا ترفع رقبتها مرة أخرى. قد يرتجف الجبل عندما أقترب. فليمنحني إيبيه الشرف و المديح لي

53-58 إنانا ، ابنة سوين ، ارتدت ثوب الملوك وجهزت نفسها بفرح. زينت جبينها بالرعب والإشراق المخيف.

ذي الرؤوس السبعة بقوة إلى يمينها ووضعت أحزمة من اللازورد على قدميها cita رتبت وريدات كورنيلي حول حلقها المقدس. لقد رفعت سلاح.

59-61 عند الغسق خرجت ملكًا واتبعت الطريق إلى باب العجائب. قدمت قربانًا إلى آن ووجهت إليه صلاة.

62-64 ا An/في مسرورًا ، Inana آن ، السماء في كرسي الشرف شغل مكانه. وأخذ للأمام تقدم.

65-69) قالت إنانا "يا أبي ، أحييكم ، استمع إلى كلامي. لقد جعلتني مرعباً بين الآلهة في السماء.

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70-79 "، الذي ينحني مثل شجرة الموبوم cita لضبط القاعدة في مكانها وجعل العرش والأساس متينين ، لحمل قوة سلاح

..... ليثبت الأرض بالنير السداسي ، ويمد الفخذين بالنير الرباعي ، لمتابعة غارات قاتلة وحملات حربية واسعة النطاق ، لتظهر لأولئك الملوك في

، من السماء مثل ضوء القمر ، لرمي السهم من الذراع والسقوط على الحقول والبساتين والغابات مثل الجراد

..... لأخذ مشقة إلى أراضي المتمردين ، وإزالة الأقفال من بوابات مدينتهم حتى تبقى الأبواب مفتوحة - الملك آن ، لقد أعطيتني بالفعل كل هذا ، و

80-82 "، لقد وضعتني على يمين الملك لتدمير أراضي المتمردين: ليقوم بمساعدتي بتحطيم الرؤوس مثل الصقر في سفوح الجبل

الملك آن ، وأسمح لي ... ... اسمك في جميع أنحاء الأرض مثل الخيط.

83-88 "ليحطّم الأرض كالثعبان في شقّ. فلينزلق مثل ثعبان الصقّال ينزل من جبل.

..... ليحكم سيطرته على الجبل ويفحصه ويعرف طوله. فليذهب. انطلقوا في حملة آن المقدسة واعرفوا عمقها. الآلهة ..... لأن آلهة أنانا لها

89-95 "، كيف لا يخافني الجبل في السماء وعلى الأرض ، ولا يخافني الجبل ، إنانا ، في السماء وعلى الأرض ، حتى أن سلسلة جبال إيبيه ، الجبل

، لم تخف. أنا في السماء وعلى الأرض ، لأنها لم تُظهر لي أي احترام ، لأنها لم تضع أنفها على الأرض ، لأنها لم تفرك شفتيها في التراب

.فهل يمكنني ملء يدي بسلسلة الجبال الشاهقة وتسليمها. لغضبي

.دعني أعد سهامًا في الجعبة. اسمح لي ..... أحجار مقلاع بالحبل" 103-100

.دعني أبدأ في تلميع رمحي. اسمح لي بإعداد عصا الرمي والدرع

.اسمحوا لي أن أشعل النار في غاباتها الكثيفة. اسمحوا لي أن آخذ بفأس لعمله الشرير" 107-104

.دعني أجعل جبيل ، جهاز تنقية المياه ، يكشف عن أسنانه المقدسة عند مجاري المياه. دعني أنشر هذا الرعب عبر سلسلة الجبال التي يتعذر الوصول إليها أراتا

أجابها ملك الآلهة آن: "صغيرتي تطالبين بتدمير هذا الجبل - ما الذي تقومين به؟ إنانا تطالب بتدمير هذا الجبل - ما الذي تقومين به؟ تدمير هذا 115-112
الجبل - ما الذي تتعاملين معه؟

.لقد بث الرعب المخيف على مساكن الآلهة. ونشر الرعب بين المساكن المقدسة لآلهة أنانا" 120-116

.وصب رعبها وضراوتها على هذه الأرض. وسكب إشعاع سلسلة الجبال والخوف عليها. كل البلاد وغرورتها تمتد إلى وسط السماء

..... الفاكهة معلقة في حدائقها المزدهرة وينتشر البذخ. وأشجارها الرائعة هي نفسها مصدر عجب لجذور السماء. في إيبيه" 126-121

تكثر الأسود تحت مظلة الأشجار والأغصان البراقة. إنه يجعل الكباش البرية والأيول بكثرة ، ويقف ثيرانًا برية في حشائش مزدهرة ، وزوجان من الغزلان بين
.أشجار السرو في سلسلة الجبال

.لا يمكنك المرور عبر رعبها وخوفها. إن إشراق سلسلة الجبال مخيف ، لا يمكنك معارضتها." هكذا تكلم" 130-127

.فتحت العشيقة ، بحنقها وغضبها ، الترسانة وضغطت على بوابة اللازورد 137-131

.أخرجت معركة رائعة واستدعت عاصفة عظيمة. وصلت المقدسة إينانا للجعبة. رفعت فيضاناً شاهقاً بالطمي الشرير. لقد أثارت ريحًا شريرة بقطع الفخار

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.أمسكت برقبة إيبيه وكأنها تمزق عشب الحلفاء
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وأثبتت الإلهة سلطانها على الجبل. فعلت إنانا المقدسه كما تشاء.

ذهبت إلى سلسلة جبال إيبيه وتحدثت عنها قائلة: "سلسلة الجبال ، بسبب علوك ، بسبب طولك ، بسبب جاذبيتك ، لجمالك ، بسبب لبسك 152-159

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، كما هو الحال مع الفيل ، لقد استولت على أنيابك. كما هو الحال مع ثور بري عظيم" 160-165

أتيت بك إلى الأرض من خلال قرونك السميكة. كما هو الحال مع الثور ، فقد دفعت قوتك العظيمة إلى الأرض وطاردتك بوحشية.

" لقد جعلت الدموع هي القاعدة في عينيك. لقد وضعت رثاء في قلبك. وطيور الحزن تبني أعشاشًا على هذه الأجنحة.

للمرة الثانية ، وهي تفرح في رعبها المخيف ، تحدثت بصدق: "لقد صب والدي إنليل رعبي الشديد على وسط الجبال 166-170.

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في انتصاري اندفعت نحو الجبل ، وفي انتصاري اندفعت نحو إيبيه ، سلسلة الجبال ، تقدمت مثل فيضان متدفق ، وكالمياه المتصاعدة فاض" 176-181

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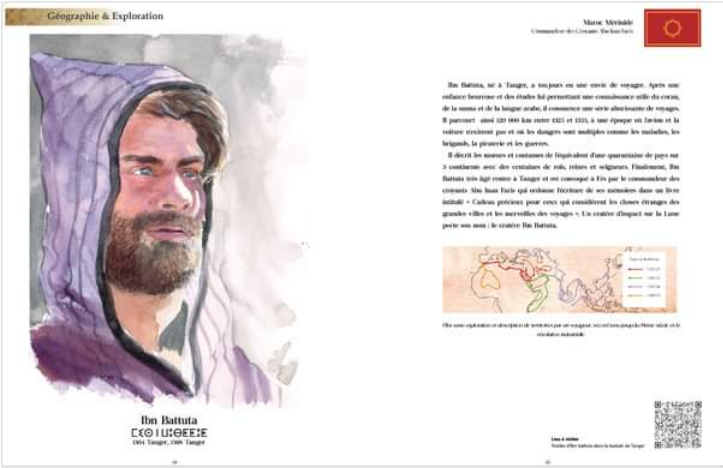

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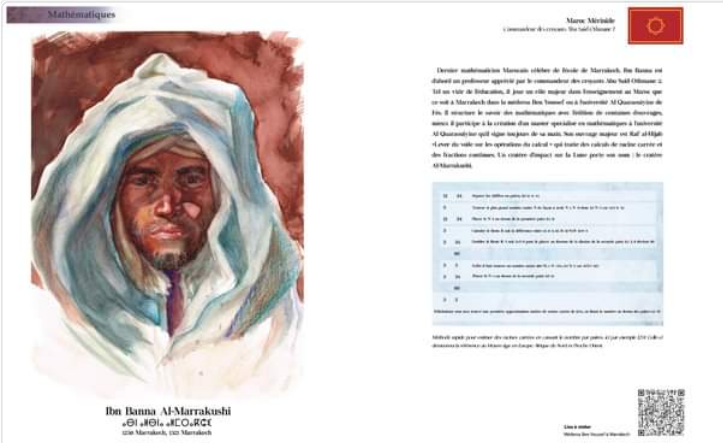

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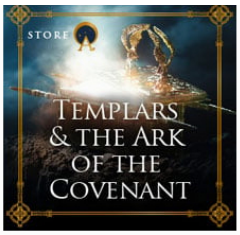

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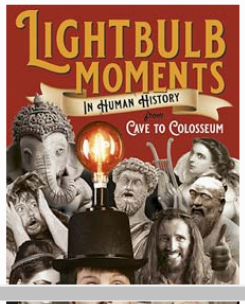
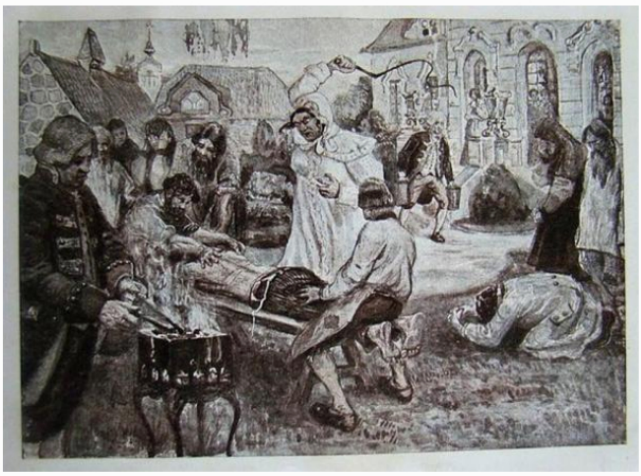


immense fear she instilled in witnesses who could have testified against her. She killed many women, several children, a few men, and even attempted to kill a nobleman. The Russian imperial court imposed a life sentence, and as a display of public justice, Saltykova was taken to the Red Square in **Moscow** and publicly beaten for over an hour wearing a sign that read: "This woman tortured and murdered." She then her remaining years chained up in the basement of a monastery, before dying on November 2, 1801, mentally broken and alone.

Though her incarceration experience was horrific, Darya was indeed a monster who inspired fear, particularly for young women. During an extensive six-year investigation, the serfs who lived on or near her vast estate were terrified of incurring her wrath. An abusive unchecked aristocrat, she inflicted cruelty to those around her. Since her death, her legend has grown to a point whereby it is based more on fiction than on reality, which makes it hard to truly understand her motives, if any existed. With the little information that remains about her viciousness and cruelty, can we still call her a serial killer, or was she an abusive Russian landowner, like many of her



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Opulence and Glamor: Early Life of Darya Saltykova

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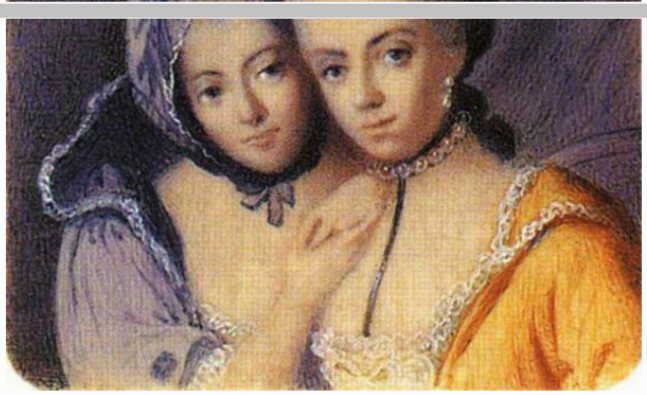

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Darya didn't show signs of cruelty or malevolence, and appeared to be a completely normal Russian noblewoman. Sometime in the 1750's, at the age of 20, Darya married the Imperial officer Gleb Alexeyevich Saltykov and found herself holding immense power within the Russian

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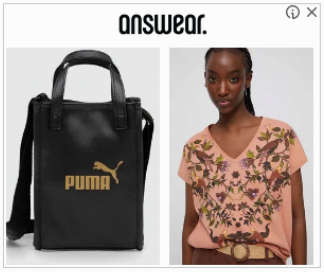

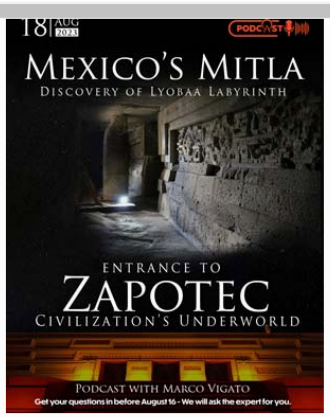

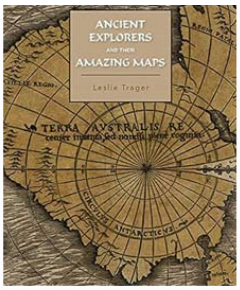

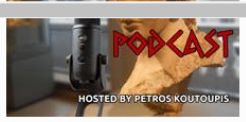

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Darya gave birth to two sons by Gleb, Theodore and Nicholas, with whom she spent little time. They were sent away for their schooling, leaving Darya alone on her estate. When Gleb died of unknown causes in 1755, Darya was left a wealthy widow at the age of 25. In charge of the Troitskoe estate, as well as several other properties, she was responsible for over 600 serfs. As if a character from a tragic Russian fairytale, Darya rapidly transformed from being a wealthy 25-year-old widower into the vile *Saltychikha*. While no evidence has been found to explain this dramatic metamorphosis, legend has it that the change was triggered by the actions of an unfaithful lover.

Becoming *Saltychikha*: What Triggered the Beast?

Shortly after the death of her husband, Darya was courted by the land surveyor Nikolay Tyutchev, grandfather of future poet Fydor Tyutchev. Whether their affair began before or after the death of her husband, we'll never know, but it appears that Nikolay had no intention of marrying Darya. Instead, he rejected her and eloped with a younger, **red-haired woman** . Shortly after Saltykova got word of the elopement, she ordered her serfs to burn Tyutchev's house to the ground, and then proceeded to send assassins to kill them both. Luckily, Nikolay and his bride received word of the assassination attempt and fled to **Moscow**.

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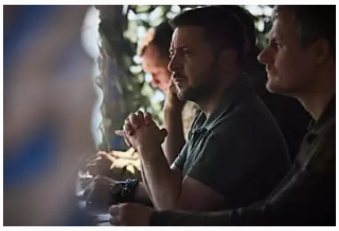

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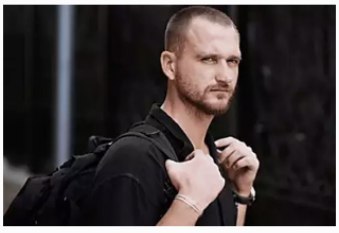

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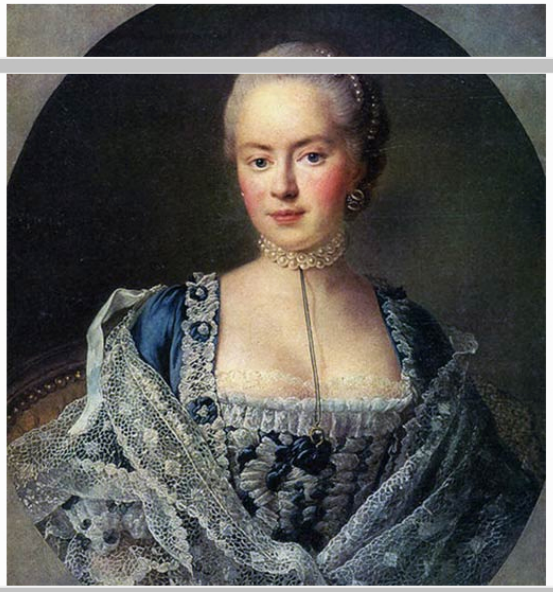

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Though this historic rumor adds an intriguing twist to her **murderous** rampage, and conveniently ties her story to the destiny of future poet Fydor Tyutchev, there isn't enough historic evidence to verify its veracity. Some versions claim Nikolay simply lost interest and stopped visiting Darya, while others contend that he grew tired of her violent treatment of her servants and left without Darya noticing. Regardless of the events leading to Darya's emergence as a ravenous murderer, scholars and storytellers alike believe the transformation began five to ten years after the death of her husband.

Darya the Tormentor: The Serial Killer and Her Methods

Darya's preferred choice of victim, young servant women, may explain why the legend of her unrequited love found its way into the history books. All in all, she is supposed to have murdered 137 women and three men. The male deaths, apparently, were accidental. Several accounts maintain that Darya's violent mood swings were to blame for most of her servant's deaths. It seems she never intended to kill them, merely discipline them so they wouldn't repeat their mistakes.

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There was a variable range to her violent temper and abuse. At the slightest offense, she would begin with throwing objects at serfs and servants she felt were lazy or incompetent. On the other end of the scale, she is said to have stepped on the belly of a pregnant woman, killed the wife of a hated male serf, and in some accounts, performed acts of cannibalism. The other cruelties, for which Darya became infamous, were the burning of hair, throwing servant girls outside, naked, in the dead of Russian winter, the pouring of boiling water from head to toe, the severing of ears with hot pokers, and whipping her female servants until the bones of their backs were exposed.

*Saltytchikha was known for her enraged fits of cruelty, usually enacted against women. (**V. Pletchine**)*

In another testament to her cruelty, she is said to have become enraged with one male serf she deemed ungrateful and plotted to kill his wife. On succeeding in this endeavor, she continued to torment the serf: When he remarried, she proceeded to kill his second wife, and then his third. Darya's plan was to break the spirit of the man who failed at showing her respect, and watch him suffer. Given her wealth and her family connections to the Russian royal family, her abusive crimes on her estate were able to continue for almost ten years before anyone brought this to the attention of the Imperial court. So, why did this continue for so long? Did it have to do with her wealth alone, or was there a cultural aspect that is often overlooked, such as the treatment of Russian serfs?

Serfdom and the Russian Elite

During 17 th century Imperial Russia, serfdom was a form of feudal slavery whereby people were tied to the land in which they dwelled. Serfs were the legal property of whichever landowning

noblemen owned the land. Serfs had few rights and were subject to whatever rules noblemen saw fit. Though it was technically illegal to sell serfs without their land, many noblemen continued the practice quietly, changing the terminology from "peasant and land" to "hiring servants."

Most noblemen had complete ownership and dominance over the lives of their serfs. Before the being traded, bought, sold, and exploited. With such a notorious culture of **human slavery** , with people being owned and traded as commonplace, could Darya Saltykova's treatment of her serfs have been commonplace among the upper elites of Imperial Russia?

*Peasants Reading the Emancipation Manifesto, a painting by Grigory Myasoyedov from 1873. Before the Great Emancipation of 1861, which effectively abolished serfdom, over 20 million privately owned serfs were being traded, bought, sold, and exploited. (**Public domain**)*

Because of Darya's immense wealth and her intimate connections with the **Romanov family** , most Russian authorities ignored the rumors regarding abuse and murder taking place on her land. In some cases, those who were brave enough to bring attention to her activities were punished. It wasn't until 1762 that relatives of some of the victims were able to escape to **St. Petersburg** and bring a petition to Catherine the Great herself. The serf who had lost three wives to Darya's wrath, was one of them.

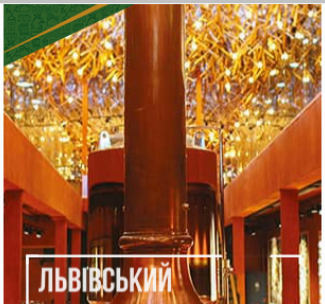
The petition pleaded with the Empress to save the serfs from Saltykova's horrors and provide justice for the young female serfs murdered on her land. Catherine had no choice but to try Darya Saltykova publicly and have the Collegium of Justice investigate the crimes conducted within her estate.

After six years of analysis and examination based on eyewitness accounts, and excavations throughout her estate, in 1768 Darya was found guilty of 38 murders and 139 deaths under mysterious circumstances. Catherine the Great dictated life in prison for Darya Saltykova at the Ivanovski Convent in Moscow. The life sentence came with its own cruel and unusual punishments, all of which were rightfully deserved.

*Catherine the Great of Russia (1729-1796) dictated life in prison for Darya Saltykova at the Ivanovski Convent in Moscow. (**Public domain**)*

Dark Solitary Confinement for Darya Saltykova

For the next 33 years, Darya Saltykova was kept chained to the wall of the **dungeon** with no access to luxury comforts, including candlelight. She sat in dark solitary confinement for the duration of her natural life. By the time of her death, at the age of 71 on November 27 th 1801, Darya Nokolayevna Ivanova Saltykova was a broken woman who suffered from severe mental



illness, cursing, swearing and spitting at whoever walked past the barred window that served as her only connection with the outside world. Her remains were buried at the Donskoy Monastery Necropolis.

Darya's story is one of both intrigue and justice served, but given the history of human **serfdom** and the disconnection between the wealthy and the poor of 18 th century Imperial Russia, would Darya Saltykova be considered a serial killer by modern standards?

*Darya Saltykova was sentenced to life in prison at the Ivanovski Convent, known as the St. John the Baptist Convent, in Moscow, which had long served as a prison for ladies of royal and noble blood. She sat in dark solitary confinement for the duration of her natural life. (**Public domain**)*

Applying Psychological Analysis of Serial Killers to the *Saltychikha* Case

To paraphrase the works of both Peter Vronsky and former FBI agent John Douglas, a few traits must be explored regarding profile, method, and execution in the *Saltychikha* case. From their modern analysis of several cases going back 30 years, the drive of most female serial killers differs greatly from that of male serial killers. Firstly, most female killers kill for socioeconomic gain. Secondly, if there are any sexual components, there is a 44% chance that the female serial killer is partnered by a dominant male accomplice. Thirdly, a majority of female serial killers are often from working-class families in which violence and abuse are commonplace, therefore making their killings an effect of survival. Finally, most female serial killers that come from a higher socioeconomic status will suffer from some kind of psychological disorder.

Some discrepancies arise when comparing this analysis of serial killers to the case of Darya Saltykova. First of all, she didn't kill her husband. Secondly, she was accused of sexually torturing her servants. Vronsky claims that sexual deviance murders usually include a male accomplice, but Darya acted alone. Thanks to the authority given by her title, she did so in the open, without fear of reprisals. The only possible alternative would be that she suffered from a psychological disorder.

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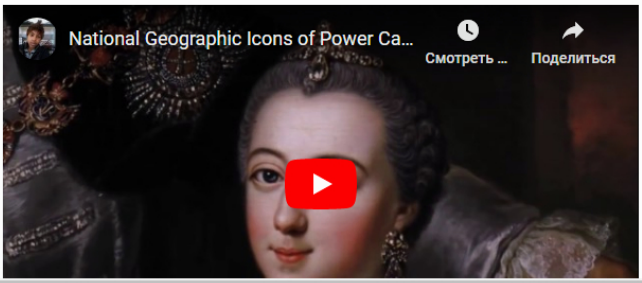
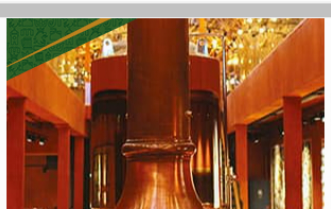
There are several types of **serial killers** . The most recognizable are the organized serial killers and the unorganized ones. An organized serial killer typically follows seven psychological phases during their hunt, while an unorganized serial killer may only facilitate three to five of the seven phases. These phases consist in fantasy, hunting or stalking, seduction or luring, trap or capture, the murder, the trophy totem, and finally, post homicidal depression or satisfaction. Most organized serial killers follow an obsessive pattern of slaughter, which will be almost the same in every kill. Unorganized killers will often kill quickly without a significant pattern or type. Both groups will take some form of a trophy as a reminder of their kill.



Though analysis of Darya Saltykova demonstrates significant signs of mental illness, she never revealed any form of sexual fantasy, nor did she keep trophies from any of the girls she killed. If the legends are true, her actions were a demonstration of dominance and power over the 600 serfs she owned. There is also no record of her savoring or taking a break after every kill. Her brutish abuse and cruelty appeared to be continuous. Darya Nikolayevna Ivanova Saltykova was



responsible for the torture and death of 139 of her serfs. However, is it correct to conclude that she was a serial killer? After all, could it be possible that Catherine the Great made an example of her cruelty in order to scare the many other cruel **Russian** landowners who treated their serfs just as badly?

*Portrait of Countess Darya Petrovna Saltykova. (**Public domain**)*

that evidence contained in various accounts points to Saltykova having suffered from an antisocial personality disorder (APD): she disregarded and violated the rights of others, in many ways she did not conform to social norms, and she demonstrated immense irritability and aggressiveness. These three aspects to her personality are indeed textbook definitions of APD. Perhaps Darya Saltykova was not a serial murderer, but merely an individual suffering from severe mental disorder, with tragic consequences.

*Top image: Darya Saltykova, aka Saltychikha, was an abusive and unchecked aristocrat, known for murdering 139 serfs on Yroitskoe estate near Moscow in Russia. Adapted from Portrait of Countess Darya Petrovna Saltykova by François-Hubert Drouais. Source: **Public domain***

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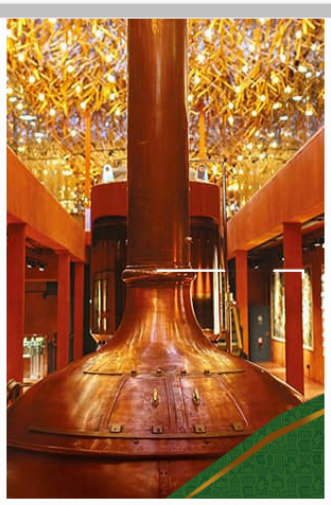

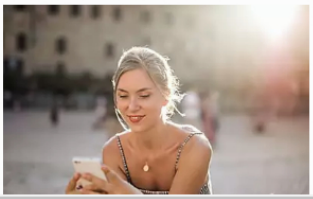

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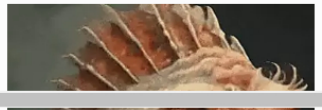

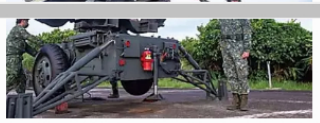

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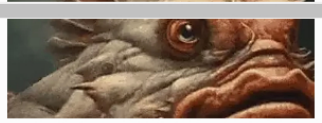

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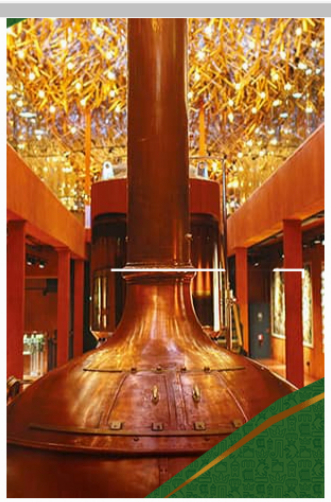

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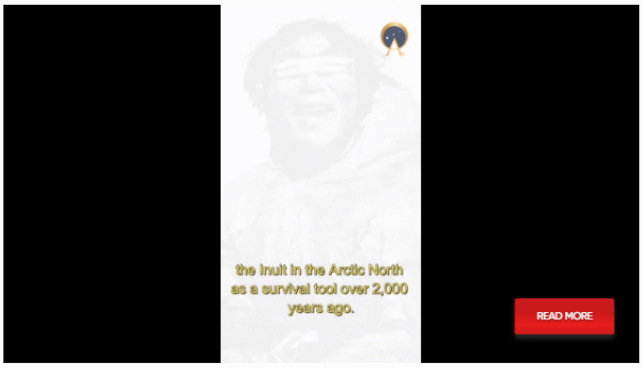

Nevertheless, this did not stop the Spanish from attacking Tlemcen in 1518, a city located near Algiers which was under the rule of Hayreddin and his brother. During this siege, Ishak and Aruj lost their lives. As a result, Hayreddin inherited his brother Aruj's position as the ruler of Algiers and continued to serve the **Ottoman Empire** . It was during this post-Aruj period that Hayreddin continued his privateering / pirating activities and created a name for himself, thus ensuring a place for himself in the history books.

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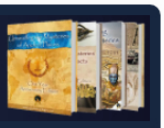

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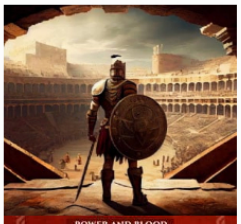

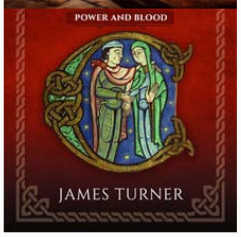

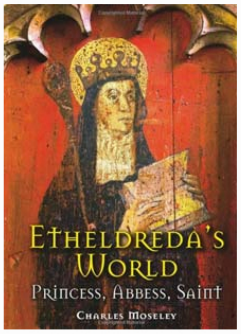

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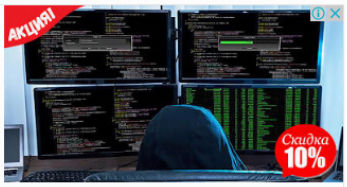

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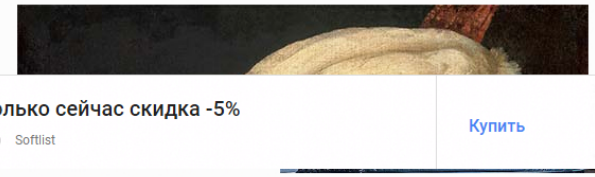

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Hayreddin Redbeard's Ottoman Connections

Although the Spanish had captured Tlemcen around the middle of 1518, Hayreddin Redbeard was able, with fresh troops sent by the Ottomans, to recapture the city at the end of the same year. In retaliation, the following year a joint Spanish-Italian force attacked Algiers, though Redbeard was able to repel them and soon had his vengeance when he raided the French region of Provence in the same year.

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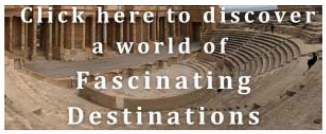
In 1520, the Ottoman Sultan Selim I died and was succeeded by his son **Suleiman the Magnificent** . In return for the services of his pirate fleet, Hayreddin Redbeard requested the new sultan for further Ottoman protection for North Africa from the Spanish threat. When this was granted by Suleiman, Redbeard's fleet immediately began raiding the French and Spanish coast.



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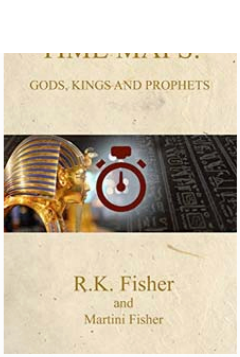

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Whilst Hayreddin Redbeard was on a military expedition to Habsburg Austria in the following year, Doria captured several cities on the coast of the Greek mainland. Although the Ottomans successfully recaptured these cities, it was then that the sultan realized the importance of having a strong navy to protect Ottoman interests in the Mediterranean from the seasoned seamen of Europe, including the Genoese and the **Venetians**. As a result, Redbeard was summoned to the court in **Constantinople** and was appointed the admiral of the Ottoman fleet.

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Hayreddin Redbeard did not let his patron down and continued his raids on Christian Europe. He proved his capabilities as a naval commander once again in 1538. This time, a Holy League was assembled by Pope Paul III, led by Andrea Doria. The Genoese admiral commanded a fleet consisting of vessels belonging to the Papal States, the Spanish Empire, the Knights of Malta and the Republics of Genoa and Venice.

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*Tomb of Hayreddin Redbeard in the Beşiktaş district of Istanbul. (Darwinek / **CC BY-SA 3.0**)*

Redbeard's Loyalty and Peaceful End

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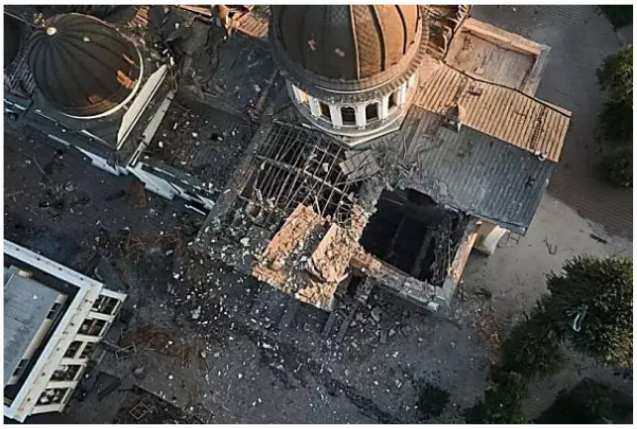

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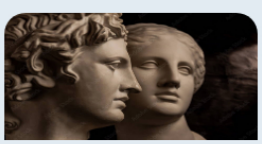

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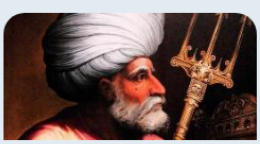

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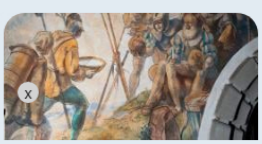

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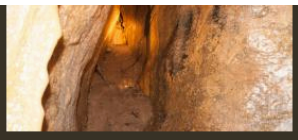

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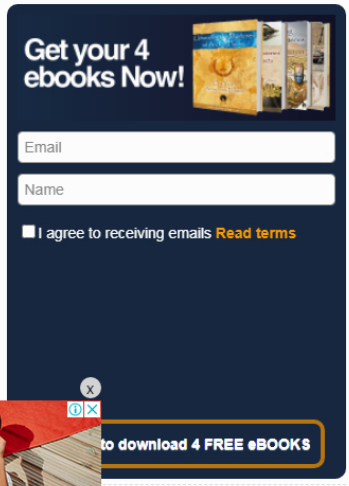

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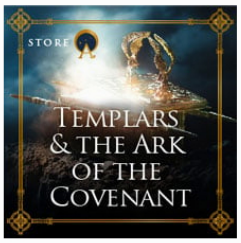

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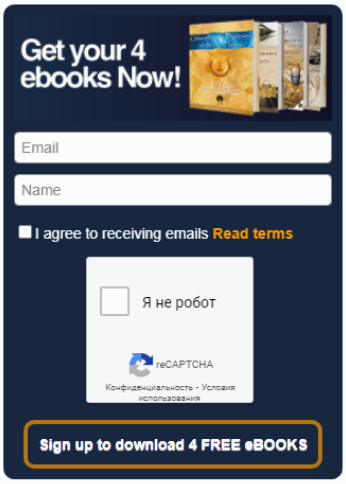

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He was a capable ruler, who not only expanded his realm, but also increased the efficiency of his empire's administration through **reforms**. Askia's fortunes fell in his later years, as he was deposed by one of his own sons. But after spending several years in **exile**, he was recalled to the capital Gao, where he died shortly after.

Little is known about Askia the Great's origins. Although the date and place of his birth are unknown, his original name is recorded to have been Muhammad ibn Abi Bakr Ture. Based on his birth name, Askia is thought to have been of Tukulor origin and he may have belonged to a

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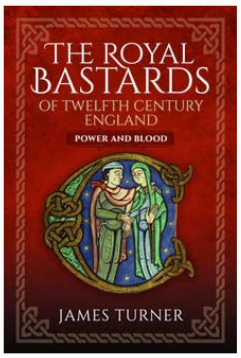

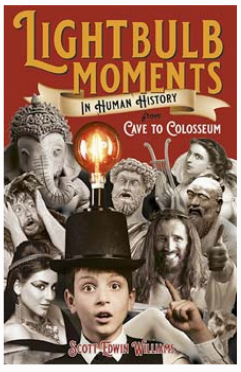

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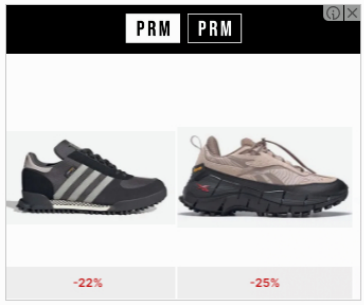
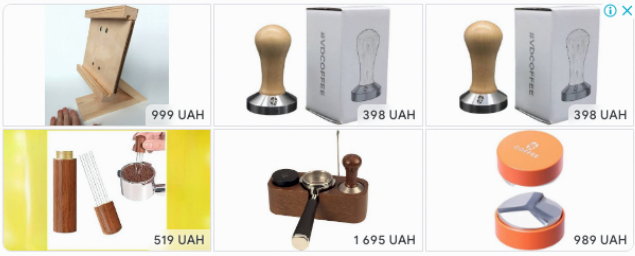


Additionally, as Askia was not of royal blood , he did not have any legitimate claim to the throne.

Askia came to power by overthrowing the Sunni Dynasty. Between 1464 and 1492, the Songhai Empire prospered under the rule of Sunni Ali. His successor, Sunni Baru, however, was a much less capable emperor and the dynasty came to an end just a year after Sunni Ali's death.

Muhammad I Askia Leads the Revolt

One of the issues faced throughout Sunni Ali's reign was the division between the inhabitants of the countryside, who continued their pagan practices, and those of the cities, who had embraced Islam . While Sunni Ali successfully balanced the interests of both parties, Sunni Baru favored his rural subjects. As a consequence, Sunni Baru was regarded as a traitor to Islam and dissatisfaction among the urban Muslims grew. This quickly developed into a full-blown revolt, which was led by Askia.



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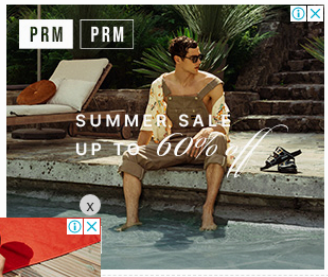

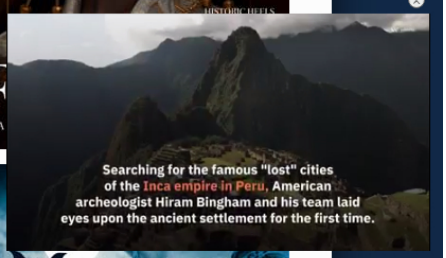

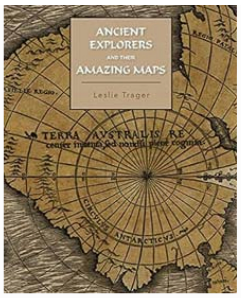

was decisively defeated by the rebels at the Battle of Anfao on the April 12, 1493. Sunni Baru was deposed and went into exile, thus marking the end of the Sunni Dynasty.

*Muhammad I Askia was dubbed Askia the Great. (Afric Network / **YouTube**)*

It was after this event that the title 'Askia' was adopted by the new ruler of the Songhai Empire. Some sources state that this name translates to mean 'forceful one', while others claim that it was derived from 'a si tya' (meaning 'he will not be'), which is a reference to the insult hurled at him by the women of the deposed Sunni Dynasty. In the latter case, the adoption of 'Askia' was meant to ridicule these women.

Askia the Great Establishes His Rule

As ruler of the Songhai Empire, Askia sought to enhance the status of Islam in his realm, which is reflected in some of the administrative reforms he instituted. For instance, the Quran became the foundation of the state's civil code and al-Maghili, a Moroccan reformer, was appointed as the emperor's adviser in matters of religious orthodoxy.

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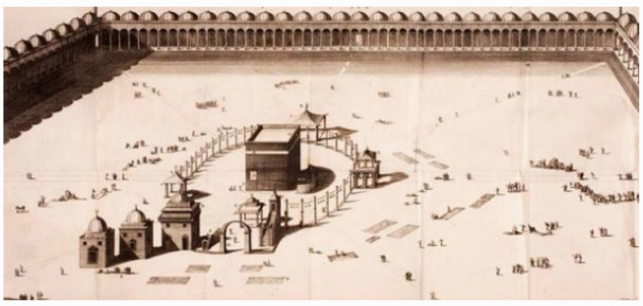
It was also Askia who established Islam as the official religion of the nobles, which is another sign of his commitment to this religion. Moreover, in 1496, Askia went on the *hajj* (pilgrimage) to **Mecca**. According to a chronicler who accompanied the emperor on the pilgrimage, the djinn of **Mecca** appointed Askia caliph and told him his rights over the former vassals of the Sunnis.



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Other administrative reforms initiated by Askia were of a civil or military nature. For instance, he divided the Songhai Empire into provinces, each of which was administered by a governor. This allowed Askia to consolidate the regions conquered by his Sunni predecessors by placing them under an efficient administration. Askia also organized a standing army and a **fleet of canoes**

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Askia's Tomb

In 1528, Askia was deposed by his eldest son, Musa, who ruled for three years before being assassinated by his brothers. Musa was succeeded by Benkan, one of Askia's nephews. In order to secure his power, Benkan had his uncle banished onto an island in the **Niger River** and he was forced to stay there until 1537. In that year, Benkan was deposed by one of Askia's sons, Ismail, who became the new ruler of the Songhai Empire. Askia was invited back to Gao by his son and as a reward gifted Ismail his green turban and sabre.

The founder of the Askia Dynasty died in the following year and was buried in Gao. An earthen **pyramid** surmounted by wooden spikes was erected over his **burial place** and it remains one of the most revered sites in West **Africa** today.

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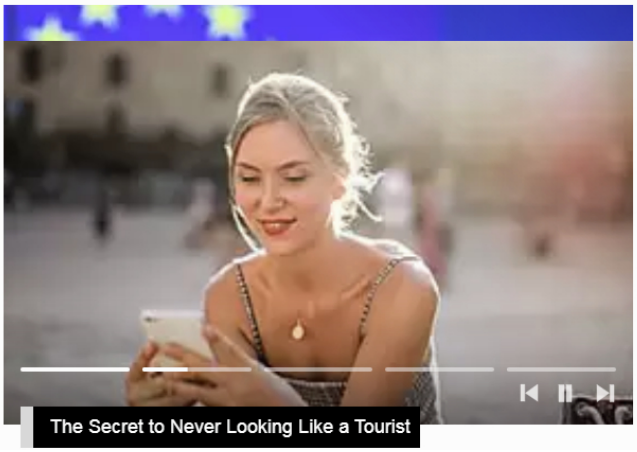

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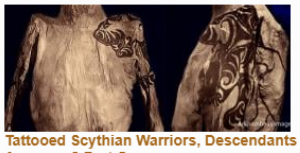

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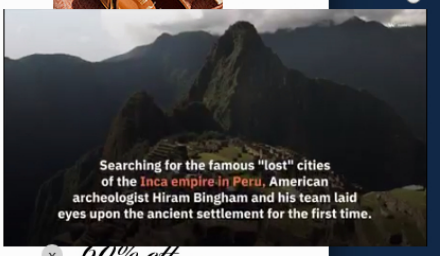

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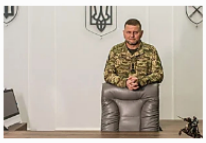

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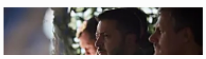

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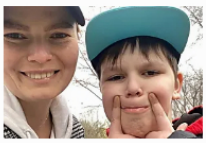

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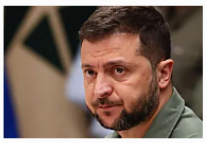

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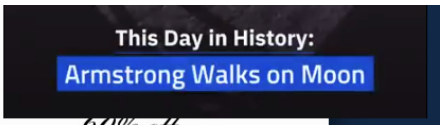

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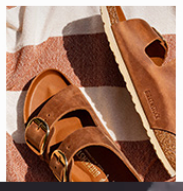

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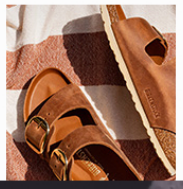

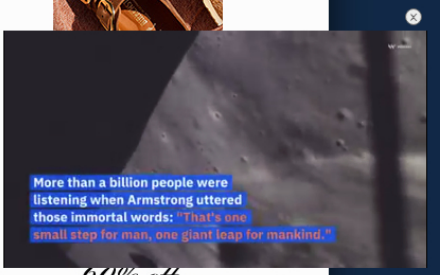

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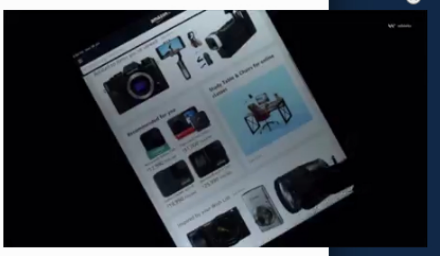

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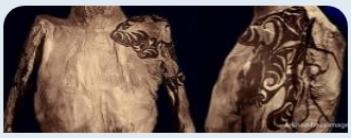

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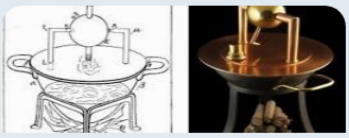

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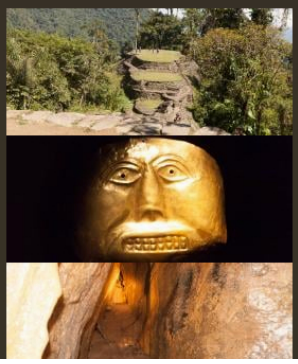

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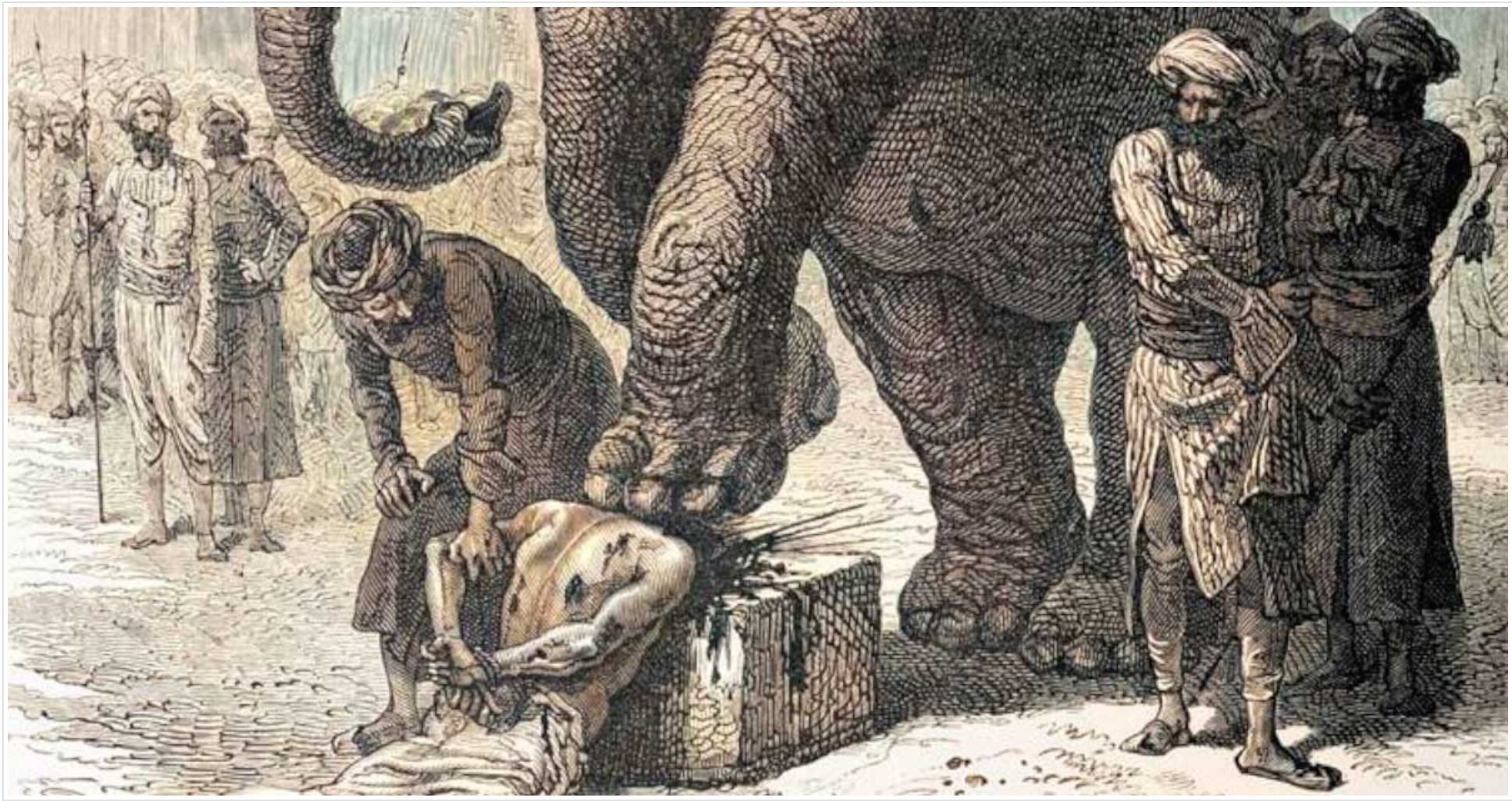

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Execution by Elephant Was a Brutal Form of Capital Punishment For 2,000 Years

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Elephants are one of the smartest and most **powerful animals** in the world. It is no wonder then that these magnificent beasts were exploited and trained to be brutal executioners. Death by elephant is a form of capital punishment that has been used for at least 2,000 years, particularly in India, but also in other parts of South and Southeast Asia.

Execution by elephant was brutal and terrifying. In India, where this form of capital punishment was known as *gunga rao* , the accused was crushed to death with brute force. But death was not always swift.

Elephants were under the constant control of a *mahout* (elephant trainer), who forced the animal, through the use of a sharp metal hook, to carry out their commands.

Illustration of execution by elephant from the Akbarnama, the official chronicle of the reign of Akbar, the third Mughal emperor
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Under the control of a *mahout*, **elephants** could inflict a slow and torturous death by crushing the convicted person's limbs one by one and tossing them about the ground, dragging them, or stabbing them with their tusks, before finishing them off by crushing their skull.

In neighboring Sri Lanka, elephants were said to have been fitted with sharp blades on their tusks, which would rip the criminal to pieces. In the former Kingdom of Siam (now Thailand), elephants were trained to toss their victims into the air

before crushing them to death. In the Kingdom of Cochinchina (southern Vietnam), criminals were tied to a stake, whilst an elephant would charge into them, and crush them to death.

The popularity of execution by elephant continued into the 19th century, and it was only with the increasing presence of the British in India that the popularity of this brutal penalty finally went into decline.

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Five Female Monarchs of the Muslim World

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The death of British Queen Elizabeth II earlier this year provoked retrospectives on her reign, as well as reflection on the rule of other female monarchs. Many powerful women leaders of the West are well-known, but there have also been numerous Muslim queens and sultanas, who ruled over powerful kingdoms.

1)Sultana Taj ul-Alam (ruled 1641-75)

Taj ul-Alam Safiatuddin Syah was born in 1612, the daughter of Iskandar Muda, king of **Aceh** (present-day Indonesia), and his royal wife, Putri Sani. Her father's rule was known as the 'golden age' of Aceh, but he was a despot, ruling through military might rather than diplomacy. At the time of his death, he had no legitimate male heirs, having killed his own son just months before his own demise. Therefore, he nominated and placed his son-in-law, Iskandar Thani on the throne.

This move by Iskandar Muda disregarded the Orang Kaya, a league of nobles that helped run the kingdom. The name of the group of elites translates to 'rich people'; as such, they played a very crucial role in the royal succession. As Sher Banu A.L. Khan wrote:

> *"The chronicles show that the elites played an important role in appointing and demanding rulers: weak rulers—those who possessed unacceptable personality traits injurious to the kingdom—were removed. This means that the nobility's consent and acceptance of a candidate was a vital condition for a ruler's succession."*

Iskandar Thani was an ostentatious and extravagant ruler. His reign saw the depletion of the royal treasury, as the king was ordering extravagant jewelry from the **Dutch**. After just five years in power, he died mysteriously, leading many historians to conclude that he had been murdered. His death led to a crisis because there were no legitimate male heirs with a proper royal background. When a few among the Orang Kaya nominated themselves to be king, their fellow Orang Kaya didn't want to see one of their own on the throne, so attention turned to Safiatuddin, the daughter of Iskander Muda and widow of Iskandar Thani. Hossein Kamaly wrote in his book, *A History of Islam in 21 Women* :

> *“When it comes to succession, the Sultanate had no hard-and-fast rules. A suitable candidate had to be a native of Aceh and of royal birth and had to demonstrate commitment to the principles of justice, as defined in Islamic terms and understood in Malay tradition or custom (adat).”*

Since there was no need for the monarch to be male, within three days of Iskandar Thani’s death, Safiatuddin ascended the throne with the approval of the Orang Kaya and the *ulama* (Muslim scholars of Islamic law) at the age of 29. She inherited a throne in trouble because the **Dutch East India Company** was slowly establishing power in neighboring territories. Despite numerous political clashes with the Dutch, where they were trying to gain a monopoly on the tin and pepper trade, Aceh held its own against the pressure and even retained their **vassal states** .

Sultana Taj ul-Alam Safiatuddin Syah successfully ruled Aceh for thirty-five years, paving the way for future queens. Dutch scholars have written that during the queen's rule, it felt like Aceh had always been ruled by a female monarch. After her death in 1675, three successive queens took her place.

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2)Sultana Shajar al-Durr (ruled 1249-1257)

Shajar al-Durr was the first and only woman to sit on the Egyptian throne after **Pharoah Cleopatra VII** , who had reigned thousands of years earlier. Shajar al-Durr was born a slave, but after her marriage to Malik al-Salih Najm al-Din Ayyub, the eighth sovereign of the Ayyubid dynasty, Shajar rose to the rank of queen consort. However, she was thrust into a position of power when the **Seventh Crusade** , led by King Louis IX, invaded Egypt.

Her husband, Malik al-Salih, died in the middle of the conflict, and Shajar had to hide her husband's death to keep the soldiers' spirits up. She issued orders under her husband's name and won a decisive victory, even capturing the French king. Her intelligence and worth were recognized by the nobles, who chose to place her on the throne when Malik al-Salih's son failed to be a good leader. Her first act was to negotiate an enormous ransom for King Louis IX of France.

Unfortunately, Egypt was under the control of the **Caliphate** of Baghdad, and the Caliph al-Musta'sim violently opposed the accession of a woman to the Egyptian throne. While Shajar al-Durr didn't demand any grand titles, she did ask for

simple recognition of her talents and capability as the Egyptian head of state. In response to her accession, the caliph sent a simple message that was intended to humiliate. As Fatima Mernissi wrote in her book, " *The Forgotten Queens of Islam*" :

> *"The Caliph then sent to the Egyptian emirs the famous message, so humiliating to her, in which he proclaimed that he was ready to provide them with some capable men, if no more existed in Egypt, since they were reduced to choosing a woman."*

Despite the caliph's rejection, Shajar al-Durr adopted the title *Malikat al-Muslimin* , which means "Queen of the Muslims." However, just 80 days into her reign, immense pressure from external forces led to Shajar agreeing to a second marriage, with Izz al-Din Ayubek. A condition for the marriage was that Ayubek had to divorce his first wife, which he did.

Shajar al-Durr may have held the reigns of the kingdom, but her new husband didn't like being sidelined and planned to marry a foreign princess to increase his control. When Shajar found out, sources claim that she may have orchestrated his assassination. In the end, Ayubek's son, Mansur, took control with the aid of the Mamaleek, Egyptian nobles.

Shajar al-Durr was handed over to Mansur's mother, the previous wife of Ayubek, who exacted terrible revenge on the former queen.

> *"Shajar al-Durr, the former Sultana was beaten to death by wooden shoes, then her body was dragged by the feet to the top of the citadel and then thrown to her death from the top. Shajar's body was torn apart by dogs before they took pity and buried her remains within the mausoleum, she had constructed herself."*

Despite her short reign, she achieved a great military victory, commissioned grand monuments, and tried to make Egypt a grand empire. Unfortunately, she was surrounded by men who felt threatened by her power and authority, and that is why she met such a gruesome fate.

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Mausoleum of Shajar al-Durr in al-Khalifa neighborhood, Cairo (R Prazares / ***CC BY SA 4.0*** *)*

3)Sultana Khadija (ruled 1347-79)

Sultana Khadija of the **Maldives** is another example of a female monarch with a long, successful reign. In 1347, after a vicious power struggle, Sultana Khadija, daughter of Sultan Salah al-Din Salih, ascended the Maldives throne and ruled for 33 years. It was during her reign that the famous explorer **Ibn Battuta** traveled to the Maldives and recorded important information regarding Khadija's enthronement:

> *"The only survivors from the ruling house were his three sisters…The inhabitants of the Maldive islands preferred for sovereign Khadija and she was the wife of their orator (khatib) Jamal-ud-din who became vezir."*

Orders were issued in the name of the sultana and a *khutbah,* a religious address including recognition of the sovereign, was even proclaimed in her name. This was something that had never been done for any other female queen, as the *khutbah* was thought to have been reserved for a male ruler. Sultana Khadija was a wise ruler and reigned over her kingdom with the help of her husband. She died in 1379 and was replaced by her younger sister, Myriam.

4)Sultan Regent Terken Khatun (ruled 1072-1094)

Terken Khatun was the second wife and chief consort of the Sultan of the **Seljuk Empire** , Malik Shah I. She was a Qarakhanid princess and the daughter of Tamghach Khan Ibrahim, a great king of his era. To secure her position further, she gave birth to the heir of the empire, Mahmud I.

Her life changed when her husband was assassinated in 1092. Fearing for her son's life, and because he was still a minor, Terkun took power in his name. Her first act as regent was to secure her rule. Her toughest challenge came from the Abbasid Caliph al-Muqtadi (coincidentally also her son-in-law), who was opposed to having a woman as ruler and thus would not allow the *khutbah* to be proclaimed in her name.

Despite the opposition, she was able to improve the political situation in her country, trying to pave the way for her son. Unfortunately, she died suddenly during a conflict, tragically followed a month later by her son.

*Malik-Shah I seated on his throne, circa 1315. His death placed Terken Khatun on the throne as regent, although her reign as a female monarch was quite short. (**Public Domain**)*

5)Queen Arwa al-Sulayhi (ruled 1065-1138)

Arwa Bint Ahmad al-Sulayhiyya was the queen of **Yemen** and held power for almost half a century. She is said to have enjoyed the privilege and unquestioned position of head of state. Like Sultana Khadija, Arwa had a *khutbah* proclaimed in her name.

Arwa suffered the loss of her parents at a young age and was raised in the court of her paternal uncle, Ali al-Sulayhi, and his queen, Asma Bint Shihab al-Sulayhiyya. It was in this environment that Arwa was raised by her strong-willed aunt, who ruled as an equal with her husband. One difference between Arwa and her aunt Asma was that Asma ruled without a veil, attending meetings with her face uncovered; however, Arwa chose to remain veiled. Impressed by Arwa's intelligence, at age 17, Ali and Asma married her to their son, al-Mukarram. After the death of Asma, Arwa assumed control with her husband, al-Mukarram, who granted her the same respect and freedom that had been granted to his mother.

Fatima Mernissi wrote in her book, *The Forgotten Queens of Islam* :

> *"The historians emphasize that 'Arwa gave her full attention to military conquests, needing to prove that the dynasty was still as strong as ever despite the loss of its great leader Ali and the disability of al-Mukarram. In politics, unlike in music, being a woman does not soften behavior."*

Another 19th century historian, Yasin al-Khatib al-Amri, described Arwa as a sovereign who "perfectly understood how to manage the affairs of state and of war."

Queen Arwa al-Sulayhi was a successful female monarch, leaving behind beautiful architectural monuments like the famous Sana'a mosque. She set up cultural and religious centers, making sure that the teachers and scholars were paid well. Queen Arwa was an intellectually gifted and efficient queen, as well as a matchless administrator.

Queen Arwa's Mosque, as seen from the Palace of Queen Arwa (Mufaddalqn / ***CC BY SA 3.0*** *)*

Conclusions about Female Monarchs

The circumstances surrounding the ascension of these female monarchs were each unique, but there is no denying that once they were seated on the throne, they carried out their duties with vigor and responsibility. They protected their people from invaders, kept their economies thriving, and helped influence the cultural and spiritual renaissance of their respective kingdoms. They deserve to be remembered for their extraordinary talents and bravery that kept their people safe and their empires prospering.

Top Image: Female monarchs have been rare, but not unheard of, across the world. Like their male counterparts, they had mixed track records. Source: **FrankBoston** */ Adobe Stock*

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An artist's modern interpretation of Mansa Musa, ruler of Mali in the 1300s. Image: Illustration By Tim O'Brien

Mansa Musa was the fourteenth-century king *(https://face2faceafrica.com/article/mali-mansa-musa-drove-worlds-intellectual-revival)* of the West African Mali Empire. He is known for his legendary pilgrimage to Mecca, during which he is said to have brought an enormous amount of wealth to the cities along his route.

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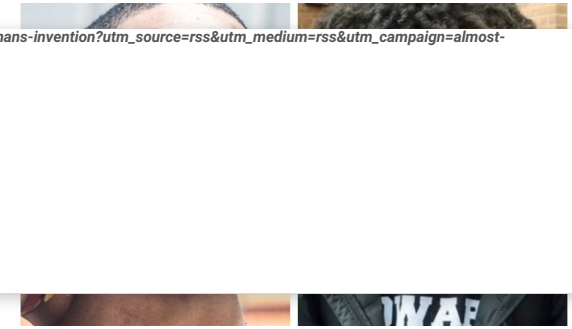

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of success. Despite his legendary riches, Mansa Musa is
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on education allowed the empire to thrive and made it a center of learning and culture in West Africa.

3. **Generosity can inspire others.** During his pilgrimage to Mecca *(https://face2faceafrica.com/article/here-are-some-looted-african-artifacts-in-british-museums)* , Mansa Musa is said to have distributed so much gold that the value of the metal decreased significantly in the cities that he visited. He also funded the construction of mosques and other important buildings along his route. This generosity not only benefited the people he encountered, but it also inspired others to be more giving and compassionate.
4. **Culture and diversity should be celebrated**. The Mali Empire was a diverse and multicultural society, and Mansa Musa embraced this diversity. He encouraged trade and exchange between different peoples, which helped to create a rich and vibrant culture. This teaches us the importance of valuing and celebrating the unique perspectives and experiences of others.
5. **Leadership is about serving others.** As a king, Mansa Musa had great power and influence. But rather than using this power for his own gain, he used it to serve the people of his empire. He worked to improve the lives of his subjects and to create a better future for all. This teaches us that true leadership is about serving others and working for the greater good.

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In conclusion, the life of Mansa Musa offers many valuable lessons for us today. He reminds us that wealth is not the only measure of success, that education is a powerful tool, and that generosity can inspire others. He also teaches us the importance of celebrating culture and diversity, and of using our leadership for the benefit of others. These lessons are as relevant today as they were in the fourteenth century, and they remind us of the enduring power of wisdom, compassion, and service

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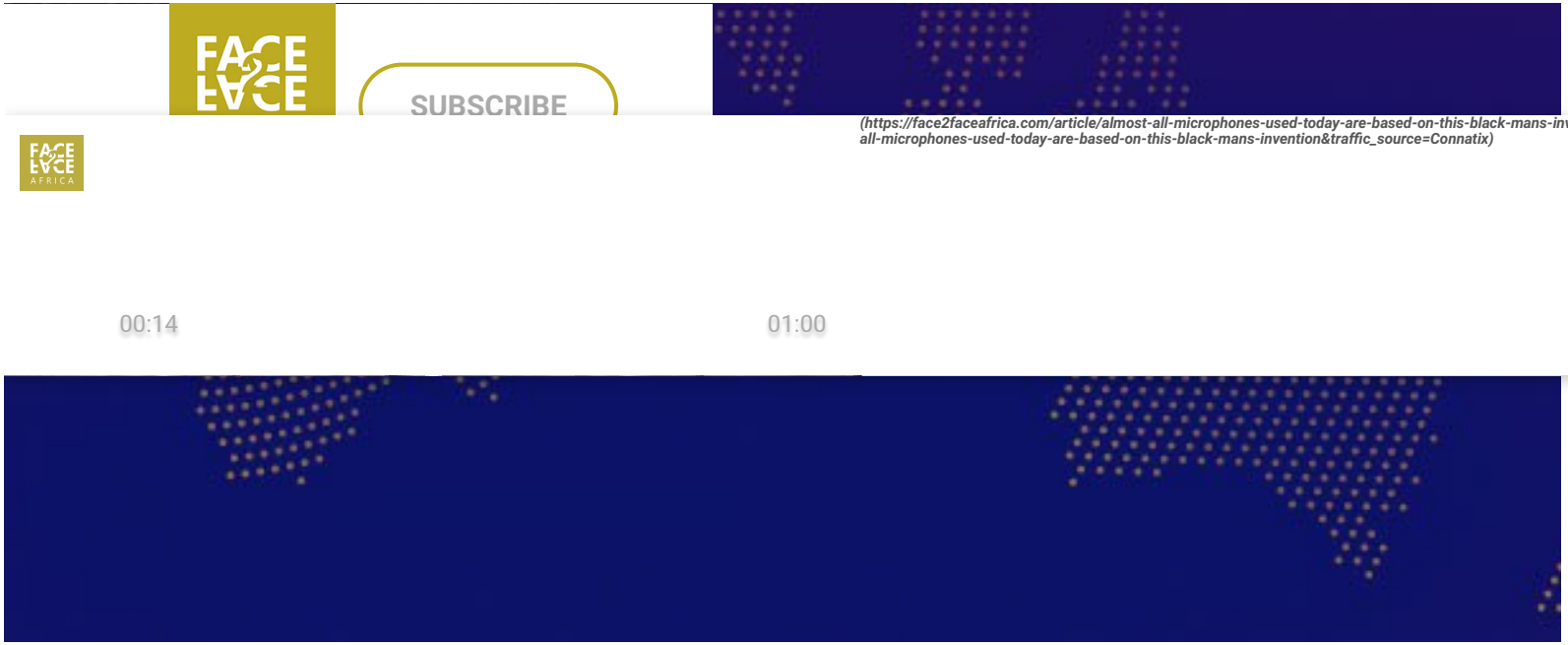

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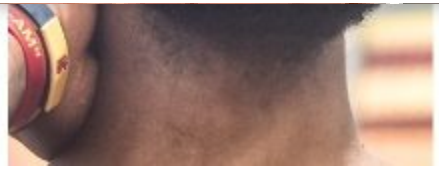

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The visit of four **Native American** “Kings” to London in 1710 caused quite a stir. While this wasn’t the first time that Native Americans had been on English soil, it was the first time that they were received as diplomats, treated as celebrities by Londoners, given an audience with an English monarch and enjoyed a first class royal tour of the city.

Their names were Hendrick, Peter, John and Nicholas, but their indigenous names were far grander. Tee Yee Ho Ga Row, baptized as Hendrick Tejonihokarawa during his visit to London, was a Mohawk chief. He was accompanied by Sa Ga Yeath Qua Pieth Tow (Peter), Ho Nee Yeath Taw No Row (John) and Etow Oh Koam (Nicholas). Understanding what they were doing there takes us right into the heart of deciphering the complex history of colonial expansion in **North America** .

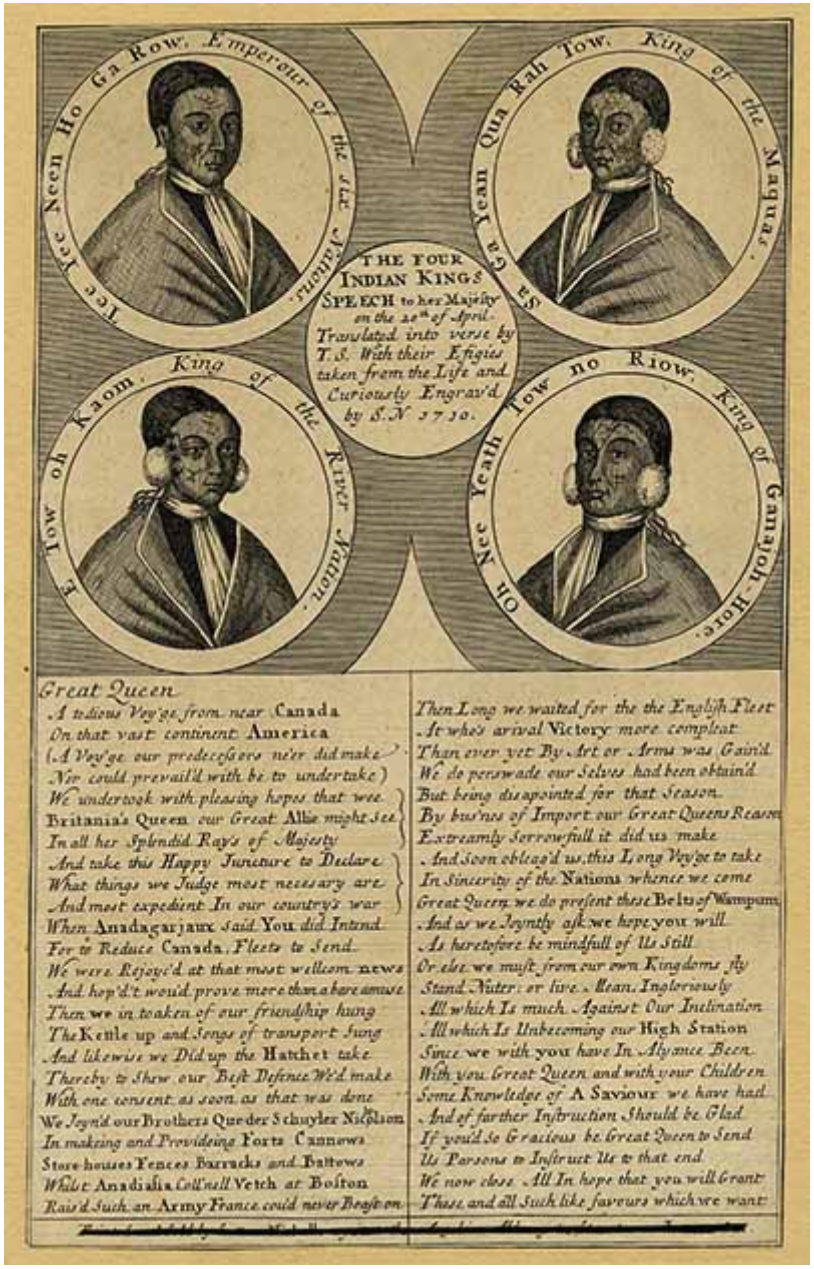
*Portraits of the Four Indian Kings, Native American delegates of the Iroquois Confederacy and the Alhonquian peoples who visited Queen Anne in London in 1710, by Jan Verelst. (**Public domain**)*

Their visit was actually the brain child of a colonial official called Pieter Schuyler, from Albany, New York. After a series of failed attempts to capture **Canada** from the French, he decided drastic measures were needed to convince Queen Anne to provide much needed support to the English settlers of North America.

*Portrait of Queen Anne of Great Britain, when she was Princess of Denmark. (**Public domain**)*

The Third Indian War, or Queen Anne's War as it was known, was raging in **North America** , an intercolonial conflict between the French, Spanish and English colonists, all of whom wanted to take control of the New World. As part of their strategy, each group used missionary expeditions to convert the Native Americans and gain their support, the English converting the natives to Protestantism, and the **French** and **Spanish** to Catholicism.

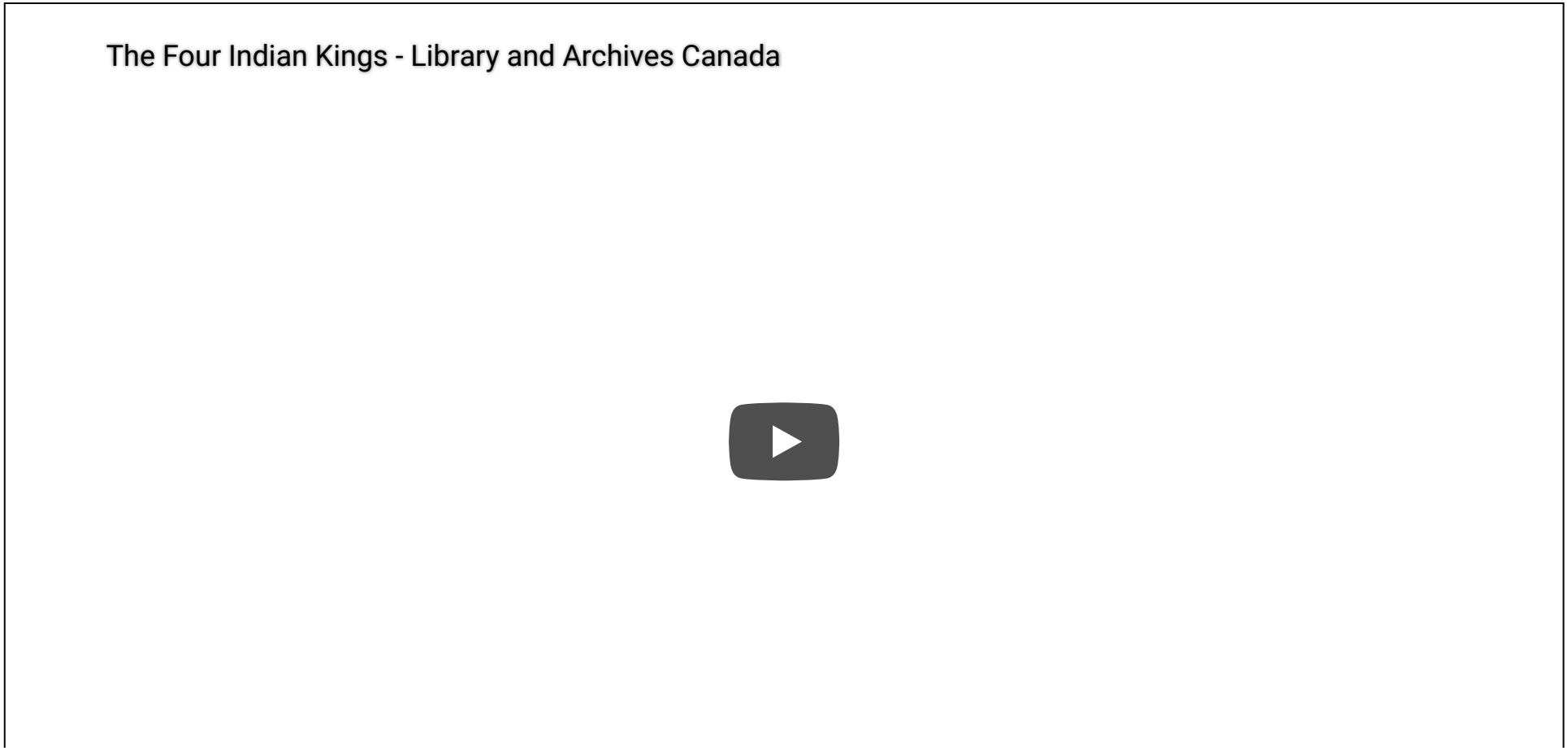
The four kings, as they became known, were part of a confederation of American Indians who supported the British, and they agreed to visit **London** to convince the Queen to send more arms, troops and ships to defeat the French. They were received by **Queen Anne** at St. James's Palace on April 19, 1710, where a translator read their eloquent address, which was later printed and caused a sensation.



*Broadside with four woodcuts showing portraits of the "four Indian kings" and etched text of their speech to Queen Anne in 1710. (British Museum / **CC BY-NC-SA 4.0**)*

“Great Queen. We have undertaken a long and tedious voyage, which none of our predecessors could be prevailed upon to undertake.” They begged **Queen Anne** to provide **missionaries** to provide “true religion,” which is probably what most captured the imagination of the immobile, gout-ridden queen.

She was enthralled by the tall and healthy Native Americans presented as Kings and asking to be converted to her beloved Protestantism. She even commissioned an unprecedented official portrait by Jan Verelst of the Four Indian Kings, which presented the members of the *Haudenosaunee* (**Iroquois**) alliance in a fashion reserved for royalty.



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Gods of Carthage and The Punic Power House of Baal Hammon and Tanit

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According to tradition, the city of **Carthage** was founded in 814 BC by the legendary **Queen Dido** . The founder of this city was originally a princess from the **Phoenician** city of Tyre. She was, however, forced to flee from her native city. With a band of followers, she sailed across the Mediterranean in search of a new home.

The Tyrian refugees eventually arrived in North Africa, on the coast of what is today Tunisia, and established the city of Carthage. Among other things, the Tyrian settlers brought with them their religious beliefs and practices from their original home. Thus, the religion of Carthage may be said to have a connection with that of its mother city and is related to that practiced by the Phoenicians and **Canaanites**.

The best-known account of the founding of **Carthage** is in Virgil's Aeneid. In the epic poem, the Trojan hero Aeneas flees from Troy after its destruction by the Greeks and wanders around the Mediterranean. During his sojourn, Aeneas and his men arrive at Carthage, where he meets Queen **Dido**. The story of Aeneas and Dido ends in tragedy, as the queen falls in love with Aeneas, but he has to carry on his journey to the Italian Peninsula. As a result, Dido commits suicide.

Prior to her meeting with **Aeneas**, Dido was a princess of **Tyre**, a Phoenician city state. In some sources she is known as Elissa. Virgil states that Dido's father was Belus and that she had a brother, Pygmalion. In addition, she was married to a man by the name of Sychaeus.

In Virgil's Aeneid, the epic poem conveys the story of the Trojan hero Aeneas fleeing from Troy. (Blackcat / ***Public Domain*** *)*

Belus had planned to divide the kingdom between his two children after he died. Upon the old king's death, however, Pygmalion seized power for himself and killed Sychaeus for his wealth. Pygmalion regarded his sister as a threat to his power as well and prepared to murder her. Fortunately, Sychaeus' ghost appeared to Dido in a dream and told her the truth about his death. He also revealed to her the location where he had hidden his wealth and warned her to flee the city.

Once Dido had retrieved her husband's wealth, she fled from Tyre with a group of loyal followers. Dido sailed across the Mediterranean and eventually arrived on the shores of **North Africa** , where she founded the city of Carthage.

The Gods of Carthage and Tyre

As the founders of Carthage were from Tyre, they brought along with them the **religion** and belief system of their mother city. Therefore, similarities can be found between religious beliefs of the Carthaginians and Tyrians. This is most visible in the **gods** worshipped by these two peoples.

The **Carthaginians**, Tyrians, and **Phoenicians** as a whole, were **polytheists** and believed in a **pantheon** of gods. Many of the gods worshipped in Carthage were derived from the Tyrian pantheon, though they were localized and given local names. The two most important gods worshipped in Carthage were Baal Hammon and **Tanit**, who together formed the supreme divine couple of the Punic pantheon. The Tyrian of these two gods have been identified as Baal and Astarte (or one of her attendants).

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*Temple in Carthage used to worship the gods of the Punic pantheon. (**Stemoir** / Adobe Stock)*

Baal Hammon, King of the Gods

The name Baal Hammon has been interpreted by scholars to mean ‘Lord of the Brazier’ or ‘Lord of the Altar of Incense’. He was considered to be a god of fertility and worshipped by the Carthaginians as the king of the gods. Baal Hammon was but one version of the deity Baal. This god is found in the pantheons of many ancient Middle Eastern communities and was worshipped especially by the **Canaanites**, which the Phoenicians were a part of.

Like Baal Hammon, the Baal of the Middle East was believed to be a fertility god, though he was not considered to be the leader of the gods in the Canaanite pantheon. Instead, that title was held by El, whose consort was Asherah. As Baal Hammon was also the king of the gods, some scholars have also speculated that he was the Punic equivalent of El.

*Baal Hammon, king of the Punic pantheon, on his throne with a crown and flanked by sphinxes. (Dyolf77 / **CC BY-SA 4.0**)*

The role played by Baal in ensuring the fertility of the land is reflected in one of his titles, 'Lord of Rain and Dew', which were the two forms of moisture that the Canaanite farmers depended on. Rain was probably the more vital of the two, as Baal was also regarded to be a storm god. This is visible in the epithet given to him in Ugaritic and Hebrew, 'He who Rides on the Clouds', as well as the name given to him by the Phoenicians, 'Baal Shamin', meaning 'Lord of the Heavens'.

Other gods who were known as Baal include Baal Qarnem, Baal Iddir, and Baal Oz. It is unclear, however, whether these were different forms of Baal or distinct deities in their own right.

Tanit, The Consort That Out Shone the King of the Gods

The consort of Baal Hammon was Tanit, who is usually said to have been the equivalent of the Canaanite goddess Astarte. Tanit was not originally part of the Punic pantheon and her worship only began after the 5th century BC. Nevertheless, she soon superseded Baal Hammon in importance. This is seen, for instance, in Carthaginian monuments where her name is often placed before that of Baal Hammon.

Tanit is considered to be the consort of Baal Hammon, one of her titles being 'face of Baal'. Although Tanit was worshipped as a celestial goddess, the Carthaginians also believed that she was a mother goddess who governed fertility, as her representations are often accompanied by fertility symbols.

The most unique aspect of Tanit is that she is the only Punic deity known to be represented by a symbol. Tanit's symbol is easily recognized and consists of a triangle / trapezium with a horizontal line and circle above it. Scholars are of the opinion that the symbol represents a stylized female figure with outstretched arms.

*Symbol of Tanit, the consort to the king of the Punic pantheon. (mrholle / **CC BY-SA 2.0**)*

The Tyrian God Invasion

Another important deity in the Punic pantheon was **Melqart** (known also as Tyrian Baal), the chief deity and protector of Tyre. Some scholars speculate that for the Carthaginians, Melqart and Baal Hammon were in fact one and the same. The cult of Melqart helped to maintain the link between Carthage and its mother city.

For the first few centuries of its existence, Carthage was obliged to send one-tenth of its annual profit to the **Temple of Melqart** in Tyre as tribute. Additionally, the Carthaginians and Tyrians would come together in Tyre each year to celebrate the resurrection of Melqart in a festival referred to by Greek authors as ‘Egeris’.

Other important Phoenician deities brought from Tyre to Carthage included Eshmun, Reshef, and Rasap. Eshmun has been recognized as the equivalent of **Adonis** and the Greeks have identified him as being similar to their own god of healing, Asclepius. In Sidon, the mother city of Tyre, Eshmun was part of the divine trio, along with Baal and Astarte. Reshef was worshipped as the god of fire and lightning (equated with Apollo by the Greeks), while Rasap was a god of war. Like Baal Hammon and Tanit, these gods were also localized by the Carthaginians.

In addition, the Carthaginians included in their pantheon deities from other civilizations they came into contact with, such as the Greeks, Egyptians, and Etruscans. An example of this adoption of foreign gods may be seen on a Punic stele dating to the late 2nd century BC.

On this artifact are three symbols, one of which is a **caduceus**. In the Greek world, this object was an attribute of the god Hermes. Therefore, it is possible that Greek god was part of the Punic pantheon.

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*Punic stele in Carthage. (Michel-georges Bernard / **CC BY-SA 3.0**)*

In Tyre, the hierarchy of the religious cults was headed by its monarch. Beneath the king were the priests, who were grouped into colleges and led by a chief priest. The priests, and in particular the chief priests, wielded great power and possessed immense wealth in Tyrian society.
In one version of the myth of Dido, her husband's name was **Acerbas**, who was her uncle and also a priest of Melqart. It was due to his status as a priest that Acerbas was able to grow wealthy.

The Tyrian settlers of Carthage maintained the priesthoods of their mother city. The temple priests and their acolytes performed different functions and charged a fee for their services. During the first few centuries of Carthage's founding its priests conducted ritual celebrations derived from Phoenician traditions, which demonstrates its strong ties with the mother city.

Rituals in Carthage

The most intriguing and controversial aspect of Punic religious practice is the alleged child sacrifice that was practiced by the Carthaginians. In Biblical sources, the Canaanite deity associated with child sacrifice was **Moloch**. The name of this god is a combination of the consonants of melech (Hebrew for 'king') and the vowels of boshet (Hebrew for 'shame'). Some scholars, however, have suggested that Moloch was not the name of a god but was a type of sacrifice instead. This theory, however, is generally rejected and scholars normally regard Moloch as a deity.

Nevertheless, there is disagreement as to the kind of god Moloch was. While some scholars are of the opinion that Moloch was a god in his own right, others have proposed that this was a title given to one of the foreign gods that the Israelites encountered in the land of Canaan. For instance, one suggestion is that Moloch was just another name for Baal.

*Moloch was the Canaanite deity, of the Punic pantheon, associated with child sacrifice. (Dauster / **Public Domain**)*

In any case, **child sacrifice** was reputed to have been practiced by the Phoenicians and may have been inherited by the Carthaginians. The matter, however, is not so straightforward and there are disagreements as to whether this gruesome type of sacrifice was indeed performed by the Carthaginians. Among the ancient authors, for instance, there are those who mention this practice, as well as those who do not.

The Roman writer Plutarch and the Greek historian Diodorus Siculus belong to the former, while Livy and Polybius belong to the latter. Additionally, the early Christian writers Tertullian and Orosius also make mention of Carthaginian child sacrifices in their writings. One argument against those ancient writers who wrote about the child sacrifices is that they were the enemies of Carthage and therefore made such claims as propaganda to present the Carthaginians in a negative light.

The dispute has not been resolved by archaeology. Instead, the archaeological evidence has been used by both sides to support their own arguments. In areas once ruled by the Carthaginians, archaeologists have discovered cemeteries used specifically for the burial of infants and babies. The term Tophet, which may be translated to mean ‘place of burning’, is used to describe such cemeteries, and is derived from the Bible.

Some scholars have argued that those buried in such cemeteries were not victims of sacrifice but had died of natural causes. This is seen, for instance, in a study of dental remains from 540 individuals, published in 2010. The authors of the study, Jeffrey Schwartz, Frank Houghton, Roberto Macchiarelli, and Luca Bondioli argue that the majority of the those buried in the cemetery were either stillborn babies or fetuses.

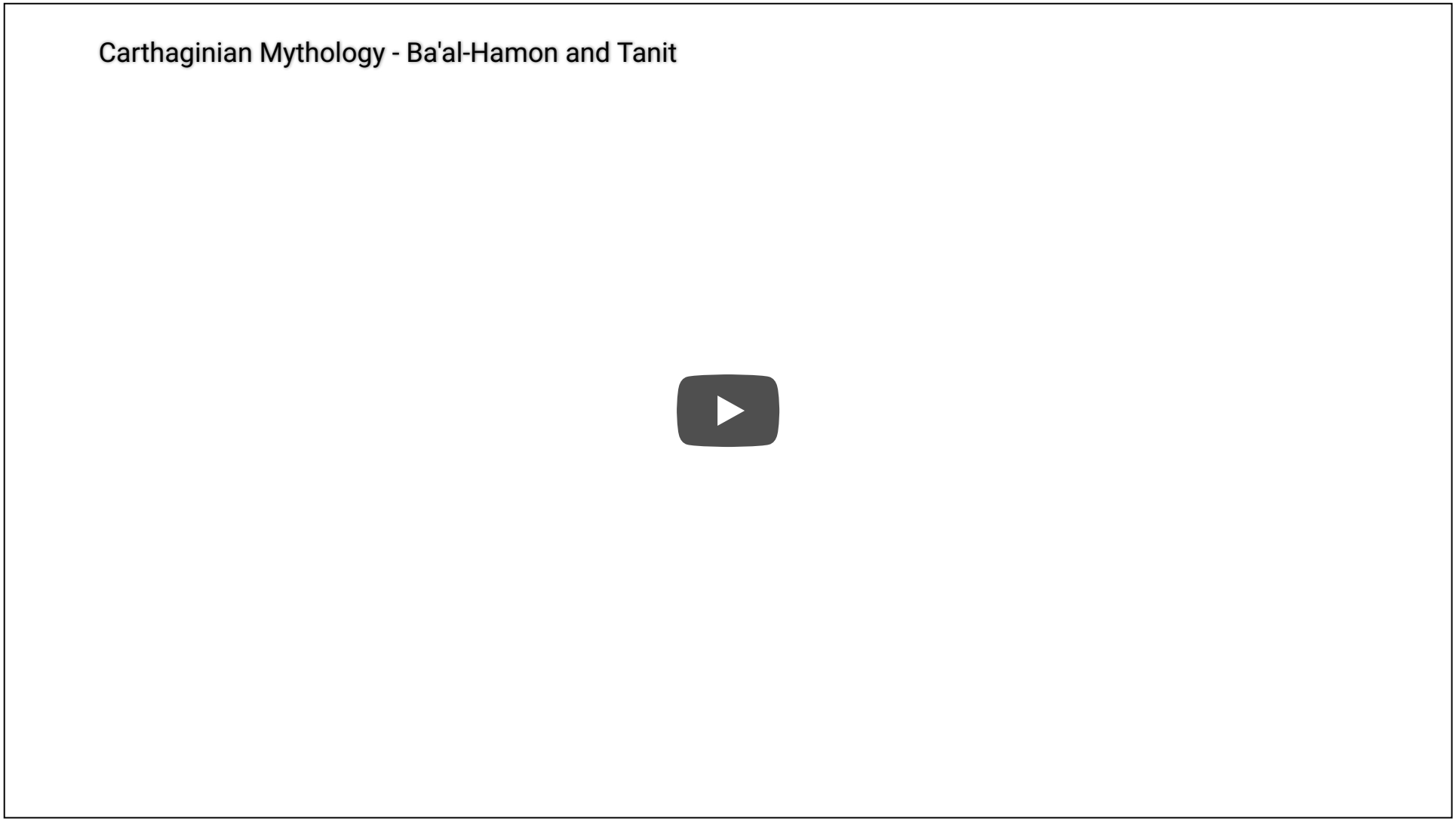
This has been used to refute the idea that the Carthaginians ritually slaughtered their children, as the individuals buried in the cemetery could not have been considered to be live sacrifices. One critique of this study comes from Patricia Smith, an anthropologist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who argues that that the authors have miscalculated the age of the infants. This means that those buried in the cemetery were not stillborn individuals or fetuses but babies who were about a month old. This in turn brings back the possibility of child sacrificed being practiced in Carthage.

Punic cemetery at Carthage where evidence of infant burial is found. (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World / ***CC BY-SA 2.0*** *)*

The idea of child sacrifice is repugnant today, and it is possible that we are trying to do away with this inconvenient truth by discrediting the evidence or by imposing our modern sensibilities onto the ancient Carthaginians. Instead of dismissing outright the idea that child sacrifice was practiced in Carthage, Josephine Quinn of Oxford University's Faculty of Classics has proposed that we ought to try to understand this phenomenon.

For instance, she suggests that Carthaginian parents may have believed that by sacrificing their children they would bring greater good to their family and community. She also notes that this practice may provide an alternative explanation for

the founding of Carthage, i.e. that its founders were forced to leave Phoenicia since others frowned upon their unusual religious practice.



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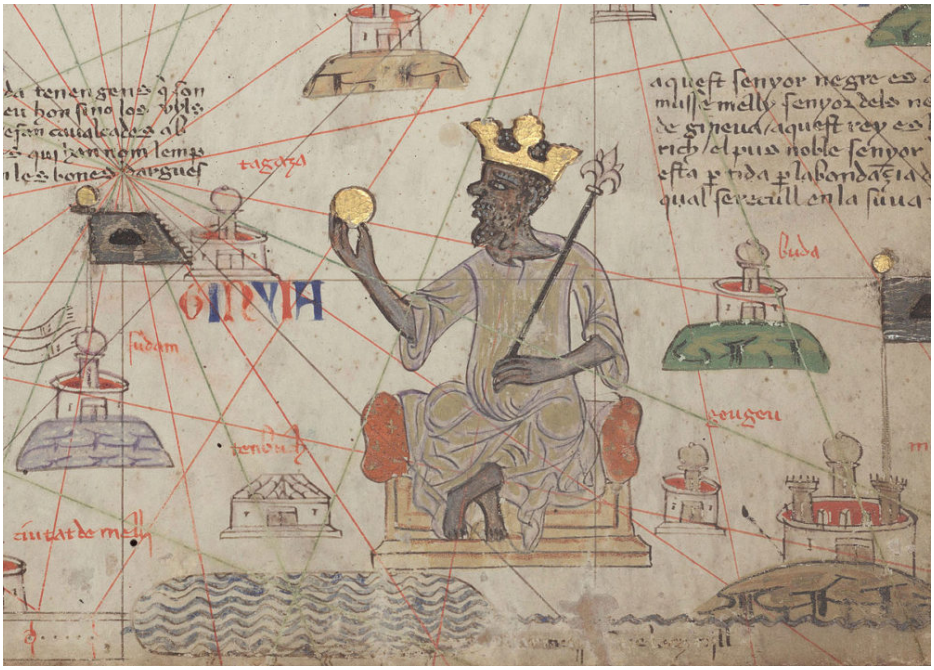

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торговли. Поэтому, ведение бизнеса не является чем-то чуждым для ислама. Напротив, торговля помогала изыскивать средства для финансирования крупных событий в истории ислама, которые формировали судьбу веры и служили делу распространения религии. Не секрет, что многие регионы познакомились с исламом и мусульманами именно благодаря торговле. Ярчайшим примером распространения ислама посредством торговли являются страны Западной Африки, куда ислам пришел через торговые пути Сахары.

В современном мире мусульмане продолжают заниматься не только торговлей, но и другими видами бизнеса. Некоторые из них добиваются больших успехов и становятся состоятельными людьми. Конечно же, не все из них расходуют свое имущество на пути ислама, но, тем не менее, есть смысл узнать о людях, которые добились успеха в своем деле.

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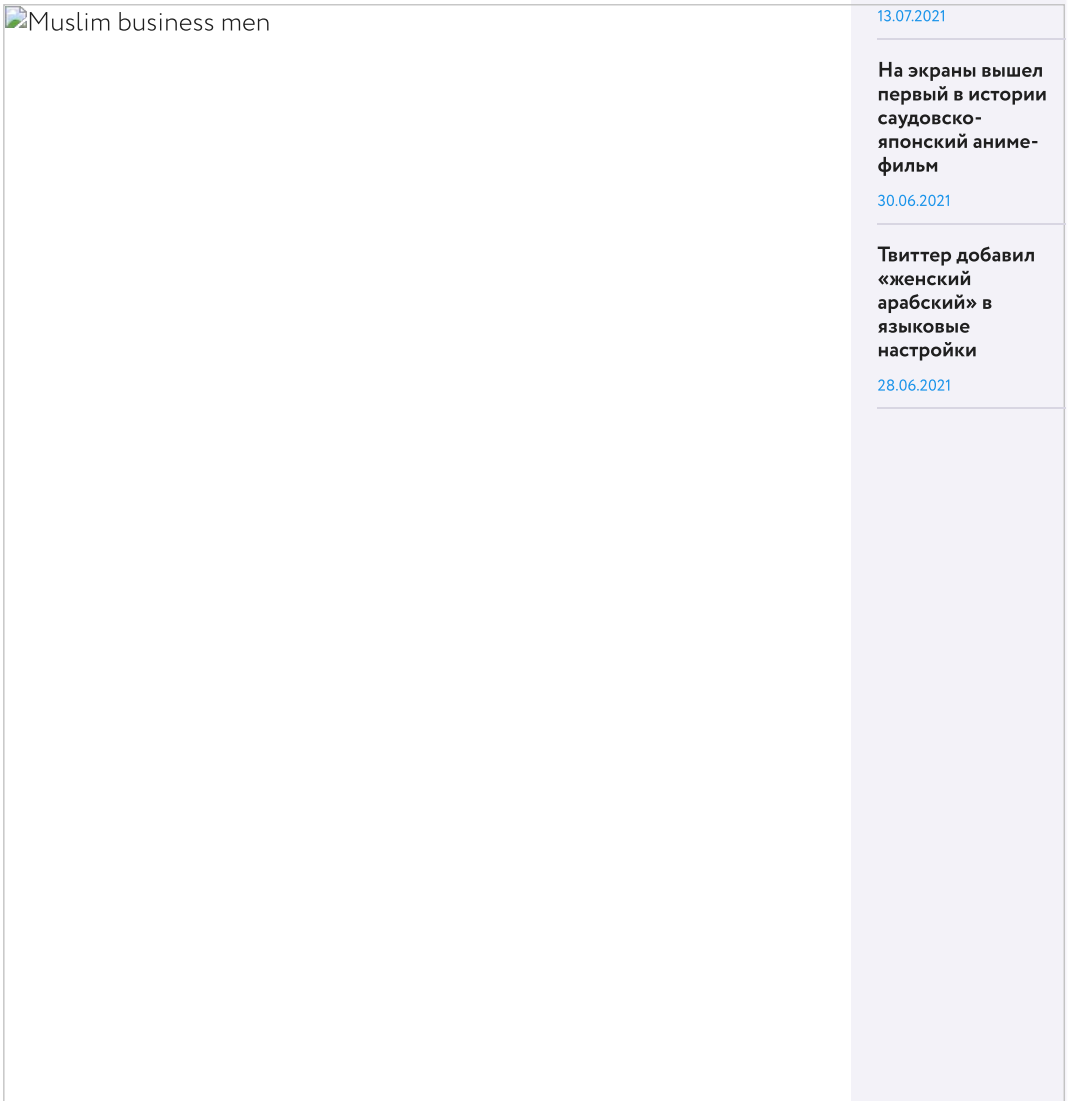
1. Азим Хашим Премжи – его состояние оценивается в 18,5 миллиардов долларов США. Индийский предприниматель Премжи является председателем Совета директоров Wipro Limited, которой принадлежит Wipro Technologies, одна из крупнейших в Индии компаний, занимающихся выпуском программного обеспечения.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Английская мусульманка-политик борется с расизмом и стереотипами в своей книге «Мои волосы под платком розовые»
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Халяль-туризм продолжает развиваться несмотря на пандемию
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На экраны вышел первый в истории саудовско-японский аниме-фильм
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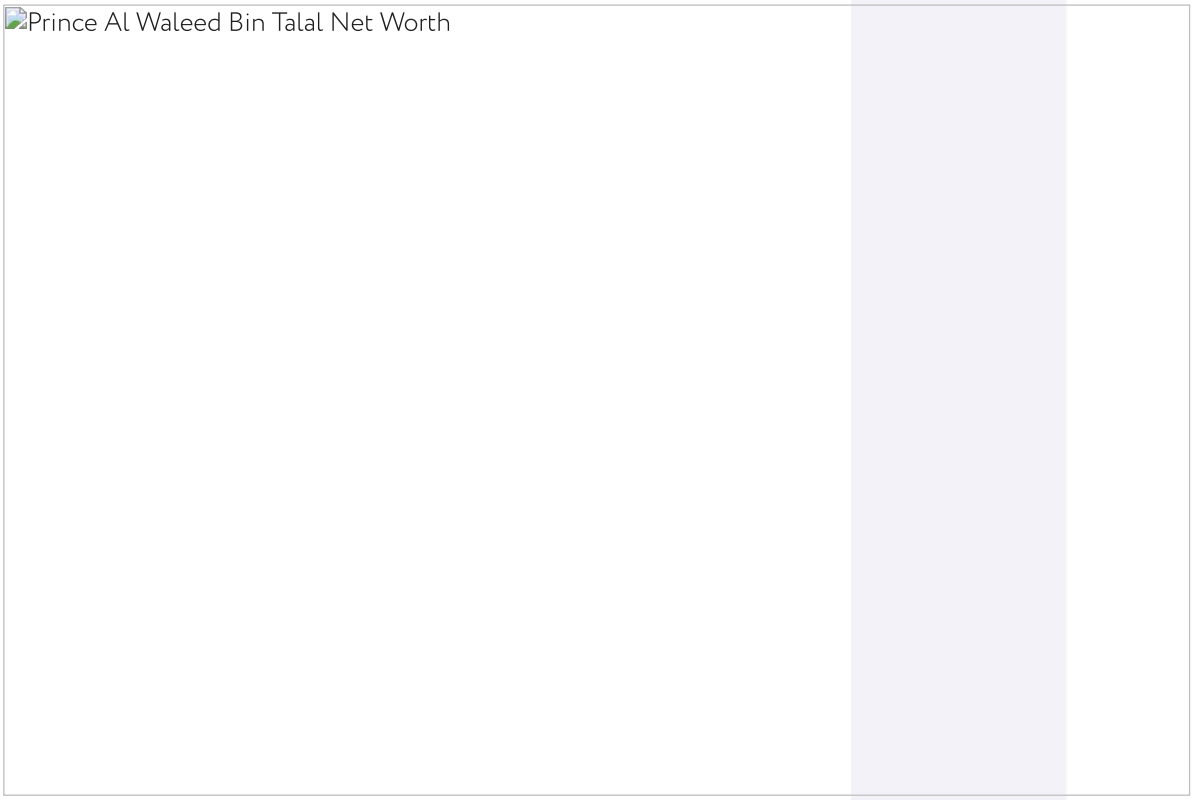
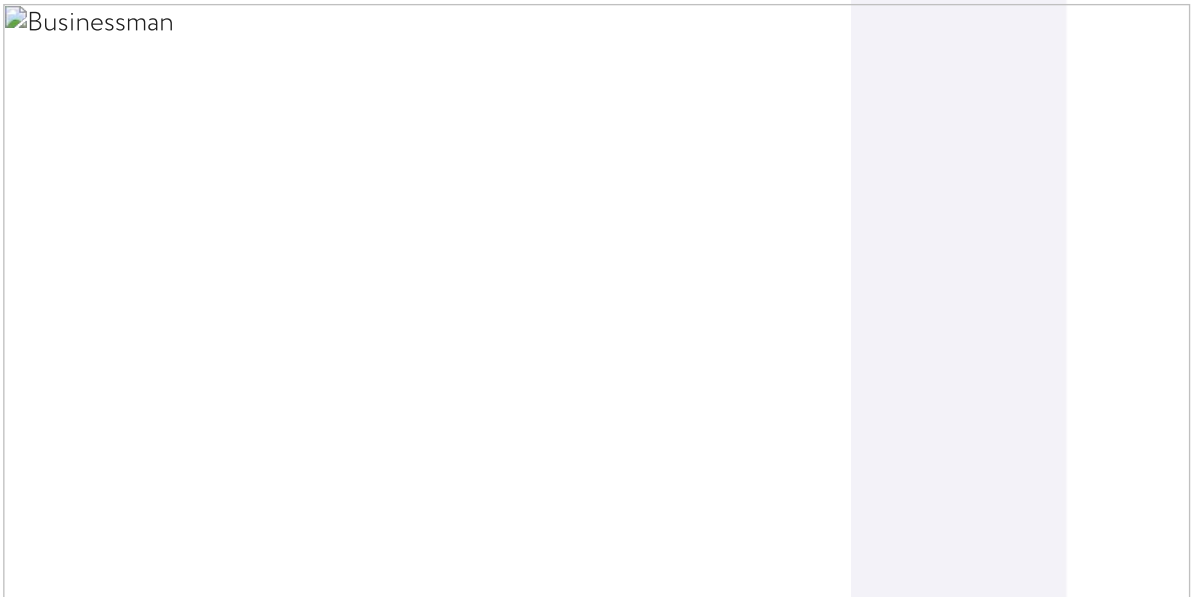
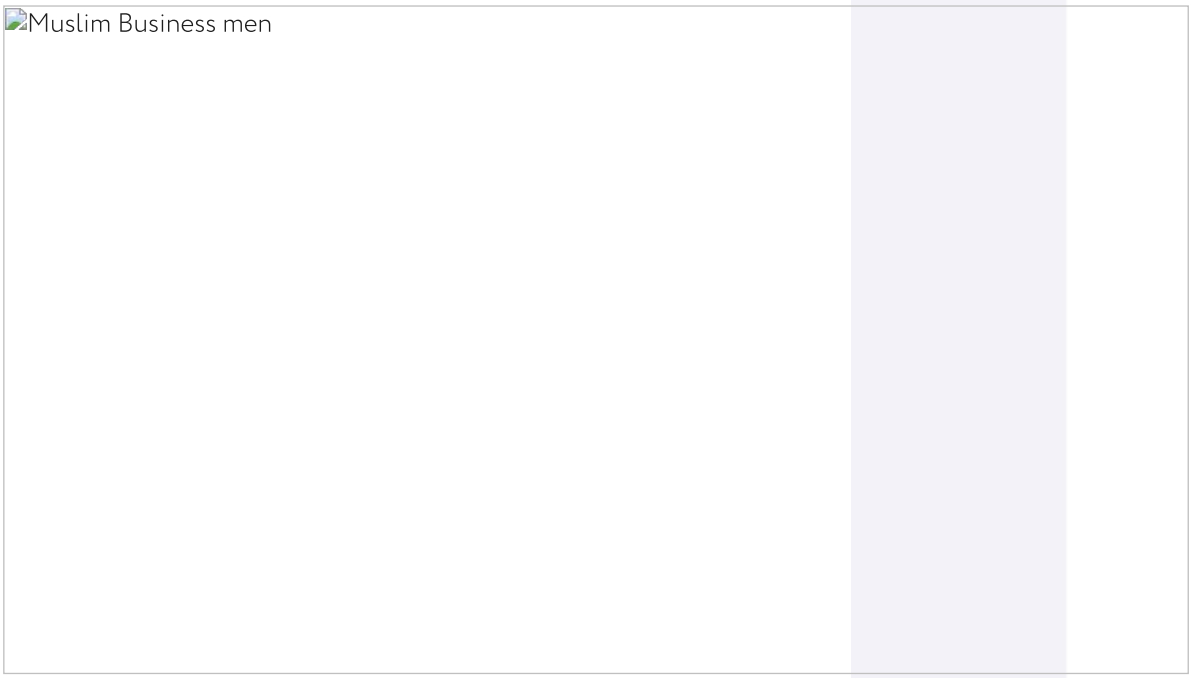
2. Принц Аль-Валид Бин Талал – его состояние оценивалось в 17,7 миллиардов долларов США. Принц Талал является основателем и генеральным директором компании Kingdom Holding Co, которая занимается инвестированием в гостиничный бизнес, банковское дело, средства массовой информации и нефтедобычу.



3. Алико Данготе – его состояние оценивается в 13,8 миллиарда долларов США. Нигерийский бизнесмен является владельцем группы компаний Данготе, которые в основном занимаются закупкой и продажей сырья. Кроме родной Нигерии, его компании имеют представительства и в других африканских странах, включая Бенин, Камерун, Гану, Южную Африку, Того, Танзанию и Замбию.



4. Мохаммад Бин Исса аль-Джабер – его состояние оценивается в 8,7 миллиарда долларов США. Аль-Джабер является председателем и главным исполнительным директором группы компаний MBI International & Partners. В эту группу входят JW Hotels and Resorts по всему миру.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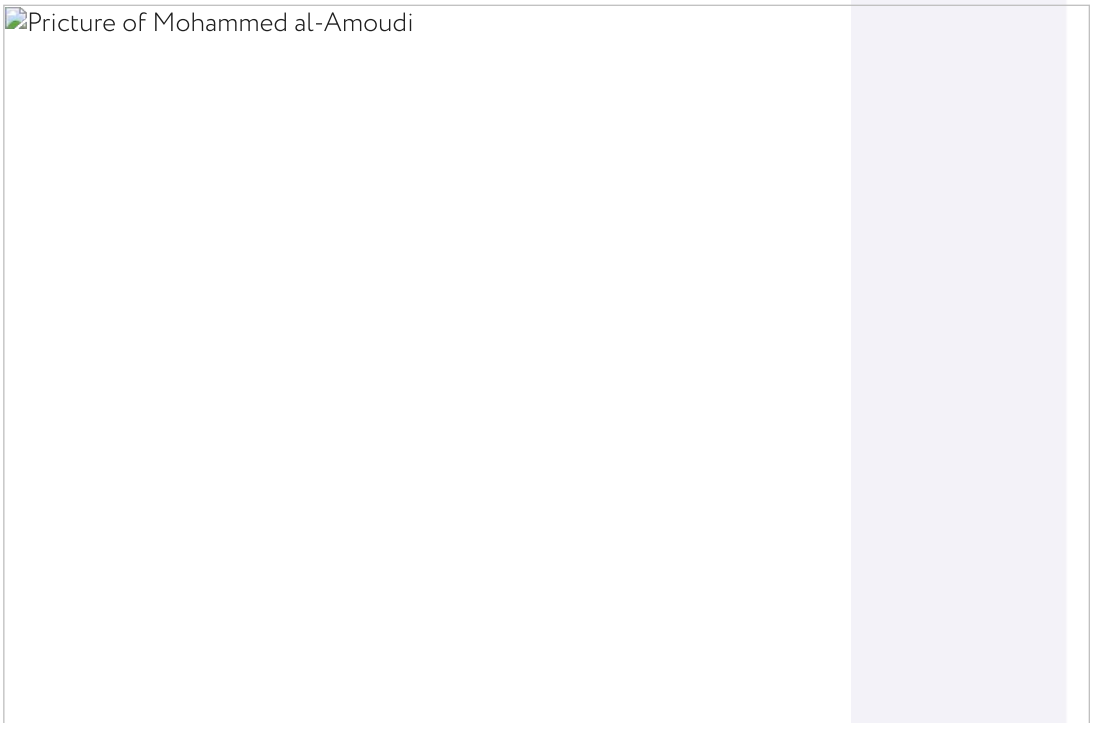
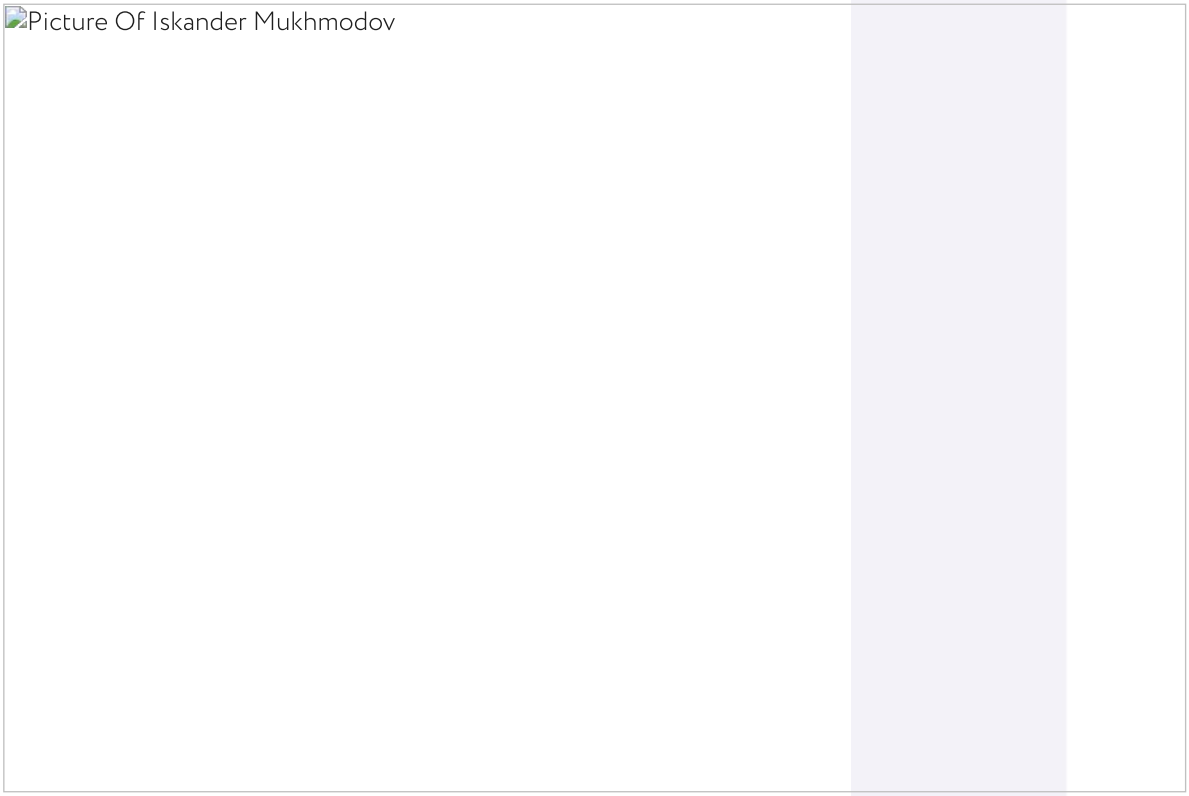
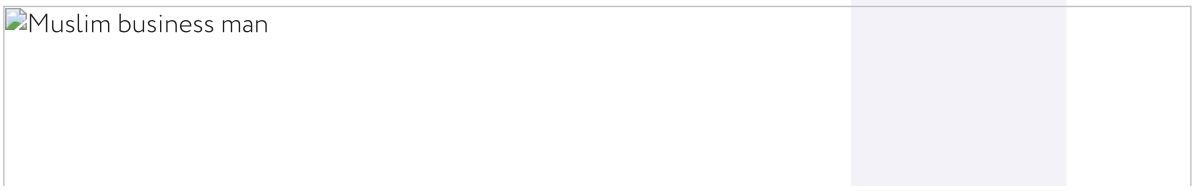
5. Мохаммед аль-Амуди – его состояние оценивается в 8,4 миллиарда долларов США. Этот эфиопский бизнесмен заработал свое состояние, занимаясь инвестициями в золотодобычу, нефтепереработку и производство цемента в Эфиопии.


Pricture of Mohammed al-Amoudi

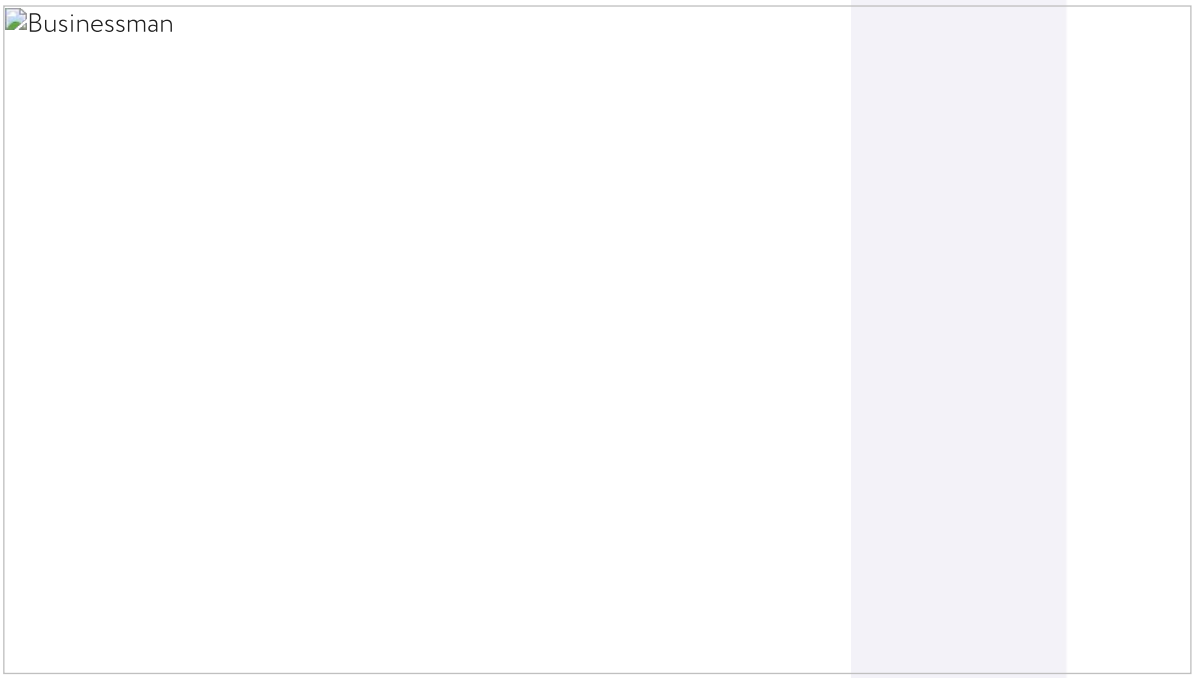
6. Искандер Махмудов – его состояние оценивается в 7,3 миллиарда долларов США Махмудов является российским предпринимателем узбекского происхождения, также он основателем и президентом Уральской горно-металлургической компании.



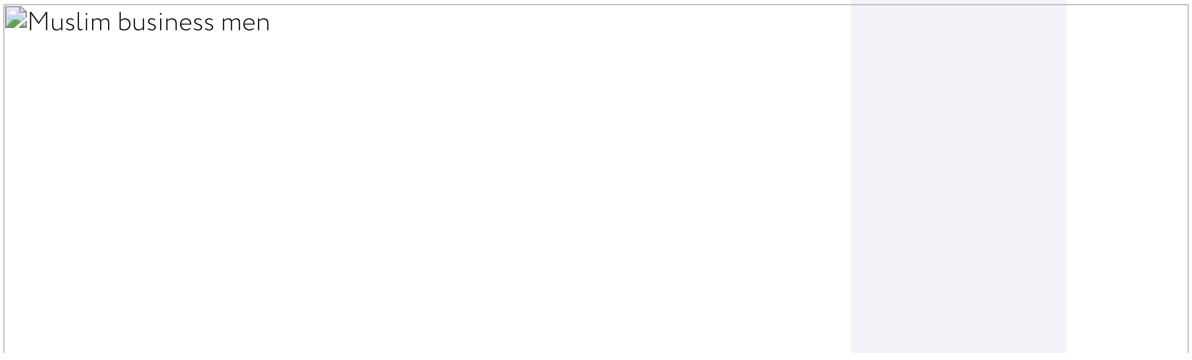
7. Шахид-хан – его состояние оценивается в 7,2 миллиарда долларов США. Американский бизнесмен пакистанского происхождения является владельцем американского футбольного клуба Джексонвилл Джагуарс, а также английской футбольной команды Фулхам. Кроме того, компания Шахид-хана Flex-N-Gate занимается производством автомобильных запчастей в Урбане, штат Иллинойс.



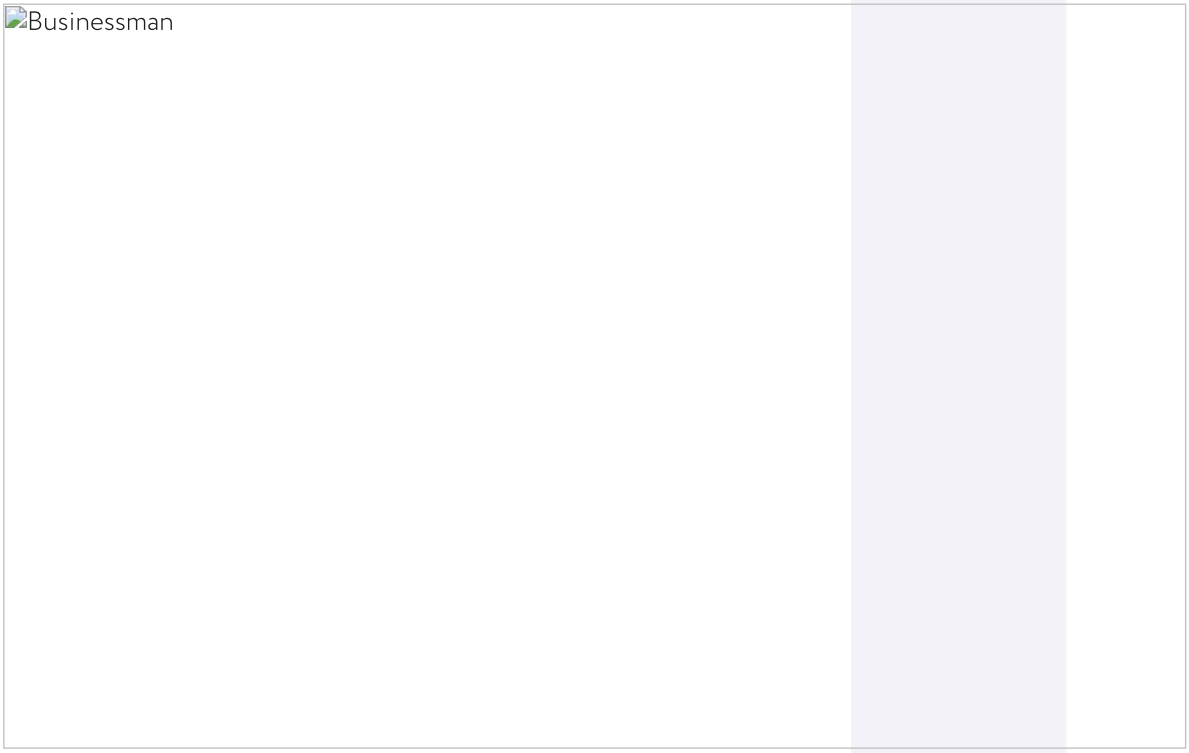
8. Сулейман Керимов – его состояние оценивается в 6, 4 миллиарда долларов США. Скандально известный российский бизнесмен и политик приобрел большую часть своих богатств за счет инвестиций в различные авиакомпании, а также в банковскую отрасль.



9. Наджиб Микати – его состояние оценивается в 2,7 миллиарда долларов США. Наджиб Микати был одним из основателей телекоммуникационной компании Investcom, однако продал свою долю, когда начал заниматься политической карьерой и стал премьер-министром Ливана.



10. Саид Мухтар аль-Бухари – его состояние оценивается в 1,85 миллиарда долларов США. Малазийский предприниматель, который занимается инвестициями в различные сферы бизнеса, такие как производство электроэнергии, транспорт и логистика.



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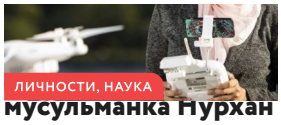

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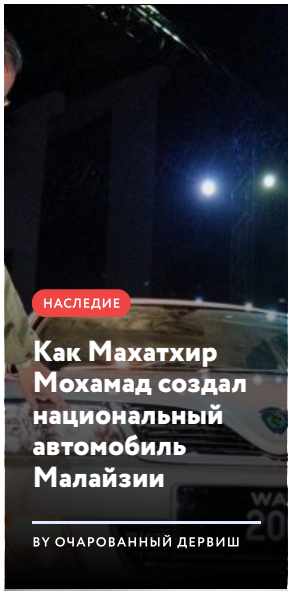

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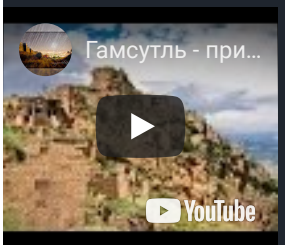

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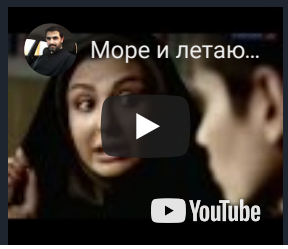

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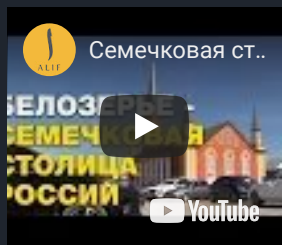

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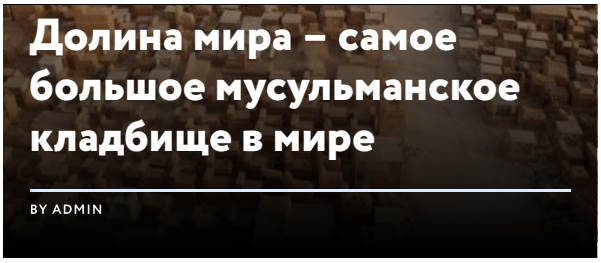

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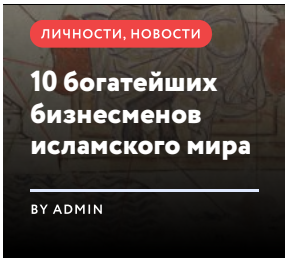

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10 богатейших бизнесменов исламского мира

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«Мы иранцы»: история африканских рабов в Иране

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Профессор ирано-канадского происхождения Бехназ Мирзаи провела 20 лет, изучая африканскую диаспору в Иране – малоизвестную часть иранской истории.

Ученики Бехназ Мирзаи часто говорят, что ее кабинет похож на музей. С осколками древней глиняной посуды, найденной в горах иранских провинций Систан и Белуджистан, красочными вазами из Исфахана и племенными масками из Занзибара, украшающими полки, легко понять, почему.

Бехназ Мирзаи провела почти 20 лет, изучая происхождение африканской диаспоры в Иране, включая историю и отмену рабства в ее родной стране. Эта тема, о которой немногие знали в конце 1990-х, и которая остается неизведанной для многих и сегодня. Перед тем, как приехать в Канаду в 1997 году, Мирзаи получила степень магистра истории Ирана и ислама в Университете Азад в Тегеране. Когда год спустя она поступила в аспирантуру Йоркского университета в Торонто, встреча с профессором истории Полом Лавджоем натолкнула ее на путь открытия малоизвестного фрагмента

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иранской истории. Связавшись с несколькими иранскими профессорами, Мирзаи обнаружила, что в Иране действительно существовала история африканского рабства, и в иранских архивах имеются документы, подтверждающие это.

Торговля между современным Ираном и африканскими странами насчитывает несколько сотен лет. Мирзаи обнаружила, что рабство в Иране охватило два основных периода – эпоху династии Каджаров (1795-1925) и эпоху династии Пехлеви (1925-1979).

Афро-иранцы – кто они?

Источник: MEE

Мирзаи, чьи исследования сосредоточены главным образом на современном периоде рабства в Иране, объясняет, что торговцы из арабских стран Персидского залива, среди которых преобладал Султанат Оман, контролировавший обширные регионы, граничащие с Индийским океаном, привозили рабов в Иран из северных и северо-восточных районов Африканского континента, включая Танзанию (Занзибар), Кению, Эфиопию и Сомали.

В древней исламской литературе эфиопов называли «*аль-Хабаша*». Мирзаи рассказывает, что в результате многие рабы брали себе фамилию Хабаши, когда приезжали в Иран, чтобы указать на свое эфиопское происхождение. Также рабы с Занзибара брали фамилию Занзибари.

Сосредоточенные в основном на южном побережье Ирана рабы работали преимущественно в рыболовстве, сельском хозяйстве, в качестве домашней прислуги, нянек или даже служили в армии. Однако не только африканцы были обращены в рабство в Иране. «В Иране рабство не было основано на расе и касалось не только африканцев. Черкесы, грузины и даже многие иранцы также становились рабами», – поясняет Мирзаи. Она добавляет, что некоторые рабы также работали вместе с иранскими крестьянами, которые жили в условиях крайней нищеты.

Мирзаи изучила, что отмена рабства началась в 1828 году с прекращением торговли черкесов и грузин и завершилась полным запретом этой практики ровно через столетие.

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Афротурки – необычная этническая группа в Турции.

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Идея исследовать африканское рабство в Иране и на Ближнем Востоке в более общем плане родилась в рамках исследовательского проекта *Nigerian Hinterland Project*, финансируемого правительством Канады. Проект концентрируется на перемещении людей в Нигерии и соседних странах вследствие рабства. Проект был создан на основе инициативы ЮНЕСКО «Slave Route», которая была запущена в 1994 году для лучшего понимания причин и последствий рабства в мире.

Сегодня работа Мирзаи в Йоркском университете продолжается уже на базе Института Харриет Табман по изучению Африки и ее диаспор. «Многие люди либо даже не знают, что в мусульманском мире существовало рабство, либо полагают, что оно настолько отличалось от Америки, что не стоит глубокого изучения. Кроме того, это тема, с которой связано столько табу, что никто не хочет об этом говорить», – поясняет Бехназ Мирзаи.

По подсчётам Мирзаи, на сегодняшний день от 10 до 15% населения южного Ирана можно назвать потомками африканцев, и этот процент уменьшается по мере продвижения на север. Многие члены *афро-иранского сообщества* (термин, придуманный Мирзаи в ходе своих исследований) даже не знают своей собственной истории или происхождения семьи. Афро-иранцев часто называют «черными юга», и многие иранцы до сих пор считают, что их темная кожа является результатом жаркого климата южного побережья. «Люди связывают это с климатом. Многие думают, что они темные, потому что в южной части Ирана очень-очень жарко», – рассказывает Мирзай.

Афропалестинцы и их сопротивление израильской оккупации.

Бехназ Мирзаи / Источник: MEE

Мирзаи утверждает, что афро-иранцы считают себя иранцами и нередко вопросы об их африканском происхождении могут даже оскорбить их: «Я спрашивала их о том, кем они себя считают. Они всегда отвечают: «Мы иранцы». Если возникает какой-либо вопрос, касающийся их африканского происхождения, они воспринимают его как оскорбление».

Недостаточное знакомство с афро-иранцами может заставить иранцев из других частей страны задаться вопросом, откуда происходит это сообщество, или рассматривать их как чужаков. Но Мирзаи утверждает, что, хотя это и редкость, ей удалось задокументировать некоторые смешанные браки между афро-иранцами и иранцами.

Афро-иранцы в значительной степени интегрированы в местные районы, в которых они живут. Например, общины в провинциях Систан и Белуджистан говорят на местном языке белуджи, а афро-иранцы в провинции Хормозган говорят на бандари. Афро-иранское сообщество сегодня смешивает африканские традиции с иранской культурой, участвуя в ритуале изгнания нечистой силы, известном как *Зар*, который, как считается, очищает тело от злых духов. Данная практика распространена сегодня в Танзании и Эфиопии.

Бехназ Мирзаи поясняет: «Целью моих исследований было показать другую сторону Ирана, раскрыть миру тот факт, что Иран очень разнообразен, ведь в этой стране живет много-много разных этнических групп. У них своя особая культура. У них есть своя особая идентичность. И каждая народность особенно важна для иранского общества и делает его уникальным и неповторимым».

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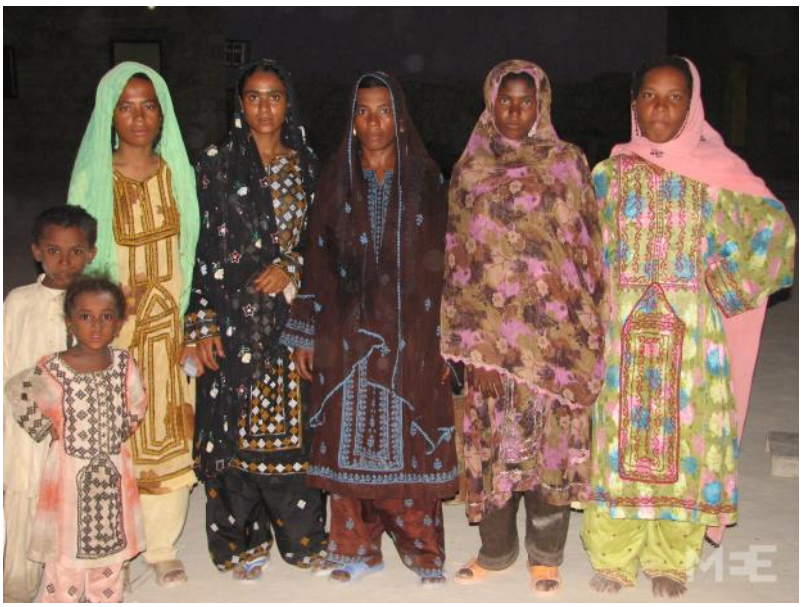

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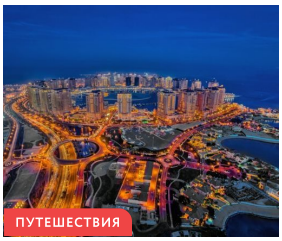

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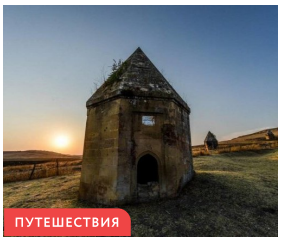

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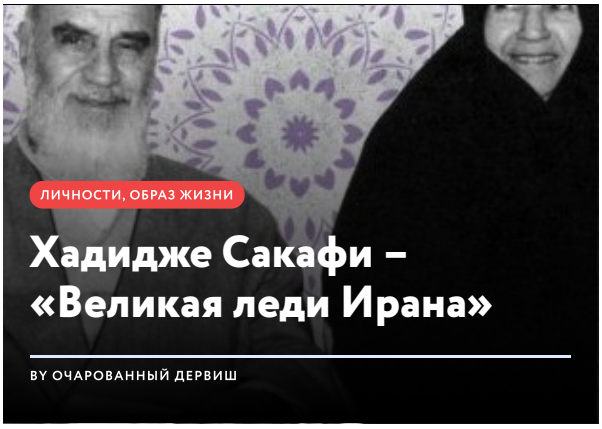

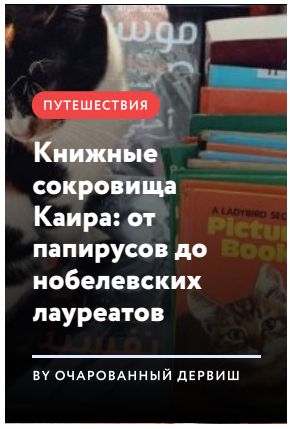

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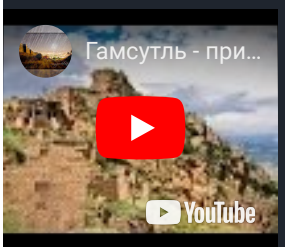

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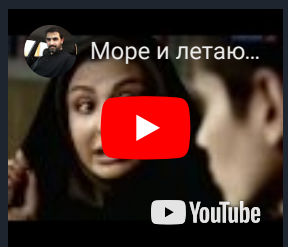

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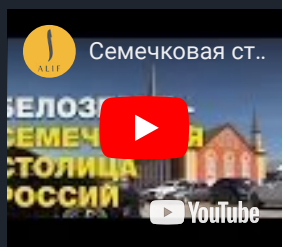

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Современный американский суфийский наставник Ллевеллин Воган-Ли, доктор философии, который занимается исследованием феномена сновидений с точки зрения суфизма, пишет: «Сны подобны зеркалу, в котором мы можем видеть себя. Они отражают наше скрытое «я», раскрывая истинное лицо нашей сути. Через сны мы можем познать эту знакомую, но чужую нам область. Когда мы просыпаемся, наши сны могут стать дверью, через которую можно вернуться одним шагом в мир души. Этот внутренний мир, где каждый духовный путешественник может найти свой собственный путь. Духовный наставник проводит душу через великие океаны, горы и реки, к ее тайным хранилищам, скрытым в ее глубинах. Слишком долго мы на Западе смотрели только на внешний мир. Настолько, что забыли об этом великом путешествии внутрь себя. Однако место, где можно найти истинную красоту и тайну, находится в нашем внутреннем мире»

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Согласно известному исламскому философу Ибн Халдуну (ум. 1406), сны могут иметь три источника – Аллаха, ангелов и шайтана. Как пишет этот мыслитель, сны от Аллаха ясны и не требуют толкований. Сны от ангелов нуждаются в истолковании, а сны от шайтана бывают запутанными. В своей знаменитой «Мукаддима» Ибн Халдун называет толкование сновидений одной из религиозных наук, подобной тафсиру (толкованию Корана) и хадисоведению.

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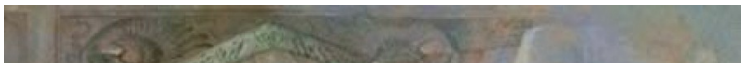
Основатель тариката кубравия Наджм ад-дин Кубра приводит следующие примеры толкования снов: «Например, просто враг может предстать [во сне] в образе собаки, благородный враг – в образе льва, великий человек – в виде горы, падишах – в виде моря, полезный человек – в виде дерева с плодами, бесполезный – в виде дерева без плодов, польза и пропитание – в виде еды, земной мир (дунья) – в виде нечистот (наджасат) или мужа и жены… Такова тайна толкования снов».

В исламской традиции существует такое мнение, что нельзя толковать сны только по соответствующим книгам, то есть подражая… Ибо толкование зависит от личности человека и времени. «Нельзя толковать сны на основе каких-то книг, подобных толкованиям Ибн Сирина. Это запрещено, и толкование производится только с учетом времени и места» [1].

Ибн Халдун также пишет о том, что одни и те же образы могут интерпретироваться по-разному в зависимости от состояния человека: «Море в одном случае указывает на султана, в другом – на обиду, в третьем – на горе и путаницу. Змея – враг в одном случае, сохранение тайны в другом и жизнь – в третьем».

Эти женщины-суфии опередили в праведности мужчин.



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В суфийской традиции в толковании сновидений на первый план выходят состояния нафса и души (рух), а также стоянки (макам) на пути духовного развития. Турецкий суфий и поэт Нияз Мисри (1618-1694), основатель ветви мисрия тариката халватия, толкует сны в соответствии с семью степенями (мартаба) нафса. В каждой из этих степеней сны толкуются по-своему. А степени (мартаба) нафса содержат отсылки к семи планетам и именам Аллаха.

Наше психическое здоровье влияет и на здоровье нашего тела, потому что значительная часть болезней носит психосоматический характер. Другими словами, хотя болезни носчт физический характер, в основе их лежат психологические факторы. В качестве примера можно привести гастрит, язву и гипертонию. Поэтому и снам следует придавать значение с точки зрения нашего психического здоровья. Было бы нелепым утверждать, что Аллах просто так дарует нам сновидения в среднем по 2,5 часа каждый день.

Титус Буркхардт: искусство невозможно понять без суфизма.

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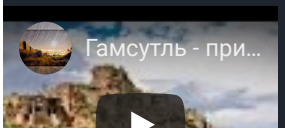

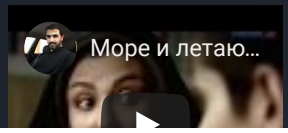

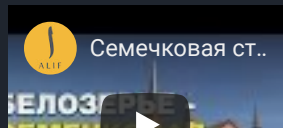

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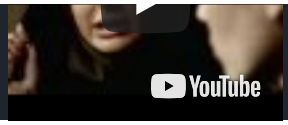

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Mystery Of Feodor Kuzmich – Did Tsar Alexander I Fake His Death?

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Ellen Lloyd- AncientPages.com - Mystery and rumors still surround Feodor Kuzmich who in 1836 suddenly entered the Siberian town of Krasnoufimsk, in Perm province riding on a white horse. Who was this enigmatic, modestly dressed tall stranger?

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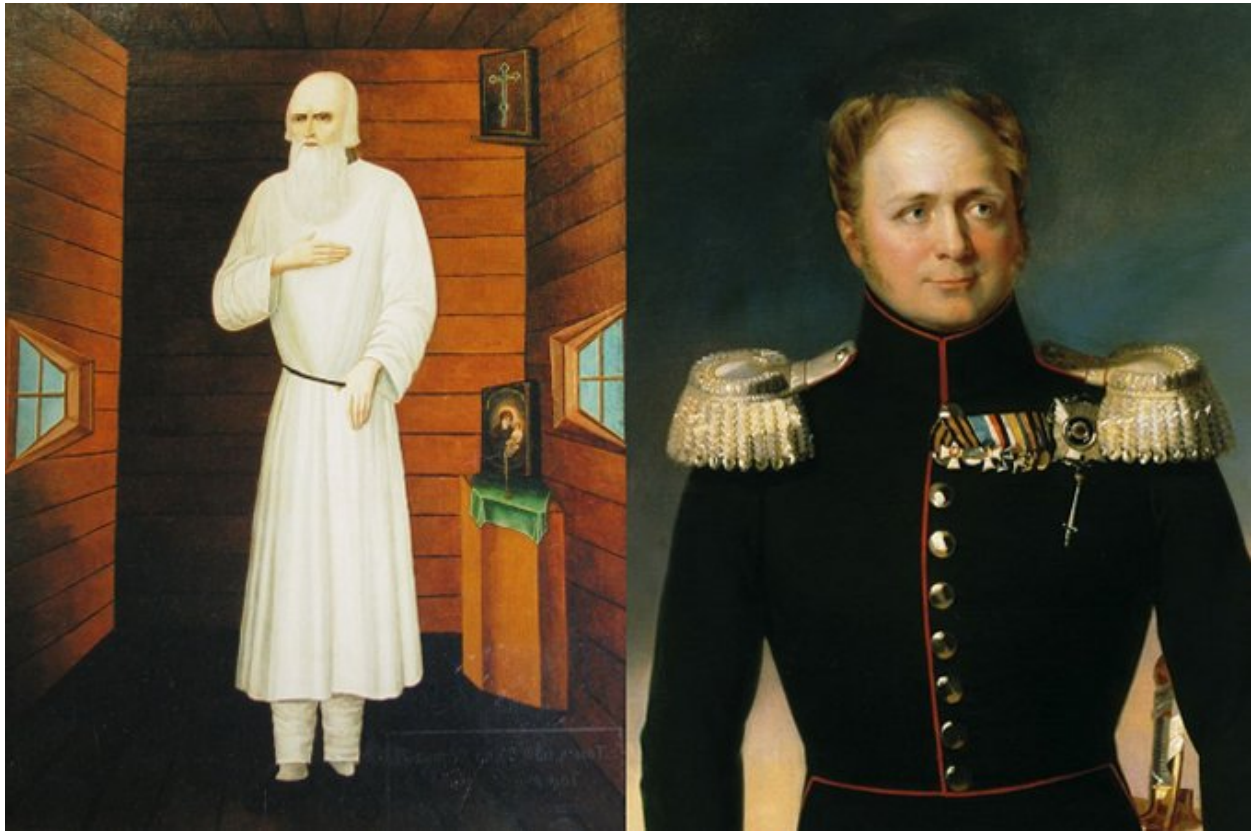
His strange appearance alerted the local blacksmith who contacted the authorities, but it was difficult to learn the truth about this mysterious man who was in his sixties.

What Was Feodor Kuzmich Hiding?

When questioned by the police, Feodor Kuzmich said he had no recollection of his past. All he remembered was his name, he claimed. Kuzmich was interrogated, but his story didn't make sense and he had no documents which led to that he was arrested.



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The authorities had the impression Kuzmich was not really suffering from amnesia, but that he was simply unwilling to reveal his true identity. This made the police even more suspicious. Was Kuzmich perhaps a criminal who was a wanted man?

Kuzmich refused to talk and this made his case troublesome. He was beaten by the police, trialed and sentenced to exile near Tomsk, a few hundred miles deeper into Siberia.

On April 8, 1837, Feodor Kuzmich arrived from Perm to join the 43rd Exile Settlement at Bogotolsk, near Tomsk.

Kuzmich spent the next 15 years moving from one place to another. He worked without complaining and established friendly relationships with those he encountered, but everyone could see he was a man who appreciated solitude.

The lack of information about Kuzmich ‘s early life, along with curious similarities between Alexander I and Kuzmich have led to speculations that the Russian Tsar faked his death in 1825 to become a hermit.

Author Alexis S. Troubetzkoy explores this possibility in his fascinating book **Imperial Legend: The Mysterious Disapperance of Tsar Alexander I.**

Before and after his death many miracles were attributed to Kuzmich and he was canonized as a righteous saint by the Russian Orthodox Church in 1984.

“Wherever he traveled or settled, the local populace invariably took to him. Peasant children, in particular, were attracted to him, and he freely instructed them in grammar, history, geography, and religious knowledge.

With adults, he held religious discussions and recounted colorful events of national history — the old man was well versed in the details of various battles. His followers were especially captivated by his vivid accounts of life in St. Petersburg. By his piety and simplicity and through the sympathetic counsel he freely offered, Kuzmich earned the warm affection of those around him.

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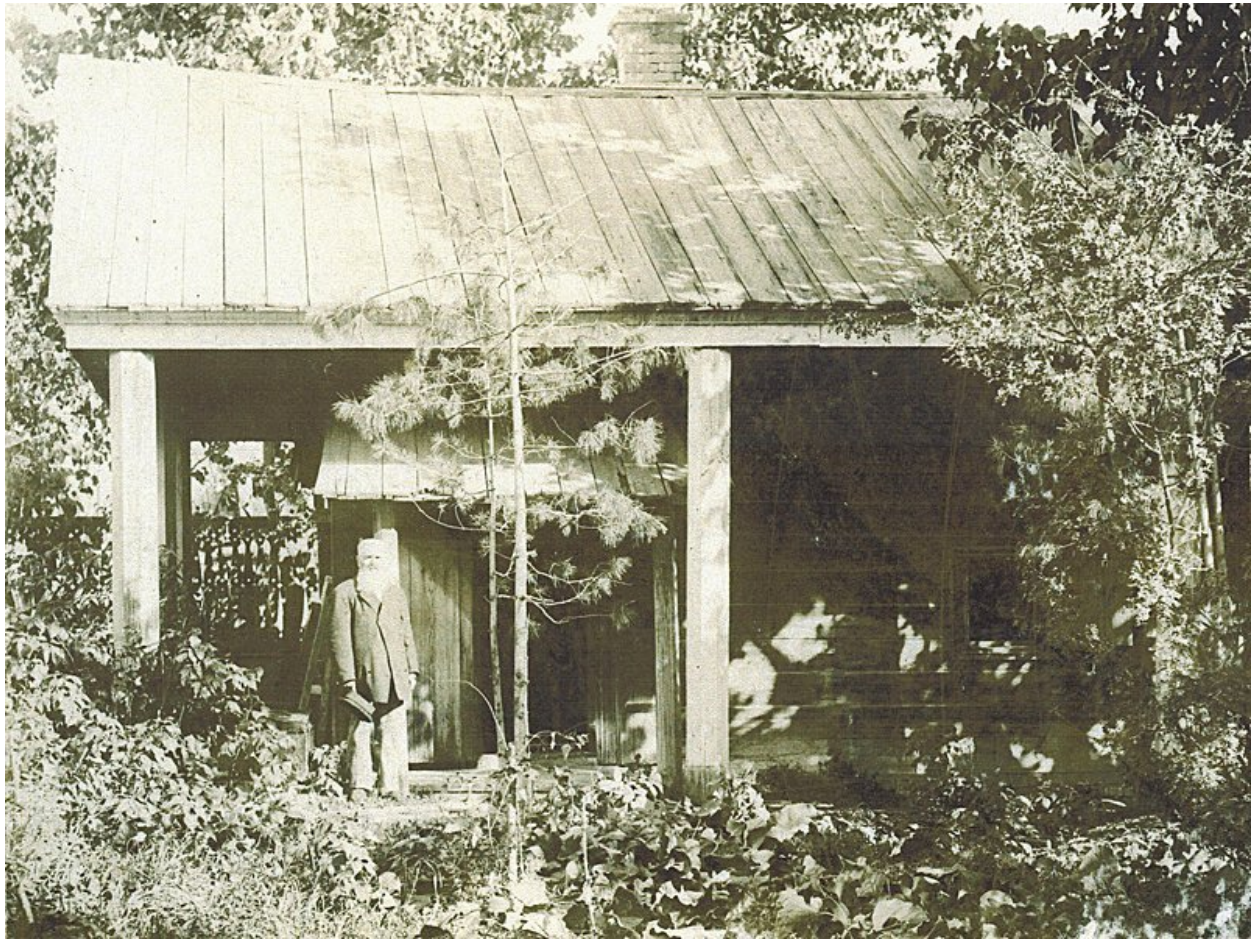
As in his earlier years in Beloyarsk, visitors of every sort sought spiritual counsel from him or simply asked for practical advice. At first, he appeared genuinely to welcome his callers, but as time went on it became increasingly clear to the people that the starets required privacy and seclusion. A tacit understanding was eventually reached, and before long people ceased imposing on the old man's hospitality," Troubetzkoy writes in his book.

Was Feodor Kuzmich Really Tsar Alexander I?

In 1858, Kuzmich met a merchant named Khromov who offered him a small cottage outside the city. Kuzmich accepted this generous offer and this was the place where he spent the rest of his life.



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Even on his deathbed, Feodor Kuzmich refused to reveal his identity. When the priest saw that Kuzmich was dying, he asked the old man if he was, in fact, the Alexander the Blessed, Kuzmich responded saying: "Your works are wonderful, Lord ... There is no secret, which is not opened.

Many historians dismiss the idea that Tsar Alexander I faked his death, but rumors about his empty tomb have led to interesting thoughts.

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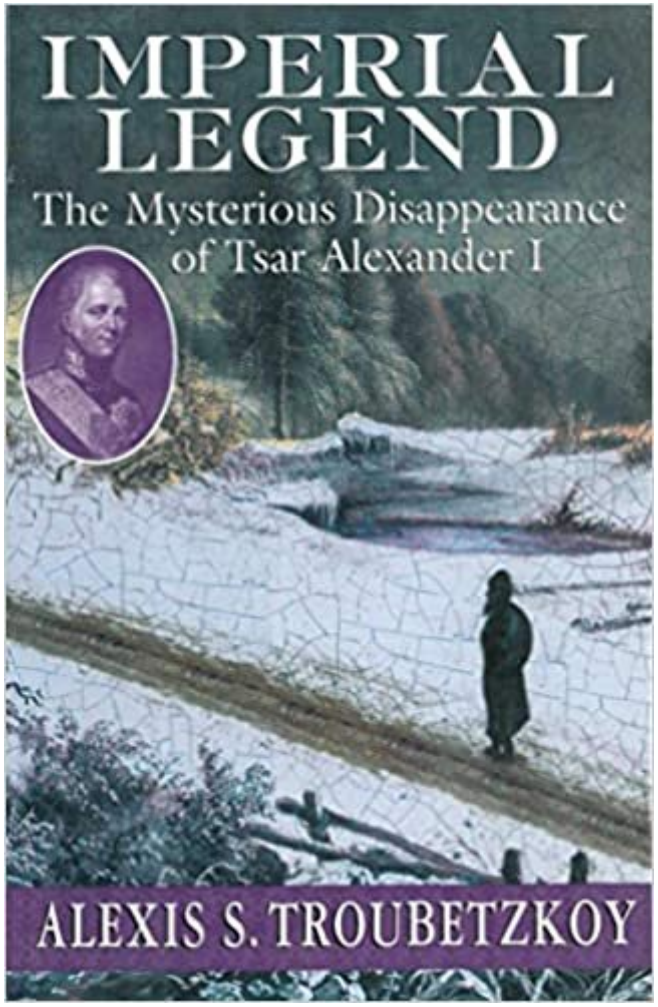

Alexander I, one of Russia's greatest emperors, beloved of his subjects for his many liberalizing works and reforms domestically, and for his astounding—and unexpected—victory over the presumably invulnerable Napoleon Bonaparte, reigned from 1801 to late 1825. But despite his many glittering successes at home and abroad, his immense power and wealth, the tsar was throughout his life a troubled man.

Caught up in the personal and political maelstrom between his domineering grandmother Catherine the Great and his highly neurotic and volatile father Paul I, Alexander came to the

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throne as a result of a coup mounted against his father in March 1801. Although not an active participant in the plot, and reassured that the plan was to depose and exile the unpopular Paul, not to harm him, Alexander was devastated when the takeover turned violent and his father was assassinated. That cloud under which he acceded to the throne never lifted, and throughout his reign he often confided to family and friends his desire to thrust off the burdens of state and retire to some quiet place to live out the rest of his life.

By 1825, his popularity waning, the health of his wife becoming more fragile by the day, he decided to remove himself and a bare-bones court to Taganrog, a remote town near the Crimea. A few weeks after his arrival there, he suddenly fell ill and died on November 19, 1825. Or did he? Ever since that day, rumors have swarmed that the young and still-vigorous tsar—he was only forty-eight—had staged his death to expiate the sin that refused to leave him, the sin of patricide.

The legend has it that his "reincarnation" took the form of a starets, the humble and holy men who wandered throughout nineteenth-century Russia doing good works. That starets, brilliant and uncommonly erudite, was one Feodor Kuzmich. So widespread and persistent was the belief that Tsar Alexander and Feodor Kuzmich were one and the same that the great Leo Tolstoy planned to write a book on the subject. Imperial Legend, with a deft touch and a fresh voice, "solves" one of the most intriguing royal mysteries of the past two centuries. ***Read more***

"After the monk's death these rumors only spread and became stronger. Not only common people believed them but many from the elite, including the royal family of Tsar Alexander III. The reasons for these rumors were the following: Alexander died unexpectedly, he did not suffer from any disease before, he died far away from home in a remote place of Taganrog, and when he was put in the coffin many who saw him, said that he changed a lot, this is why the coffin was quickly sealed. It was known that Alexander said and wrote that he wanted so much to leave his post and to stay away from this world," Leo Tolstoy wrote.

Svetlana Semyonova, president of Russian Graphological Society, suggests strong similarities between the handwritings of Alexander I and the mysterious monk Kuzmich.

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“I was given a handwritten by Alexander I at the age of 45, and also another handwritten sample by Feodor Kuzmich,' she said. 'As a graphologist, I have noted an unusual style of both handwritings.”

“Do I believe that Feodor Kuzmich and Alexander I were one and the same? I can say that I most emphatically do. Before long, science may well provide us with the final answer. In fact, in writing this work, I hope that it will serve as a catalyst for a methodical, scientific investigation of this almost two-hundred-year-old mystery. Particularly with DNA’s refinement, we have the required tools; let the graves be opened, the truth confirmed, and the mystery forever put to rest,” Troubetzkoy writes in his book.

Without a proper DNA examination, it’s impossible to determine if Feodor Kuzmich was in fact Tsar Alexander I. Still, one cannot overlook that this story has some curious aspects. For e a person who claims to have been homeless, Kuzmich was well-educated. He spoke several languages, was familiar with historical events, discussed philosophy, religion, and showed great interest in spirituality. Where did he acquire this knowledge if he was a homeless man as he claimed himself?

Why did several people of importance show interest in Kuzmich? He received a visit from Tsarevich Alexander in 1837 and Tsarevich Nicholas visited his grave in 1893.

Why did Kuzmich refuse to reveal his identity? What secret did he hide?

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Jan Bartek - AncientPages.com - Historian Prof. Tamar Herzig, Vice Dean for Research at Entin Faculty of Humanities, exposed previously unknown evidence of organized gang rape of a group of

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enslaved Jewish girls and women from North Africa in the Italian city of Livorno at the beginning of the 17th century.

The rape was organized by Dr. Bernardetto Buonromei, a high-ranking state official at Livorno's slave prison, who was also able to silence any complaints and effectively erase the memory of the victims' suffering.

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According to the documents studied by Herzig, in the summer of 1610 Buonromei ordered the assignment of a group of enslaved female Jews, newly arrived from North Africa, to the men's quarters in the slave prison, contrary to the customary separation of women and men in different sections.

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This order resulted in the multiple perpetrator raping of the enslaved Jews by Muslim slaves and Christian forced laborers. One report notes that one of the victims lost her mind, and attempted to throw her young daughters out of the prison's window and commit suicide.

Representatives of Livorno's influential Jewish community sent protests decrying the unprecedented sexual abuse of their enslaved coreligionists to the Tuscan authorities, but all complaints and testimonies were soon silenced with the help of the Grand duke of Tuscany, who backed Dr. Buonromei. The Grand duke accepted the doctor's claims that his actions had been aimed at increasing the Tuscan state's profits from the slave trade, by ensuring the future payment of high ransom fees for enslaved foreign Jews by the local Jewish community in Livorno. Buonromei kept his job as the physician in charge of the slave prison, and when he died a few years later the Grand duke paid for his tombstone at Livorno's main church.

Livorno's Jewish community in the 17th century was one of the wealthiest and most influential Italian Jewish communities, and its relationship with the rulers of the Tuscan state was usually strong. According to the documents that Prof. Herzig uncovered, the affluent and well-connected members of Livorno's Jewish community were nonetheless subject to extortion by government officials like Buonromei. Prof. Herzig found that the rulers of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany employed the gang rape incident as a grand spectacle of violence, using it to exert pressure on the Jewish community so that they would agree to pay exorbitant ransom fees for Jews captured in North Africa and forcefully transported to Livorno.

Buonromei, who had served as Livorno's first Mayor before his appointment at the slave prison, is still honored today as one of the city's founding fathers. A street in Livorno is named after him, and a figure commemorating him is paraded in the annual processions celebrating Livorno's elevation to the status of a city.

Prof. Herzig's study was published in the journal *The American Historical Review*. Prof. Herzig hopes that exposure of her findings in the Italian media will lead to a change in the commemoration of Dr. Buonromei, a man who made his fortune from the slave trade and was personally responsible for the horrendous abuse of enslaved Jewish women and girls.

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Prof. Herzig's study is the first to reveal the attitude of representatives of the Italian regime toward Jewish women from North Africa, captured by Italian forces and brought to Italian ports as slaves —an attitude that significantly impacted the relations between local Jews and Christian in Italian cities at the time.

Prof. Herzig says that "unveiling the female and Jewish aspects of the Italian slave trade is very important, because these topics have largely been neglected in historical scholarship on the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. I hope that by raising awareness about the phenomenon of Jewish women's enslavement, my research will lead to a reconsideration of the current

commemoration of slavers such as Bernardetto Buonromei, thereby attaining some historical justice for the victims."

The study was published in *The American Historical Review*

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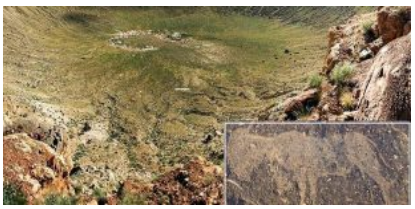

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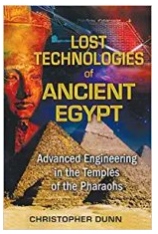

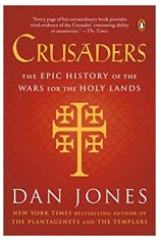

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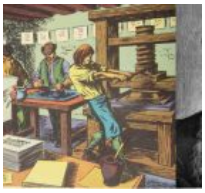

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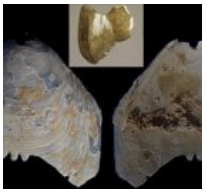

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The Coalition armies, including Russian, Prussian, and Austrian, entered France earlier that year and, after several battles, reached Paris's gates. By this time, Napoleon's army was weakened. After 25 years of Napoleonic wars, there remained only old men and children in some departments, and resources to support the war were scarce. Previous battles caused huge casualties and the nation was tired and discouraged.

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Russian and Prussian armies were the driving and decisive force behind the Coalition. The King of Prussia and Alexander I supported each other in the war against Napoleon. Alexander was determined; he wished to enter Paris just as Napoleon had entered Moscow on his failed invasion of Russia in 1813. Alexander promised, '*I shall not make peace as long as Napoleon is on the throne*'.

It was a great move by Alexander, who deceived Napoleon.

During the battles on the outskirts of Paris, Alexander directed the main Coalition armies to march on to Paris; while a Russian general with a huge mass of 10,000 cavalrymen rode towards Saint Pizier where Napoleon was in battle with the Austrian allies. Napoleon realized too late that a divisionary detachment was sent, not the main army. By this time, Russian and Prussian armies were nearing Paris.

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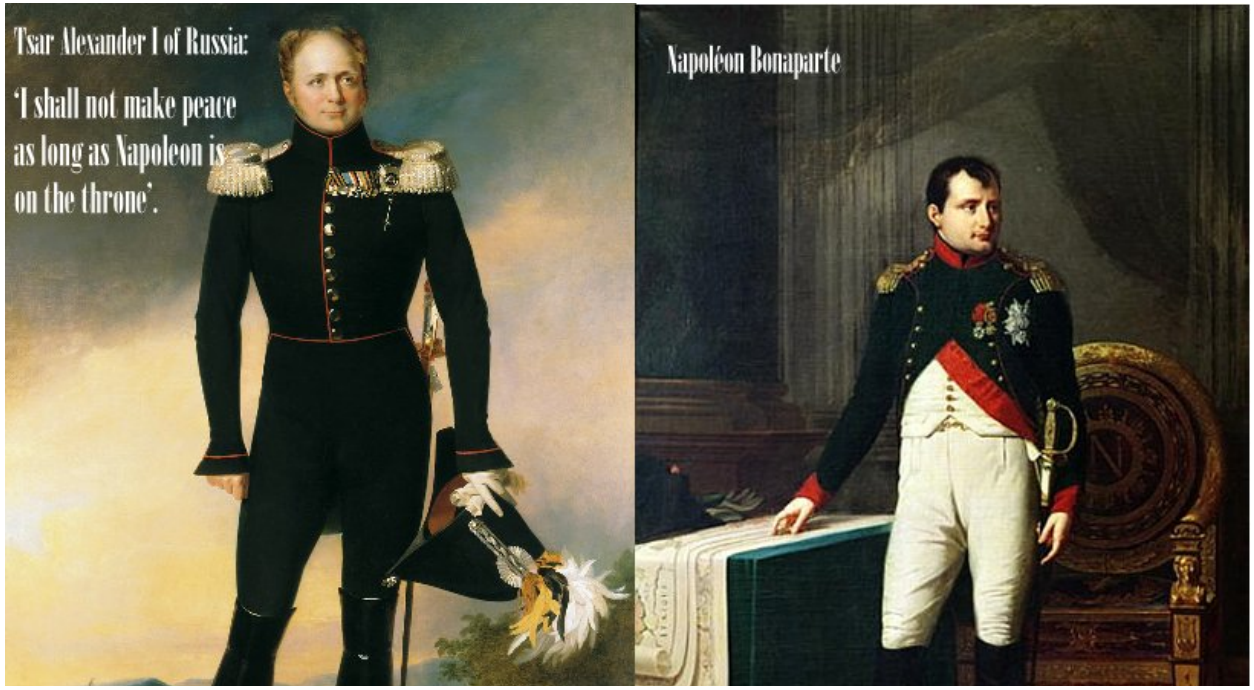

Napoleon's brother King Joseph was in charge of defending Paris with over 60,000 soldiers. Although there were not enough troops to resist the large coalition army coming toward them, they were falsely reassured that Napoleon was on his way with reinforcement. A battle escalated, the Coalition began their attack.

Fighting continued until Joseph abandoned Paris wishing to surrender. Tsar Alexander did not want to destroy Paris like the Prussians who wished to set the city on fire; instead, he wanted to bring peace to France rather than its destruction.

"When God made me powerful and gave my armies success, He wished me to secure the peace of the world. If we can do so without shedding any more blood we shall be glad, but if not, we shall carry on the fight to the end ...."

Alexander hastened the surrender and signed a treaty offering generous terms to France. And on March 31, the Russian tsar was presented with the keys to the French capital, and Alexander along with the Coalition armies entered the city.

Until this time no foreign army had reached Paris in nearly 400 years.

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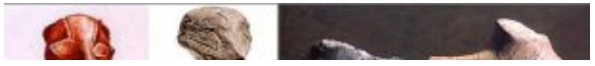

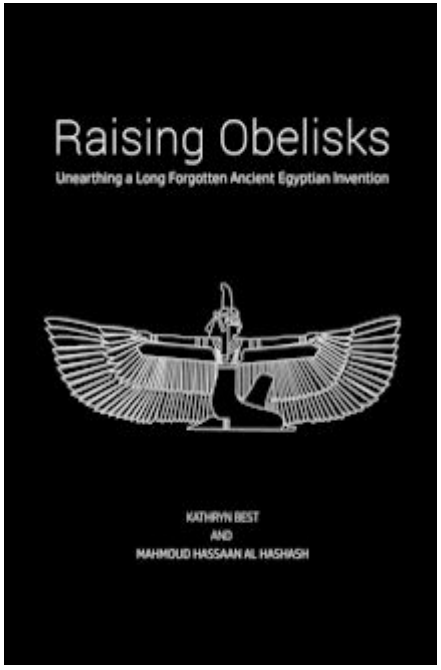

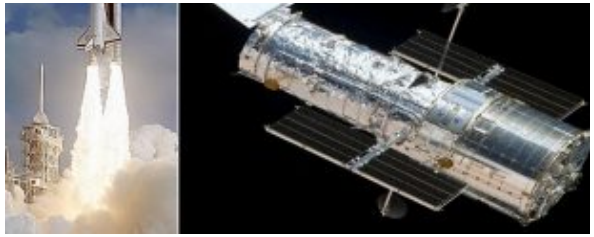

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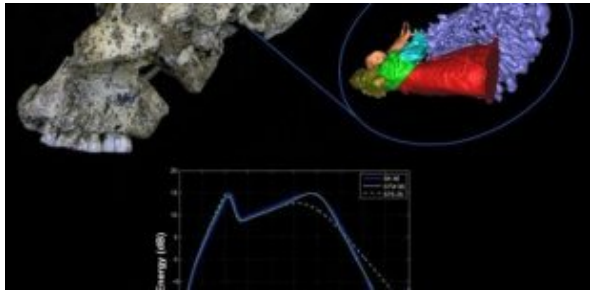

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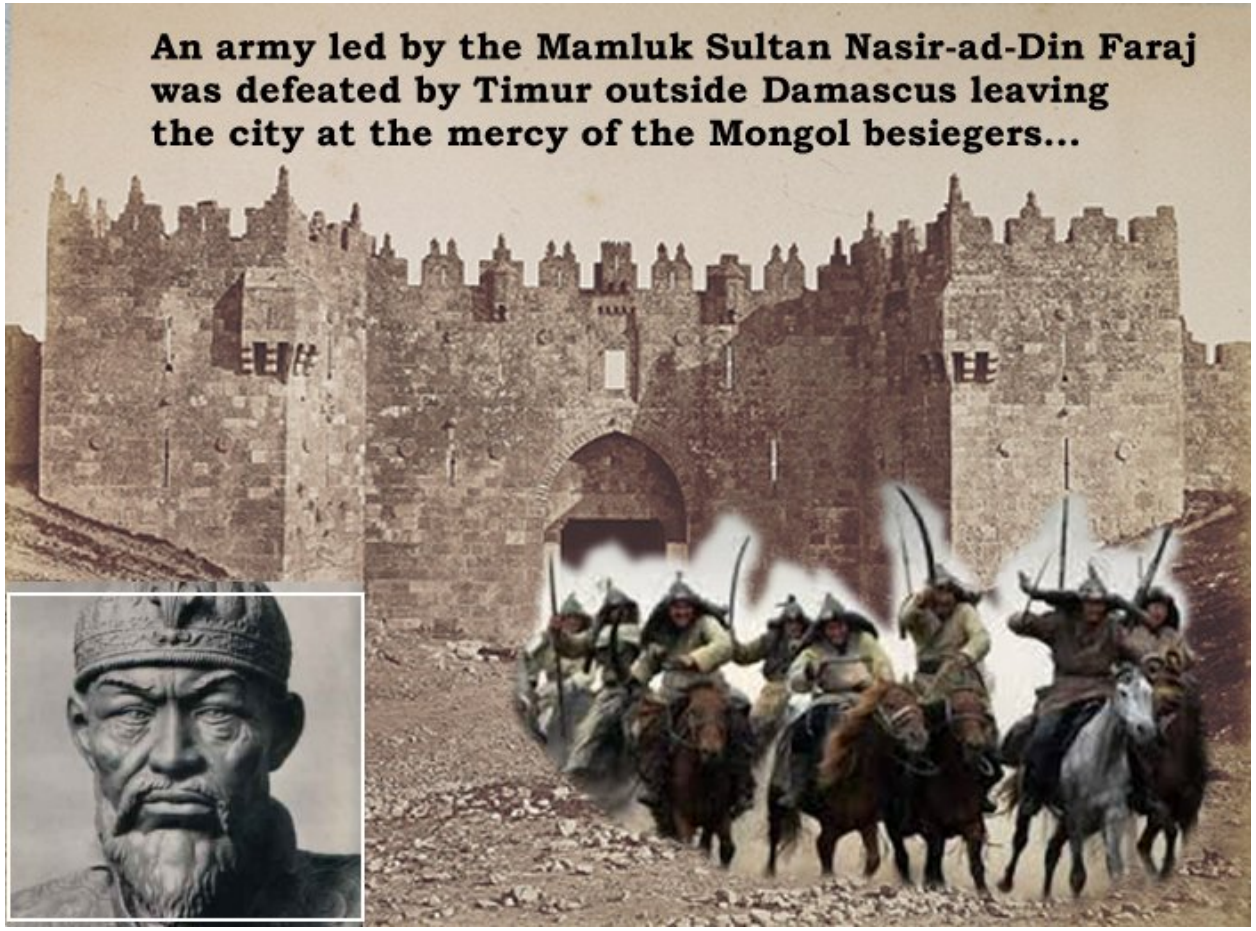
In the early months of 1401, after crushing Aleppo, Syria, Timur - the savage Turkic warlord, a military genius, a tactician, and ruthless man - moved his army of horsemen through the highway to Damascus and on his way, he first took the cities of Hama, Homs, and Baalbek. Moreover, he sent orders to his horsemen to plunder Tyre and Sidon.



He waded deep in blood and brains everywhere he went, destroying cities and massacring their populations, building triumphal towers of his victims' severed heads and carrying off survivors as slaves.

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In 1398 he invaded India, crossing the Indus on a bridge of boats, reducing Delhi to rubble, and taking away enormous quantities of the plunder on which his army's loyalty depended.

The governor held out with some forty men in the citadel of Damascus but surrendered after a month.

Many of the inhabitants were viciously tortured, bastinadoed, burned, or crushed in presses, and many were enslaved.

Children under five were left to starve when their mothers were carried off. One of those enslaved was the twelve-year-old Ahmad ibn Arabshah, who later wrote a biography of Timur. As was his habit, Timur had all the town's skilled craftsmen deported to Samarkand to beautify his capital.

Timur went on to take Baghdad by storm and then he continued his deadly campaign against China in 1404, but fell ill and died early in the following year.

Timur, whose name means "iron" in old Turkic languages, saw himself as Genghis Khan's heir.

Scholars estimate that his military campaigns caused the deaths of 17 million people, amounting to about 5% of the world population.

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The man was named Vlad by his father, Vlad II and he also received his nickname "Dracula" (the "Son of Dragon"). The elder Vlad had taken an oath to preserve the Christian faith in 1431 and joined the Order of the Dragon.

He was known for his brutal treatment of those seeking to challenge his leadership.

However, Vlad is still regarded a national hero in his home country, Romania and also in and Bulgaria. He was considered a brutal and yet *fair ruler*.

Vlad was born in Transylvania, then part of the Kingdom of Hungary, the prince found himself in

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the arms of the Ottomans for most of his early years, held as guarantee for protection from attacks by the Sultan on Wallachia as part of an agreement with his own father.

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Forced to learn the ways of his sworn enemies from a young age, Vlad felt bitter about his captors, his family and most of all, his younger brother Radu. His sibling, also sent to the Sultan, gained favor among the Ottomans for his willingness to cooperate. Radu was released and converted to Islam, and he was allowed into the Ottoman royal court.

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Though Vlad would later be installed on the throne of Wallachia by the Sultan's armies, after his father had been killed by Hungarian king John Hunyadi, he maintained his grudge for the rest of his life.

These years had a great influence on Vlad. They shaped Vlad's character. He was often beaten by the Turks for being stubborn and rude. He developed a well-known hatred for Radu and for Mehmed, who would later become the sultan.

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Weeks later, he was dead.

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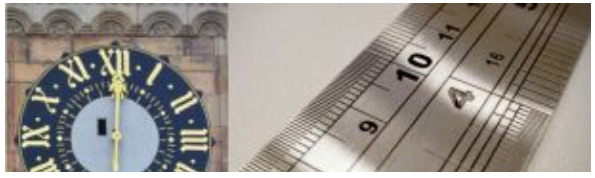

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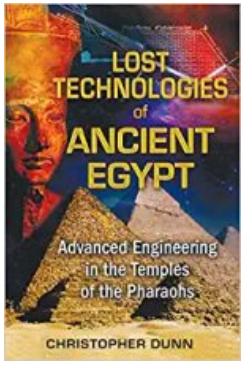

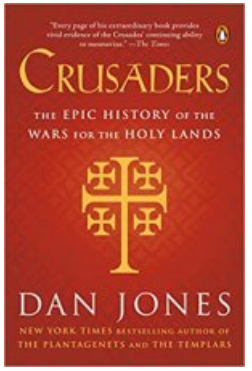

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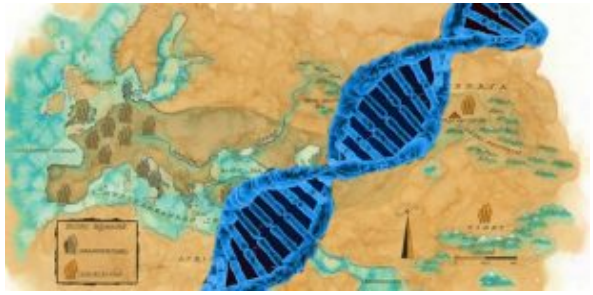

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Paris Catacombs – City of the Dead

by Les Hewitt

Tourists that flock to Paris usually do so to take in some of the iconic sights that the French capital has to offer. Who wouldn't be taken in by the stunning vista from the top of the Eiffel Tower? Or blow their entire holiday budget somewhere along the Champs-Elysées? And what trip to Paris would be complete without popping in to see the most famed work of art in the world, the Mona Lisa? Any travel agent would recommend tourist destinations like these and more. Paris has another tourist attraction that not every travel agent would cater for. Despite being among the more popular destination spots for sightseers, the Paris Catacombs will not appeal to just anyone.

The entrance to the Paris catacombs.

Underneath the bustling city lights and the luster of the attractions such as Notre Dame is a wholly different side to the city of love. A rabbit warren of tunnels and crypts lurk just beneath the streets. This maze was initially constructed in the mid 18th Century from existing limestone caves that were known even back in Roman times. Originally located on the outskirts of the fledgling city, buildings were constructed from the materials from within the caves. As times passed and available materials had been exhausted, the decision was made to convert these caves into a makeshift cemetery. Generations of Parisians meant that Paris had grown in size and had consumed the grounds above the original site of the caves.

As the 19th Century approached, the existing cemeteries were becoming vastly overpopulated and improper burials, open graves and unearthed corpses were becoming a problem. An edict from Louis XV in 1763 that banned burials from Paris didn't help matters either. The Church did not wish to disturb the graves of those that had already passed and refused to cooperate. This stalemate lasted for another 18 years until excessive rain one spring forced a compromise. A wall that bordered Paris's largest cemetery, Les Innnocents, collapsed and exposed rotting corpses onto neighboring properties. When the quarries were blessed and consecrated, movement of the dead began and took two years for the residents of Les Innocents to be transferred alone. For the following few decades, other cemeteries were moved to the new burial site. After the French Revolution, all burials were held directly at the Catacombs.

The Catacombs of Paris. Image was taken in October 2007 by Djtox.

In 1867, the Catacombs were officially opened to the public, but visitors had been gaining access for 50 years beforehand. The sprawling tunnels are extensive, continuing on for almost 200 miles. Getting lost within the confines of this system is quite an easy thing to achieve. There are multiple stories of people entering the tunnels and never coming out. One amateur video of a solo man's venture into the Catacombs has found its way onto YouTube and become indicative of what many believe has happened to most of these missing adventurers. To date, there are 6-7 million deceased contained within the subterranean chambers.

In 2007, a major renovation of the entire area began and took about a year to complete. The Catacombs then reopened to the public with some established written and unwritten rules.

- Trips usually last 45 minutes but can be as long as 90 minutes
- The Catacombs can be deceptively cold so a coat or jacket is advisable – even during the summer
- Tours cover a distance of about 2km and can include stairs
- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult
- There are no facilities in the Catacombs
- There are no storage lockers available to deposit personal items or valuables
- Only limited visitors are permitted at any given time and this number can vary.
- Group visits of between 10-20 people are permitted only from Tuesday-Friday mornings and must be pre-arranged with the Musee Carnavalet (call 01 44 59 58 31 for information)
- Much of the Catacombs is off-limits to the general public

French legislation from 1955 makes it illegal to enter the Catacombs at any point other than the official entrance. Urban explorers known as Cataphiles still manage to enter the tunnels and explore illegally. The heyday for these activities was in the 1980s and 1990s, but they still occur today with an estimated 300 Cataphiles gaining entry on a weekly basis. Many of these daredevils never get caught and are unknown to the authorities. However, rather than just enter and occupy the tunnels, they have managed to set up creature comforts in secret locations deep within the system. One discovery made was a working cinema complete with a fully-stocked bar and a restaurant.

A wall of human skeletons at the Paris Catacombs.

Paris has a well-deserved appeal for lovers of all ages and is rightly considered a classic honeymoon venue. The city has another level of interest that offers an irresistible appeal for tourism on a much more macabre level where death itself has become a work of art.

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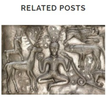

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Romeo and Juliet: Not a Shakespearean Tale After All

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William Shakespeare's world renowned *Romeo and Juliet* (written sometime between 1591 and 1595) stands in the historical record as one of the greatest love stories ever written. It has been retold many times in playhouses and theaters and has a wealth of film adaptations of both traditional and modern interpretations. It is most interesting to discover then, that *Romeo and Juliet* was not, in fact, truly of his own creation, but rather a variation on **a story told many times** from the 1400s onwards.

Centered on the theme of **star-crossed lovers** , borrowed from poets as far back as ancient Greece, Romeo and Juliet's tale was told at least a century before Shakespeare actually wrote it. This article intends to take a brief look at these particular tales, which eventually culminated in the Bard's celebrated play.

A Summary of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust provides this excellent short summary of the Bard's famous play *Romeo and Juliet* :

> *"An age-old vendetta between two powerful families erupts into bloodshed. A group of masked Montagues risk further conflict by gatecrashing a Capulet party. A young lovesick Romeo Montague falls instantly in love with Juliet Capulet, who is due to marry her father's choice […] Paris. With the help of Juliet's nurse, the women arrange for the couple to marry the next day, but Romeo's attempt to halt a street fight leads to the death of Juliet's own cousin, Tybalt, for which Romeo is banished. In a desperate attempt to be reunited with Romeo, Juliet follows the Friar's plot and fakes her own death. The message fails to reach Romeo, and believing Juliet dead, he takes his life in her tomb. Juliet wakes to find Romeo's corpse beside her and kills herself. The grieving family agree to end their feud."*

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It is an enthralling and tragic tale, but Shakespeare didn't come up with the plot for his play alone. Actually, it's based on several older stories and some of them have very similar elements.

Early Versions of the 'Romeo and Juliet' Plot

The first certain tale of the woes of Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet descends from Italian author Masuccio Salernitano (1410-1475). Published a year after his death, Salernitano's 33rd chapter of his *Il Novellino* tells of Mariotto and Giannoza, a pair of lovers who come from the **feuding families** of Maganelli and Saraceni respectively. In this account, their love affair takes place in Siena, Italy rather than in Verona and is believed to have occurred contemporary with Salernitano's time.

Much like Shakespeare's version, Mariotto and Giannoza fall in love and marry secretly with the aid of an Augustine friar. Shortly thereafter, Mariotto has words with another noble citizen—in this case, not his love's cousin—and kills the nobleman, resulting in his fleeing the city to avoid capital punishment. Giannoza, distraught, is comforted only by the fact that Mariotto has family in **Alexandria, Egypt** and makes a good home for himself there.

However, her own father—unaware of her wedding—decides it is time for her to take a husband, putting her in a terrible position. With the aid of the friar who had wed her and Mariotto, Giannoza drinks a **sleeping potion** to make her appear dead, so she can be smuggled out of Siena to reunite with her husband in Alexandria. Of course this plan goes

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terribly awry, and her letter to explain their plan to Mariotto never reaches him, though news of her death quickly does.

While she flees to Alexandria to finally reunite with him, Mariotto returns to Siena – risking his own life to see her corpse one final time. It is then that he is captured and taken to be executed for his previous crimes, beheaded three days before Giannoza's own return to the city. Giannoza then, heartbroken, wastes away of a broken heart, supposedly to be finally reunited with her beloved husband in heaven.

*Like Shakespeare's account of Romeo finding Juliet sleeping but believing her dead, Salernitano's earlier story contains a scene in which Mariotto finds the sleeping body of Giannoza, and believes she has died. (**Public Domain**)*

As one can see, there are many similar elements between Shakespeare's tale and Salernitano's. The themes of feuding families, the forbidden love, the sleeping potion, and the terrible communication mishap all lead to the parallel ending of mutual death of the star-crossed lovers. Writing only a hundred years apart, Shakespeare could well have come across Salernitano's work, or one of the many other variations that were written before the story reached the Bard's desk.

Luigi da Porta in the 1530s wrote a similar compilation, telling the tale of Romeo Montechhi and Giulietta Cappelleti, moving the setting of their lives from Siena to the Verona – the same place where Shakespeare would locate it. The pair again wed in secret with the aid of a friar, only to be torn apart by Romeo's accidental killing of Giulietta's cousin and their subsequent deaths—Romeo by Giulietta's sleeping potion, and Giulietta by holding her breath so she could die with him.

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Romeo and Juliet are wedded by a friar, just as Romeo and Giulietta in Luigi da Porta's work. (***Public Domain*** *)*

Shakespeare's Biggest Inspirations for *Romeo and Juliet*

Following da Porta came Matteo Bandello (1480-1562), a monk and an author who took da Porta and Salernitano's tales even further. He was the Italian author who is most directly credited as having **influenced Shakespeare** , as Bandello introduces many of the specific themes that make Shakespeare's play so well known today. Bandello's version, while in many ways comparable to Salernitano's text, provided the well-known last names of Montague and Capulet to the two titular characters.

Bandello also added the element of the costume ball, at which Romeo and Juliet meet, and also the pertinent moment in which Juliet viciously kills herself with her lover's dagger so that she may join Romeo in the afterlife, rather than merely wasting away as Giannoza did. Bandello's tale is widely believed to have been closely followed by the French author Pierre Boaistuau, whose version was then translated into English by Arthur Brooke as a poem called *The Tragicall Historye of Romeus and Juliet* in 1562. This English translation was the actual text that made it to Shakespeare's desk.

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Romeo and Juliet meet at a costume ball, just as the young lovers meet in Bandello's story. (***Public Domain*** *)*

Is *Romeo and Juliet* Based on a Real Story?

Many Shakespearean scholars, well informed of these previous literary treasures, also have collected evidence that the Bard might have drawn the characters of Romeo and Juliet from his own life. A patron of Shakespeare's, Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton,

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is thought to have inspired Shakespeare's Romeo in character, further implicated because his stepmother descended from the Viscount Montagu.

Henry Wriothesley also had an unapproved relationship with the woman Elizabeth Vernon, as when news of their marriage reached the ears of **Queen Elizabeth I** , the queen put them both in jail as their union was a political threat to her reign. Unlike the real Romeo and Juliet —in every story—the Earl and Vernon were later able to live "happily ever after" outside the prison walls, yet this undesirable political union is highly considered to have also influenced the Bard's writings.

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Transforming Romantic Literature

Despite the numerous versions of Romeo and Juliet's story that preceded William Shakespeare, it cannot be denied that it was his work that transformed their love affair into **one of the greatest stories ever known** . The Bard might have borrowed heavily from Salernitano, Bandello, and Brooke, but the audience which his play was presented to took the text into their hearts and spread it throughout Elizabethan England until the titular characters' names became interchangeable with the mantra "meant to be".

Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet's undying affection and subsequent suicides have made the passionate story immortal, and it remains one of the foremost inspirations for modern **romantic literature** .

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A. Sutherland - AncientPages.com - In the Inca and Aymara mythologies, Supay ('Andean Devil') was both the god of death and powerful ruler of the Incan underworld Ukhu Pacha (Uku Pacha), as well as a race of demons.

Supay was responsible for balancing good and evil.

Unlike Europeans, the indigenous people did not reject Supay. They were so afraid of him that they invoked him and begged him not to harm them.

Supay is listed as one of the evilest gods. Despite this negative view, many Inca people worshiped him because they believed in his power to grant them favors through offerings and rituals. He was the one who protected the path of the dead. The Incas believed that death was a new beginning with the Inca gods.

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Depicted as a figure with a certain resemblance to demons (jaguar head, longhorns, very perceptive eyes, puma body, and sharp teeth. Supay was a shapeshifter that could surprise by taking the form of an Inca woman or a very attractive Inca man, in the same way,, he could transform into any animal he wanted.

The domain of Supay was located in the deep earth, and his underworld is also known as “inner world” or “below world”, therefore, as the god of minerals, Supay was worshipped by miners. Today, his worship is still alive among Andean miners and excavators.

According to Inca mythology, the god Supay’s underground realm was Ukhu Pacha (Uku Pacha), one of three realms (or ‘pacha’) that divides the cosmos

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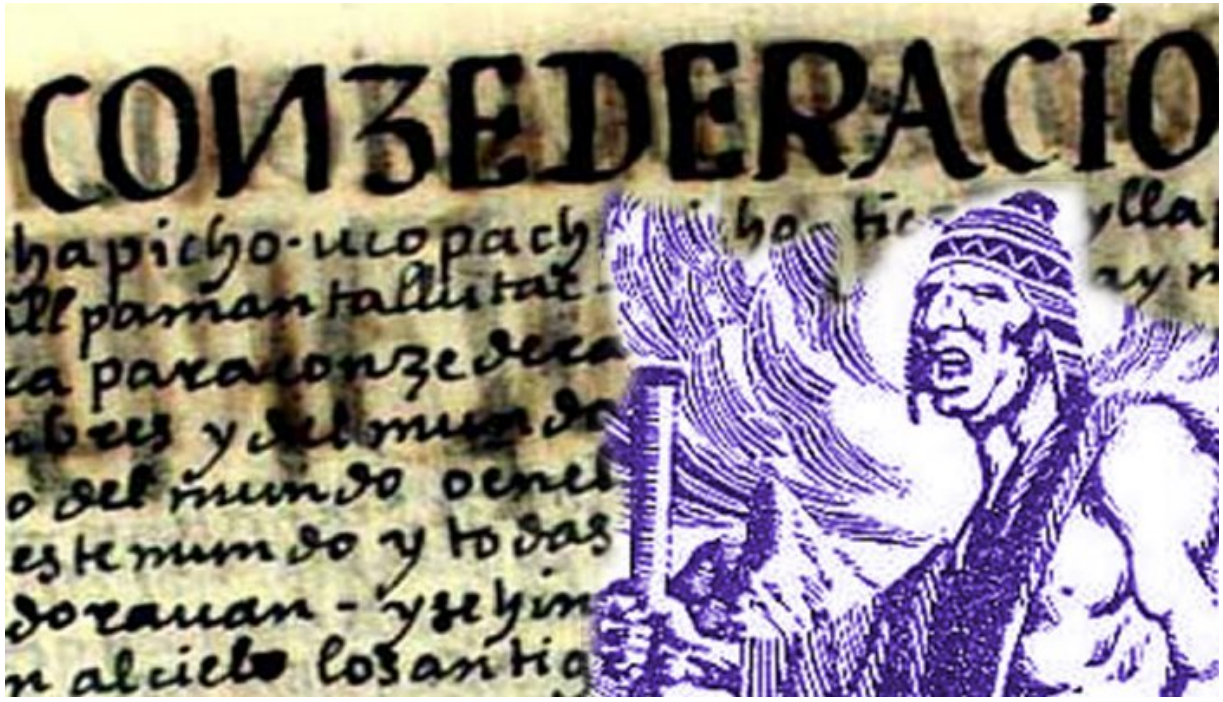
Two other realms are Hanan Pacha, Kay Pacha, which along with Ukhu Pacha clearly resemble Catholic beliefs in the earth, heaven, hell, a concept also known in other religions.



Today, the ancient symbolism of this terrifying mythological figure, which is today called 'diablo', has been replaced with another practice, which makes Supay the main character used in traditional carnival known as 'diablada'.

Chronicler and writer Garcilaso de la Vega (1539 – 1616), son of a Spanish conquistador and an Inca noblewoman born in the early years of the conquest, was widely recognized for his histories about Inca history, culture, and society. In his 'First Part of the Royal Commentaries of the Incas', de la Vega characterized Supay's Uku Pacha as an underworld, a place of pain and suffering.

It was the 'lowest earth, where they said that the wicked were sent; and to describe it more clearly

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they gave it another name – *supaypa-huasin,* which means 'the house of the devil.'

However, Uku Pacha underworld was not considered as an entirely negative concept. In his 'Handbook of Inca Mythology', Paul Steele says that Uku Pacha was linked to 'the feminine earth

mother and the bones of the ancestors,' and the place's subterranean water was regarded by Incas as life-sustaining springs, which link the human realm with the inner world.

Left: 18th-century painting of the Danza de Los diablos de Túcume, region of Túcume, Peru. source
Right: Different models of Diablada masks in an exhibition in the British Museum. source

When the Spaniards colonized the Americas, Christian priests used the name 'Supay' while referring to the Christian devil. Unlike Europeans, the indigenous people did not reject Supay. They were so afraid of him that they invoked him and *begged him not to harm them.*

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Today, ancient symbolism of this terrifying mythological figure, which is today called ‘diablo’, has been replaced with another practice, which makes Supay the main character used in traditional carnival known as ‘diablada, an important part of the cultural traditions of in Bolivia, Chile, Peru, and other Andean countries.

The Diablada (or 'Danza de Los Diablos', which means ‘Dance of the Devils’) is a popular dance characterized by the mask and devil suit worn by the performers.

The Spaniards destroyed the Incan empire and took control over the country, and yet the ancient belief in Supay lives on in the daily lives of indigenous Peruvians. The Catholic Church became the dominant religious power in Peru and the word 'Supay' applies to the Devil.

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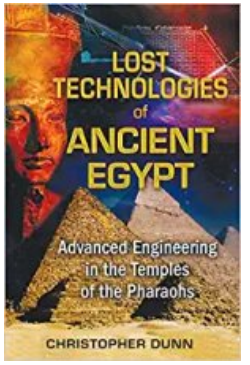

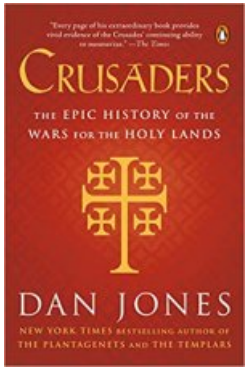

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The Gruesome History Of The Black Mass

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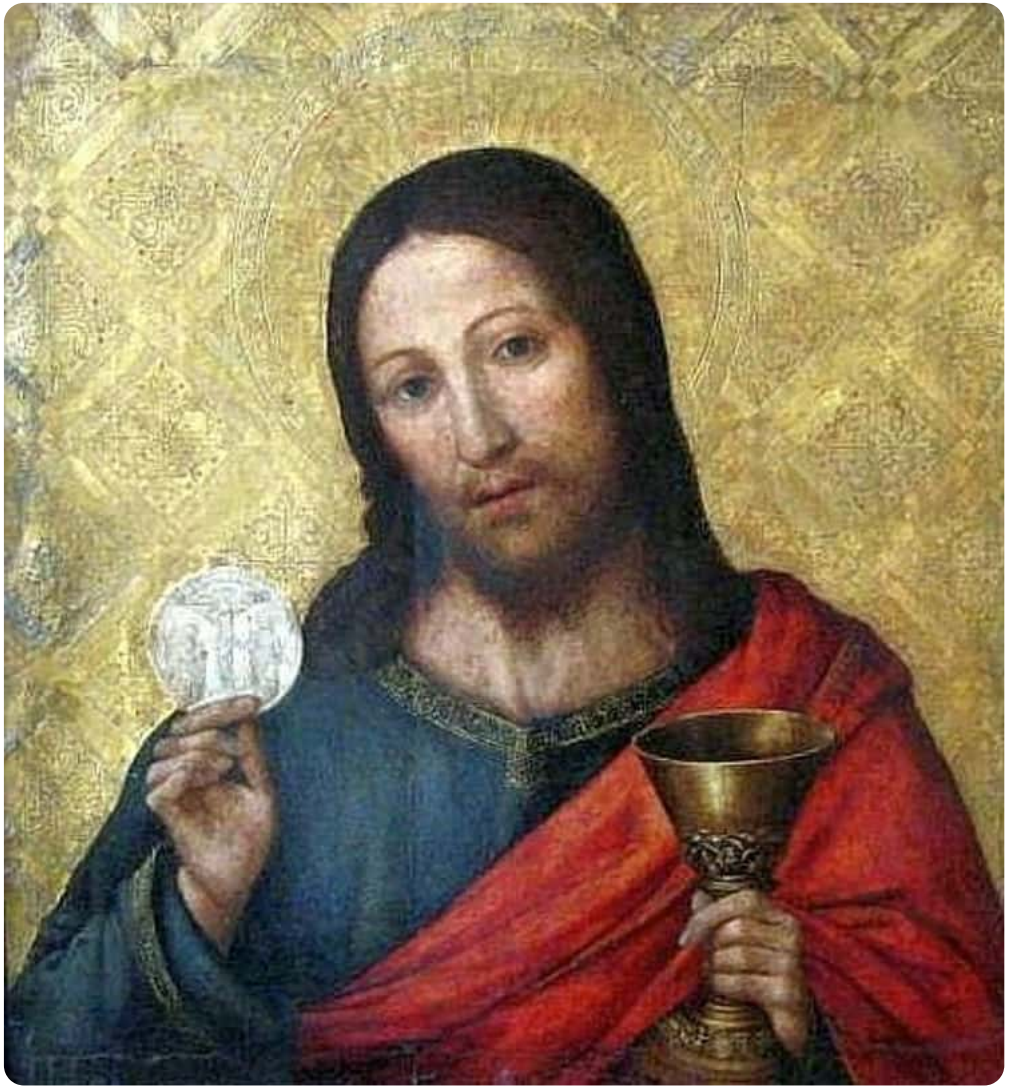
The black mass is a mysterious, gruesome ritual with a long history. Rumors and legends about the black mass date back to at least the 4th century. The historical black mass ritual usually featured demon worshipping, "the shameful kiss," cross trampling, and group sexual relations. The modern black mass

involves the performance of the mass on the body of a naked virgin lying on an altar - right before the priest copulates with her.

Questions - like "what happens during a black mass?" and "how is black mass celebrated?" - surround the mysterious ritual. But just as Satanism isn't exactly what it seems, how to perform a black mass depends on whom you ask. There are a number of elements that are the same at nearly every black mass, including desecrating Christian symbols and deviant sexual behavior.

Medieval Christians claimed that thousands of women were having intercourse with demons during black masses. And thousands confessed to participating in them. Even more disturbing stories involved consuming bodily fluids - a practice that Aleister Crowley, "the wickedest man in the world," revived in the 20th century. It doesn't get more gruesome than the black mass, in which there was even a recipe for cooking babies.

Black Masses Were An Inversion Of Catholic Mass, So Instead Of Bread And Wine, They Ate Male And Female Bodily Fluids



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As early as the 4th century, Christians were writing about evil rituals that debased the Catholic Mass. Epiphanius of Salamis wrote that one sect called the Borborites practiced all sorts of dark and disturbing rituals during their unholy black mass. They collected menstrual blood to replace the Eucharist, claiming it was the true blood and body of Christ. Epiphanius wrote that they "take the unclean menstrual blood they gather from [women], and eat it." As part of their deviant sexual rituals, during the group relations, men would finish and then the group would "absorb the seeds of their dirt" by "eating the dirty stuff themselves."

For centuries after Epiphanius's writings, descriptions of black masses circulated among Christians. Tales included fantastical magic that involved flying or calling up demons, and the rituals almost always had a sexual element. The key to the black mass, though, was the inversion of the liturgical mass - black masses twisted and defiled traditions, like how the Borborites reportedly consumed one another's liquid byproducts.

Eating Babies Was Part Of The Black Mass Ritual

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Epiphanius didn't stop at bodily fluids with his 4th-century description of a black mass. He also claimed that the rituals always included deviant sexual acts. "They have [intercourse] all the time and commit fornication," Epiphanius wrote. And sometimes, the group relations went even further. If a woman ever got pregnant, the Borborites would cannibalize the infant.

According to Epiphanius, the Borborites would "extract the fetus at the stage which is appropriate for their enterprise, take this aborted infant, and cut it up in a trough with a pestle. And they mix honey, pepper, and certain other perfumes and spices with it." After mixing up their fetus stew, the participants would gather, and "each [would eat] a piece of the child with his fingers." Epiphanius claimed that the Borborites compared this to Passover.

Witches Had Black Masses To Worship Satan Where They Practiced The 'Osculum Infame'

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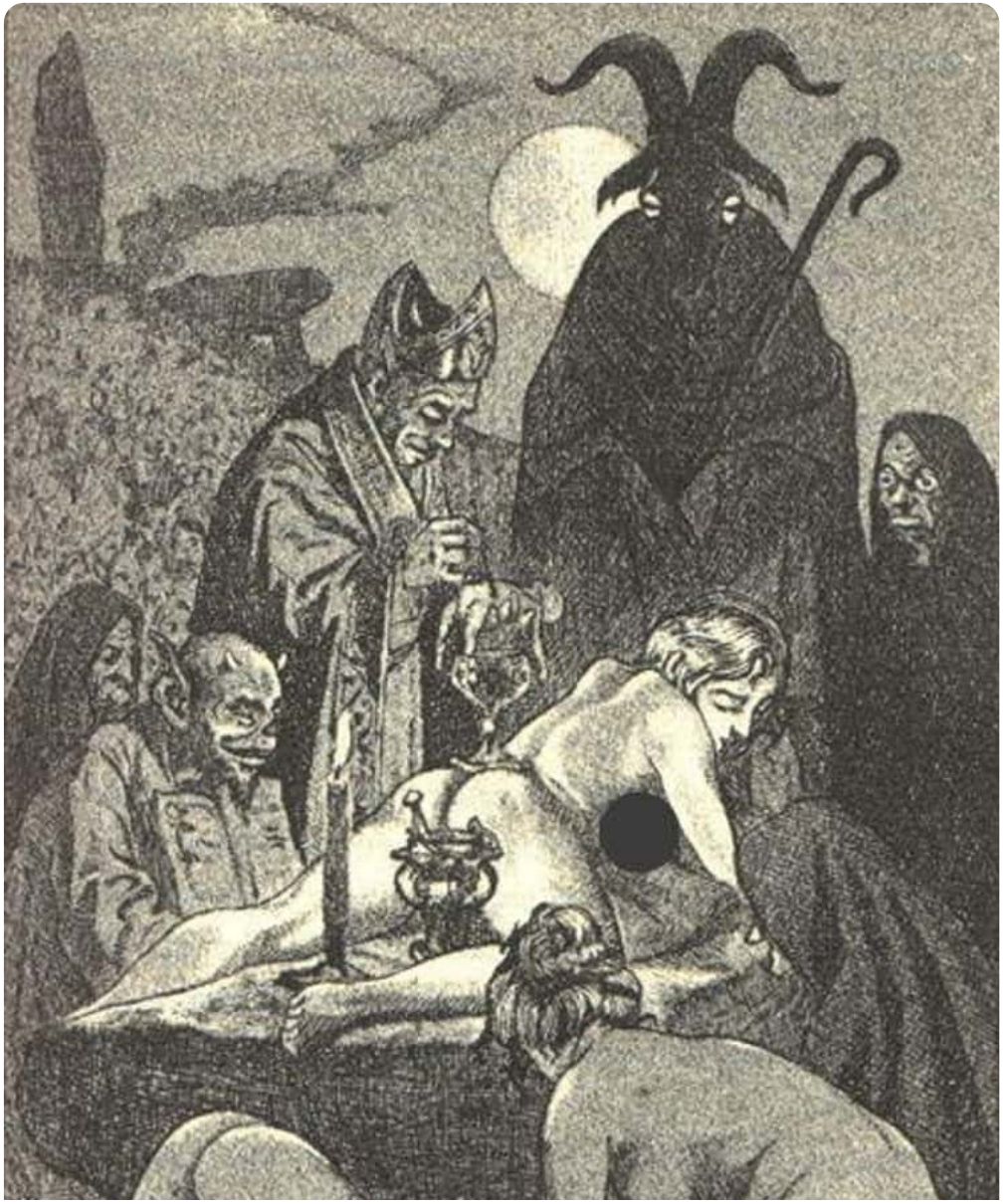
By the 14th century, the stories about black masses transformed into tales of witches' Sabbaths. Just like the purported earlier black masses, witches inverted Catholic rituals by worshipping Satan instead of God. Another holdover from earlier black masses was the *osculum infame*, also called "the obscene kiss" or "the shameful kiss."

During the ceremony, witches would kiss the Devil on his anus.

A Naked Virgin Would Lie On The Altar For A Black Mass



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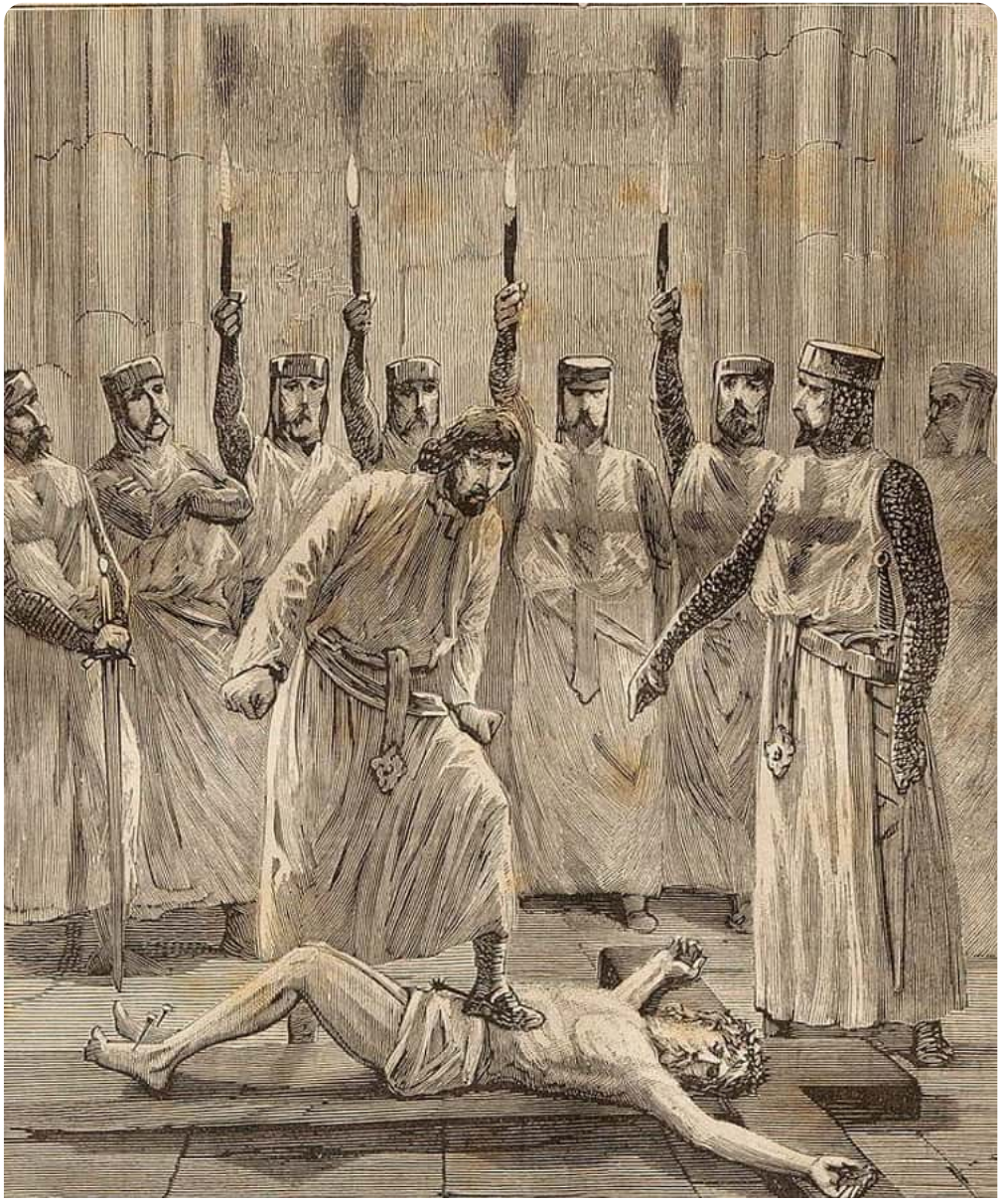
As dozens of images show, the black mass was to be performed on the naked body of a woman - preferably a virgin. One book reports that "the first requirement in the celebration of the Black Mass is a virgin, naked, spread-eagled on the 'altar' and the climax is reached when the officiating priest performs the sexual act with her." There are also a number of more modern reports of black masses featuring naked virgins.

In 1889, one reporter wrote that the mass was said on the bare body of a woman stretched on the altar. Dating back to the 4th century, black masses always had a reputation for "unnatural" sexual acts, which might explain the insistence that a naked virgin was an integral part of the ceremony.

The Knights Templar Were Apprehended For Spitting On Crosses At Black Masses



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In 1307, the Knights Templar were accused of heresy by French King Philip IV. The Templars were a medieval society of knights who took a vow not to marry. Since 1119, they had been dedicated to defending the Kingdom of Jerusalem and protecting Christian pilgrims during the Crusades. But their downfall in 1307 was fast. The charges against the Templars included claims that they had been participating in heresy.

Allegedly, during these heretical rituals, new members were forced to spit on a cross and renounce Jesus Christ. They were also accused of kissing each other indecently and worshipping a cat, and the Templars reportedly vowed that "unnatural lust was lawful."

Cross Trampling Was A Popular Event At Black Masses

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For centuries, black masses were seen as a way to attack Christianity by subverting their rituals. Because of that, instead of venerating the cross, trampling on a cross was a popular activity at black masses. In addition to trampling, a black mass might feature an inverted cross. Or, as in the example of the Knights Templar, spitting on the cross. Instead of making the sign of the cross with the right hand, worshippers of the devil might use the left.

In every way, these rituals were the exact opposite of traditional Christian religious traditions in order to set the black mass apart.

Descriptions Of The Black Mass Are Often Extremely Salacious

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Black masses flaunted rules about sexual relations and sexuality. According to a letter written by Pope Gregory IX in 1232, heretics at black masses performed all kinds of deviant acts. After a ceremony where attendants "bestow a foul kiss on [a toad's] hind parts" and kiss the anus of a black cat, the ceremony would quickly devolve into a scene of group relations. Gregory wrote:

> The lights are put out and those present indulge in the most loathsome sensuality, having no regard to [gender]. If there are more men than women, men satisfy one another's depraved appetites. Women do the same for one another.

Even into the modern era, descriptions of the black mass always featured sexual transgressions. Holding religious ceremonies on the naked body of a woman and throwing parties for group exchanges made the black mass seem even more reprehensible to Christians.

The Black Mass Broke Every Single Rule

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This description of the black mass endured for centuries. A person dressed as a priest would stand before an altar where a naked woman lay. She was surrounded by "a black candle made from the fat of unbaptized babies, and a chalice containing the urine of a prostitute." There was an inverted cross above the altar. The priest would "bless" black-stained turnips. Prayers might be chanted backward.

The culmination of the event was "a potpourri of flagellation, prayer-book burning, cunnilingus, fellatio, and general hindquarters kissing." They might even slaughter a baby during the ritual. But there's a major problem with this description of the black mass: it may have never existed at all.

Many Stories About The Black Mass Were Obtained With Torture

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Many descriptions of the black mass were extracted from people during the enactment of physical harm. This is true of the Knights Templar who confessed to deviant behavior, as well as the tens of thousands of accused witches executed during the witch hunts. Thousands of false confessions created a vision of the black mass that may have never existed at all. Women claimed, during these brutal proceedings, that they had sexual relationships with demons. Men claimed they had renounced Christianity and trampled on crosses. People even confessed to eating babies.

But how is it possible that stories of the black mass have been so consistent for nearly 2,000 years, all the way back to Epiphanius of Salamis in the 4th century? Because the black mass is an inversion of the Catholic mass, it represents the greatest fears of the dominant society - and these fears were easily displaced on people seen as threats, like religious nonconformists. For this reason, some consider that the most horrific descriptions of the black mass were invented by Christians themselves.

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The Prosperity and Power of the Ghana Empire Flourished on the Trans-Saharan Trade Route

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The Ghana Empire was the first of the great West African empires that existed during the Middle Ages. The history of the **Ghana Empire** is obscure and much of what we know about it is derived from **Arab** sources, in particular, the *Book of Highways and of Kingdoms* by Al-Bakri. It is also from this source that the story of Tunka Manin (also spelled as Tenkamenin), the last **Soninke** ruler of Ghana is found.

The Formation of the Ghana Empire

Although referred to as the Ghana Empire today, this Medieval West African state was known by its subjects as Wagadou, which means 'Land of **Herds**'. Ghana, as a matter of fact, was the title of its ruler. According to oral tradition, the Ghana Empire was founded by Diabe Cissé, a younger son of Dinga, who is considered to be the ancestor of the Soninke people. As Dinga approached death, he decided to bequeath his chiefly powers to his eldest son. As the elderly man was blind by then, Diabe Cissé disguised himself as his brother and received his father's chiefly powers. Diabe Cissé then left his home and ended up at a place called Koumbi Saleh, which is located in modern day **Mauretania**, on its southern border with **Mali**. It was there that Wagadou was founded, with Koumbi Saleh serving as its capital.

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The Ghana empire rose to power mainly by capitalizing from the gold trade, as well as copper, iron-smelting & salt.
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The first written references to the Ghana Empire were made during the 8 th century by Arab writers. By this time, the Ghana Empire had grown powerful and rich, thanks to the **trans-Saharan trade** . Caravans bringing **salt** came from the north, while those from the south transported **gold**. As the trade route passed through the territory of the Ghana Empire, **tariffs** were levied on these goods, and this contributed greatly to the wealth of the empire.

The Ghana Empire Grew Into One of the Richest Kingdoms

The prosperity and power of the Ghana Empire continued well into the 10 th century. For example, Al-Ya'qubi, an Arab geographer and historian living in the 9 th century, wrote that Ghana was one of the tw ıl kingdoms in

Western Sudan , and that its ruler had other kings under his authority. Another Arab writer, the geographer Muhammad ibn Hawqal, wrote in 988 that the ruler of Ghana was the richest king in the world.

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*The Ghana Empire at its greatest extent. (Luxo / **CC BY-SA 3.0**)*

The most detailed description of the Ghana Empire, however, is found in Al-Bakri's *Book of Highways and of Kingdoms* . Al-Bakri was a historian and geographer who lived during the 11 th century. The *Book of Highways and of Kingdoms* is one of Al-Bakri's that has survived till today (though in fragmentary form) and is an important source of information for the history of **West Africa.** It is perhaps somewhat ironic that Al-Bakri never travelled to tl ent his entire life in

Al-Andalus. Instead, his description of the Ghana Empire and West Africa is based on the accounts of others who have traveled there.

Insights Into the Ghana Empire

Al-Bakri provides his readers with some interesting insight about the Ghana Empire. For instance, he reports that all the gold nuggets from the empire's mines were reserved for the king, whereas the people are allowed to collect **gold** dust. Nevertheless, gold dust was collected to such great quantities that its value was lost. Al-Bakri also wrote that the Ghanaian adorn themselves with **ornaments** made of gold. The strength of the empire's army is also mentioned, up to 200,000 men could be fielded in times of war.

*The Ghanaian adorned themselves with ornaments made of gold. (HomeTeam History / **YouTube**)*

As for the government of the empire, Al-Bakri mentions that the kingship is inherited by the son of the king's sister. The rationale for this is that the while a king may have doubts if his son is in fact his son, it is certain that the son of his sister would be his sister's son. Additionally, Al-Bakri notes that the king's interpreters, the official overseeing the **treasury**, as well as the majority of his ministers are **Muslims**. Despite the fact that the king himself is a pagan, he is recorded as being friendly towards Muslims.

Traditionally, the fall of the Ghana Empire is dated to 1076, nine years a after the *Book of Highways and of Kingdoms* was written. Al-Bakri reports that in 1067, the ruler of the Ghana Empire was Tunka Manin, who had ascended the throne in 1063. He succeeded his maternal uncle, Bassi, who had come to the throne at the age of 85. Apart from that, Al-Bakri merely states that “This Tunka Manin is powerful, rules an enormous kingdom, and possesses great authority.”

*Tunka Manin, the last ruler of the Ghana Empire. (Afrakan Science / **YouTube**)*

Tunka Manin is said to be the last ruler of the Ghana Empire, and therefore was the one who had to deal with the **Almoravid** invasion. The Ghanaians were defeated and the Almoravids ruled over the region for about a decade before being expelled. The Almoravids were replaced by the **Sosso**, who submitted to the **Mali Empire** , the next great empire in the history of West Africa, around 1240.

Top image: The civilization called Wagadou, better known as the Ghana Empire, was a Sonniki state. Source: ***solarey***.

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DeWayne Hendrix is with **Atun Re** and **97 others**.
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Update I've Been Informed That Drake/Dracula/Draconian Opened The Show! This Was On Kris Jenner's 66th Birthday! The Head Witch of The Coven! Moloch = 66! The Owl Is Also Drake's Logo For OVO!

Salute To My Dawg JMillz!

Nov 5th n 6th (56)
11th month master#
Astroworld=46/62
Sacrifice=46/62

Reports of people being jabbed with needles prior

NRG (ENERGY) PARK
mf frequency activated in that graphine oxide

The day b4 they had YE on drink champs. Talkin about the sound being exerted in the 808 that is exploited

Astroworld festival=77/112
Houston=112
Travis scott=77

Houston=77
Graphene oxide=77

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The third annual=155/65/223
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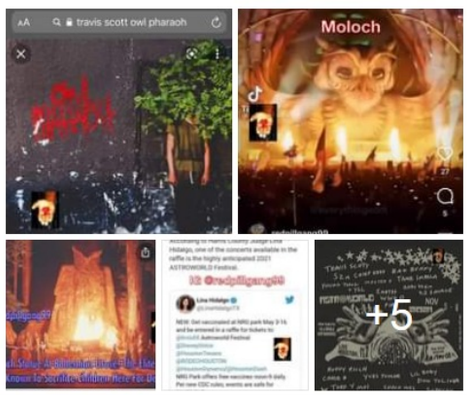

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Percy Godfrey you have to see this
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Monice Frazier
If i would of seen all of this as a fan.. as far as the posters etc. I WOULDNT GO! 2
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Denzel Ra El Bro the age of Leo and Aquarius are polar opposites! Leo is ruled by the Sun and Aquarius is ruled by Saturn! Please stop regurgitating things with researching them 1
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Jeremy Miller
Then on 11/6
Astro from the UK band UB40 died at 64yo
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UB40=27
Ritual=27
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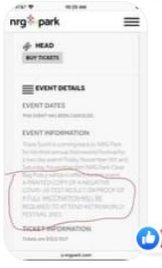
Lets not forget this



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Jeremy Miller
This was from earlier in the year

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Jeremy Miller replied · 6 replies

Jeremy Miller
Just know Arturo Sosa- aka the Black pope, superior general of the jesuit order.
His birthday is 11/12

The white pope who is the 266th pope. The 1st openly jesuit pope. His birthday is 12/17

Jesuit=42
Society of jesus=56

This occured 42 days before Pope Francis bday
And it left 56 days in the year.

And it was 7 days prior to Sosa's
G is the 7th letter
1+1+5=7

Remember all the 77s shown

its all ritual!!!
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Drew Ak-Soul Keaton El
I just said the same thing and Travis Scott was used.. now he stuck
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Right he been their pawn! He's slime
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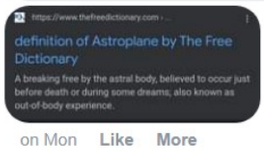
Bryan Gotwalt
Sounds A LOT like what happened!!!!!



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Bam Carter
Ron Tymetahshine Hawkins
Rich Richie Richardson
2

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Ron Tymetahshi... replied · 1 reply

Shauna Frazier
Don't Forget Drake opened the show with him 2

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Shauna Frazier Drake-Ula 1

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Charolette InnerGbeing Isaac
I'm still floored how they pulled this off... the footage is unreal 1

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Author
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Charolette InnerGbeing Isaac man in plain sight 1

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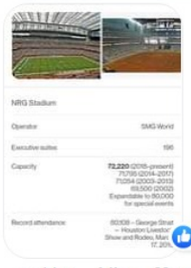
Charolette InnerGbeing Isaac
I'm from Houston and those 50,000 people could've easily been seated in a safe environment instead of packed like sardines.



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Marla Pruitte
I DO admit I am not familiar with the difference between the Satanic and Luciferian agenda.

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Marla Pruitte the Satanic agenda is a Zionist/6/Mind Control Agenda and Luciferian/5/ is about manipulation of innerG! 5

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Oya Goddes
You better speak! The ice storm was a attack the monkey pox was a attack now this and Governor Abbot still ain't budging! Him or Trump🤣🤣🤣🤣🤣🤣🤦🏾‍♀️ 3

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Oya Goddes
Wendy Betts 1

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Oya Goddes
Nicholas Wright we say this all the time 😂

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Oya Goddes
Lyssa FreeJay 1

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Donna Purdy Miller
Can I tag a friend ?

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Donna Purdy Miller of course share with everyone 1

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Donna Purdy Miller
I've been sayin this about Florida since they started resisting.. they commin for all 1

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Koko Williams
Reminded me of Pan's Labyrinth opening portals and stuff

6

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Koko Williams oooooooowwwwwweeeeee 2

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Bev **Bee Stone**

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Charolette InnerGbeing Isaac
DeShante Isaac

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Toy Xel'ha Peigne
I think that Jack and Jill group his family was a part of is definitely going to have a sit down with his family on this one...

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Toy Xel'ha Peigne you mean them gypsies?

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Meghan Holbrook
But what about the other acts that played the venue?

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Meghan Holbrook what about em? I haven't looked into anything else! This dude has a baby with the daughter of one of their head witches! 1

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Gypsy Kitti
Ronald Byrd 2

on Mon Like More

Brandi Levario
Oooweeee yes say it here it is 100% EXPLAINED! 1

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Brandi Levario
Real shit my brother I love your knowledge in this mann you explained it better than I could thank u 1

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Tonya Stanton
Donna Martin-Williams 1

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Rita Ross-Joyce
These folks (fools) are crazy!

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Bryan Gotwalt

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One Of The Worst Serial Killers In Human History Was Joan of Arc's Right-Hand

Man

Harrison Tenpas

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In the annals of historical monsters, there is a special, sadistic space for Gilles de Rais. A former military hero who fought alongside Joan of Arc, de Rais was at one time the richest man in Europe. But beneath his wealth and accolades was a grisly personal pursuit – the torture and murder of young children.

What did Gilles de Rais do? He killed an estimated 140 children during his bloody escapades in 15th-century France. His victims were often poor youths whom he would lure to his manse with the promise of fine clothing and high-end cuisine. As soon as his young victims were at ease, de Rais would impose his sick, twisted will upon them.

He was eventually caught and hanged for his crimes, but while he freely marauded and murdered, he took his violence to bold heights. These Gilles de Rais facts, stories, and unspeakably dark penchants are sure to shock you.

He Violently Sodomized All Of His Victims

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A common thread throughout Gilles de Rais's murders was the act of forcefully sodomizing his victims. An eager necrophile, he carried out this heinous act both before and after the death of the children he lured back to his manse. Though he primarily kidnapped and killed young boys, he also snatched the occasional girl, whom he would sodomize just the same, citing a disdain for her "natural vessel" as his reasoning. It's said that de Rais thoroughly enjoyed the act of completely degrading his young victims, and it was a source of great sexual satisfaction for the affluent sadist.

He Psychologically Tortured His Young Victims And Sometimes Made Them Watch Each Other

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A killer with an insatiable appetite, de Rais would often begin his ritualistic killings by providing kidnapped children with clothes and finery like they had never seen before and plying them with alcohol. Then, he would strip them and hang them from the ceiling until they lost consciousness, eventually taking them down and assuring them he meant no harm – after masturbating on their bodies among other unspeakable acts. From there, the children were violently sexually assaulted before mercifully being decapitated or having their throats cut, ear to ear.

Sometimes, he kidnapped his victims in pairs of two, so that one would have to watch as the other went through this horrific process.

Once They Were Bound, He Masturbated On His Victims

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A pure sexual sadist, Gilles de Rais got supreme enjoyment out of imposing sexual hell on his victims. He would frequently bind his young male victims and masturbate onto their stomachs and thighs before killing them. He also employed this practice on his occasional young female victims in bizarre ways, frequently rubbing himself between their thighs, citing that he found "more pleasure and less pain than acting in nature." Occasionally, after they had been killed and partially disemboweled, he would ejaculate into their entrails.

He Severed His Victims' Heads While They Were Still Alive

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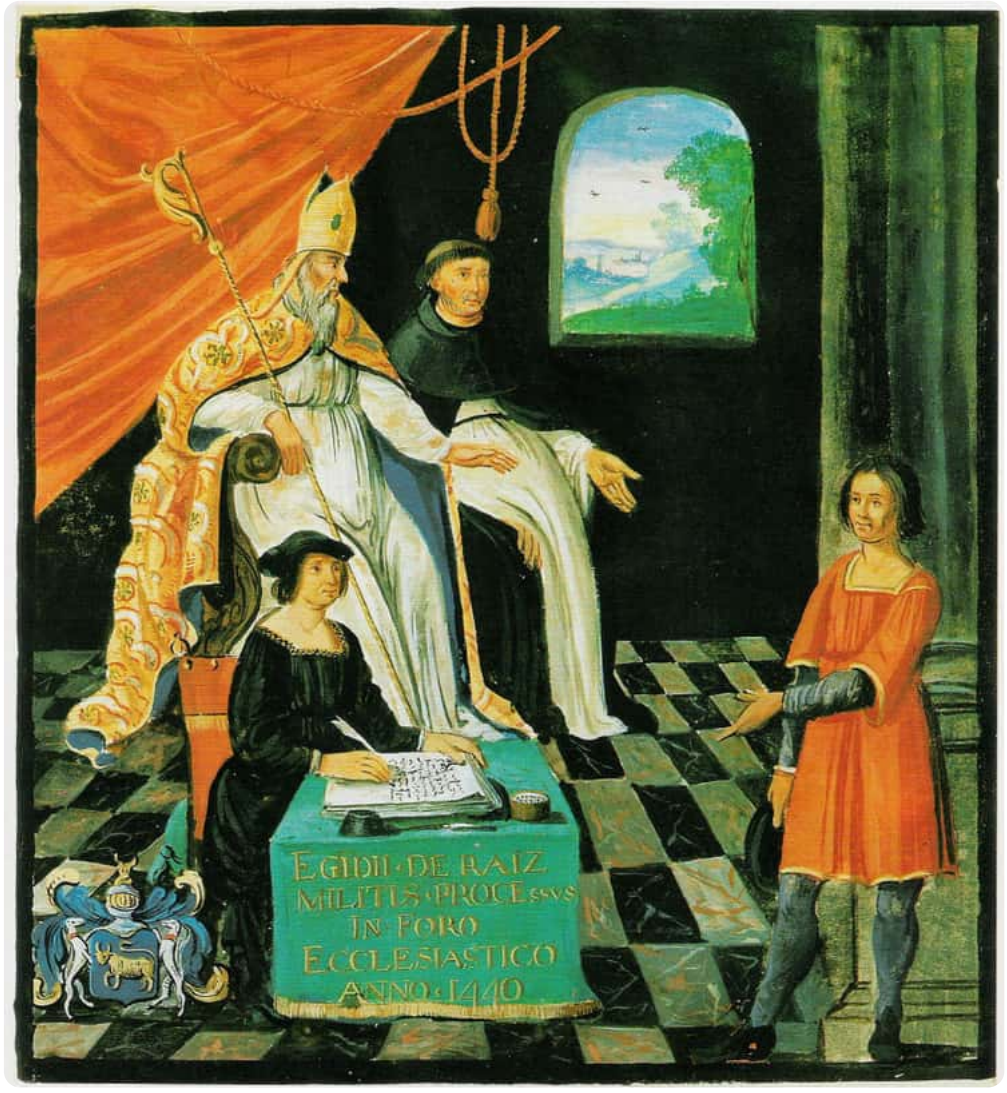
After kidnapping, pampering, and treating his victims to an exquisite meal and expensive alcohol, de Rais would take a violent turn and put his victims through a living nightmare. After violently raping and torturing his victims with a variety of implements, he would, of course, be compelled to kill them for fear of word getting out about his violent proclivities.

Though he used various methods of accomplishing the murder of his captives, his most common way of snuffing out life was decapitation. De Rais even had a special sword called a braquemard that he would use to saw off the heads of his victims, who were often still alive when the blade entered their throats.

He Kept The Heads Of His Handsome Victims, And He Frequently Kissed Them



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Gilles de Rais, aesthete sadist that he was, greatly admired beauty. He frequently sought out only the most handsome young boys, as his violent

impulses were very sexual in nature. After the ordeal of torturing, killing, and mutilating his victims, de Rais often kept a trophy to commemorate the occasion – not unlike modern serial killers.

Gilles de Rais's trophies, however, were not merely small tokens; they were often entire severed heads. He would keep the handsomest victims' heads on a mantle, where he would frequently visit and kiss the decomposing lips of his deceased victims.

He Offered Eyes And Hearts As Demon Sacrifices

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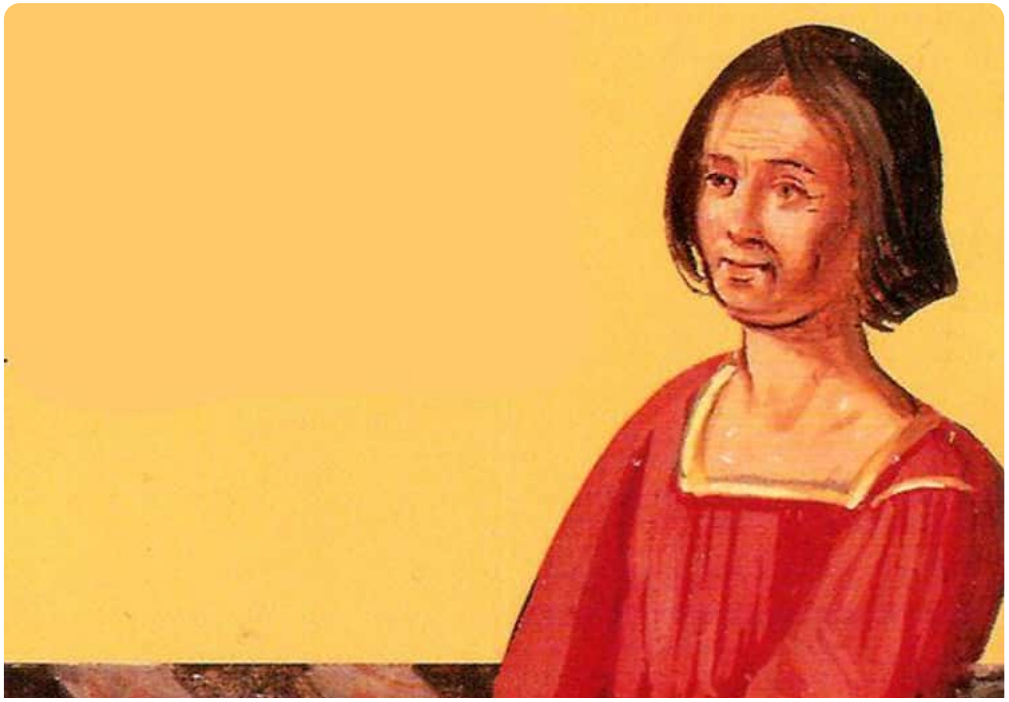
Gilles de Rais – sadist, pedophile, murderer, cannibal, necrophile – was a man with an accomplished and grisly criminal resume, but beyond that, he was also rumored to be a practicing Satanist. In reality, though, it's difficult to say how many of the accusations leveled against de Rais were accurate reflections of his behavior and how many of them were scurrilous, politically motivated charges.

Regardless, when de Rais – who was at one point the richest man in Europe – ran into financial troubles, he turned to the outlawed practice of alchemy to reverse his fortunes. After locating a magician name Fontanelle who claimed to be able to conjure a demon called "Barron," de Rais began making offerings to appease the demonic spirit, frequently presenting severed eyes, ears, hearts from his victims to the minion of the Dark Lord.

In A Post-Coital Haze, He Had His Servants Dismember His Victims



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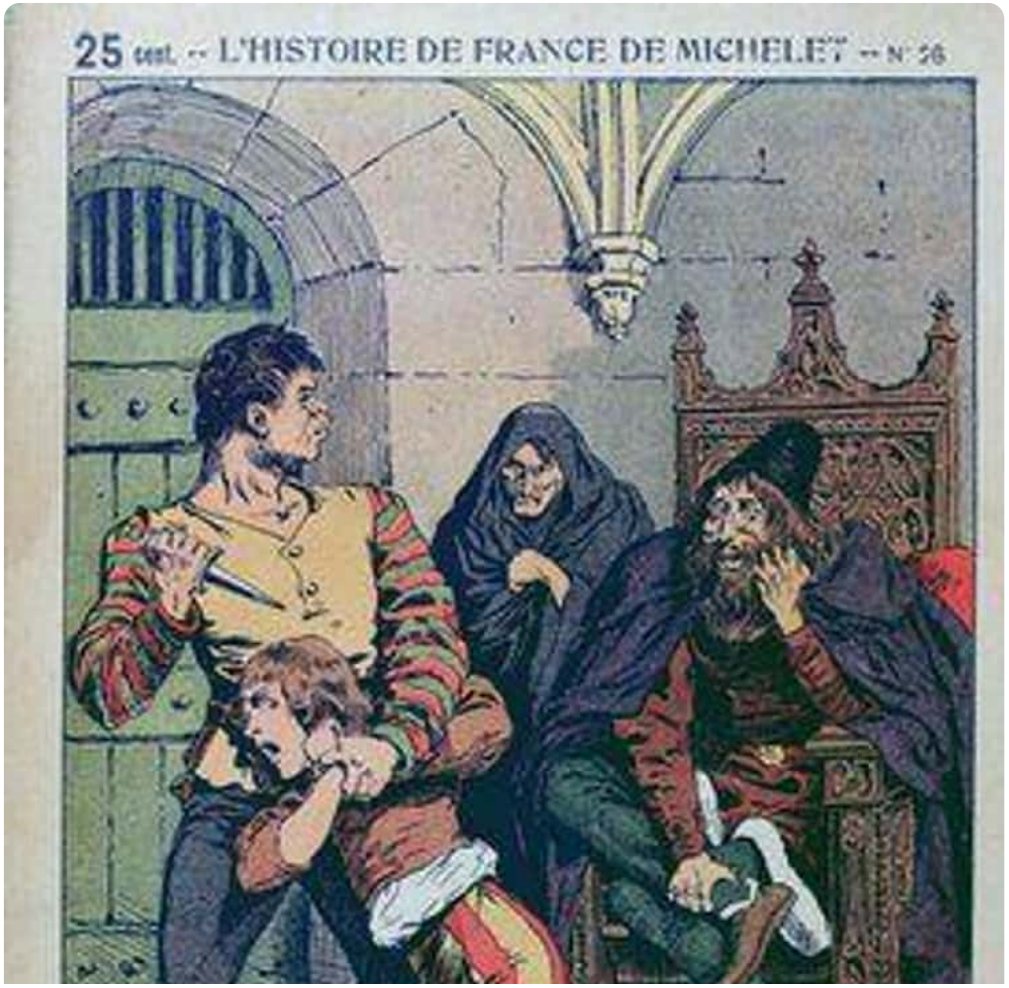
So strong was his lust for sex and violence, de Rais was often left incapacitated – falling unconscious – at the completion of his bloody acts. After he had killed and mutilated his victims, he would frequently sodomize the corpse, taking such pleasure in the act that he would faint upon reaching orgasm. At this point, his servants would carry him off to his bed where he would rest while they were left to dismember and dispose of the bodies.

He Was Very Into Necrophilia



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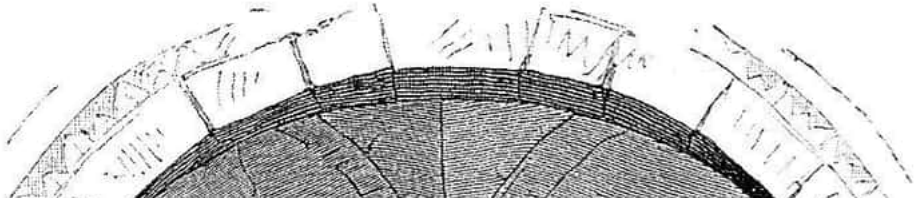
It was not enough for Gilles de Rais to kidnap his young, destitute victims and separate them from any family they had. It was not enough for him to torture and sexually abuse them, either. The act of murdering his terrified, agony-stricken captives also failed to satiate his sadistic desires. It was in the post-mortem, in fact, that de Rais may have gotten the most enjoyment out of the bodies of those he violated.

While he sodomized and defiled his dead victims, he also take pleasure in watching them be disemboweled. He, allegedly, "took delight at the sight of their inner organs."

He Took Sexual Gratification From Watching His Victims Slowly Die



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De Rais clearly got off on the pain of his victims. He took great pleasure in watching his victims suffer, so much so that when he wasn't raping them, he frequently took to masturbation in their final moments.

De Rais would also sit on the stomachs of young victims as he cut their throats, reveling in the blood that trickled down from their throats. He would then remain in a squatting position, pleasuring himself, as he watched the life slowly leave their eyes.

He Had The Victims' Bodies Burned And Thrown In Cesspools

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So what does one do with the dismembered, disemboweled, sexually violated bodies of many children? If one was Giles de Rais, then disposing of them is somebody else's jobs. After he committed his dark acts – climaxing and becoming unconscious – de Rais would have his servants burn his

victims' bodies. Those that he didn't burn ended up in cesspools or with their heads on display in his personal collection.

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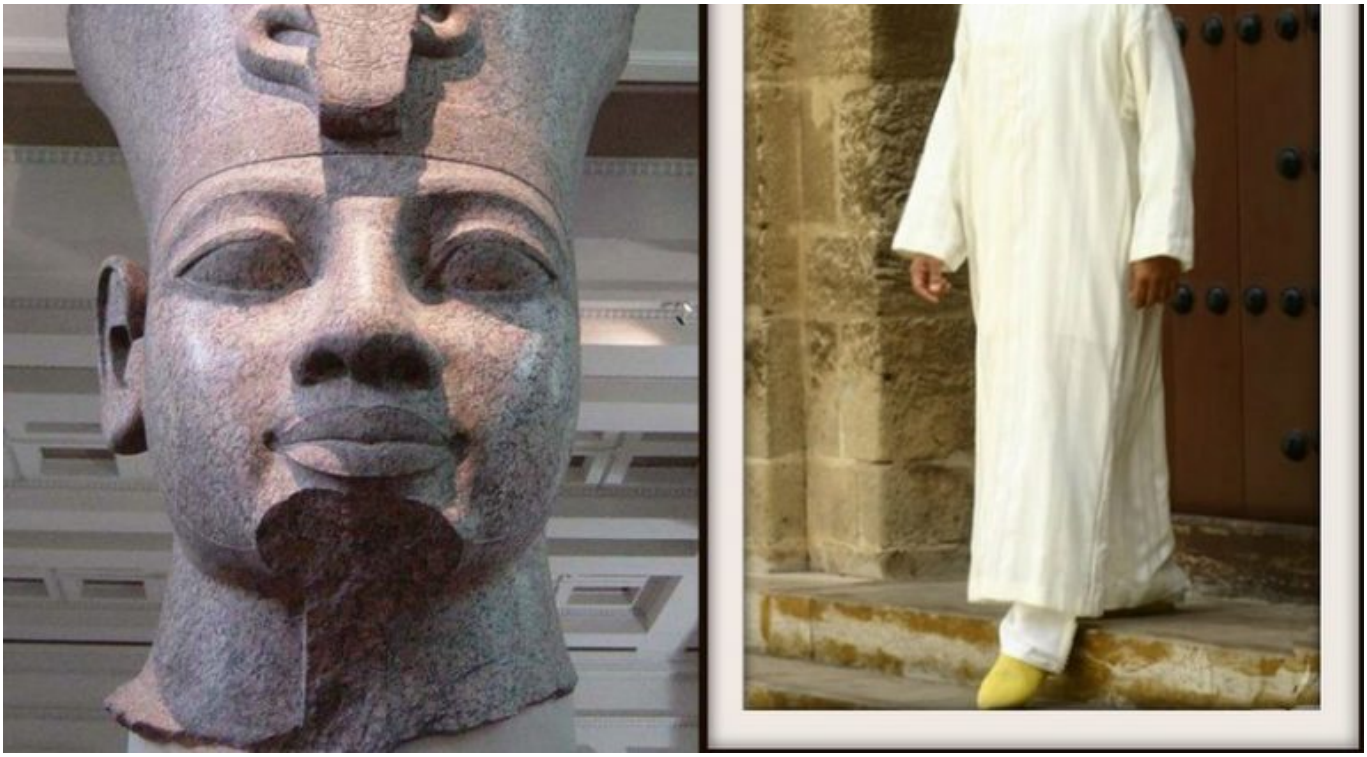
AFRICAN HISTORY HISTOIRE AFRICAINE

"Le Noir ignore que ses ancêtres, qui se sont adaptés aux conditions matérielles de la vallée du Nil, sont les plus anciens guides de l'humanité dans la voie de la civilisation" Cheikh Anta Diop

Comment l'Afrique du nord est devenue blanche

« L'Afrique du nord est blanche ». Nous ne savons combien de fois nous avons entendu cette phrase de la part de nord-africains déterminés à nier, malgré la montagne de preuve, tout apport noir aux civilisations d'Egypte et du Maghreb. Déjà l'Afrique du nord aujourd'hui n'est pas entièrement blanche. On pense en particulier à la Libye et au sud de l'Algérie, de la Tunisie, du Maroc, où subsiste un fort élément africain. Mais encore comme on le verra, la blancheur de l'Afrique du nord est un élément relativement récent. Nous allons essayer de donner des éléments quant au peuplement de la Libye et du Maghreb en particulier.

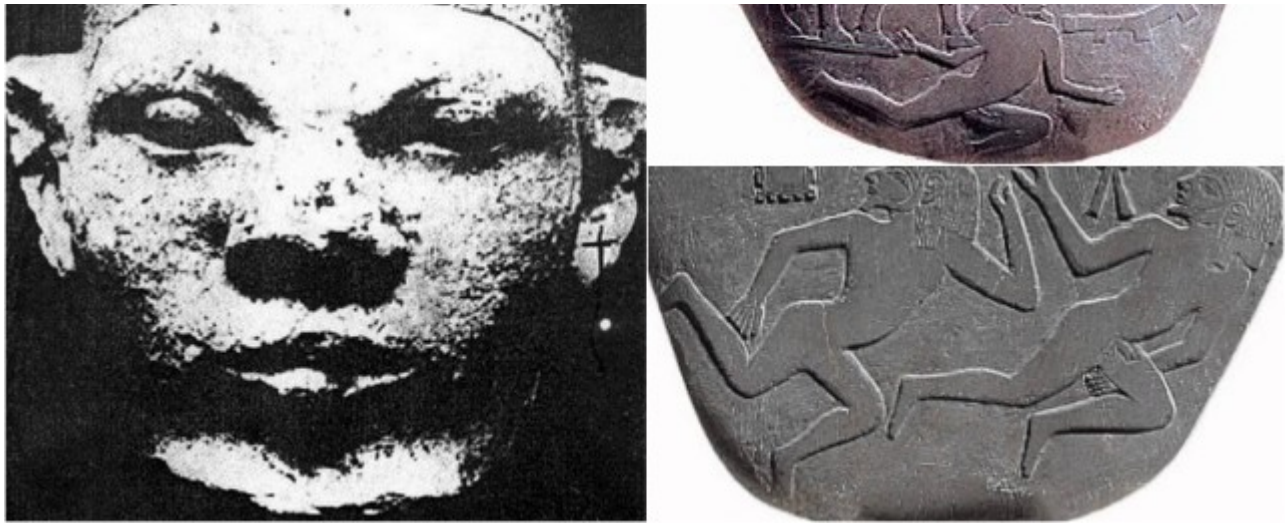


Le pharaon Imanahotep Hekaouasè (Amenhotep III), père d'Akhenaton et grand père de Tuanga Imana (Toutankhamon), à gauche, British Museum. Il représente l'apogée absolue de l'Afrique du nord noire. A droite un Berbère du Maghreb actuel.

Au préalable, il faut dire que l'élément naturel de toute l'Afrique est noir. Tous les Blancs du monde sortent de l'Europe. C'est sous les températures polaires européennes que le Noir, premier des humain, est devenu blanc par adaptation au climat glacial, **cela a été précisément expliqué ici**. Et c'est de son berceau européen que le Blanc va se répandre dans le monde entier. Par conséquent tout Blanc qui vit en Afrique a des origines, proches ou lointaines, hors d'Afrique. L'Élément naturel de l'Afrique est noir. Nous allons donc voir quand et comment est-ce que l'élément blanc est entré en Afrique et est devenu dominant en Afrique du nord.

Le blanchiment de l'Egypte

Il n'est plus important de revenir sur le caractère négro-africain de la civilisation égyptienne. **Cela a été suffisamment démontré.** Lors de la chute définitive de l'Egypte et sa prise par les grecs, Aristote continuait à dire des égyptiens qu'ils étaient *« excessivement noirs »* **[1]**. Mais il y avait un élément blanc en Egypte, de toute évidence en petit nombre, au début même de l'histoire égyptienne. Cela est attesté par l'examen de la palette de Nare Mari (Narmer), premier pharaon de l'Egypte unifiée, lorsqu'il sacrifie apparemment des étrangers blancs en -3300.



Le pharaon Naré Mari, Musée Petrie de Londres
A droite sa palette sur laquelle on voit des Blancs s'enfuyant devant sa conquête

L'élément blanc ne reviendra en Egypte de manière permanente que sous la forme d'un prisonnier de guerre ou d'un serviteur vers -1300, sous le règne de Mery-n-Ptah (Merenptah) **[2]**. L'Egypte succombera aux invasions blanches assyrienne, puis perse (iranienne), grecque, et romaine. Ces invasions pousseront les Noirs autochtones à fuir vers les autres régions d'Afrique. Ceux qui sont restés se métisseront – ce sont les Coptes. Enfin, la prise du pays par les Arabes en 639, puis les trois siècles de domination ottomane (turque), achèveront le blanchiment de l'Egypte.

Le blanchiment de la Libye et du Maghreb

1- Des Noirs et des Blancs en Libye

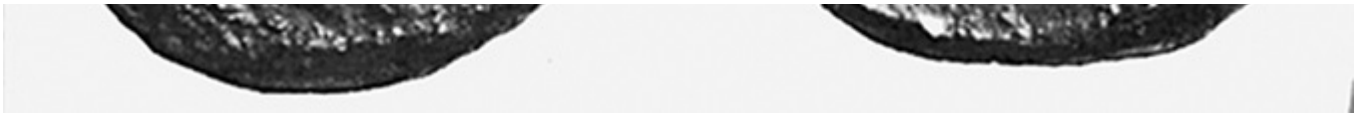
Gauche : Ioupout II, pharaon de la dynastie libyenne qui envahit l'Egypte (750 av. JC). Ioupout II fut noir (Brooklyn Museum)
Droite : Un Tamehou, tombe de Souti

C'est au temps du pharaon Suti Mery-n-Ptah (Seti 1er), vers -1300, que des peuples blancs sont visuellement décrits en Libye, sous l'appellation de Tamehou. Depuis quand étaient-ils là ? Ont-ils un rapport avec les Blancs sacrifiés par Nare Mari ? On ne le sait pas. Qui plus est, sous Ramessou Hekayounou (Ramsès III), vers -1200, de nombreux peuples blancs envahisseurs ont été repoussés par l'Egypte vers la Libye, ce qui y a accentué l'apport blanc.

D'après Cheikh Anta Diop, avant les Tamehou, vivaient en Lybie les Tehenu, qui étaient un peuple noir encore appelés Lebou et qui sont probablement les ancêtres des actuels Lebou du Sénégal **[2]**. On peut donc affirmer que dans la deuxième moitié de l'antiquité, il y avait des Noirs et des Blancs en Libye. Nous ne disposons pas de description claire pour le Maghreb avant les témoignages des grecs et des romains.

2- Les Noirs carthaginois au Maghreb

Nous avons déjà **montré ici le phénotype noir des carthaginois** – peuple ayant régné sur le Maghreb entre -814 et -147 – ceci sur la base de l'analyse des squelettes effectuées par les anthropologues européens. L'anthropologue français Stéphane Gsell, directeur du Musée d'Alger conclut *« …L'analyse anthropologique des squelettes trouvés à Carthage prouve qu'il n'y a pas d'unité raciale ou ethnique…* ***le type sémitique*** **(C'est-à-dire Blanc berbère ou Arabe)** *caractérisé par une face ovale, un nez fin aquilin* ***n'a pas été retrouvé à Carthage.*** *D'un autre côté le type avec un avant (mâchoire) poussée vers l'avant (…) est commun aux squelettes retrouvés au Liban et à Tyre* (correspond aux Phéniciens qui étaient aussi négroïdes)… ***la majorité de la population carthaginoise était négroïde*** *»* **[3]**.



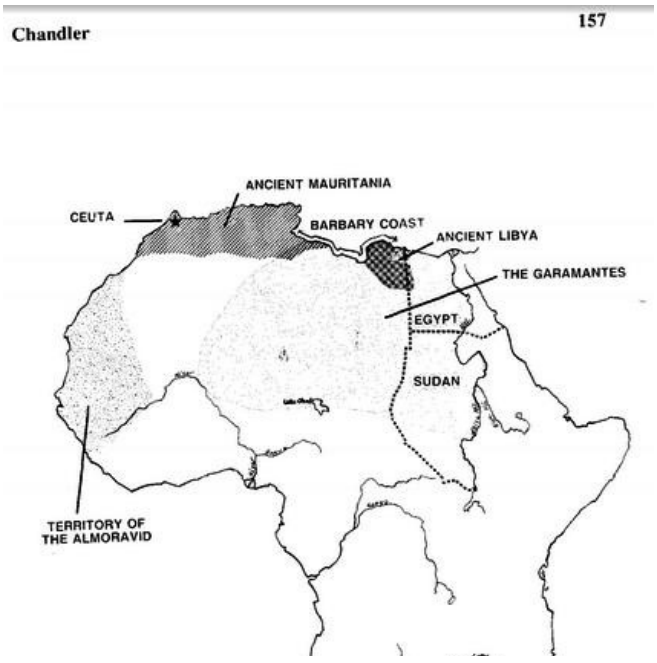
Pièce de monnaie carthaginoise commémorative de la victoire au Lac Trasimène. Il s'agit bien d'Hannibal sur cette pièce. C'est la seule image qu'on peut affirmer authentique de lui (Source : Great Black leaders, Ivan Van Sertima, page 317)

Les phéniciens, ancêtres des carthaginois, étaient également noirs si on tient compte des mêmes analyses sur les squelettes de leur capitale Tyr au Liban, et de leur port de Syracuse en Italie. Ceci dit, il y a eu un contact étroit entre les phéniciens et les Blancs d'Asie d'où le fait que le phénicien ait été une langue sémitique. Mais ce contact encore une fois n'a pas modifié les constantes d'apparence du temps de Carthage, si on s'en tient aux analyses ostéologiques. Carthage fut une civilisation noire et africaine.

3- Le Maghreb était noir

Lorsque les romains prirent le Maghreb après leur guerre gagnée contre le carthaginois Hannibal, ils trouvèrent tellement de Noirs en Tunisie, en Algérie et au Maroc qu'ils les appelèrent Maures et nommèrent l'endroit Maurétanie. Mauros/Maures en grec comme en latin signifie strictement Noir **[4]**. Maurétanie signifie donc pays des Noirs **[4]**. Maroc même serait dériverait de la racine Maure. En réalité si ce mot a finit par signifier Blanc aujourd'hui, c'est parce que c'est un mot désignant les habitants d'une région qui a été conservé malgré le fait que ces habitants aient changé d'aspect.

Ce témoignage catégorique des européens permet de penser que les Noirs étaient là de tout temps au Maghreb. La Libye quant à elle, en raison du brigandage auquel se livrait sa population nomade, était dénommée Barbari par les romains.



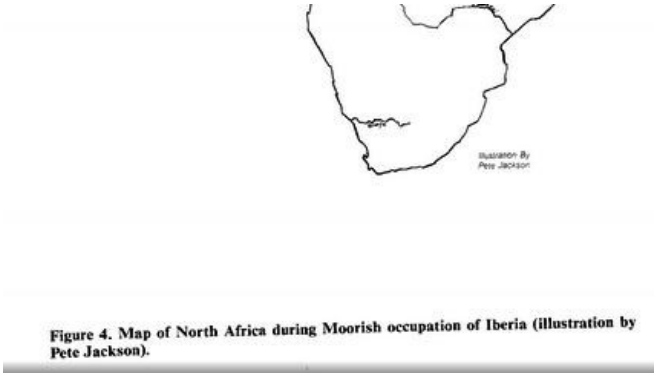


Figure 4. Map of North Africa during Moorish occupation of Iberia (illustration by Pete Jackson).

La Mauretanie correspondait au Maroc, à l'Algérie et à la Tunisie. La Libye était la Barbarie. Source: African Presence in Early Europe, Ivan van Sertima, page 150

Toujours en Libye, les grecs et les romains vont décrire la présence de peuples aux visages scarifiés et peints, qui portent des tresses et pratiquent le totémisme, avec une organisation de toute évidence matriarcale **[5]**. C'est là une description culturelle formelle d'un peuple noir. Les mêmes documents d'époque vont décrire la présence d'une petite nation *« éthiopienne »* vivant de Tripoli à Tunis **[6]**. Éthiopien dérive du grec *« Aethiopus »* qui signifie *visages brulés* donc *Noir* ; ce mot était à l'origine appliqué aux Noirs du Soudan **[7]**. Ce qui prouve encore qu'il y avait des Noirs en Libye.

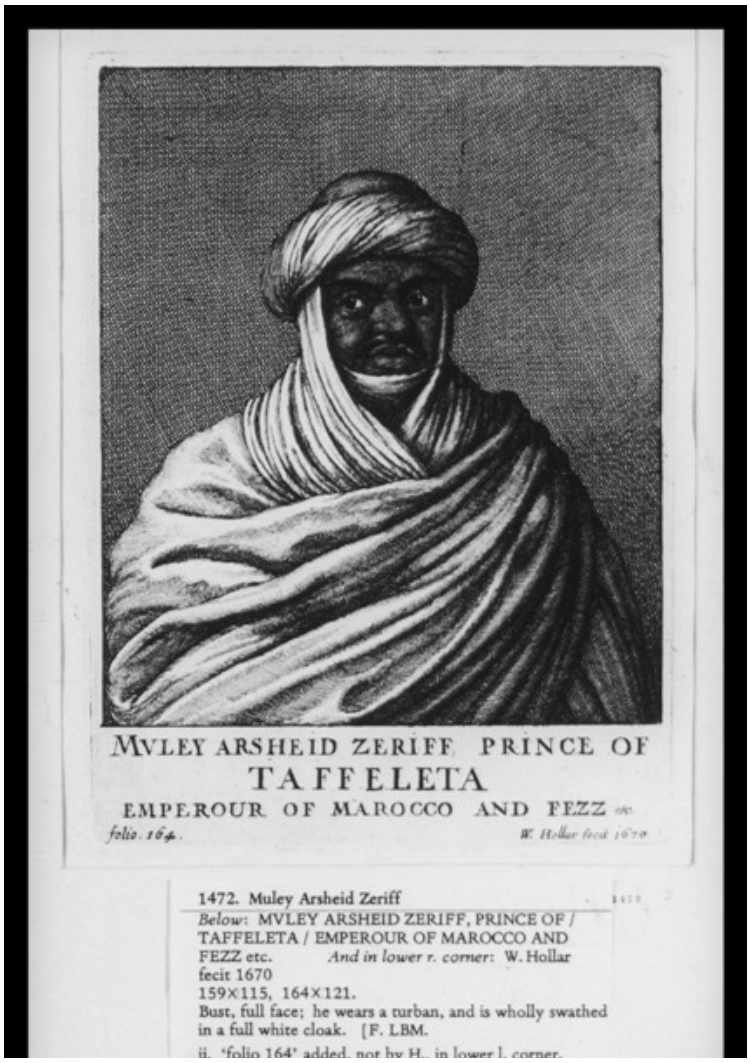
4- « Plus noires que le plus noir des encres »

Lorsque les Arabes entrèrent en Barbari et en Maurétanie, ils transformèrent le mot Barbari en Berbère pour désigner tous les peuples du Maghreb et de la Lybie sans distinction de couleur **[8]**. Le mot Berbère désignait donc au départ des peuples globalement noirs. Ces peuples autochtones constituèrent l'écrasante majorité des troupes qui entrèrent en Espagne en 711 pour débuter les 781 ans d'occupation musulmane de la péninsule ibérique. Les témoignages des Européens de l'Epoque sont formels.

Le roi d'Espagne Alfonso X dit « le sage » raconte cette invasion *« tous les soldats maures étaient habillés de soie et de laine noire acquise par la force… leurs **faces noires** étaient comme du **poix** et le plus beau d'entre eux était* (noir) *comme une **casserole**«* **[9]**.

Dignitaires maures jouant aux échecs. A côté d'eux : 2 servantes, une Noire et une Blanche; et un musicien noir, lors de leur ***domination du sud de l'Europe****. 1283; Source: the Golden age of the Moor, Ivan van Sertima, page 29*

Voici un extrait de la chanson de Roland, récit épique français de la bataille entre les Francs et les Africains au nord de l'Espagne au 8e siècle, qui nous renseigne sur l'apparence des envahisseurs *« En tête s'avance le Sarrasin Abysme ; Il n'en est plus criminel dans cette compagnie que lui. Taché par les marques de ses crimes et grandes trahisons. Point (il) ne croit en Dieu, fils de sainte Marie.* ***Et il est noir, aussi noir que poix fondu****…* ***Ethiopie*** (c'est-à-dire visages brûlés/Afrique en grec)*, une terre maudite en effet. Les* ***Noirs*** *qui en viennent sont sous son commandement; De ces gens qui ont le nez large et les larges oreilles. Et il y en a là plus de* ***50 000*** *en compagnie…. Quand Roland aperçoit la race incroyable, ces* ***hordes et hordes plus noires que le plus noir des encres. De blanc il n'y a que les dents »*** **[10].**



Moulay Rachid, roi du Maroc au 17e siècle. Il est le fondateur de l'actuelle dynastie alaouite qui règne sur le Maroc jusqu'à nos jours. Il fut indiscutablement noir. ***La civilisation du Maroc impérial, avec ses villes magnifiques telles que Marrakech et Meknès, est surtout le fait de dynasties noires. Cette civilisation doit être considérée comme une civilisation noire.***
Source: Collection royale britannique royalcollection.org.uk

Ce sont donc les Européens qui nous ont donné les meilleures descriptions des peuples premiers du Maghreb. On estime à 3,5 millions le nombre de Noirs en Espagne et au Portugal à la fin de l'occupation musulmane **[11]**. Leurs descendants actuels s'appellent Moreau, Maurice, Morin, Moreno, Moro, Moore, Murray, Maurois etc…

Alors on se demande si jusqu'au 8e siècle au moins, le Maghreb était noir, **comment est-il devenu blanc ?** La présence arabe explique en partie le phénomène mais ce sont les deux dernières étapes du peuplement qui semblent nous donner la clé de l'énigme.

5- L'esclavage des Blancs et la présence ottomane

Des millions de Blancs européens ont été mis en esclavage par les Arabes et d'autres musulmans.

Image: Le marché aux esclaves par Jean Léon Jerome

L'encyclopédie de l'Ukraine de 2002 estime à 2 à 2,5 millions le nombre de déportés depuis l'Ukraine, la Biélorussie et la région de Moscou, ceci entre le 15e et le 18e siècle uniquement **[11]**. En sachant que la traite des Blancs par les musulmans a commencé au 8e siècle et a concerné une zone plus étendue, on est porté à croire que le bilan est beaucoup plus lourd que ces 2,5 millions. C'est une traite dont on ne veut pas parler, de mise en esclavage des blancs d'Europe – germains et slaves en particulier (d'où e**sclave)** – par les Arabo-musulmans.

Les hommes blancs étaient castrés par les Juifs à Verdun en France et déportés depuis Venise. Les Européens comme les Arabes ont une sorte d'accord tacite pour passer cette histoire sous silence et faire avaler à tous que seul le Noir a été esclave.

Tous ces blancs, en particulier des femmes, ont été mis en servitude dans tout le monde musulman, y compris au Maghreb, probablement en plus grand nombre que les Noirs. Ce sont donc ces Blancs qui se métisseront avec les Noirs berbères pour donner ceux qu'on continue à appeler Berbères jusqu'à nos jours. La présence ottomane ici aussi intensifiera le blanchiment. Ceci tend à expliquer pourquoi il y a des éléments négro-africains, européens et sémitiques (arabes) dans les langues berbères.

Nous nous doutons que les Berbères n'accepteront jamais une telle conclusion.

Une Berbère noire et une Berbère blanche. Les Berbères, qui constituent l'essentiel de la population du Maghreb aujourd'hui, ne sont pas encore un peuple uniformément blanc. Il est fort probable qu'une grande partie de leur culture leur vienne de leur héritage noir.

En résumé les étapes du blanchiment de l'Egypte sont connues. Le Maghreb et la Libye quant à eux, initialement noirs, se seraient blanchis avec les premiers Blancs de Libye, les Arabes, les Turcs, et surtout par la traite des Blancs.

Hotep !

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PS : D'après la BBC à travers leur article internet *British Slaves on the Barbary Coast*, **1 250 000** Blancs d'Europe ont été mis en esclavage entre 1530 et 1780 en Lybie et au Maghreb

Notes :

[1] Antériorité des civilisations nègres, Cheikh Anta Diop, page 36.
[2] **Intervention de l'historien David Imhotep**
[3] The Golden Age of the Moor, édité par Ivan Van Sertima, page 26
[4] The Golden Age of the Moor, édité par Ivan van Sertima, page 151
[5] Idem, pages 109, 111, 113
[6] Idem, page 118
[7] le grand dictionnaire et critique, Antoine-Augustin Bruzen de la Martinière, page 357
[8] African Presence in early Europe, édité par Ivan Van Sertima, page 149
[9] The Golden Age of the Moor, édité par Ivan van Sertima, page 184
[10] Idem, page 43
[11] Idem, page 66
[12] **Polemia.com**

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Les 42 commandements de Maât

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"Le Noir ignore que ses ancêtres, qui se sont adaptés aux conditions matérielles de la vallée du Nil, sont les plus anciens guides de l'humanité dans la voie de la civilisation" Cheikh Anta Diop

Les 42 commandements de Maât

Afin de comprendre ce qui sera dit ici, il convient au préalable pour le lecteur et la lectrice de se documenter sur **le parcours de la mort** tel qu'il est pensé par les Africains.

Maât, fille de Dieu, elle représente la Vérité et la Justice, avec sa plume sur la tête

Maât est l'ensemble des lois qui régissait la vie des anciens Kamites (Noirs). Après avoir étudié l'univers et **découvert l'existence de Dieu**, nos ancêtres sont arrivés à la conclusion que le but de l'existence était la préservation et la perpétuation de la vie. Ils ont donc émis un ensemble de lois chargées d'appliquer cette philosophie et de garantir l'ordre et l'harmonie dans la société, comme Dieu avait pu le faire lorsque du désordre des eaux primordiales (Noun), Il-Elle avait fait jaillir la création ordonnée et harmonieuse.

Tout être humain doit comme Dieu au commencement mettre l'ordre à la place du désordre, le bien à la place du mal, la vérité à la place du mensonge, la justice à la place de l'injustice etc pour que la vie continue. C'est cette notion de la continuation de la vie, à travers l'application de la vérité-justice que renferme Maât.

L'opposé de Maât est isfet. Isfet et ses adeptes doivent être vaincus à tout pris, y compris par des moyens violents s'il le faut en dernier recours. C'est cette conception de la pratique perpétuelle du bien qui explique pourquoi les Africains anciens, sans avoir été parfaits, ont été un des peuples les plus vertueux au monde dans les temps anciens.

Absence de système esclavagiste, absence de génocide avant les influences étrangères, **absence ou presque de famine, absence de sans domiciles, solidarité renforcée**, des **guerres faisant couler le minimum de sang possible**, des **rois aimés qui règnaient pour le bien de leurs peuples**, hospitalité envers les étrangers. L'historienne et géographe Louise Marie Diop-Maes dira de la société africaine ancienne qu'elle fut *« étonnement humaine ».*

Un homme Mursi d'Ethiopie portant la Plume de Maât

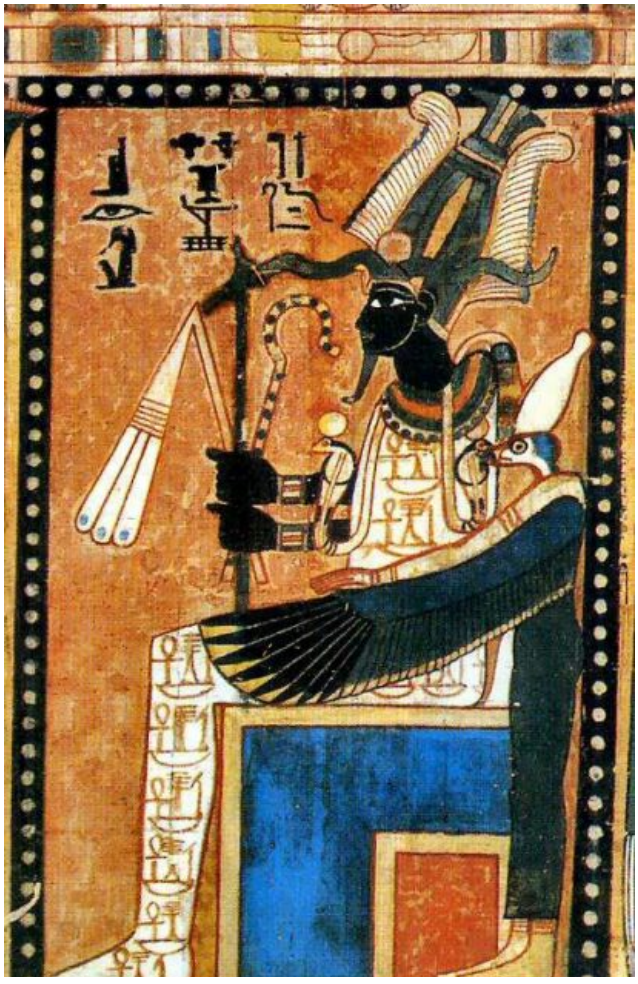
Maât se retrouve dans toute l'Afrique authentique sous plusieurs noms. D'après le savant camerounais Nkoth Bisseck, elle se dit *Mbog* (Bassa, Cameroun), *Mbongi* (Kongo, Congos-Angola), *Mbok* (Wolof, Sénégal), *Fokon'olo* (Madagascar), *Mboka* (Lingala, Congos), *Bok* (Fon, Bénin), *Mvog* (Ewondo, Cameroun), *Fokh* (Fang, Cameroun-Gabon-Guinée Equ.), *Woko* (Banyarwanda, Rwanda), *Wiko* (Copte, Egypte), *Wogo* (Shilluk, Sud Soudan), *Wooko* (Peul, Afrique de l'ouest et centrale), *Mogho* (Mossi, Burkina Faso), *Dugu* (Bambara, Mali), *Dhuughaa* (Somali), *Hoggo* (Dogon, Mali), *Mpow* (Akan, Afrique de l'ouest), *Mogho* (Soninké, Afrique de l'ouest), *Hougan* (Haiti), etc…

La vie de chaque Africain doit être dédiée à faire la Maât. Et c'est lorsqu'on meurt qu'on doit prouver qu'on a appliqué Maât en passant **le jugement dernier.** A la mort, le corps périt, l'énergie indestructible gagne l'éternité (vie éternelle) et l'esprit/âme qui est comptable des actes qu'on a commis doit être jugé par Ousiré (Osiris). Ousiré préside le tribunal du jugement dernier dans la salle dite des deux Maât, accompagné de sa sœur-femme Aïssata (Isis) et de leur sœur Nabintou (Nephtys). Ousiré, en tant que premier Être à avoir connu le cycle de l'existence (vie-mort-justification-résurrection) est apte à déterminer qui a obéit aux lois divines.

Planche III du livre des formules efficaces pour la fusion dans la lumière divine (plus connu sous le nom de livre des morts des anciens égyptiens). On y voit le défunt et sa femme (vêtus de blanc) qui passent l'épreuve du jugement divin. Tout en haut on voit certains des 42 dieux de Maât
Inpou a une tête de chien, il est en train d'armer la balance avec la plume d'un côté et le coeur de l'autre. Djehouty a une tête d'Ibis. Le corps d'Amout est fait de 3 animaux

Le défunt est introduit dans la salle des deux Maât par Horo (Horus). Son cœur où siège son Bâ (âme) est déposé dans une balance par Inpou (Anubis). Le cœur doit être aussi léger que la plume de Maât de l'autre côté. Djehouty (Thot) transcrit le jugement du défunt. Le coeur doit doit être léger et les 42 commandements doivent avoir été appliqués.

Si l'issue du jugement dernier est positive, le défunt sera justifié par Ousiré et son âme sera transmise à un nouveau-né (résurrection/réincarnation). Les vivants entreront en contact avec Dieu à travers son énergie éternelle. Il devient ainsi un ancêtre méritant. Dans le cas contraire Amout (divinité crocodile-léopard-hippopotame) dévorera le cœur qui servira de nourriture aux 42 dieux de la Maât.



Ousiré (Osiris), celui qui est né, mort, justifié et ressuscité pour la première fois. Il est sur son trône, présidant le tribunal des morts pour juger les défunts

Face à Ousiré et ses sœurs, le défunt doit prononcer ces paroles :

Indj her ek ntjer aa, Neb Maâty Salut à toi, dieu grand, Maître des deux Maât

Iou.i reh kwi tjou reh kwi ren ek Je te connais et je connais ton nom

Reh kwi ren n pa ntjerou 42 Je connais le nom de ces 42 dieux

Ankhyou m saou djout es Qui vivent de la garde des péchés

Amy m senef sen Et s'abreuvent de leur sang

Herou poui n kedou m bah Oun nefer Le jour de l'évaluation des qualités devant Oun nefer (l'éternellement bon/Osiris)

Mek saty merety irty neb Maâty ren ek Celui des deux filles (Aïssata et Nabintou), le maître des deux Maât est ton nom

Mek iou i ii kwi her ek Voici que je suis venu vers toi

In n i n ek Maât Et que je t'ai apporté ce qui est équitable

Dera n i n ek isfet J'ai chassé pour toi l'iniquité

N ir i isfet r remet Je n'ai pas commis l'iniquité contre les hommes
N semar i oundjout Je n'ai pas maltraité les gens
N ir i iouyt m set Maât Je n'ai pas commis de péchés dans la place de la Vérité (le temple)
N rekh i ntet Je n'ai pas cherché (à connaître) ce qui n'est pas à connaitre = ne me suis pas mêlé des affaires d'autrui
N ir i bou djou Je n'ai pas fait de mal
N ir i tep ra neb bakou iret n i, n rou ren i iat net herep hemou Je n'ai pas commencé ma journée (de travail en recevant une commission de la part des gens qui devaient travailler sous mon œil = je n'ai pas été corrompu ; et mon nom n'est pas parvenu aux fonctions d'un chef de travailleurs)
N nemehe i hemouou m het ef Je n'ai pas privé un artisan de ses biens
N ir i bout ntjerou Je n'ai pas fait ce qui est abominable aux dieux

N semer i Je n’ai pas fait pleurer

N sema i Je n’ai pas tué

N oudj i sema Je n’ai pas ordonné de tuer

N ir i menet her neb remet Je n’ai fait de peine à personne

N hebi i sebou m rou perou Je n’ai pas amoindri les offrandes alimentaires dans les temples

Femme Duruma, Kenya
avec la plume de Maât

N oudj i ntjerou paoutiou Je n’ai pas blasphémé les dieux primordiaux

N nehem i fenhou ahou Je n’ai pas volé les galettes des bienheureux

N nek i es Je n’ai pas été pédéraste (homosexualité)

N dada i Je n’ai pas forniqué (sexe avec une personne mariée)

N hebi i debhou Je n’ai pas retranché au boisseau (volé du blé)

N hebi i setjat Je n’ai pas amoindri l’aroure (Je n’ai pas falsifié de comptes)

N siat i ahout Je n’ai pas triché sur les terrains

N ouah i her mout net iousou Je n’ai pas ajouté au poids de la balance

N nemehe i m teh n mehat Je n’ai pas faussé le peson de la balance

N nemehe i irtet m ra n nehnou Je n’ai pas ôté le lait de la bouche des petits enfants

N kef i houout her semou sen Je n’ai pas privé le petit bétail de ses herbages

N sehet i apedou n tour ntjerou Je n’ai pas piégé d’oiseaux dans des roselières des dieux

N ham i remou n haout sen Je n'ai pas péché de poissons de leurs lagunes

N hesef i mou m ter ef Je n'ai pas retenu l'eau dans sa saison

N den i denit her mou asou Je n'ai pas opposé une digue à une eau courante

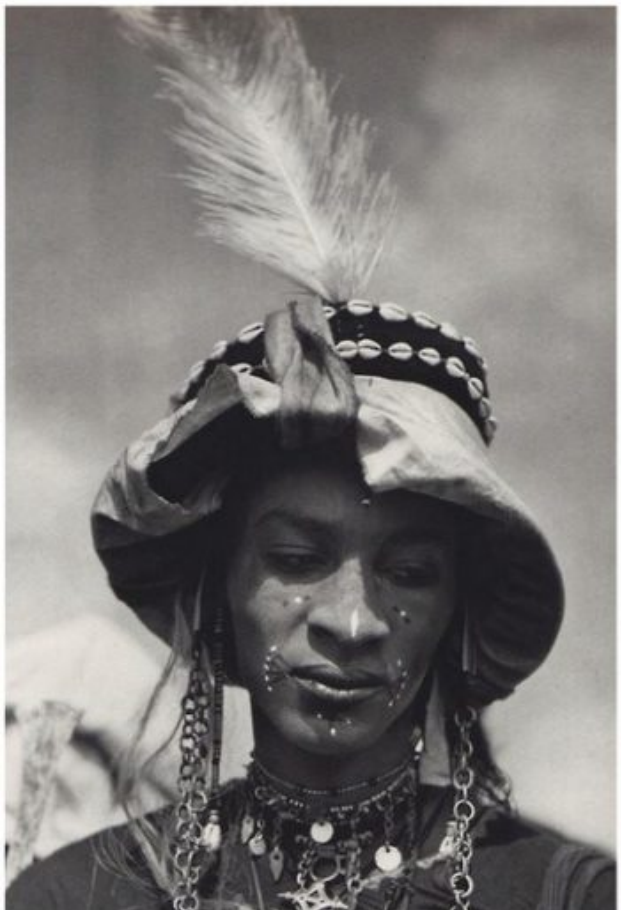
N ahem i het m at es Je n'ai pas éteint un feu dans son ardeur

N tehi i souou her setpet Je n'ai pas omis les jours des offrandes de viandes

N seni i menmenet her het ntjer Je n'ai pas détourné le bétail du repas (offrande) du dieu

N hesaf i ntjer m perou ef Je ne me suis pas opposé à un dieu dans ses sorties en procession

Hommes centrafricains avec la plume de la Maât



Homme peul, Niger
Hommes Igbo, Nigeria

Iou i wab i sepa ! iou I wab I sepa! Iou I wab I sepa! Iou I wab I sepa Je suis pur, je suis pur, je suis pur, je suis pur

Nen kheper bou djou r i m ta pen oushet tjen net Maaty her ntet twi reh kwi ren n nen ntjerou ounyou im es Il ne m'arrivera pas de mal en ce pays car je connais le nom de ces dieux qui s'y trouvent

N senet i Ntjer Je n'ai pas blasphémé Dieu
Je n'ai pas agi avec violence
Je n'ai pas été de mauvaise humeur
Je n'ai pas été sourd aux paroles de vérité
Je n'ai pas été bavard
Je n'ai pas dit de mensonge
Je n'ai pas inspiré de craintes
Je n'ai pas pollué les eaux
Je n'ai pas insulté le roi
Je n'ai pas été hautain

Hommes Somali
Homme Kuba, RD Congo

Jeune femme soudanaise

Indj her tjen imyou oushet tjen net Maâty Salut à vous qui êtes dans cette salle des deux Maât

N tou gerge Vous qui êtes exempts de mensonge

Ma tjen wi ii kwi her tjen Me voici venu à vous

Nen isfet i, nen hebent i, nen djout i, nen meterou i, nen ir n i het r ef Sans péchés, sans délits, sans vilenie, sans accusateur, sans quelqu'un contre qui j'ai sévit

Iou ir n i djedet remetj herout ntjerou her es J'ai fait ce dont parle les dieux, ce dont se rejouissent les dieux

Iou sehtep n i ntjer m merret ef J'ai satisfait le dieu (Ousiré) par ce qu'il aime

Iou i redi n i t n heker J'ai donné le pain à l'affamé

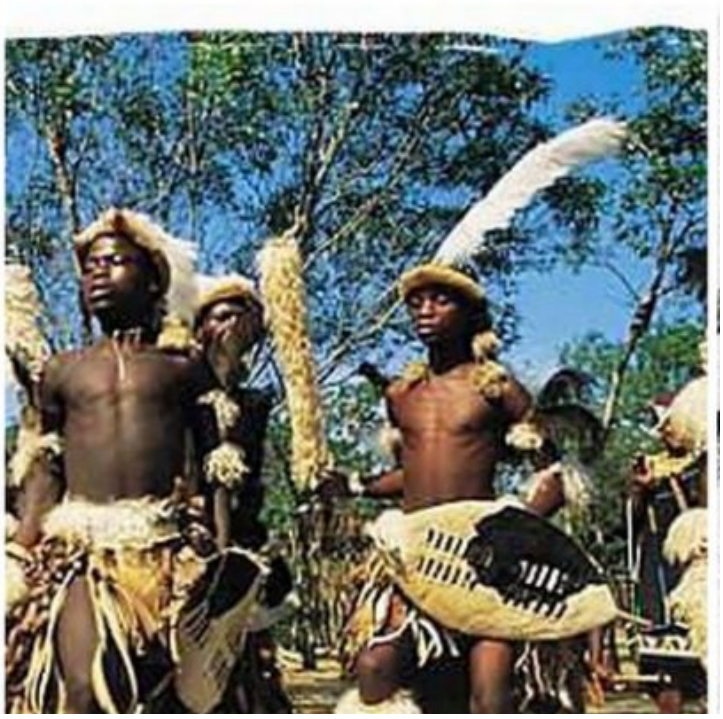
Mou n ib De l'eau à l'altéré

Hebes n hayou Des vêtements à celui qui était nu

Mehent n iwi Une barque à celui qui n'en avait pas

Nehem wi iref tjen hewi wi nen semi tjen r i m bah (ntjer aa) Alors sauvez moi, protégez moi, ne faites pas de rapport contre moi devant (ce grand dieu (Ousiré))

Ink wab ra wab awi Je suis pur de bouche, pur de mains



Femme pratiquante du Vodoun, Bénin
Adolescents Zulu, Afrique du Sud

Hotep !

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Это парадоксально, но очень многие до сих пор считают, что «химтрейлы» удел верования одних лишь конспирологов, хотя технологии «разгона дождевых облаков» или «вызова искусственных дождей» - не только не скрываются, а широко применяются в различных странах мира...

Активное воздействие на гидрометеорологические процессы

«Активное воздействие на гидрометеорологические процессы — воздействие на гидрометеорологические процессы в целях их регулирования и уменьшения возможного вреда от них населению и экономике. Теоретически также возможно такое воздействие в военных целях.

Активное воздействие на облака — это физико-химическое воздействие на облака с целью вызвать выпадение осадков из облаков или рассеяние облаков без выпадения осадков, или предотвратить выпадение града из облаков. Эта технология была разработана в конце 1940-х — начале 1950-х годов. В частности, в 1946 году Бернард Воннегут открыл эффект действия иодида серебра и иодида свинца в качестве центров кристаллизации воды, который был использован для создания установок искусственного рассеивания облаков.

В настоящее время механизм таких воздействий преимущественно сводится к изменению фазового состояния облака при «засеве» его некоторыми реагентами,

ИЗ НОВОСТЕЙ

Металлические фолианты богов: куда пропали книги из подземелья Атлантов

В Библии на самом деле есть два Бога: Бог Творец и племенной демон Яхве

Человек исчез на 5 лет, хотя всего лишь нырнул в озеро. Случай остановки времени под водой

в частности твёрдой углекислотой и дымом йодистого серебра или йодистого свинца. При испарении измельчённой углекислоты в переохлаждённых водяных облаках создаётся сильное охлаждение (ниже −40 °C) и пересыщение, что приводит к кристаллизации. Облака превращаются в смешанные, приобретают вследствие этого коллоидальную неустойчивость и дают осадки, как это бывает естественным образом в смешанных облаках (см. теория Бержерона—Финдайзенaruen). Например, в СССР засев производился специальными самолётами-зондировщиками, например, Ан-30М и другими.
Во многих странах мира (Россия, США, Аргентина, Армения, Бразилия, Франция, Германия, Испания, ЮАР и др.) проводятся мероприятия, позволяющие снизить ущерб для сельского хозяйства от града в несколько раз»

Активное воздействие на туманы

«Активное воздействие на туманы — это воздействие на туманы в целях их рассеяния. На переохлаждённые туманы (при отрицательных температурах) воздействуют твёрдой углекислотой и дымом йодистого серебра, чтобы создать в тумане ледяные кристаллы таким же образом, как это делается при активном воздействии на облака. Применяется также засев гигроскопическими частичками. Для засева твёрдой углекислотой и йодистым серебром применяют наземные установки и генераторы»

Борьба с тайфунами

«В США разрабатывались методы активного воздействия на тайфуны с целью их разрушения или изменения траекторий. Американские учёные предполагали, что достаточно будет разрушить часть облачности в каком-либо секторе, чтобы нарушить его энергетический баланс, что изменит и траекторию движения тайфуна.
СССР совместно с Кубой и Вьетнамом также в 1980-е годы проводил исследования тайфунов, задачей которых было найти те «болевые точки» тайфуна, действуя на которые можно было бы уменьшать или увеличивать его мощность, разрушать или изменять траекторию. Были получены интересные данные, в том числе по структуре тайфуна, что дало возможность приступить к моделированию различных методов воздействия»

Проект "Серебряный жук": инопланетная технология, используемая для создания летающей тарелки

Шёпот Вселенной, или звонок от инопланетян: что услышал "Вояджер-1"?

Чем космическая радиация отличается от радиации в Чернобыле?

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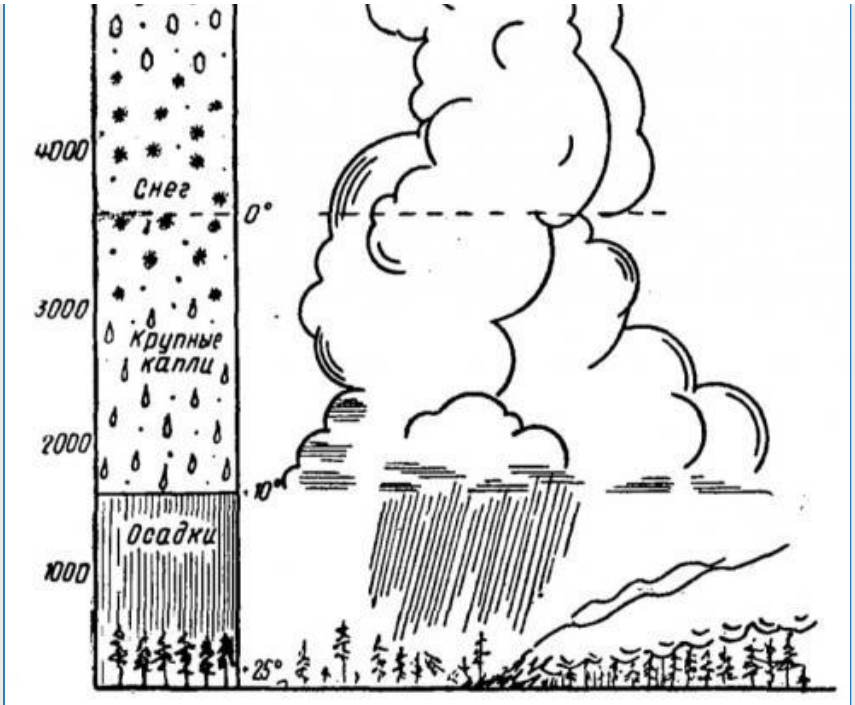


Рис. 7. Схема искусственного вызывания осадков из мощного кучевого облака

Повелители туч

«На 1 и на 9 мая в Москве, как всегда, будет отличная погода. Столичные власти еще в прошлом году заказали "услуги по метеозащите" на майские праздники. Как разгонять тучи, рассеивать туманы и отбивать снегопады? Над этой проблемой ученые работали еще при советской власти. И тогда, и сейчас разработкой новых средств метеозащиты занимаются в Центральной аэрологической обсерватории, которая ныне входит в состав Росгидромета.

"Первые работы по предотвращению осадков проводились в мае-декабре 1986-го в зоне Чернобыльской аварии, - отметил Баграт Данелян. - Тогда стояла задача снизить вероятность попадания радиоактивных отходов в реку". А основные элементы технологии "разгона облаков" появились к концу 90-х. С тех пор технология осталась прежней, меняются только отдельные детали.

Итак, в зоне, где предстоит "гонять тучи", организуют постоянное радиолокационное наблюдение. Если появляются облака, в заданный район направляют самолет-лабораторию. Специалисты анализируют параметры облаков и передают их в оперативный центр. Что можно сделать с облаками? Либо рассеять, либо принудительно вызвать дождь (чтобы он просто не успел "дойти" до Москвы), либо затормозить образование осадков. Можно также попытаться разрушить мощные кучевые облака. В этом случае в вершину облака сбрасывают около 30 килограммов цемента. "Объем облака - порядка 20 кубических километров, - продолжает Баграт Данелян. -

Такое количество порошка не может привести к загрязнению окружающей среды"»

Искусственный вызов дождей

«Летом 2021 года в ОАЭ прошли испытания новых технологий по вызову осадков. С этой целью в Эмиратах стали использовать дроны, которые могут вызывать дождь с помощью электрических разрядов в облаках без использования химических соединений. Так в 50-ти градусную жару полил сильный проливной ливень. Наиболее актуальны данные технологии для жарких и засушливых стран, где дождь относительно редок»

В ОАЭ научились вызывать дождь с помощью электричества

«15.07.2021г. В некоторых районах Объединенных Арабских Эмиратов уже второй день идут сильные дожди, хотя летом обычно засушливый сезон с сильной жарой, сообщили местные синоптики. Специалисты рассказали, что дожди пошли после экспериментов с новыми технологиями вызова осадков. Летом в ОАЭ сухо, днем зачастую стоит жара около 50 градусов, а осадки не выпадают. Ливни были в разных районах страны, включая столичный эмират. В засушливых странах власти активно ищут способы вызова осадков. В ОАЭ с весны начали тестировать дроны, которые способны вызывать дождь без химикатов - с помощью электрических зарядов»

«Благодаря электрическим разрядам дроны помогают молекулам воды «сливаться» вместе и выпадать на землю без использования каких-либо химических соединений. Влага в облаках содержит электрический заряд. Поэтому, изменяя мощность зарядов, можно заставить капли воды расти быстрее, сливаться вместе и выпадать на землю в виде дождя.

Испытаниями занимается Дубайская академия SANAD совместно с учеными британского университете Рединга. Эксперимент проводится в особо жарких и засушливых регионах королевства. Возглавляет исследование профессор Джайлс Харрисон. Исследователи получили грант от Национального центра метеорологии и сейсмологии ОАЭ в размере 5,5 млн дирхамов (1,5 млн долларов США). Грант будет распределен в течение трех лет с ежегодным бюджетом не более 2,2 млн дирхамов.

Летом в ОАЭ выпадает катастрофически мало осадков. Но благодаря новой технологии в июне на ряд районов страны обрушились проливные дожди с ветром и градом, не смотря на 50-градусную жару.

Еще летом 2020 года компания Kleindienst Group, застройщик архипелага «Сердце Европы», возводимого на намывных островах у побережья Дубая, объявил о планах по реализации проекта с искусственно контролируемым климатом. На «Улице дождя» протяженностью 1 км, которая будет построена на островах, осадки будет идти круглый год. Несмотря на то, что температура воздуха в ОАЭ поднимается выше 40°C в летний период, на «Улице дождя» она будет искусственно поддерживаться на уровне 27°C.

Пока неясно, насколько новые технологии могут навредить окружающей местности и населению, так как не понятно каким образом можно контролировать интенсивность подобных осадков»

Китай

«В конце 2020 года Пекин утвердил национальную программу по модификации погоды. Ключевым пунктом программы считается искусственный вызов дождя. Периоды засухи и опасности наводнений могут корректироваться с помощью ряда технологий, которые вызывают обильные осадки тогда и там где нужно, а не случайным образом. Например, самой распространённой и испытанной технологией остаётся засев химическими реагентами облаков, что ведёт к увеличению размера капель и

последующему выпадению осадков.

Использование для подобных работ дронов в Китае считается самым перспективным инструментом для коррекции погоды. Для этого в январе этого года был испытан дрон Ganlin-1. Нечто подобное собираются развернуть в Объединённых Арабских Эмиратах. Однако в ОАЭ пытаются реализовать другой и более экономичный, а также экологически чистый подход — провокация дождя ведётся с помощью электрических разрядов.
Подвешенные на крыльях самолётов или дронов разрядники создают в облаках области с заряжёнными частицами влаги, которые за счёт статического электричества также укрупняются и выпадают дождём. Утверждается, что выпавшие недавно в ОАЭ обильные осадки вызваны электрическими установками, а не реагентами. Вероятно, Китай также может прийти к такому решению, если это будет экономичнее, чем распыление химических веществ.
Отметим, сфера изменения погоды существует уже несколько десятилетий. В США, например, этим плотно занялись после Второй мировой войны. По данным Всемирной метеорологической организации, в 2017 году к осуществлению программ контроля погоды приступили более 50 стран, а такие инновации, как дроны, в последние годы лишь ускорили темпы развития этого направления»

Россия

«Самолет-зондировщик Ан-26 "Циклон" Авиалесоохраны в четверг вызовет искусственные осадки над лесными пожарами на севере Иркутской области, сообщила пресс-служба правительства региона.
"Там образовалась облачность, подходящая для вызывания искусственных осадков, которые эффективно помогают наземным силам в тушении лесных пожаров", - говорится в сообщении.Уточняется, что самолет-зондировщик будет

работать в Катангском, Бодайбинском и Киренском районах. Ранее сообщалось, что это воздушное судно было задействовано в тушении лесных пожаров в Прибайкалье в конце июня. Тогда самолет-зондировщик вызвал искусственные осадки также на севере области»

«Специалисты авиалесоохраны вызвали искусственные осадки в четырех районах Якутии для борьбы с пожарами, сообщает пресс-служба главы и правительства региона.
Борт Ан-26 оснащен специальным оборудованием, которое запускает в облака пиропатроны с йодистым серебром. Под его воздействием уже через полчаса начинается образование осадков. Маршруты полётов прокладывают на основе данных о пожарной обстановке.
Как сообщил и. о. зампреда регионального правительства Денис Белозеров, на территории Якутии действует 17 лесных пожаров, из которых 15 действующих и два локализованы.
"Исходя из той облачности, которая сформировалась на территории республики, был произведен облет четырех районов, где действуют пять лесных пожаров, и произведены работы по вызову искусственных осадков", — цитирует Белозерова пресс-служба»

Дожди по заказу: как работает пиропатрон для вызова осадков

«Ростех в этом году поставит около 2,6 тыс. специальных патронов для вызова дождя. Этим летом осадки, вызванные искусственным способом, уже оказали серьезную помощь при тушении крупных лесных пожаров в Иркутской области и Красноярском крае.

Исследования в области так называемого активного воздействия на климатическую среду велись еще с 1930-х годов. На протяжении многих лет СССР в этой сфере шел впереди планеты всей, руководствуясь по большей части хозяйственными целями. С помощью искусственных дождей предполагалось не только тушить пожары, метод нашел применение и для орошения полей в засушливое время года, и покрытия их снегом в малоснежную зиму.

В нашей стране были проведены широкие экспериментальные исследования для получения дождей из зимних облаков и из летних облаков, не достигающих стадии дождя. Для этого в 1958 году был организован специальный метеорологический полигон с контрольной площадкой размером 50 на 75 км и сетью дождемеров и снегомеров.

В 1960-х годах начались первые практические работы по воздействию на погоду. Наиболее активно развивались технологии искусственного уменьшения осадков. Например, в дни парадов и демонстраций организовывались работы по улучшению погоды. Для этого нужно было сделать так, чтобы «предназначенные» столице облака пролились дождем еще на подступах к Москве.

Сегодня именно в Китае действует самый масштабный в мире проект по созданию искусственных дождей. Китайская аэрокосмическая научно-техническая корпорация установила в предгорье Тибета на высоте пяти километров над уровнем моря систему устройств, которые выпускают в воздух частички йодида серебра. Предполагается, что ежегодно ожидаемые 10 млрд тонн осадков поднимут уровень воды в реках, в результате чего удастся оросить 1,6 млн квадратных километров посевных полей. Впрочем, как отмечают эксперты, при всей масштабности проекта, используемая технология совсем не нова и известна еще со времен Воннегута.»

Если верить официальным утверждениям, технологии по управлению погодой появились лишь в 1930-х годах, но факты говорят о том, что подобные технологии не только существовали, но и успешно применялись еще в 17 веке (возможно и раньше).
Хотя мы часто обсуждаем, играют ли наши правительства с погодой без нашего ведома, похоже, что в свое время это не было большим секретом.

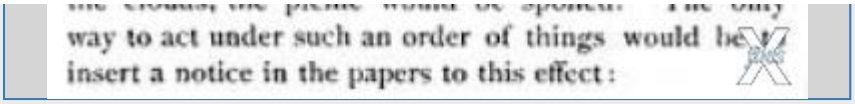
1884 год

THE ARTIFICIAL RAIN-STARTER.

WE learn from a daily paper, one of the great popular educators, that a device has been invented for bringing rain by artificial means. The nature of the contrivance is as follows: A balloon containing a can of dynamite connected by fine wire with the earth, is sent up into the clouds. When the balloon has risen to a sufficient height, the electric current is turned on through the wire; this explodes the dynamite, and the rain, the inventor declares, immediately begins to fall.

This is certainly a wonderful invention, but after mature deliberation anyone would probably decide that it is best to rely on nature for the grateful, cooling rain. Some like rain one day and some another, and nature is perfectly fair to all. But if he who desires rain can bring it by simply sending into the sky a balloonful of dynamite, he is taking an unfair advantage of the man who does not desire rain; for although a little dynamite may start a shower, no dynamite can stop it.

Supposing I wish to get up a picnic. If the weather is fair, or if there are only a few clouds in the sky, I should naturally say, "This is a good day for a picnic;" and I should stand an equal chance with all the rest of mankind of being right. But if every evil-minded citizen owns a patent rain-starter, what chance have I against the crowd. In case some such person in the vicinity of the picnic grounds should take it into his head to have a rainy day, and blast water out of the clouds, the picnic would be spoiled. The only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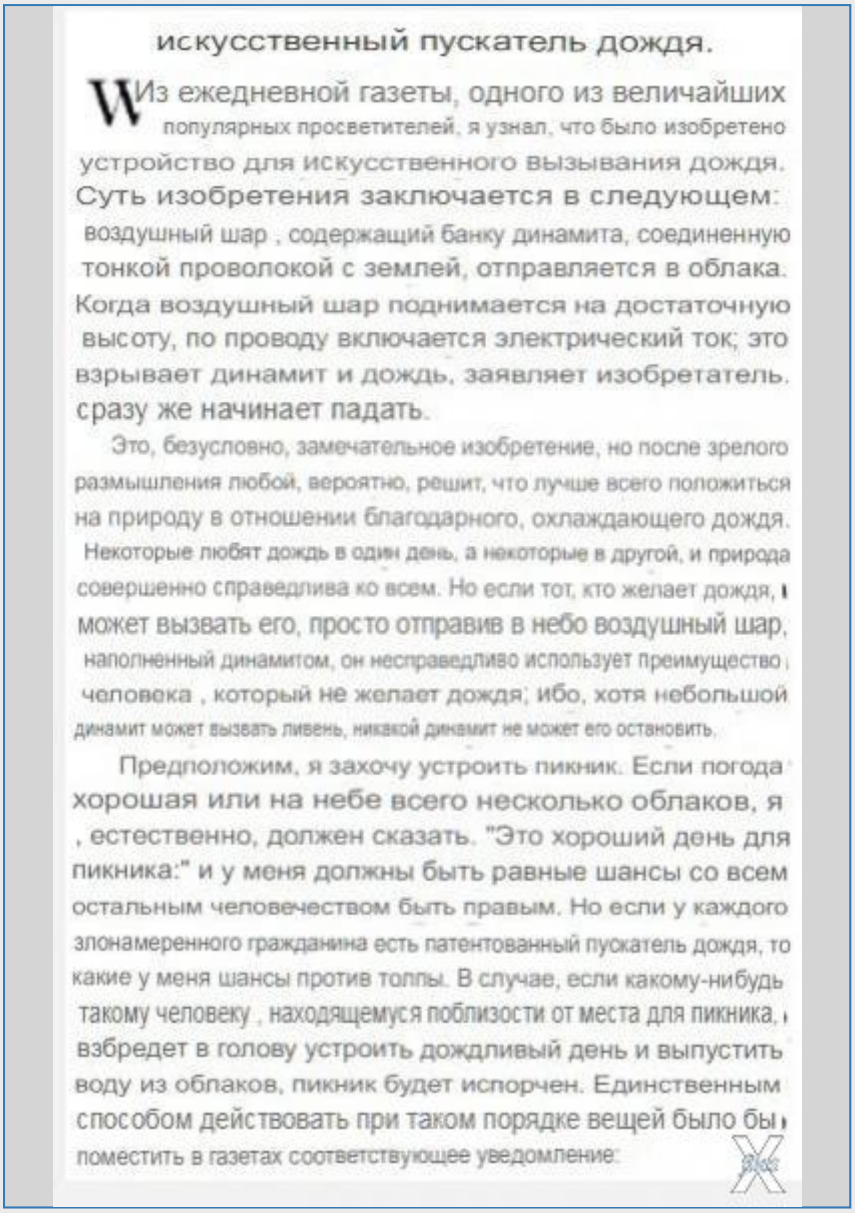

ИСКУССТВЕННЫЙ ПУСКАТЕЛЬ ДОЖДЯ.

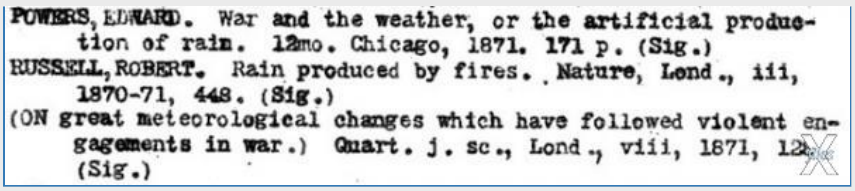
Из ежедневной газеты, одного из величайших популярных просветителей, я узнал, что было изобретено устройство для искусственного вызывания дождя. Суть изобретения заключается в следующем: воздушный шар, содержащий банку динамита, соединенную тонкой проволокой с землей, отправляется в облака. Когда воздушный шар поднимается на достаточную высоту, по проводу включается электрический ток; это взрывает динамит и дождь, заявляет изобретатель, сразу же начинает падать.

Это, безусловно, замечательное изобретение, но после зрелого размышления любой, вероятно, решит, что лучше всего положиться на природу в отношении благодарного, охлаждающего дождя. Некоторые любят дождь в один день, а некоторые в другой, и природа совершенно справедлива ко всем. Но если тот, кто желает дождя, может вызвать его, просто отправив в небо воздушный шар, наполненный динамитом, он несправедливо использует преимущество человека, который не желает дождя; ибо, хотя небольшой динамит может вызвать ливень, никакой динамит не может его остановить.

Предположим, я захочу устроить пикник. Если погода хорошая или на небе всего несколько облаков, я, естественно, должен сказать. "Это хороший день для пикника:" и у меня должны быть равные шансы со всем остальным человечеством быть правым. Но если у каждого злонамеренного гражданина есть патентованный пускатель дождя, то какие у меня шансы против толпы. В случае, если какому-нибудь такому человеку, находящемуся поблизости от места для пикника, взбредет в голову устроить дождливый день и выпустить воду из облаков, пикник будет испорчен. Единственным способом действовать при таком порядке вещей было бы поместить в газетах соответствующее уведомление:

И хотя приведенное выше может показаться умной шуткой 1884 года, созданной журналом Harward Lampoon Magazine , приведенная ниже Библиография по метеорологии 1889 года (с введением Адольфуса Грили) предполагает, что все было довольно серьезно.

Читая эти факты подумайте о том, может быть все эти катаклизмы на протяжении 17 — 19 века были делом рук самих людей или вернее тех сил, которые правят миром.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Просто подумайте о том, что более 200 лет назад такие вещи были возможны ... это, как минимум ошеломляет.

Искусственный снег

I AM conſidering how moſt of the great phæ-nomena or appearances in nature, have been imi-tated by the art of man. Thunder is grown a common drug among the chymiſts. Lightning may be bought by the pound. If a man has oc-caſion for a lambent flame, you have whole ſheets of it in a handful of phoſphor[q]. Showers of rain are to be met with in every water-work; and we are informed[r], that ſome years, ago the vir-tuoſos of France covered a little vault with arti-ficial ſnow, which they made to fall above an hour together for the entertainment of his pre-ſent majeſty.

Я доверяю, как много великого фэ-
имена или явления в природе были имитированы
искусством человека. Гром выращивается как
распространенный наркотик среди химифтов. Молния
может быть куплена за фунт стерлингов. Если у человека есть
для яркого пламени, у вас его целые куски
в горсти фофора". Ливни с
дождем должны быть встречены при каждой водопроводной
работе; и нам сообщают, что несколько лет назад французские
вир - туофосы покрыли небольшой свод искусственным
снегом, который они заставили падать
более часа вместе для развлечения его
величества.

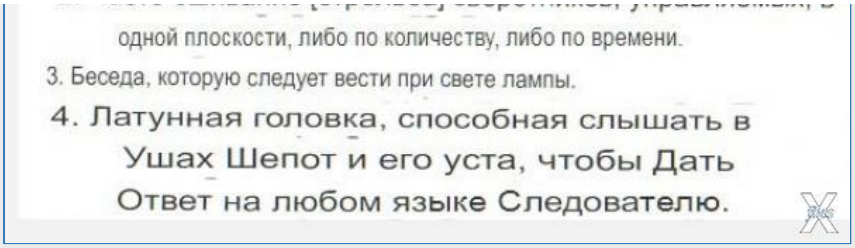
1655 год

Among his manuscripts we find a slip of paper which has all the appearance of having passed through many hands,* and suggests the idea that it was one of many similarly written, to enable others to make known among their friends what the Marquis had to offer, seeking their encouragement therein, of what they chose to select. It reads thus:—

1. Intelligence at a distance communicative & not limitted to distance, nor by it the time p'long'd.
2. Ffountaines of pleasure, with artificiall snow or haill or thunder, & quantity not limitted.
2. Oft suteing [shooting] peerds, controuleable, in one plane, either for number or time.
3. Discourse to be had by a Lamp.
4. A Brass head, capable to Receave at the Eare a Whisper & the mouth thereof to Render Answere in any Language to the Interrogator.

Среди его рукописей мы находим листок
бумаги, который, по всей видимости, прошел через
многие руки*, и наводит на мысль, что он был одним из
многих подобных написанных, чтобы другие могли
сообщить своим друзьям, что маркиз мог предложить,
ища в этом их поддержки, из того, что они
выбрали. В нем говорится следующее: —

1. Интеллект на расстоянии коммуникативный и не
ограниченный расстоянием, ни временем, которое прошло.
2. Источники удовольствия, с искусственным снегом , градом
или громом, и количество не ограничено.
2. Часто сшивание [стрельба] сверстников, управляемых, в



Интересно, что в определенном смысле технологии управления погодой существовавшие в 19 веке превосходят наши современные потуги с распылением химикатов в атмосфере. Мы опять наблюдаем «обратную эволюцию технологий», а по сути потерю существовавших совсем недавно технологий...

С 1870 по 1880 годы, вызывание искусственных осадков вообще было не проблемой и технология была создана, отработана, проверена и применялась, но затем произошло нечто такое, в следствии чего человеческая цивилизация потеряла все накопленное в плане своего технологического развития и только сейчас, спустя сотни лет лишь пытается приблизиться к тому уровню, которого уже некогда достигла...

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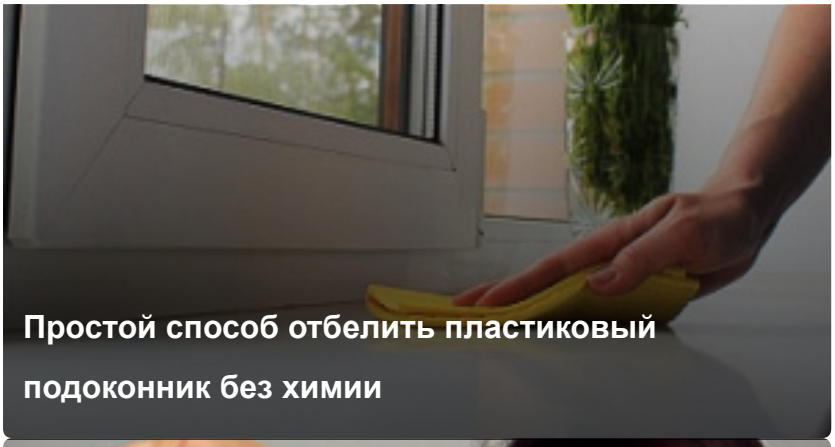

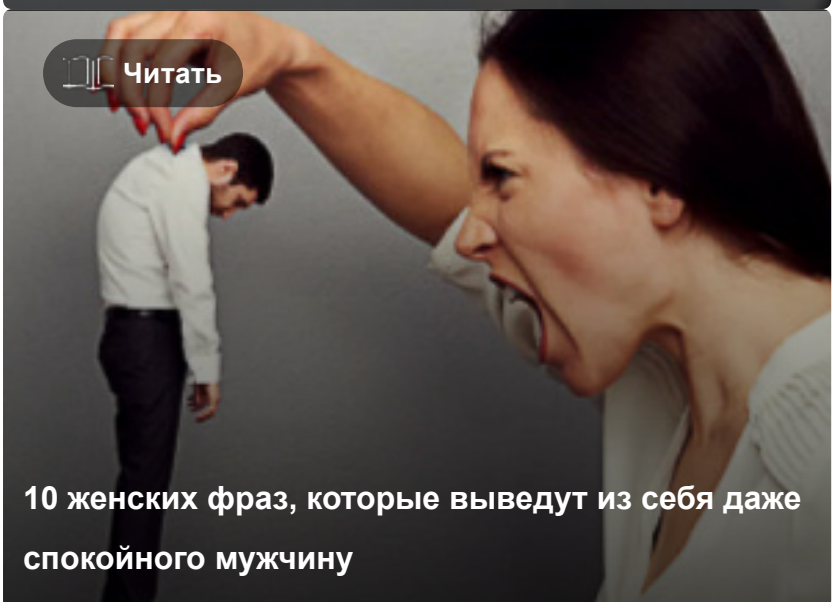

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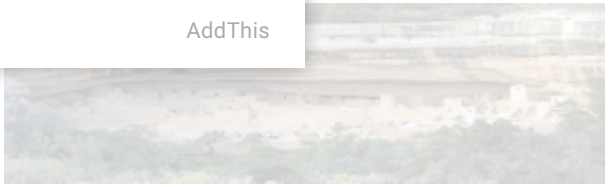

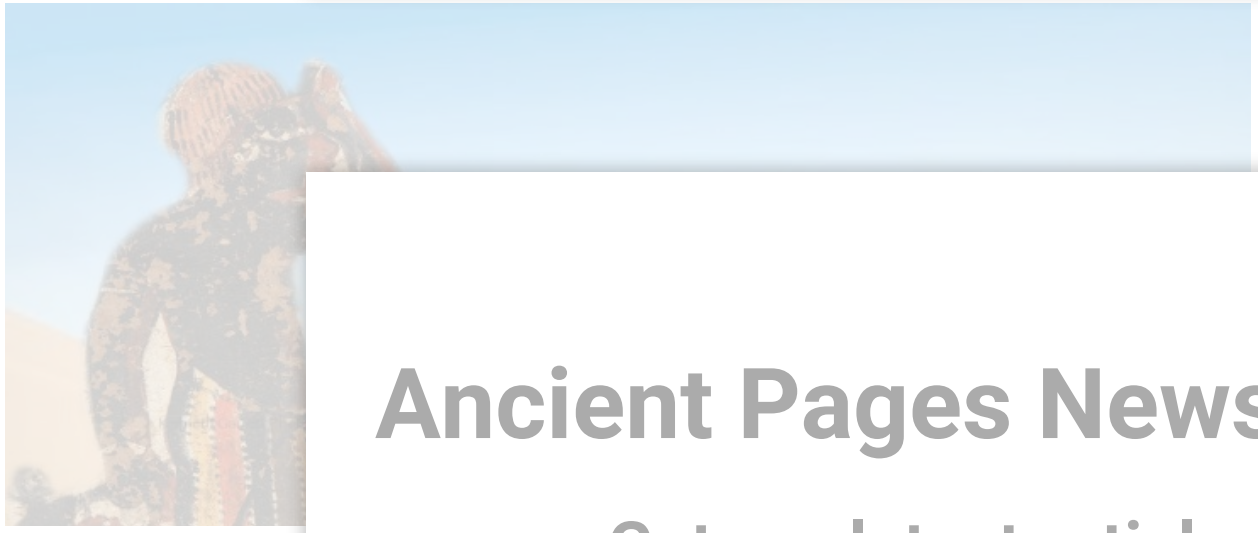

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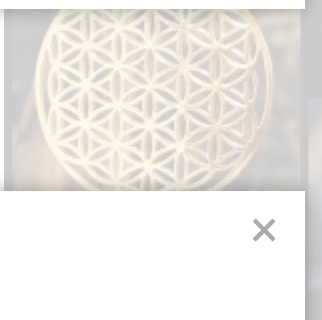

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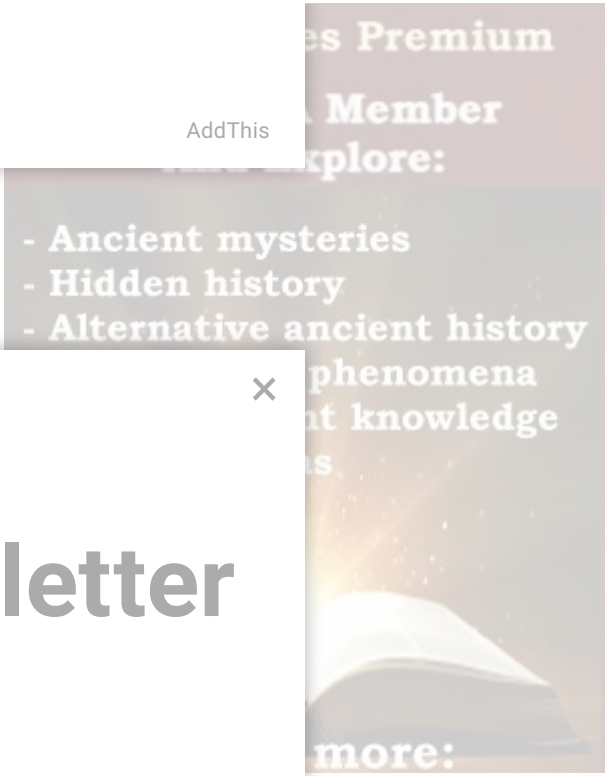

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Морок

Оморочка может иметь очень сильные последствия

Морок, оморочка... Что означают эти слова? Что происходит с омороченным? Возможно ли это в нашем современном мире - или это только в древности было возможно?

Как это ни странно, морок и сейчас могут напустить. Морок - это измененное состояние сознания, подсознания, а в худших случаях и всей сущности. В зависимости от оморочки человек под ее воздействием может видеть, чувствовать, ощущать - или все сразу - не то, что происходит на самом деле.

Рассмотрим несколько ситуаций для более наглядного примера.

2. Внезапно появился густой туман, не характерный в данное время (либо другой вид осадков, не приносящий физического воздействия)
3. Вы находитесь на остановке, все молчат, но Вы четко слышите, как Ва зовут отойти в сторону. Даже если никого нет вокруг всей остановки.

Это типичные примеры оморочки - слуховая, зрительная, физическая. Все эти виды применяются как по отдельности, так и одновременно. Чем сильнее маг - тем больше влияние. Если требуется напустить морок только в определенном месте небольшого диаметра на одного человека с небольшим количеством изменений (предположим, чтобы в конкретном доме вместо хозяйки видел животное или сущность , либо старую место молодой или наоборот, или стул выпрыгнул из-под него) требуется минимум сил. В тоже время для оморачивания большой группы людей, на длительное время либо с максимальным воздействием требуется намного больше сил.

Методы наведения морока

Существует множество методов воздействия на человека. Для наведения морока существуют различные способы:

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способами возможно улучшение желаемого действия.

- Зелья и заговоры имеют не настолько мощный эффект, но для определенных нужд хватает.
- Шепотки и легкие заклятья несут разовый, кратковременный, но мощный эффект.

При этом необходимо учитывать силу Эгрегора, личные возможности и многие другие аспекты, влияющие на эффективность оморочки.

Виды оморачивания

Всем известны оборотни. Многие считают, что колдуны обращаются в различных животных. Однако это не так. В оборотничестве, помимо морока, присутствуют и другие воздействия, но главное - это все-таки морок. Он один дает возможность почувствовать дождь без дождя, увидеть старуху - молодой и прекрасной, а старика - в образе огромного страшного зверя.

Морок бывает разный, все зависит от желания и цели оморачивающего. Если Вы желаете напустить оморочку - будьте готовы к длительной работе.

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by **Brian Shilhavy**
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What was once taboo to discuss and was formerly relegated to the "conspiracy theories" parts of the darkest places on the Internet, is now becoming mainstream: the harvesting of blood from children and babies and marketing products derived from them to allegedly help people stay young, and theoretically give them immortality.

Today, August 20, 2020, Netflix is launching a new science "fiction" drama called "Biohackers."

The Sun published a review of the series earlier this week:

> WOULD you like to live forever?
>
> From daily sessions in sub-zero cryo-chambers to stem cell injection and transfusions of teenagers' BLOOD, their bizarre attempts to become superhuman have fuelled a multi-million dollar industry.
>
> It may sound like something out of a sci-fi novel, but there's a growing band of Silicon Valley billionaires who believe they can achieve eternal life through "biohacking" – the process of making alterations to your body to keep it younger.
>
> Netflix's new drama Biohackers, released on Thursday, (Aug 20) seizes on the terrifying trend by imagining a secretive lab where a young student, played by Luna Wedler, discovers a sinister experiment using the techniques on an entire town.
>
> Here we meet the real Silicon Valley biohackers – the men who want to be immortal.
>
> **Peter Thiel – Thirst for young blood**
>
> Paypal founder Peter Thiel has a gruesome plan to achieve eternal life – by injecting the blood of teenagers.
>
> The practice, known as parabiosis, is not as impossible as it seems – in 2016, a start up firm called Ambrosia started offering transfusions of "young plasma" for £6,000 a time.
>
> The billionaire mogul, 53, has said: "I'm looking into parabiosis stuff, which I think is really interesting. This is where they did the young blood into older mice and they found it had a massive rejuvenating effect."
>
> It's not known whether Thiel has acted on his impulse but he has previously admitted to taking human growth hormone to slow his decline into old age, and he stands against the "ideology of the inevitability of death." (Source.)

As the press review of this new Netflix drama reveals, this is NOT science fiction. It has been happening for years now.

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In fact, the practice of harvesting blood plasma from children and babies has apparently been so widespread, that the FDA had to issue a warning about it last year.

The Verge ran an article on March 26, 2019 titled: Everything wrong with the young blood injection craze:

> Recently, the US Food and Drug Administration made a somewhat strange request: please don't buy transfusions of young blood plasma to improve your health. The announcement is a conclusion of sorts to years-long hype over the tantalizing possibility that the fountain of youth can be found in the bodies of other people.
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> To find out why that's not exactly the case, we spoke to Irina Conboy and Michael Conboy, a husband-and-wife research team at UC Berkeley.
>
> Back in 2005, the Conboys published one of the landmark papers that kicked off this hype — but the research wasn't looking at blood transfusions and it wasn't exactly done in humans. That didn't stop companies like Ambrosia Health from promising that a couple liters of blood (at $8,000 a pop) would reverse aging, even though the procedure was more likely to put people in danger.
>
> The latest Verge Science video covers this odd story, which is about real science, overgeneralized results, lots of high hopes, and people trying to make a quick buck. (Source.)

And while the coverage by *The Verge* was negative, trying to discourage people from practicing this, you can find plenty of positive reviews of the practice online as well, such as this lecture given on the popular TED Talks platform in 2015 by Tony Wyss-Coray, PhD, Professor of Neurology & Neurological Sciences at Stanford: How young blood might help reverse aging. Yes, really.

He discusses his own "unpublished" work of injecting human "young blood" into mice.

Here is another video from 2015 discussing the same thing, and referencing an article published in The Smithsonian Magazine titled: Vampire Healing: Young Blood Can Mend Old Broken Bones.

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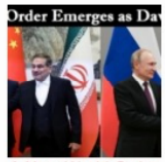

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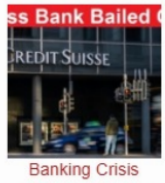

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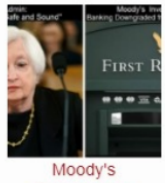

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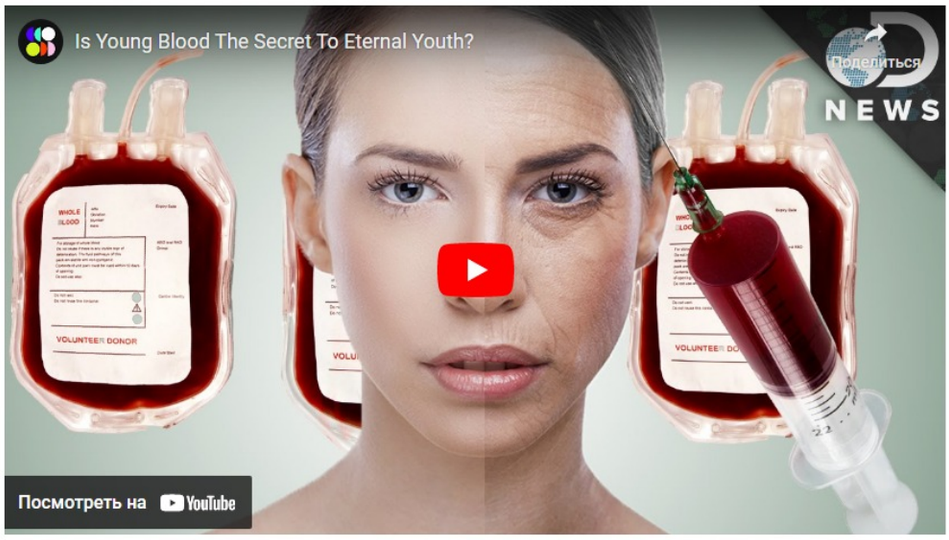

And while the new Netflix series being launched today might be "fictional," there could be a higher purpose and motive involved in airing this series, as BuinessWire, *A Berkshire Hathaway Company*, also came out with a press release today claiming that the new Netflix series is being "stored in Twist's synthetic DNA," the first time "a leading entertainment provider has embraced the vast possibilities of DNA from imagination to storage."

> Twist Bioscience Corporation (Nasdaq: TWST) today announced that for the first time, an episode of a Netflix Original Series has been stored in Twist's synthetic DNA.
>
> "Many important documents, music and videos have been encoded and stored in DNA, but this is the first time a leading entertainment provider has embraced the vast possibilities of DNA from imagination to storage," said Emily M. Leproust, Ph.D., CEO and cofounder of Twist. "It's exciting to ground the fictional series, which expounds beyond the boundaries of what is possible with DNA today, with the reality of preserving groundbreaking cultural media in synthetic DNA. The ability to store digital data in DNA seems futuristic, but the future is now."
>
> DNA is the oldest coding system known to science, and we are only now beginning to explore the possibilities available to advance science through synthetic biology. The new show, BIOHACKERS, investigates some current opportunities as well as future possibilities, engaging imagination and creativity.
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> Released today exclusively on Netflix (NASDAQ: NFLX) and starring Luna Wedler and Jessica Schwarz, BIOHACKERS is a gripping science thriller. The six-part series by showrunner and director Christian Ditter ("How to be Single", "Love, Rosie", "Girlboss") deals with biological interventions, genetic modifications and the exciting possibilities in the field of engineering biology. In connection with the launch the new Netflix Original Series, scientists at ETH Zurich encoded the first episode of BIOHACKERS from ones and zeros into a sequence of the four nucleic bases adenine (A), guanine (G), cytosine (C) and thymine (T) – the building blocks of DNA. This code is then built, base by base into strands of synthetic DNA by Twist Bioscience to store the series for thousands of years. (Full Article.)

Adrenochrome: Harvesting Baby Blood just After They are Literally Frightened to DEATH

We have previously covered over the years the horrific practice of child sex trafficking among the rich and powerful. We have revealed that this practice has its roots in the Occult, with Satanic Ritualistic Abuse.

In our article previously published earlier this year here on *Health Impact News*, Unmasking Who is Behind the Plandemic and Rioting to Usher in the New World Order, we feature the testimony of two former Intelligence Officers who confirm the existence of these pedophile networks that are involved in Satanic Ritualistic Abuse (SRA): Ted Gunderson, a former FBI Chief, and Robert David Steele, a former CIA Agent.

If you have not read this article yet and watched the embedded videos, I encourage you to do so, so you can understand that these Satanic Occult practices are very real.

Mr. Steele's testimony includes references to the harvesting of children's blood just before they are murdered as a sacrifice to Satan:

> I recognize now that child torture, child murder, and child organ harvesting is an 'accepted' practice at the highest levels of government, the NGO and multinational corporate sector, as well as throughout academic institutions and civil society.
>
> This scourge persists because it is allowed to exist by the complicit authorities.
>
> It appears that pedopredation – including the attendant torture and murder of infants to produce adrenalized blood via ritual Satanic abuse – is in some cases considered an elite 'privilege' whereupon these echelons are permitted to practice such perversity with impunity.
>
> Add to this the growing market in fetuses, the most prized being those delivered on the floor as part of a Satanic ritual, and one has an inkling of the greatest evil on the planet. (Watch his testimony here.)

The drug that is allegedly produced from this "adrenalized blood" from infants that are murdered, is called "Adrenochrome."

In addition to all the alleged benefits discussed above for "young blood" as a way to reduce aging, this drug is reported to give the most euphoric "high" of any drug known to man, and is also allegedly the most addictive, requiring a fresh supply of this adrenalized blood from murdered infants.

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At the end of June this year (2020), a mainstream Turkish television news broadcast decided to expose Adrenochrome, a drug said to be used by the rich and famous.

Since it's airing, many Turkish independent publishers began researching and covering this also, and there are still many of these videos on YouTube, such as this one which has no English translation, but pieces together known information about pedophile Jeffrey Epstein and the rich and famous people associated with him from U.S. corporate media sources.

TGRT Haber, part of the Ihlas Media Group, is the name of the Turkish television station based out of Istanbul, and they claim that they have modeled their programming around the format of American news cable channel *Fox News*.

They claim a viewership of over 10 million.

From their website:

> TGRT Haber (TGRT News) was established in 2004 by Dr. Enver Oren, Ihlas Holding's Chairman of the Board. Furthermore, Ihlas Holding's CEO Ahmet Mucahid Oren, worked on coordinating this project for almost a year. Its mother station, TGRT's nightly newscasts were becoming so popular that Ihlas Media Group decided to produce a 24-hour news only spin off channel – TGRT Haber.
>
> TGRT Haber's motto is "News And Nothing But News". True to its motto, TGRT Haber offers accurate, objective and timely reports around the clock. The channel's responsible editorial policy is one of the main reasons why viewers immediately embraced it as a primary source of information. TGRT Haber is supported by Ihlas News Agency (IHA), another Ihlas Media Group company. IHA enables TGRT Haber to have live breaking coverage from all of the world's hotspots.
>
> TGRT Haber modeled its format after that of the American news giant, Fox TV. Its programming format is as follows: morning 9:00-12:00, afternoon 1:00-7:00, and evening 8:00-10:00. TGRT News is available live 24 hours a day on both local cable and on the Digiturk platform. Of the approximate 22 million people who watch news each day in Turkey 10 million watch TGRT Haber.
>
> TGRT Haber feels that it is their job to provide news and inform people. This channel is different from many channels in Turkey, because it has stuck to a news only base and has not implemented any tabloid type shows. It is TGRT Haber's goal to become the largest news channel in turkey and to grow more each day. While improving, TGRT Haber will not change its objectives and it will remain truthful as always.

I lived in Turkey for several years in the 1980s as a student of the Turkish language, and later as a Turkish translator for American NGO groups sending in medical support teams to the Kurdish refugee camps in northern Iraq from Turkey after the Gulf War in the early 1990s.

And while my Turkish is very rusty today, I believe that this copy is a good English translation of the program that aired at the end of June. (This video is no longer available on YouTube, so here is a copy from our Bitchute Channel.)

Neighboring country Bulgaria also started exposing the drug Adrenochrome as well in their mainstream media.

But as the film Out of Shadows reveals, the CIA and the Satanic Occult leaders control the U.S. corporate media, so this will probably never be covered in the U.S. corporate media, unless it is a hit piece to try and discredit the drug, and keep the secrets of the Hollywood elites, and other Globalists, hidden.

Luke 12:2-3

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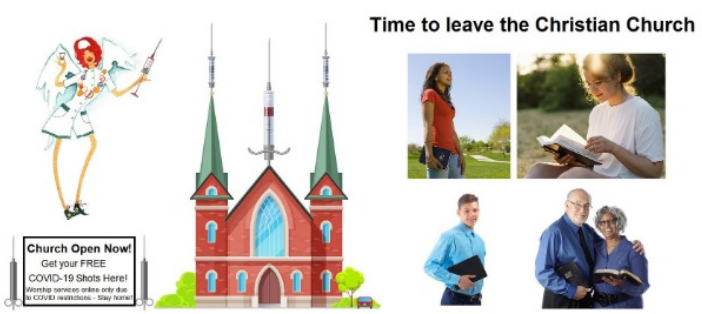

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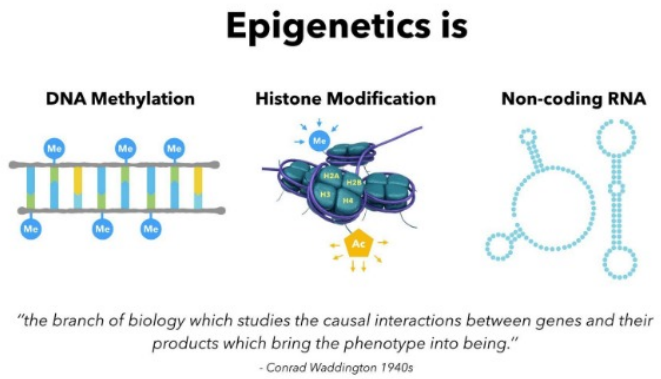

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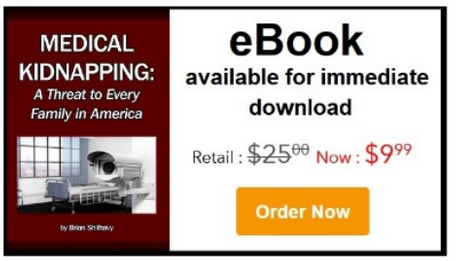

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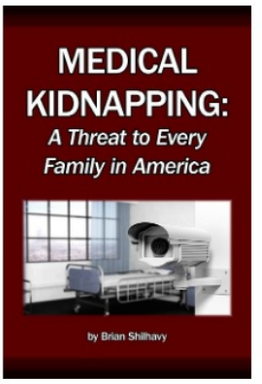

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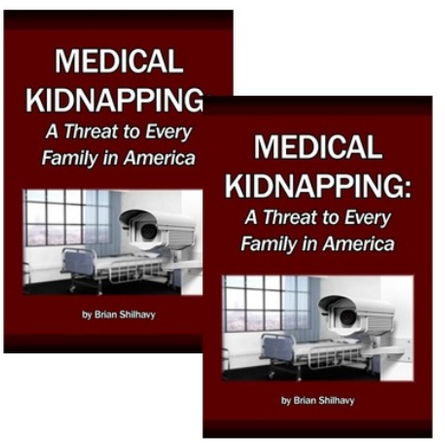

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Thanks for exposing this Brian. It is horrible but unfortunally it's true…

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beeohdee December 15, 2020 at 9:34 pm - Reply

For they who wish for eternal life: Hebrews 9:27,28 "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him."

Good luck with any other way.

Like 3

theresamarie2u August 22, 2020 at 4:31 am - Reply

Percy Blakeney – yes indeed! Terry – God's rage is going to come down fast, hard and heavy, on such unimaginably conscienceless and demonic individuals, SOON. When His words prophesied that "In the last days…….WICKED men and imposters would go FROM BAD TO WORSE" (2Timothy 3:1,13), who ever would have though persons would become THAT [worse than] animalistically, demonically, inhumanely EVIL. Armageddon from God is looming – and is going to bust-out onto the Satanic godless, demonically obsessed and murderous, stubbornly and heinously evil persons of this world, SOON. (Romans 1:18-32; JUDE 7,10,14,15; Psalm 37:10) Then there will be true peace here, with the end of evil on this earth, starting SOON. (Psalm 37:11) Until then, yes, there certainly is spiritual warfare at large. Yes, "pray incessantly." The better days will be here starting soon, so hold on. Medical Kidnap deserves a Pulitzer Prize, again!

Like 5

Terry August 21, 2020 at 2:09 pm - Reply

Few people are aware yet how significant the release of this story is.

Adrenochrome has been a taboo hidden-from-the-public topic forever. The substance and the horrific murderous practice in obtaining it are shocking enough. But it is just the tip of a very evil iceberg.

The Satanic ceremonies and practices of which the harvesting of adrenochrome is a part, are where the occult elite get their demonic power from. It is this demonic power that enables them to hypnotise and deceive the public and get away with such fraudulent atrocities as the coronavirus "pandemic." As is well understood now by anyone paying any attention at all to what is happening, this is being used to bring in and impose the Satanic New World Order tyranny.

If we are going to fight this, we need to attack the source of the demonic power that enables the servants and dupes of Satan (the SS) to get away with the crimes and conspiracies they do. That means exposing and fighting the Satanic ceremonies. It means exposing and prosecuting the crimes that produce adrenochrome from those ceremonies.

This fight requires all of us to have the courage to face and expose these demonic horrors that are ruining our world, for all to see. It requires all of us to pray in spiritual warfare against the evil that is threatening to engulf us all.

Please support this story. Help its distribution throughout the entire web. And start prayer groups where you are to mount up fruitful resistance to the Satanic evil of the New World Order tyranny.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for helping Brian to pull together and release this story. The spiritual opposition to its assembly and release was ferocious. We thank you for the television media people in Turkey who had the guts to get the ball rolling.

We ask you to help this article and the knowledge it contains to reach a world-wide audience. Help us to further expose the Satanic elite and their conspiracies and crimes. Help us to resist and fight them and throw down all their evil plans to harm and enslave your people and your world.

Thank you for your almighty power for good. We look forward to seeing you pull down and destroy evil's strongholds and bringing their vile plans to nothing.

Amen

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Percy Blakeney August 21, 2020 at 12:23 pm - Reply

The good news: Life is willing to dish out karma.

1) A blood transfusion is, essentially, an organ transplant.

2) There are documented incidents of individuals having had major transfusions experiencing a personality change.

3) The incident of recurrence of cancer is much lower with people who opt for blood substitutes over blood, indicating the blood of another may tax our immune system and otherwise affect us.

4) An electrolyte type mix used during an operation immediately aids the body, while about twenty-four hours pass before blood benefits the body, other than as a filler. This, again, suggests there is far more to blood than people, including scientists and medical professionals, realize.

Maybe that few thousands year old book that talks about such things wasn't so mythical after all.

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Если вы следите за основными событиями в мире не только по телевизору, но еще обращаетесь к другим источникам (я сейчас имею ввиду совершенно официальные , просто не сконцентрированные на России), то наверное знаете, что в данный момент ведется усиленная борьбы с педофильскими сектами.

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Борются не абы где, а в высших руководящих кругах Ватикана, Вашингтона и иногда Лондона. От них уже кругами расходятся волны, чуть ли не в каждый уголок Земли.
Картина настолько удручающая, что становится не по себе. Кстати одна из причин популярности Трампа среди обычных американцев, это , как раз, начало активной фазы борьбы.

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А мужчины когда говорят "за вами все с яхтами и айфонами бегают, чего вам не нравится", конечно же думают про грустную женщину с раздачи в столовой

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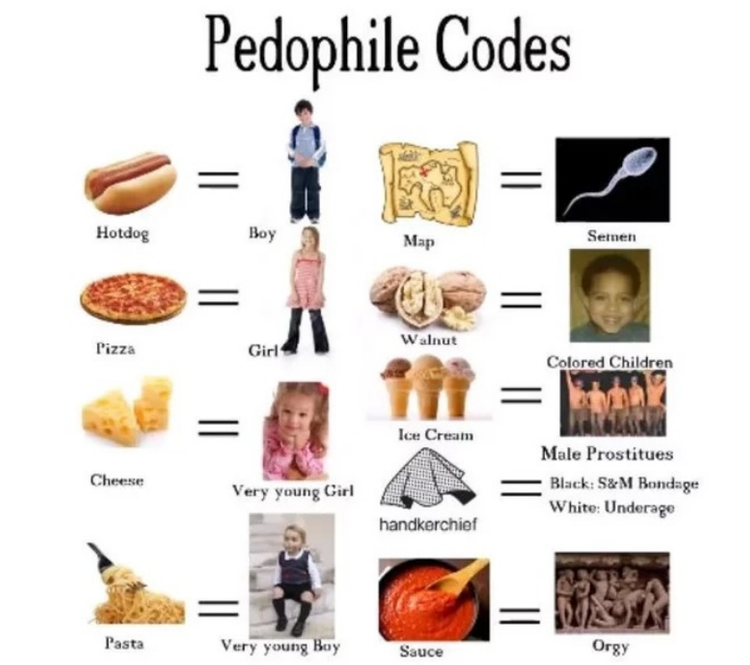
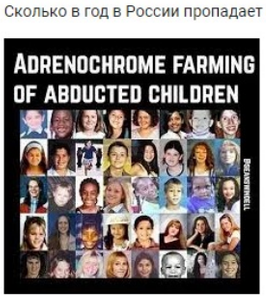


По ходу следствия выясняются еще более чудовищные подробности. Детей не только вовлекают в межполовые сношения непринятые в этом возрасте, но и задействуют в различных ритуалах, которые по описаниям ближе всего, конечно подходят под определение "сатанинские".

видео жертвоприношения в Богемской Роще легко ищется в сети

Дальше больше. Те дети , которых удалось вырвать из лап порочных организаций зарабатывающих на покупке детей у родителей, или отъема из семьи в третьи х странах и перевозке поближе к клиентам, рассказывают и вовсе чудовищные вещи.
Элита на своих ритуалах занимается жертвоприношением детей. В прямом смысле этого слова. Причем с использованием таких средств и способов, которые причиняют максимальное страдание перед смертью.

Причем распространенность этого ужаса достигла , какого-то невероятного масштаба. Хрен с ними с тайными обществами, но и верхушки стран, больших компаний, тот же Голливуд.
Даже если разделить все рассказы на 10 , число участников, жертв и сочувствующих все равно останется в рамках сотен тысяч участников.
Сколько в год в России пропадает бесследно детей? А сколько тех, о которых не заявили?



Как бы не зловеще не описывали элитариев, добавляя к их портрету все новые и новые темные краски, они в первую очередь прагматичные люди.
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Посмотреть весь топ

Рекомендуемое сообщество

Видеомонтаж
704 поста • 5 146 подписчиков
Подписаться
Все, что связано с видеографией

Пикабу в мессенджерах

Пикабу в Telegram
266K подписчиков
@pikabu

Развлекательный канал
54K подписчиков
@pikabu_fun

Пикабу в Viber
242K подписчиков
Вступить

Активные сообщества все

Юмор для всех и каждого
Специфический юмор ↑1
Видеохостинг на Пикабу ↑1
Будь как дома, Путник ↓3
Психология | Psychology ↑2
Чёрный юмор ↓1
Противозачаточные шутки ↓1
Катастрофы ↑1
Как это сделано
Лига упоротых расчетов
Создать сообщество

Тенденции теги

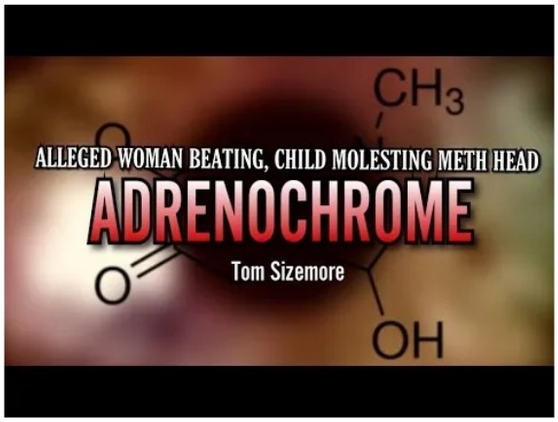
Жаба 12
Казань 11
Объединить теги

Новости Пикабу
Помощь
Кодекс Пикабу
Реклама
Верификации
Награды
Контакты
О проекте

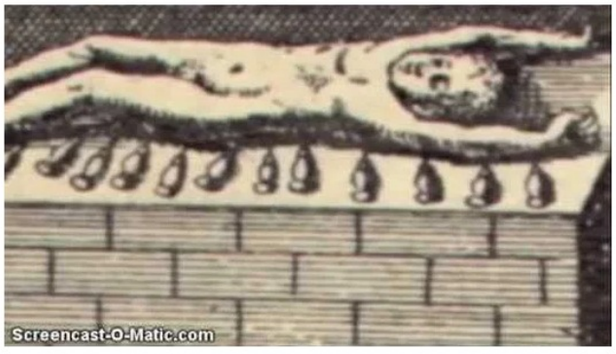
Промокоды
Скидки
Курсы
Блоги

краски, они в первую очередь прагматичные люди. Они не будут просто так во имя какого-то мифического , жившего сто миллионов лет назад невнятного бога резать не то что детей, а даже лягушек.
Значит, либо тот, во славу кого они издеваются над себе подобными прямо тут же спускается и забирает жертву (пока свежая), одаривая адептов такого уровня необходимыми благами, либо из этого действия они получают пользу сами на месте. Можно при этом и какого-нибудь божка упомянуть, не суть.
Если педофилию еще можно списать на психологическую девиацию людей, испробовавших все доступные радости жизни и дошедших до состояния, где только таким извращенным удовольствием можно получить сексуальную разрядку (есть исследования о смещении интереса в сторону насильственных или неприемлемых в обществе извращений, при постоянном просмотре порнографии) , то умерщвление в эту парадигму не укладывается.

Жажда власти у них уже удовлетворена на уровне стран и континентов , где они могут сводить в могилы целые армии. Садистские наклонности (если есть) , они на то и садистские , что нужно видеть постоянные страдания, а не пусть и мучительную , но относительно быструю смерть.

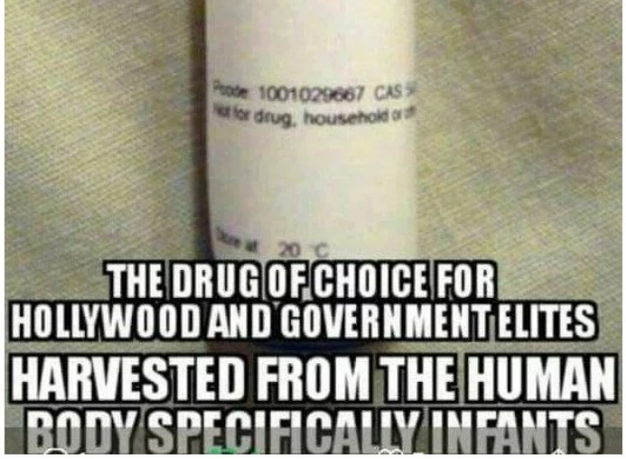


И вот тут , во всей красе всплыла версия Адренохрома. Это единственное известное вещество в организме ребенка, которое вырабатывается во время жуткого страха и боли. Причем у детей его столько, что ни одного взрослого, так не напугать!



И самое главное - предположительно, оно может употребляться в качестве наркотика.

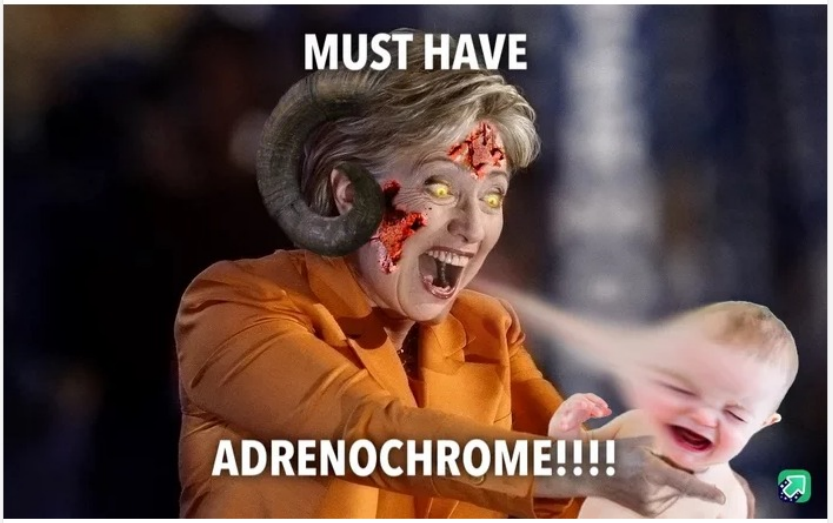
В 1952 году Джон Смитис и Хэмфри Осмонд, основываясь на сходстве галлюцинаций, вызванных мескалином, с шизофреническими галлюцинациями, выдвинули гипотезу, что шизофрения может вызываться эндогенным галлюциногеном, названным ими М-фактором (мескалиноподобным фактором). Они также обратили внимание, что в некоторых случаях у пациентов, которым вводили адреналин, окрашенный продуктами окисления в розоватый цвет, возникали состояния, близкие к состояниям, индуцированным мескалином. Исходя из этих наблюдений и идентифицировав продукт окисления как адренохром, они сформулировали гипотезу патогенеза шизофрении как следствия аномального метаболизма адреналина с образованием адренохрома.



В общих чертах, адренохром - это окись адреналина, то есть испорченного вещества и он даже продается в аптеках, хотя и в несколько другом химическом варианте.
Первые же сообщения о необычных психических эффектах начали поступать еще во время войны, когда солдатам приходилось вводить просроченный адреналин, за неимением свежего.
В публичном поле он появился у известного любителя закинуться всеми веществами на свете, журналиста- писателя Хантера Томпсона. Страх и ненависть в Лас-Вегасе, думаю все, если не читали, так хоть смотрели.

В его книге адренохром описывается столь сильным и эффективным, что по сравнению с ним мескалин (галлюциноген из кактуса) - это легкое пиво.
В конце концов герою удается добыть себе немного на пробу. Добывает его, чуть ли не напрямую из шишковидной железы в мозгу живой жертвы. О полученном эффекте после приема, умалчивается.
Официальных исследований на счет действия адренохрома на мозг катастрофически мало, то есть почти нет. А значит и доказательства того, что он несет в себе , какой-то мощный заряд, с тем или иным эффектом, официально нет.

Но мы же не зря верим в теорию заговора, чтобы вдруг перестать подозревать медицину в утаивании некоторых аспектов.
И версия Адренохрома, как важного элемента жизнедеятельности богатых людей, ничуть не хуже других, которые объясняют зачем нужно пытать и убивать детей.



Тем более, если вы прочтете описание древних человеческих жертвоприношений, то там нет легких способов умерщвления. Все только длительные и извращенно болезненные с многочасовыми страданиями.
Наверное же , языческие боги были в курсе , как лучше готовить человеческую тушку, чтобы полученная субстанция несла в себе максимальное количество пользы.
Так, что теперь, когда встретите упоминание об Адренохроме будете знать с чем его едят.

Расследование Длиннопост Политика Адренохром

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ЛУЧШИЕ ПОСТЫ ЗА СЕГОДНЯ

nikanorrrrr 14 часов назад

Никогда не судите по одёжке

История случилась лет 15 назад. Только-только начали совместный быт с будущей женой. Оба студенты последних курсов, безработные. С деньгами туго, поэтому не гнушался любых предложений.
А тут звонит будущая тёща. Сергей, говорит, у меня подруга в Казани квартиру купила (сама она в Альметьевске живёт, около 250 от Казани!), сейчас ремонт делает, да уже почти заканчивает, ей завтра должны стройматериалы привезти, сущие пустяки, пара мешков смесей и коробка плитки, ты уж помоги ей, будь добр, подними. Она тебе, глядишь, денежку подкинет.
Ну а я что, всегда готов, копейка лишней не будет, да и тёща плюсик поставит.

На следующий день, взяв последний червонец на проезд (на обратном пути-то я буду при деньгах!), нарядился поплоше и к указанному времени явился по нужному адресу. А адрес-то не простой! Улица Федосеевская! Это в Казани один из самых дорогих районов, центр, в шаге от кремля. Ну, думаю, сейчас мне точно перепадет на пивко, ещё и жене на шоколадку хватит. Подхожу к нужному подъезду и здесь начинаю немного паниковать, так как возле подъезда стоит паллет с тремя рядами сыпучки (15 мешков) и сверху два ряда керамогранита. Да нет, думаю, ошибка какая-то, неверное это не мой груз, мой-то сущие пустяки должен быть, его ещё не подвезли...

Поднялся на этаж (угадайте какой). Открывает дверь тётечка. Ах, Серёжа, говорит, как же хорошо

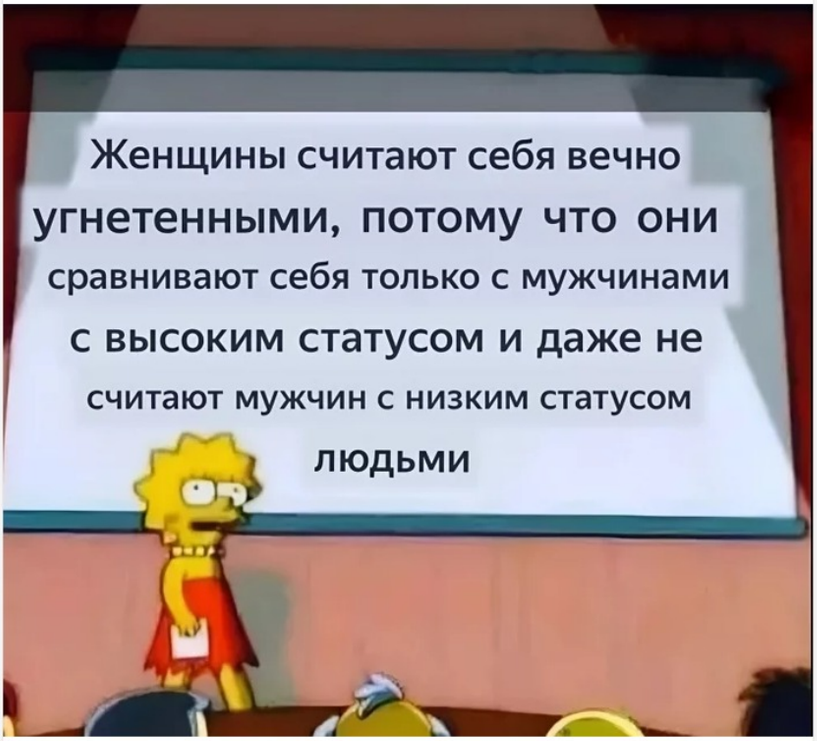
Показать полностью

+ Тема поста [моё] Истории из жизни Казань Длиннопост Работа

562 304K

Fideli0 18 часов назад Противозачаточные шутки

Есть только альфы угнетатели



Тема поста Юмор Картинка с текстом Жизненно Мужчины и женщины ...

1451 289K Поддержать

WELCOMEMYDEAR 18 часов назад Психология | Psychology ...

Что такое любовь

ЕСЛИ ЭТО НЕ ЛЮБОВЬ, ТО ЧТО?

Лучший друг Антон

Решил продать старый монитор. Вечером в шутку жалуюсь жене, мол, не пишет никто. Утром смотрю - написали.
И только в обед понял, что это жена решила меня поддержать и написала мне, чтобы я не грустил.

Какой у вас хороший монитор 😍

Позавчера в 23:18

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Тема поста Истории из жизни Картинка с текстом Переписка Скриншот ...

77 229K

Merrus 21 час назад ...

Света, я прощала тебя...

Сергей Аверьянов @averyanov · 2 дн.
А помните, как год назад разные людоеды с моноклями вещали, что сейчас импорт кончится, голод настанет, будете сажать картошку, есть голубей и коты ваши без корма будут? Пророчества сбылись частично: у зевы перестала смываться втулка, для PS пришлось завести второй акк. Вроде всё

8 7 76 8 209

эх Света Света @d_moll · 1 д.

В ответ @averyanov

Кстати куча отечественных кормов для кошек и собак появилось за этот год, в том числе и холистиков, чего, спрашивается

Показать полностью 1

Хобби Политика Twitter Скриншот Комментарии

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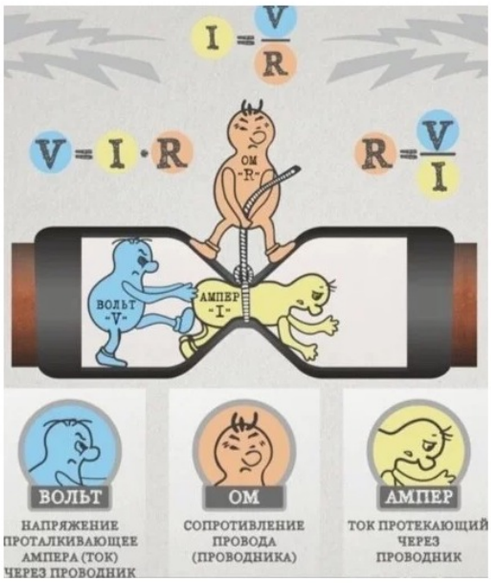
DaStudio 20 часов назад Специфический юмор

Физика это просто



+ Тема поста Картинка с текстом Юмор Физика Образование Карикатура Повтор

223 199K Поддержать

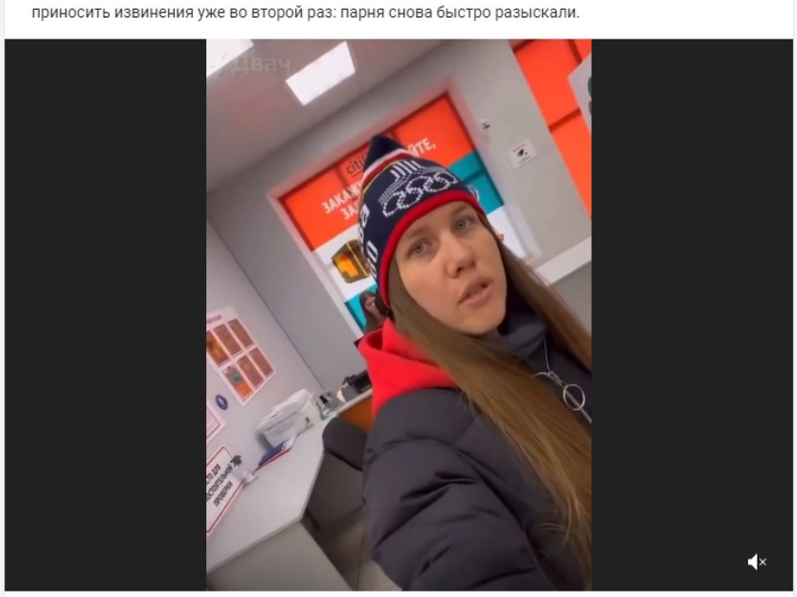
Psih0Z 16 часов назад

Лицо неопознанной национальности из Извистана

В Перми не оплатившему товар грубому посетителю магазина пришлось дважды извиняться на камеру

По словам очевидцев, молодой человек начал есть продукцию прямо в зале продуктового, а на замечания отреагировал матом и угрозами. Вскоре дебошира нашли и «наказали», заставив извиниться на камеру.

После этого он записал ролик о том, что на него «напали в крысу». Однако за него ему пришлось приносить извинения уже во второй раз: парня снова быстро разыскали.



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Экономика Мигранты Пермь Негатив Видео Вертикальное видео

491 161K

Radzhapov 21 час назад

Пропал ребенок, МО Подольск

Добрый день, пикабушники! Помогите пожалуйста, пропал племянник. Ушел 20 марта из дома на улицу и не вернулся (Подольск МО).
По некоторым данным видели на трассе М2, затем приблизительно в час ночи видели на дороге в сторону Домодедово.
Если кто владеет какой-либо информацией, то позвоните пожалуйста на любой из номеров на картинке.
В фамилии опечатка, Батуев Артем.
Без рейтинга!!

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Помощь и волонтерство [моё] Пропал человек Без рейтинга Пропажа детей

117 157K

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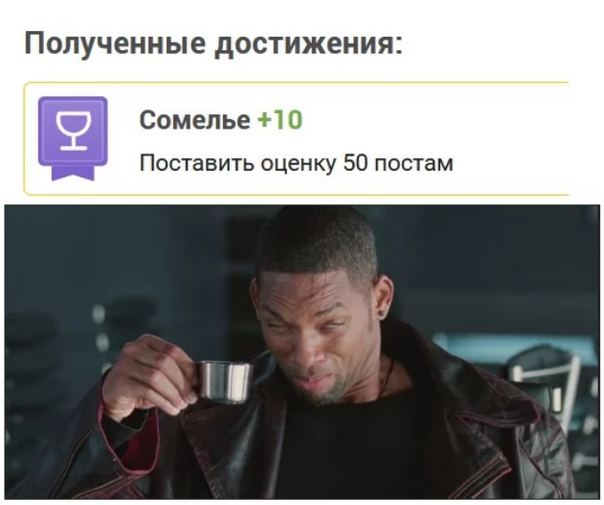


Тема поста [моё] Пикабу Достижения Пикабу Картинка с текстом Скриншот

51 135K

Webstrannik1 20 часов назад Интересные факты

Какие факты о человеческом теле почти никто не знает?

Материал был взят и переведен с Рэддита. Приятного прочтения!

1. Подъязычная кость это единственная крупная кость, которая не соединена с другими костями, и служит лишь для фиксации языка.

2. Наш мозг весит примерно 2% от массы тела, но потребляет 20% энергии, расходуемой организмом в обычных условиях.

3. Каждую минуту с нашего тела отшелушивается около 30 тысяч клеток кожи.

4. У человека на теле примерно столько же волос, как у шимпанзе, просто человеческие волосы короче и тоньше. По этой причине мы не выглядим полностью волосатыми.

5. Когда в процессе операции извлекают из организма некоторые органы, их не обязательно очень точно укладывать на место. Человеческое тело сделает это само, пока будет заживать операционный шов.

6. Ногти на ногах очень медленно растут. Когда только забеременела, ушибла большой палец правой ноги. Ноготь не сошел, но почернел примерно до половины. Я родила, а часть ногтя все еще оставалась черной.

7. В женском организме во время беременности увеличивается количество крови. Ее может стать в полтора раза больше. После родов объем крови постепенно приходит в норму.

8. Причина, по которой так легко сломать ключицу, заключается в том, что она и предназначена, чтобы легко ломаться. Ключица работает как автоматический выключатель в электрическом щитке. Она ломается, чтобы ослабить ударную волну, идущую в сторону позвоночника. Для человека лучше сломать ключицу, чем позвоночник. Ключица хотя бы срастается. Аналогично с носовыми пазухами. Это аварийная предохранительная зона мозга и черепа.

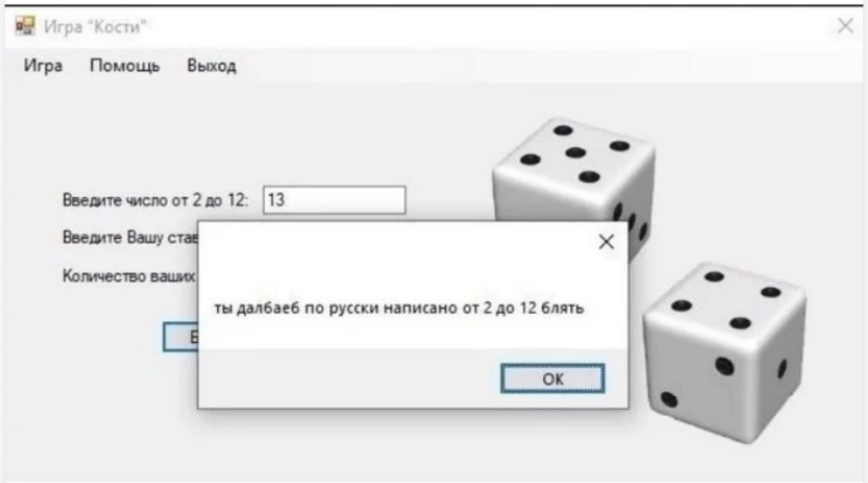
Показать полностью

+ Тема поста Перевел сам Reddit Познавательно Интересное Из сети ...

365 142K Поддержать

Dream.Seller 20 часов назад

По русски написано же



+ Тема поста Юмор Мат Скриншот IT юмор Игральные кости

77 131K Поддержать

oseledich 23 часа назад Специфический юмор

Беру свои слова назад

Мой дядя, сколько я себя помню, работает сапожником. И сколько я себя помню постоянно его подкалывал на тему ""Сапожник без сапог"".

Я вырос и стал гинекологом. Теперь подкалывает дядя...

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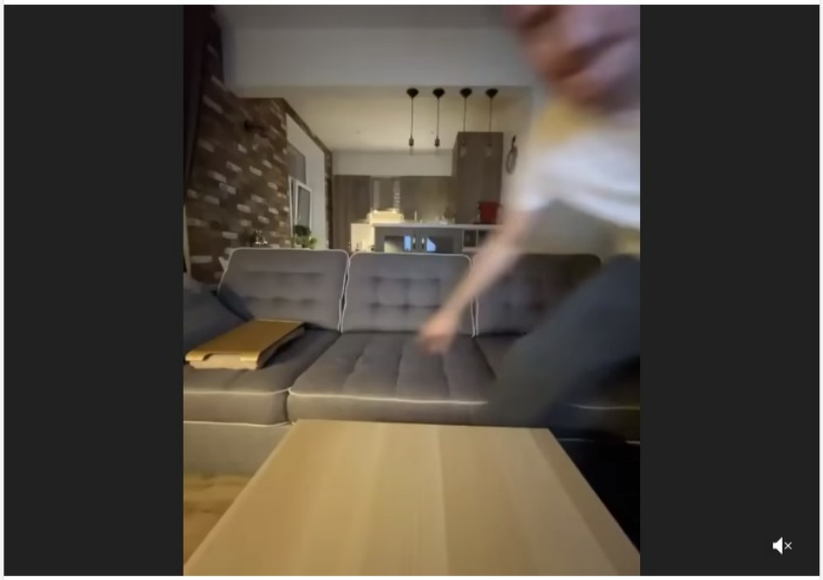

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Хочу сказать, что с одной из таких стройных и подкачанных женщин, я знакома лично. Это моя мама)

Мне 35 лет, моей маме 55 лет. Активно занимается спортом около 3 лет. Участвует в соревнованиях с молодыми и собрала уже около 20 медалей. Поднимает меня на руки и спокойно приседает

В апреле у нее соревнования по фитнесс бикини. Скинула мне свой промежуточный результат.

Что точно-она будет самым старшим участником и возрастных групп там не будет.

Буду болеть за маму, но если она и не сможет переплюнуть других более молодых красоток, все равно останется для меня символом дисциплины и трудолюбия.

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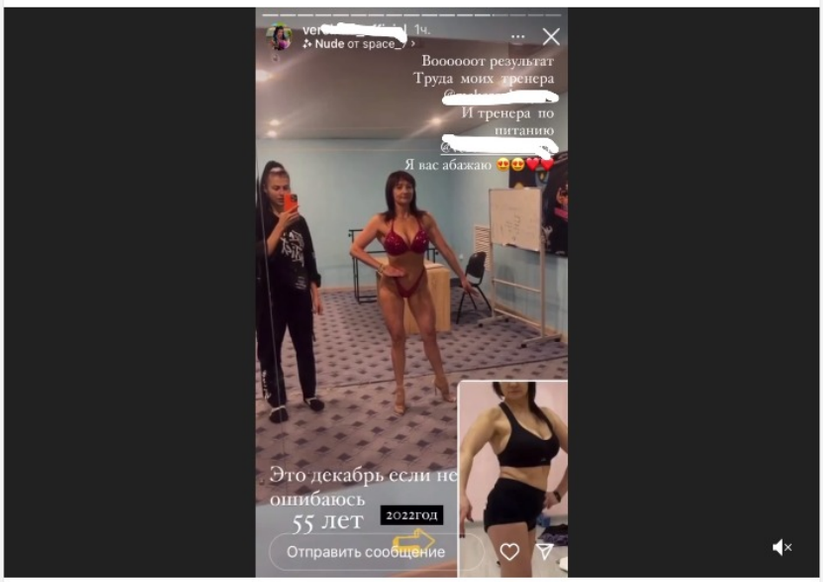

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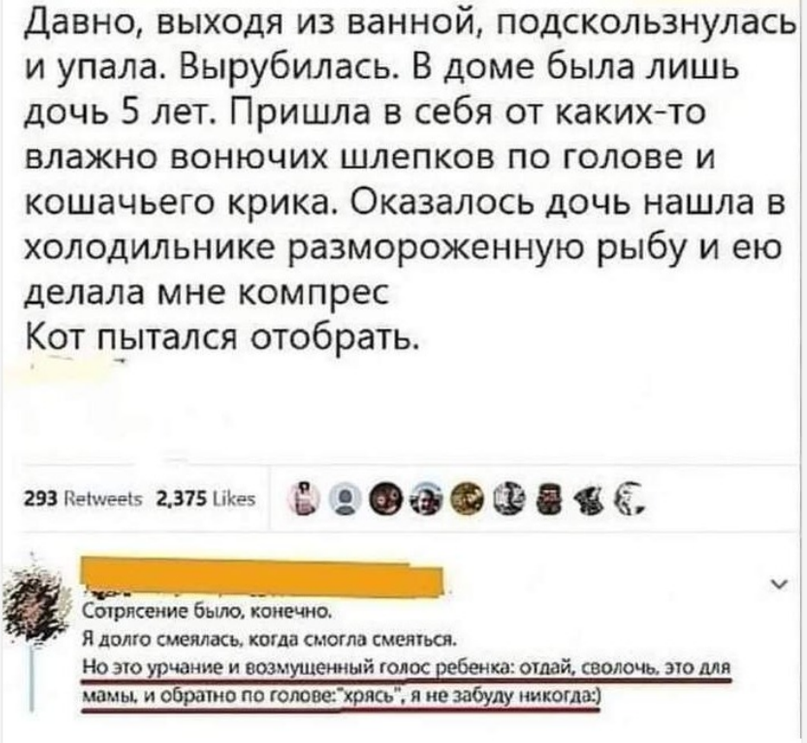

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Ответ на пост «Амурский лесной кот»

Папа нашел на даче котёнка. Принес домой. Окрас у котенка был бесподобный, он бурундука напоминал. Рос, котенок, рос. Крупненький вырос. Пришли время отрезать котёнку бубенчики. Привезли мы его к ветеринару, а она и говорит:

- Вы в курсе, что это дикий лесной кот?

Мы:

-О__о???

Она:

- Держать их дома нельзя, они очень агрессивны.

Кот:

-Я???? О___о

Ветеринар:

- Да, ты! А ещё, стерилизовать тебя нельзя, потому что ты краснокнижный!

Кот:

-Фуххх! Да, я хищная тварь из дикого леса.

Ветеринар:

- И выпустить на волю!

Кот:

- Ну, нееет!!! Мы так не договаривались. А как же минтай? Я привык.

Тут зашла коллега ветеринара.

-Это смесь амурского кота, и домашнего. Яйца резать можно.

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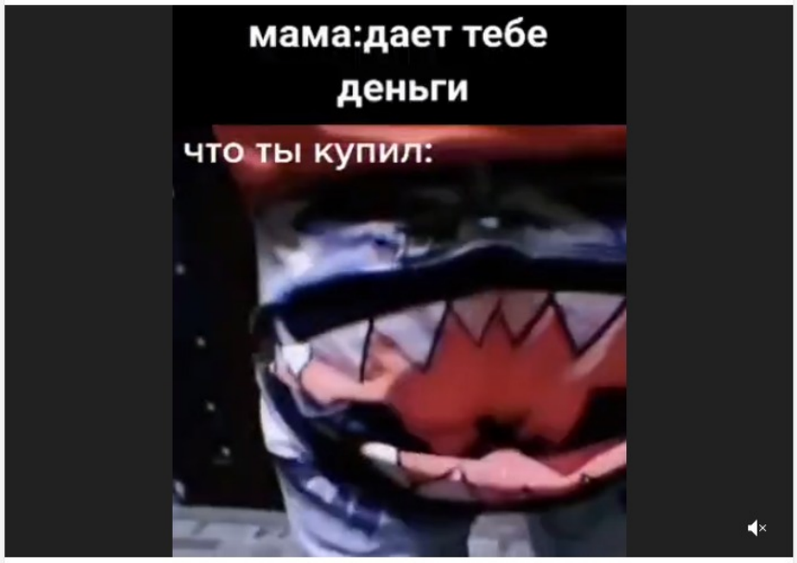

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Трудилась я как-то в конторе, где начальство делало вид, что платит, а сотрудники делали вид, что работают. Вдруг руководству это надоело и захотелось им перемен, инициативы от работников, улучшения показателей. Решили добиться этого методом запугивания. Показательно уволили одного из сотрудников. Результат не заставил себя ждать — уволенный нашел работу, перетянул к себе самых толковых людей, за ними ушли и клиенты. В общем, если есть приз за гениев мотивации, то я знаю, кому его вручать.

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Строим баню с батей.
Батя даёт мне конец рулетки:
- "Держи тут..."
Сам оттягивает рулетку до конца доски, смотрит пристально на меня, я на него вопросительно...
Пауза.

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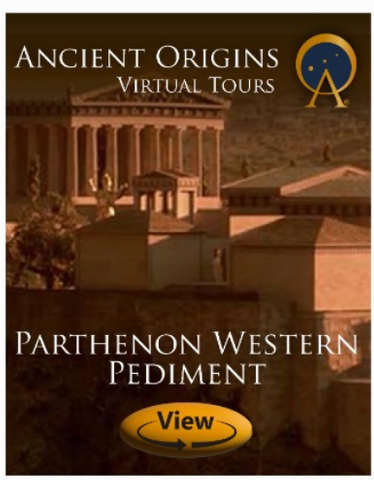

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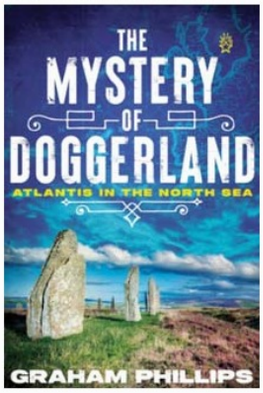

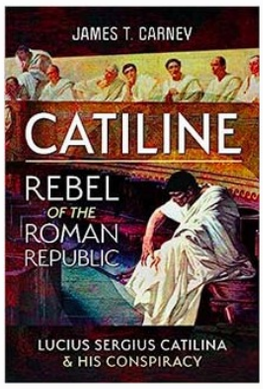

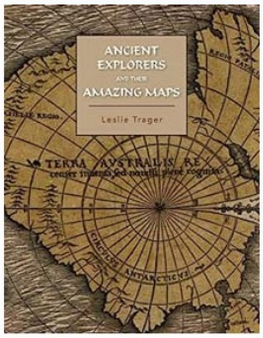

*Detail; Moses and the tablets of law. Source: **Public Domain***

Manetho: Moses, Leper King and War Criminal

The Egyptians told the story of Moses, too, but in their version, he wasn't a miracle-working hero with god-given powers. In the version passed down by the Egyptian historian Manetho, Moses is a brutal and violent monster – and he isn't even Jewish.

Moses, according to Manetho, was an Egyptian priest named Osarsiph who tried to take over Egypt. The pharaoh had quarantined everyone with leprosy into a city called Avaris, and Osarsiph used them to stage a revolt. He made himself the ruler of the lepers, changed his named to Moses, and turned them against the pharaoh.

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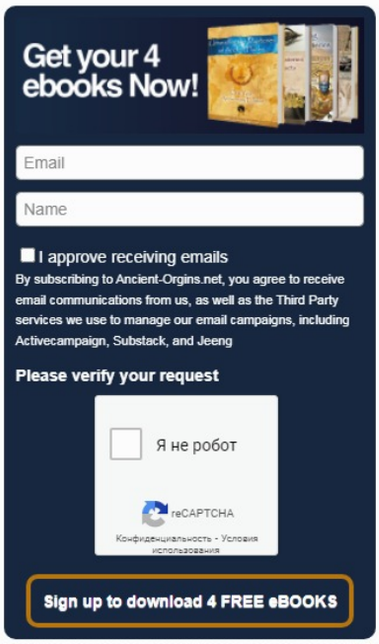
*Moses lifts up the brass serpent, curing the Israelites from poisonous snake bites in a painting by Benjamin West. (**Public Domain**)*

Moses and his army of lepers created the Jewish laws purely out of spite for the Egyptians. They deliberately made their laws the exact of opposite of everything the Egyptians believed. They sacrificed bulls, for example, purely because the Egyptians worshiped one.

Moses and his leper colony formed an alliance with the people living in Jerusalem. He built up an army of 200,000 people, then invaded Egypt. They conquered Ethiopia first, where they reigned as brutal despots. According to the Egyptians, Moses and his people " **abstained from no sort of wickedness nor barbarity** ."

The ancient Egyptians worshiped sacred animals like Apis, who was a living bull treated as a god. Moses didn't just kill these sacred animals – he forced the Egyptian priests who served them to do it for him. The priests were forced to burn their divine animals alive on top of a pyre made of sacred images. Then they were stripped naked and sent out into the wilderness to die.



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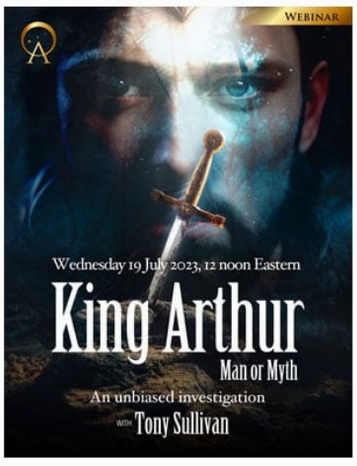

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Eventually – after about 13 years – Amenophis managed to get a big enough army together to chase Moses out of Egypt. He chased him into Syria, where Moses and his people settled in Jerusalem. According to the Egyptians, though, every Jewish law that makes the foundation of our modern society started in that leper colony as nothing more than spite against Egypt.

*Moses with the Ten Commandments (1648) by Philippe de Champaigne . (**Public Domain**)*

Strabo: Moses, Philosopher

According to the Greek historian Strabo, Moses wasn't a miracle worker and he didn't speak to God. He was just a philosopher who sat down, thought about it, and decided that monotheism made the most sense.

Moses, at the time, was the ruler of Lower Egypt, but he was "dissatisfied with the established institutions" in his own country. God, he believed, could not be a man or an animal, but had to be "one thing which encompasses us all".

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*God Appears to Moses in Burning Bush. Painting from Saint Isaac's Cathedral, Saint Petersburg. (1848) By Eugène Pluchart. (**Public Domain**)*

He was so convinced of this that he gave up his position and led a group of people out of Egypt to start their own country. These people weren't slaves, and this wasn't a revolution. They were, according to Strabo, "right-minded people" who agreed with Moses's philosophy, and **nobody tried to stop them** from leaving.

Moses and his people made it to Jerusalem, which they did not have to conquer. It was, according to Strabo, "surrounded by a barren and water territory", so nobody else really wanted it. There, he set up a lax religion with few rules, which was so popular that the surrounding nations willingly joined his kingdom.

After Moses's death, though, Jerusalem was taken over by "superstitious persons" who introduced the kosher diet and circumcision – ideas that, Strabo claims, went completely against everything Moses taught.

*The Death of Moses, as in Deuteronomy 34:1-12, illustration from a Bible card published 1907 by the Providence Lithograph Company. (**Public Domain**)*

Atrapanus: Moses, Egyptian War Hero and Cult Leader

Even the Jews had more than one version of the story of Moses. The Jewish historian Atrapanus had his own version of the story, and even though he was Jewish, it's completely different from the story in Exodus.

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Moses, according to Atrapanus, was raised as the son of Chenephres, king of Upper of Egypt. Chenephres thought Moses was his own son – but, apparently, the bond between a father and a son wasn't enough to keep Chenephres from trying to kill him.

Chenephres sent Moses to lead his worst soldiers into an unwinnable war against Ethiopia, hoping Moses would die in battle. Moses, however, managed to conquer Ethiopia. He became a war hero across Egypt. He also declared the ibis as the sacred animal of the city – starting, in the process, the first of three religions he would found by the end of the story.

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He started his second religion when he made it back to Memphis, where he taught people how to use oxen in agriculture and, in the process, **started the cult of Apis** . He didn't get to enjoy his new cult for long. His father started outright hiring people to assassinate him, and he had no choice but to leave Egypt.

While in exile, he started his third religion after God burst out of the earth and told him to invade Egypt. Moses obeyed and, in the process, freed the Jews – but in this version of the story, he was much more efficient. He just whispered the name of god into the pharaoh's ears and the pharaoh became "speechless and as one dead".

*Moses before the Pharaoh, a 6th-century miniature from the Syriac Bible of Paris. (**Public Domain**)*

Tacitus: Moses, The Exiled Atheist

When the Roman Tacitus tackled the story of Moses, he was determined to get it right. By the time he was alive, there were already a lot of different stories about him floating around. He did his best to sort out the parts that made sense to him.

"Most authorities," Tacitus wrote, "agree on the following." Like Manetho, his story begins with Egypt being plagued by leprosy, which he says was spread through pork. Instead of going to war, however, Moses and the other lepers were just expelled from the country altogether and sent out into the wilderness.

In the wilderness, Moses ordered his people to **turn against god and man** , telling them that "both had deserted them". Instead, he taught them, they should only trust their own judgment. He led them through the desert, keeping them alive by bursting water out of the ground – but this wasn't a miracle. Instead, Moses found underground channels of water by following patches of grass.

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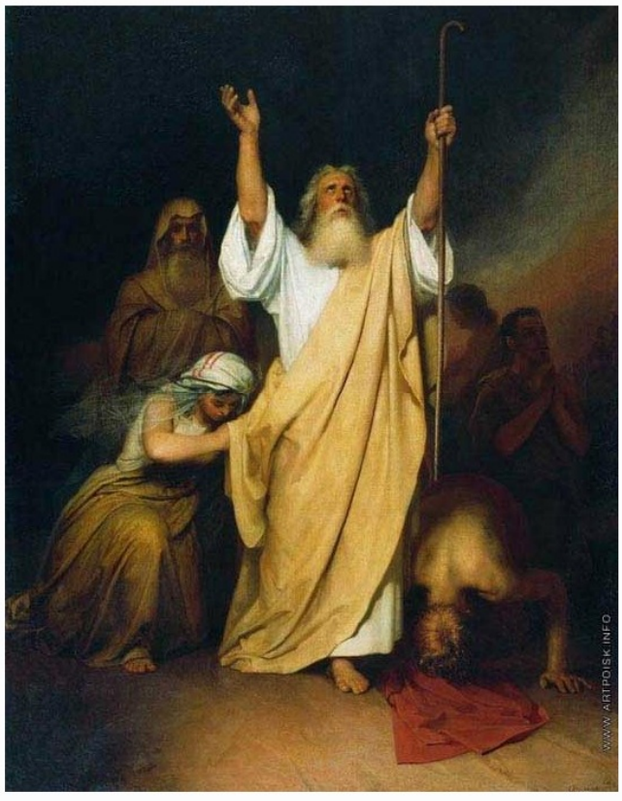
*Moses Striking the Rock . (**Public Domain**)*

Once they made it to Canaan, Moses introduced a new religion – not because he believed in it, according to Tacitus, but because he believe d it would "secure the allegiance of his people".

He introduced the kosher diet because eating pork had given them leprosy. He introduced fasting as a way to commemorate their journey through the wilderness. He had them keep the seventh day holy to commemorate their journey through the desert – which, in this version, didn't take forty years. It took seven days.



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Through Tacitus, though, we get a beautiful little glimpse into how history is created. It's easy to see the parts he's taken from the Egyptian story, the parts he's taken from the Jewish story, and he's filtered it all through his own worldview.

But it's just another view – not the truth. Whoever the real Moses was, today we can only see him split through the prism of history – the truth broken up into little refractions of the truth, each one colored by the culture that tells it.

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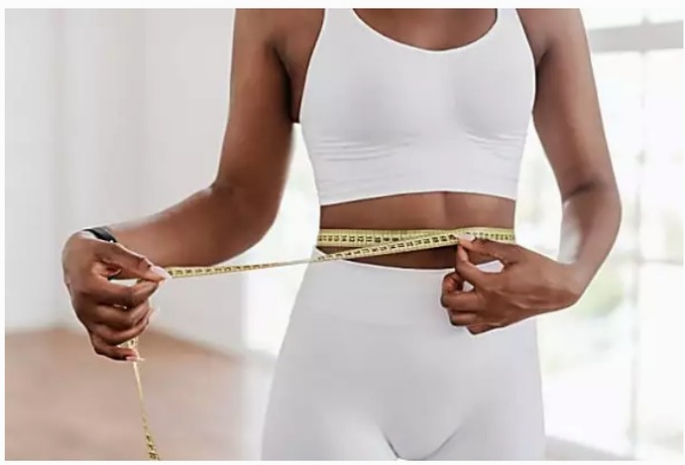

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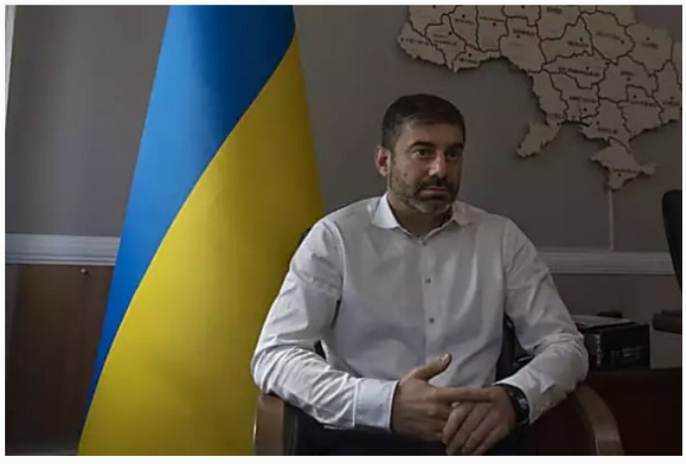

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In 2008, in southwest Spain’s Valencia, the skeletal grave of an ‘important person’ was undoubtedly found, with an array of precious artifacts.

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In 2004, a significant discovery was made when fossils were found and published, suggesting the existence of a dwarf species of humans.

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Swedish Expedition Strikes Gold Within Royal Tombs in Cyprus

An archaeological expedition from the University of Gothenburg has announced the finding of underground tombs in Cyprus.

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Волшебная чаша Джамшида: символ вечной мудрости и душевной чистоты в мусульманской литературе

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Одним из распространенных образов мусульманской литературы и поэзии является «чаша Джамшида» – джам-э джам. В истоках этого символа разбираются авторы турецкого издания İslam Ansiklopedisi.

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Чаша Джамшида – это волшебная чаша, в которой можно увидеть все происходящее в мире. В персидской и тюркской литературе она упоминается под названиями джам-э джам, джам-и джихан-ара (чаша, украшающая мир), джам-и джихан-нума (чаша, показывающая мир), джам-и джихан-бин (чаша, видящая мир), джам-и гити-нума (чаша, показывающая весь свет).

Согласно легендам, джам-э джам наполнена эликсиром бессмертия, а предсказания внутри нее открывают глубокие истины.

Аб-и хаят – источник вечной жизни мусульманских легенд.

Истоки этого образа неясны, хотя чаще всего создание чаши приписывается мифологическому персидскому царю Джамшиду. Об этом царе достаточно подробно говорится в «Шахнаме», но упоминаний о владении им подобной чашей в этом эпосе нет. С другой стороны, согласно «Шахнаме», кубком, в котором можно было увидеть весь мир, владел Кей-Хосров. Бижан, сын богатыря Гива, был схвачен Афрасиабом и брошен в колодец. Его отец сильно горевал по нему и уже потерял надежду найти его, но Кей-Хосров, посмотрев в свой волшебный кубок, узнал, где находится Бижан. После этого Рустам спас его.

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Вероятно, Джамшиду эта чаша стала приписываться после того, как в X веке его образ стал сливаться с образом пророка Сулеймана. Им обоим стали приписываться сходные сверхъестественные способности. О них рассказывали, будто они повелевали дэвами и джиннами, путешествовали по воздуху. Тахт-э Джамшид (Персополь), в иранской мифологии считавшийся столицей персидских царей, одновременно воспринимался как столица Сулеймана. Возникла версия сказания о чаше, примиряющая участие Кей-Хосрова и Джамшида в ее создании. Якобы Джамшид нашел ее, а Кей-Хосров превратил в волшебную.

"Калила ва Димна" – мусульманский бестселлер с полуторатысячелетней историей.

В некоторых источниках джам-э джам отождествляется с зеркалом Искандера. Вероятно, это связано с тем, что обоим этим артефактам приписываются сходные качества – способность показывать находящееся далеко. В целом, в литературе каждому из упоминаемых персонажей приписывается свой набор образов волшебных предметов и явлений. У Сулеймана это кольцо, ветер и чаша, отражающая мир, у Искандера – стена, источник живой воды и та же чаша.

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В суфийской литературе джам-э джам означает «душу, очистившуюся от всякого зла», а также является символом мудрости. Омар Хайям писал:

Джамшида чашу я искал, не зная сна,

Когда же мной земля была обойдена,

От мужа мудрого узнал я, что напрасно

Так далеко ходил – в моей душе она.

Вода в мусульманской культуре: источник жизни и символ тайного знания.

Также суфии связывают эту чашу с пророком Сулейманом, а иногда, как у Аттара, с Хизром и источником вечной жизни.

По одной версии, чаша Джамшида является прообразом Грааля – чаши, из которой, как верят христиане, Иисус Христос пил на Тайной вечере. Испивший из

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Грааля получает прощение грехов, вечную жизнь и т.п.

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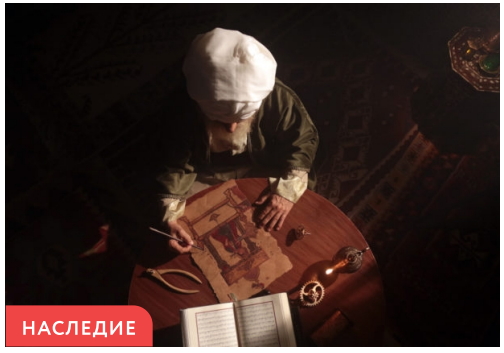

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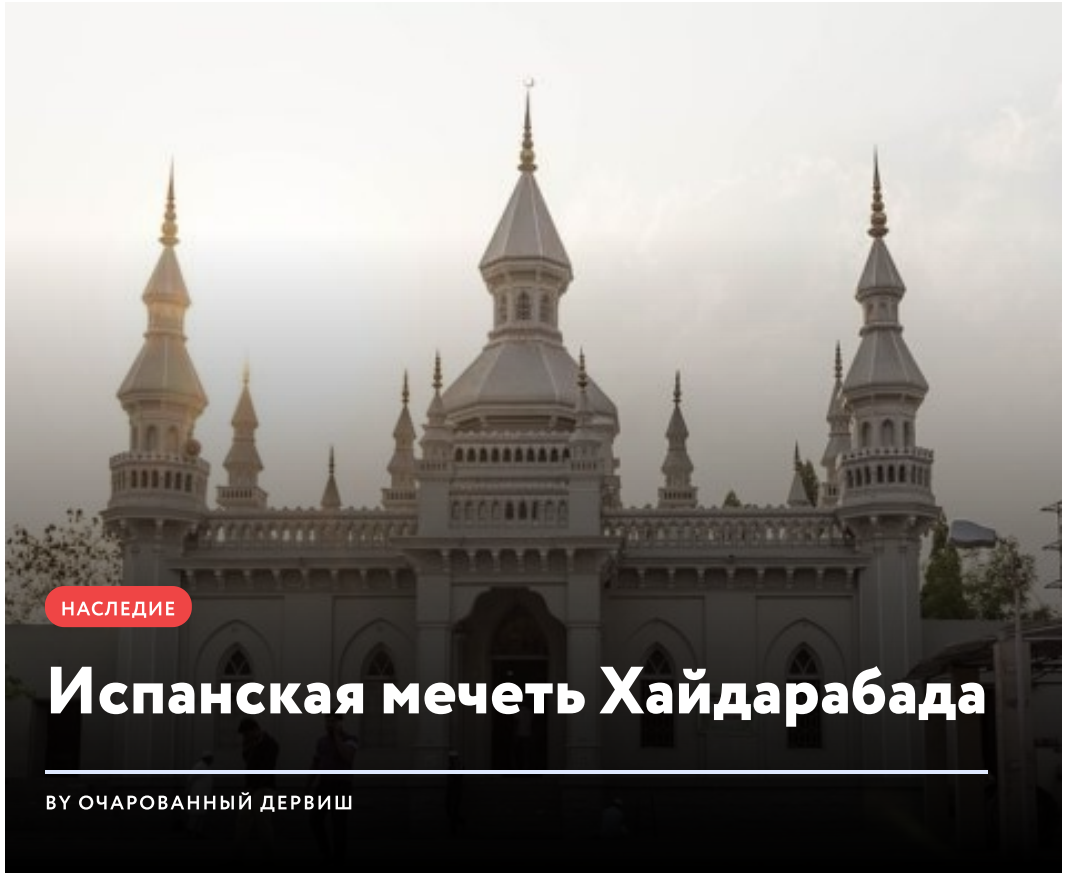

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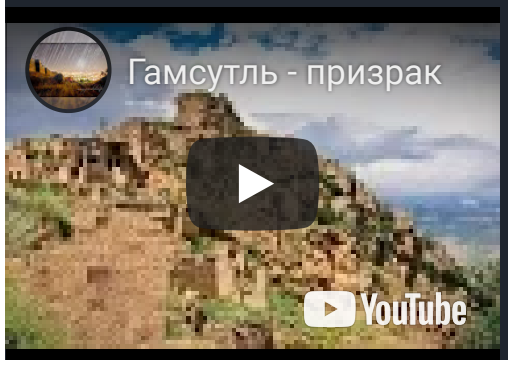

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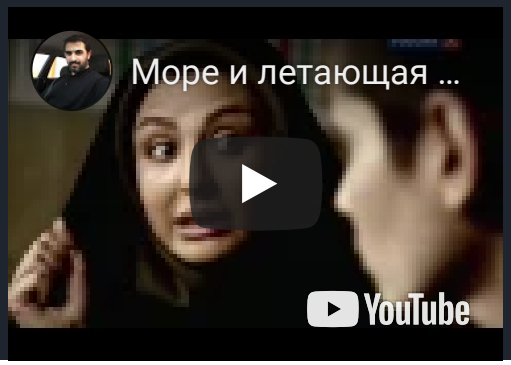

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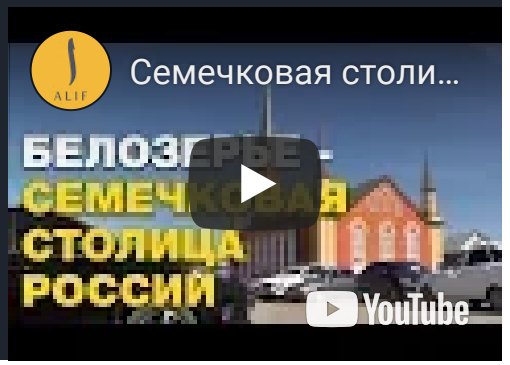

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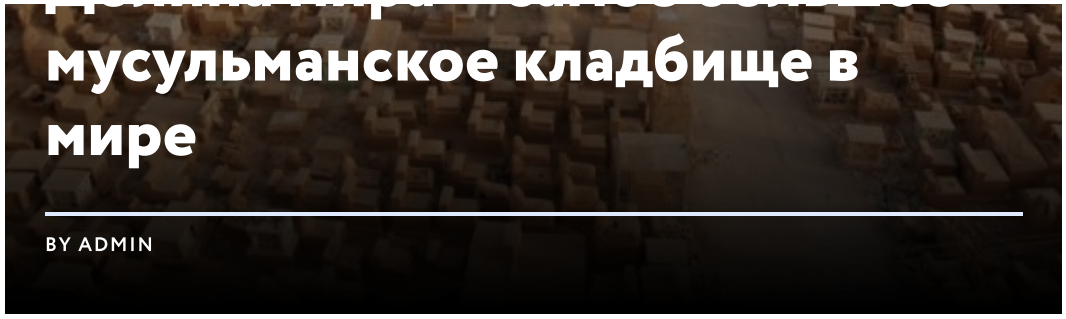

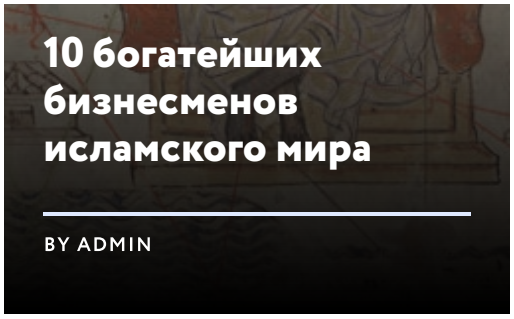

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"Le Nègre ignore que ses ancêtres, qui se sont adaptés aux conditions matérielles de la vallée du Nil, sont les plus anciens guides de l'humanité dans la voie de la civilisation" Cheikh Anta Diop

La puissante civilisation Somali

A l'époque impériale, cette civilisation fut la plus grande et la plus riche de l'Afrique de l'est…

Zeila

Aux origines

Le peuple Somali constitue avec les Oromo, les Afars, les Sidamo et les Beja le grand peuple Couchitique. Kush est le nom ancien du Soudan, documenté même dans les écrits du pharaon Akhenaton. Les Somali sont une branche des premiers Soudanais. Ils prennent leurs origines au nord de la Somalie actuelle.

Avant l'islamisation, ce peuple pratiquait la Spiritualité Africaine, à travers le Dieu unique Eebe et ses formes, dites Ayaanle. On retrouve ainsi chez les Somali la sainte famille égyptienne au complet. Isis, Osiris et Horus – dits Aïssata, Ousiré et Horo en égyptien, sont Aïssatu, Awzar et Huur chez les Somali. Nous avons parlé en detail de la **spiritualité somali et oromo ici.**

Les Egyptiens étaient Noirs

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Homme et femme somali
L'homme porte la plume de Maât sur la tête

La langue somali est pour sa part une langue noire et africaine, et non pas une langue sémitique.

On retrouve les Somali en Somalie, à Djibouti, en Ethiopie et au Kenya. Ils sont au nombre de 22 millions aujourd'hui.

L'émergence de la civilisation somali

L'apparition de cette civilisation comme toutes celles de la Côte Est africaine est, selon la version la plus répandue, attribuée à des colons arabes et perses qui seraient arrivés vers le 9e siècle. Et ce serait par l'activité commerciale avec l'Orient et l'Asie que les

Somali auraient pris leur dimension impériale.

Comme pour pratiquement toutes les civilisations africaines, ce récit découle d'une vision colonialiste. Cheikh Anta Diop la transcrivait par ces mots dans Nations Nègres et Culture, page 13, en disant *« En effet, s'il faut en croire les ouvrages occidentaux, c'est en vain qu'on chercherait jusqu'au cœur de la forêt tropicale, une seule civilisation qui, en dernière analyse, serait l'œuvre des Nègres »*.

Des recherches approfondies mettent à mal cette origine arabo-perse. Les cités des pays de la Côte Est africaine (Somalie, Kenya, Tanzanie), formaient un ensemble civilisationnel dont un des plus anciens sites est une ville du nom de Rhapta, documentée par les Grecs il y a 2000 ans. En 2016, le chercheur Diver Alan Sutton a découvert au large de la Tanzanie les ruines d'une grande ville sophistiquée qui pourrait bien être Rhapta.

Des noms de villes tels que Sarapion ou Opone sont des noms grecs qui correspondent à des villes portuaires somali bien après. Sarapion serait devenue Mogadiscio. Qui plus est, l'étude de l'architecture de la **civilisation Swahili** en Tanzanie-Kenya a révélé qu'elle n'était ni arabe ni persane mais bien africaine. On note aussi qu'il a été découvert des pièces de monnaies romaines en Somalie et en Tanzanie, permettant de conclure que les Africains de la Côte Est faisaient du commerce international avant le contact arabe.

Les écrits anciens laissent entendre par ailleurs, que la langue nationale et de gouvernement dans les Etats somali était le Somali, encore appelée en ces temps Berbera ou Baraba. Les Arabes et Perses devaient meme en réalité demander la permission pour s'établir sur ces territoires. Si l'islamisation allait profondément imprégner la civilisation Somali, elle est selon toute probabilité noire et africaine dans ses fondements.

Ruines d'une ville ancienne large de 4 Km en Tanzanie, et découvertes en 2016, qu'on pense être Rhapta L'architecture comme l'activité commerciale existaient donc en Afrique de l'est avant l'arrivée des Arabes et des Perses

Le chercheur RP Matthews dit ainsi « (toutes ces villes de la Côte Est) *étaient essentiellement africaines… Il est de plus en plus manifeste que l'on ne saurait les considérer comme des colonies arabes ou persanes (…) d'après les descriptions données par les géographes du Moyen âge, ces habitants étaient sans doute des Noirs et ils avaient même un type plus négroïde que celui de la population actuelle… »* [1].

C'est donc dans la continuité de l'activité et des cités indigènes anciennes que sont apparues les Etats somali, qui formeront la civilisation somali de l'époque impériale.

Les Etats somali

Les trois principaux Etats somali étaient Ajuran, Ifat-Adal et Warsangali

Du fait de la proximité avec l'Arabie, l'islamisation s'est faite dès le 7e siècle, en parallèle à l'entrée des conquérants esclavagistes arabes en Egypte. Mogadiscio se développe et émerge comme place forte au 13e siècle, devenant la ville la plus importante de l'empire d'Ajuran.

Ajuran

Les fondateurs de cet empire étaient des Somali d'Éthiopie. Ajuran s'étendait jusqu'à Kismayo non loin de la frontière avec le Kenya actuel. L'empire régi par l'islam était une federation de sultanats. Mogadiscio, Marka et Barawa étaient les plus importants.

Le sultan de Mogadiscio avait des ministres, des experts légaux, des commandants, et bien d'autres officiels. On trouvait des eunuques à la cour. Le voyageur arabe Ibn Battuta décrivait la présence d'hommes portant des parasols avec un oiseau doré au-dessus, dans le cortège royal. Il notait qu'il avait vu la même chose en Afrique de l'ouest (empire du Mali). Le grand oiseau (Horus) associé au souverain, se retrouvait aussi en Egypte, à Madagascar, au Zimbabwe et chez les Yoruba.

Ibn Battuta décrivait encore au 14e siècle les élites vêtues de robes en soie et le Sultan comme portant un grand manteau fourré, importé de Jérusalem et brodé de lin égyptien aux bords. Le sultan était aussi coiffé d'un turban et portait un pagne en soie.

L'activité commerciale était un des piliers de l'économie des Somali. Mogadiscio était habitée par de nombreux riches marchands. Les Somali exportaient notamment des tissus de haute qualité, de l'or et de l'ivoire. L'activité portuaire était très développée. Toute la côte Est africaine – de la Somalie au Mozambique – jouissait d'une prospérité économique exceptionnelle, accentuée par l'exploitation des mines du Zimbabwe et de la Zambie. Mogadiscio était à l'époque impériale, la plus grande et la plus riche ville d'Afrique de l'est.

Ajuran faisait battre monnaie et les pièces portaient les noms des souverains successifs. La présence de ces pièces est attestée aux Emirats Arabes Unis. Des pièces de monnaie du Sri Lanka, du Vietnam, de la Chine et de Venise, ont été retrouvées en Somalie.

Pieces de monnaie de Mogadiscio

L'encombrement des ports rendait compte de la fièvre commerciale de l'empire. Tout ce commerce intra-africain et international permettait de lever des taxes parfois très lourdes pour faire fonctionner l'administration. Sur les marchés, on trouvait en abondance de la viande de chameau, du blé, de l'orge, des épices, des fruits, etc… Les Somali se nourrissaient en si grande quantité qu'ils étaient pour beaucoup obèses.

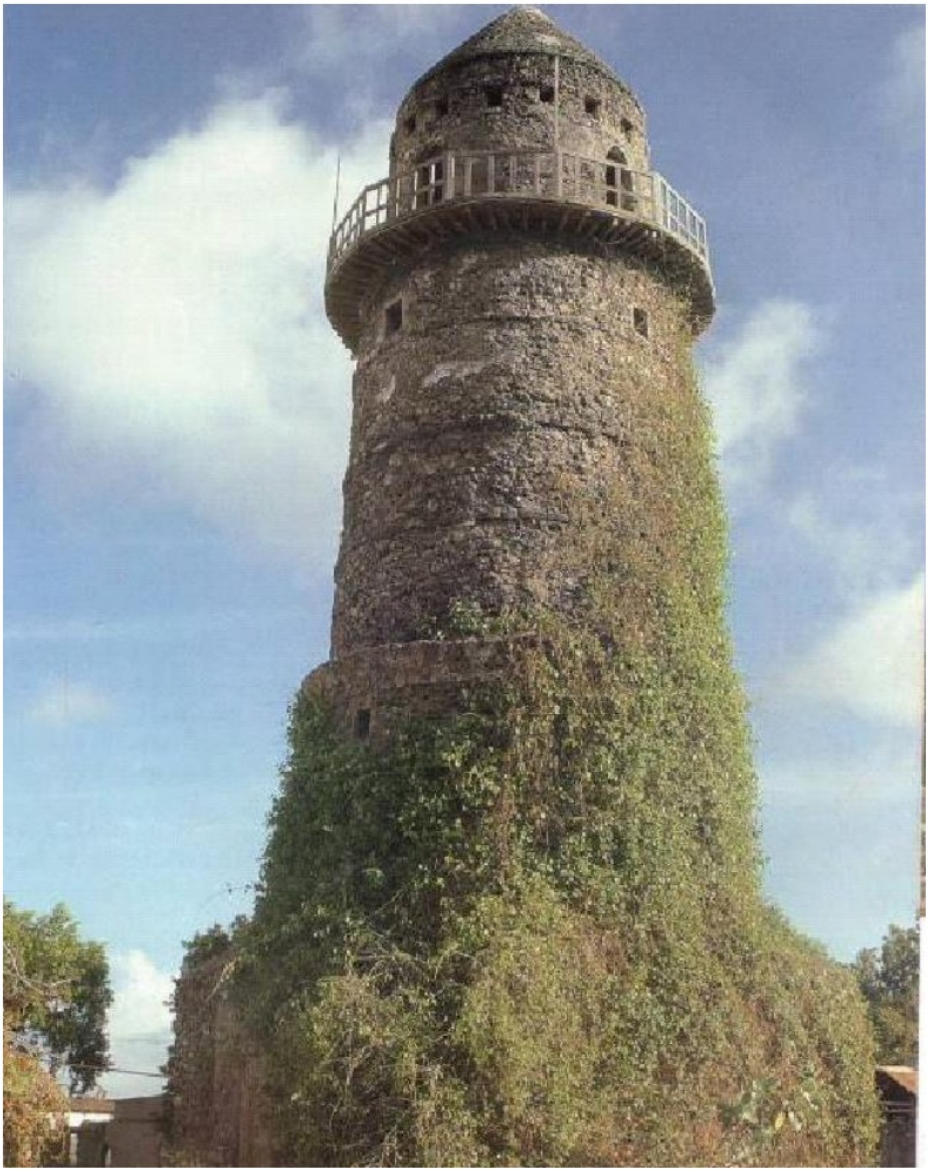
Ajuran avait des ambassadeurs en Chine et vice versa. Le rayonnement international de Mogadiscio était tel que les Somali de Mogadiscio ont dirigé l'archipel des Maldives au 15e siècle et ont établi le puissant port de Solafa au Mozambique, lieu principal par lequel sortaient les ressources minières d'Afrique australe. Mogadiscio fut aussi visitée par le célèbre navigateur chinois Zheng He et sa gigantesque flotte.

Au 15e siècle, les chinois rapportaient la présence de hautes maisons de pierre de 4 à 5 étages à Mogadiscio [2]. Mais c'est le voyageur arabe Ibn Battuta, qui avait visité une bonne partie de l'Afrique au 14e siècle, qui nous a laissés la plus précieuse description des villes Somali. De Mogadiscio, il disait qu'elle est une ville de taille *« excessivement large »* [3]. Ce qualificatif de la part d'un Arabe de l'époque est comparable à celui d'un Américain aujourd'hui qui utiliserait les mêmes mots. Mogadiscio était gigantesque.

Vasco de Gama rapportait aussi que la cité était une grande ville avec des palais imposants et des mosquées avec de grands minarets cylindriques en son centre, ainsi que des maisons hautes de 5 étages [4]. Duarte Barbosa ajoutait que la ville était d'une *« grande richesse »* [5].

L'ancien port de Mogadiscio

Ruines de Mogadiscio



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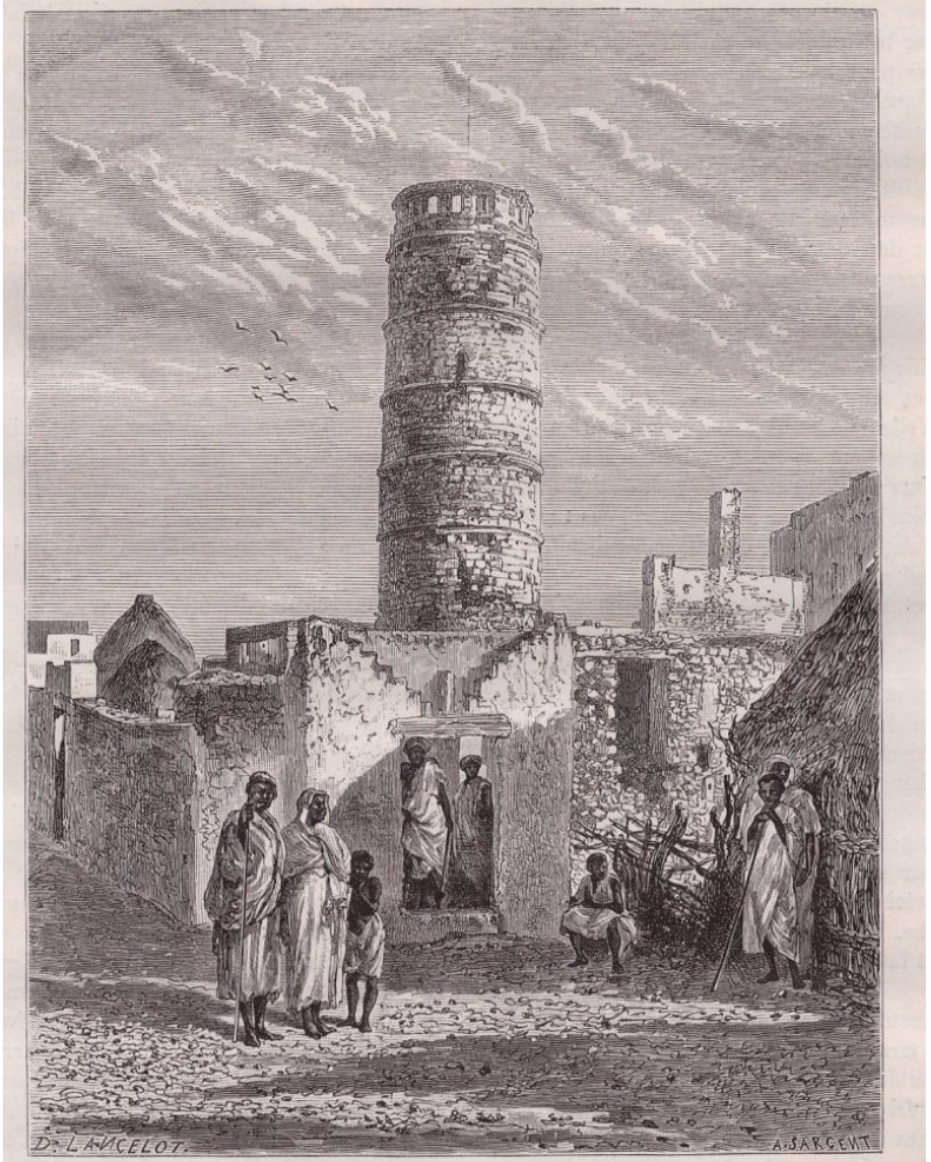
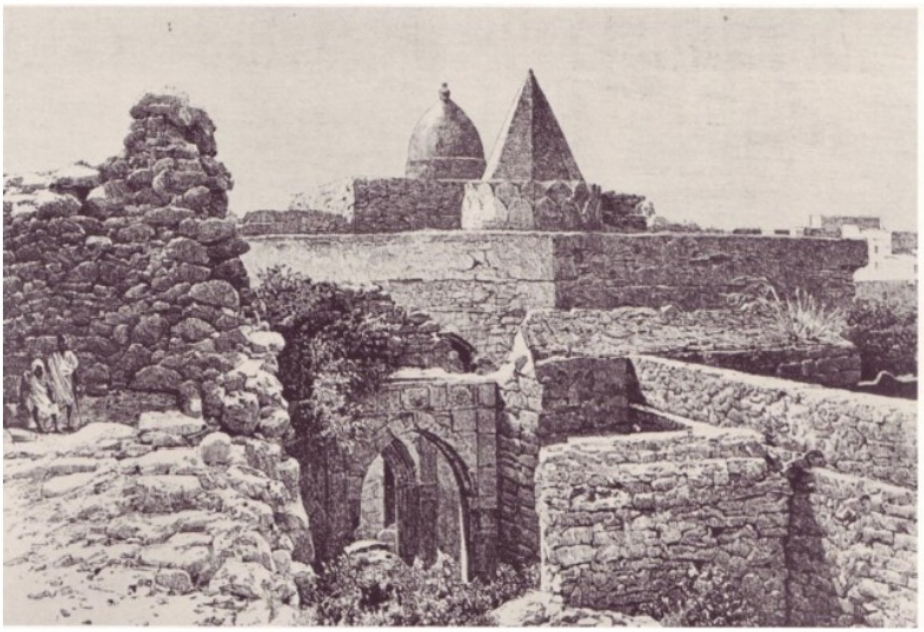


Porte d'entrée et tour de la mosquée de Jama. — Dessin de D. Lancelot, d'après une photographie de l'auteur.

Vestiges de Mogadiscio



Mogadiscio

Marka

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Ifat et Adal

Ces deux sultanats dont les territoires se chevauchaient, apparaissent au 12e-13e siècle à Djibouti, au nord de la Somalie et à l'est de l'Ethiopie. Zeila, la ville la plus importante, est fondée à Djibouti au 12e siècle.

Là aussi le commerce intra-africain et international était très développé. Les nombreuses pièces d'or et d'argent mises à jour illustrent la très grande prospérité de l'époque. De la porcelaine chinoise a été retrouvée dans les vestiges. Bénis par le fleuve Awash, les sultanats profitaient de sols fertiles qui leurs assuraient des récoltes abondantes et un élevage intensif. Le surplus de cette production était exporté vers l'Arabie qui était le principal partenaire commercial.

Malgré son architecture avancée et sa richesse, il semble que Zeila, la grande ville, était confrontée à de graves problèmes d'urbanisation. Ibn Battuta disait ainsi qu'elle est *« la plus sale, la plus désagréable… ville du monde »* [3].

Les fouilles ont mis à jour les ruines de 200 à 300 maisons de pierre. Certaines étaient hautes de 18 metres, soit l'équivalent de 8 à 9 étages.

Zeila

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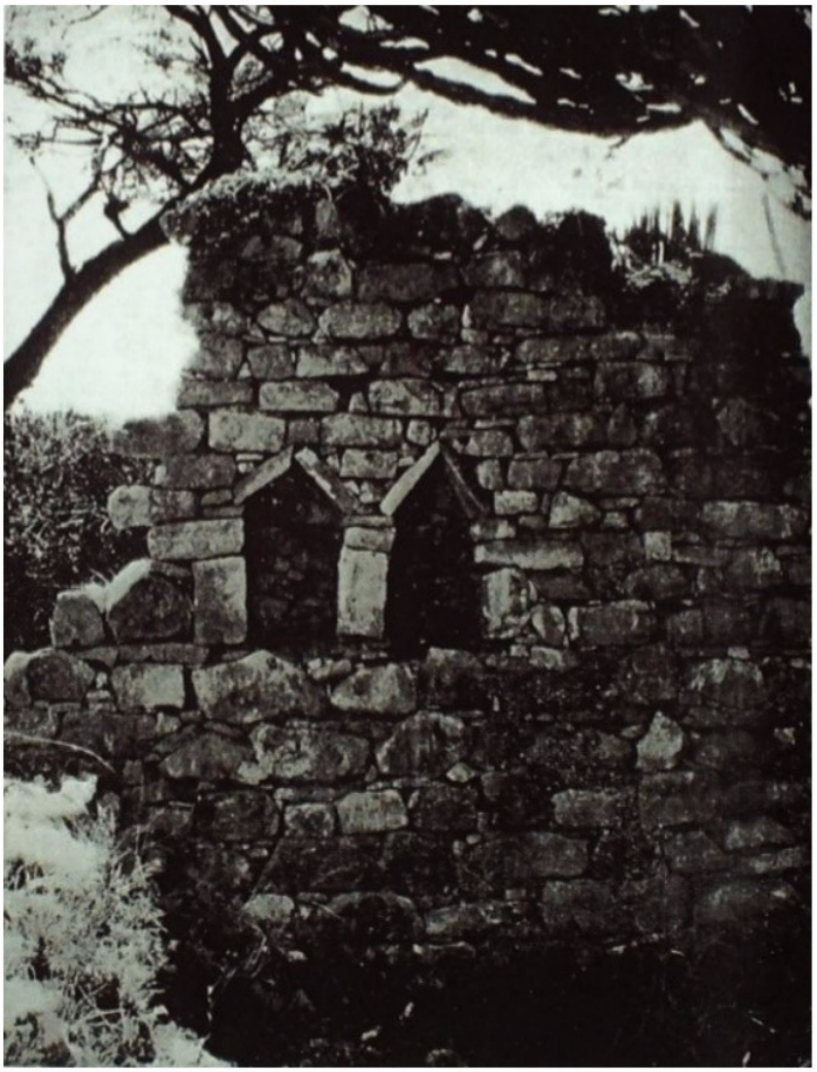
Abasa

L'architecture fait beaucoup penser à celle de l'empire soninké de Ghana en Mauritanie-Mali



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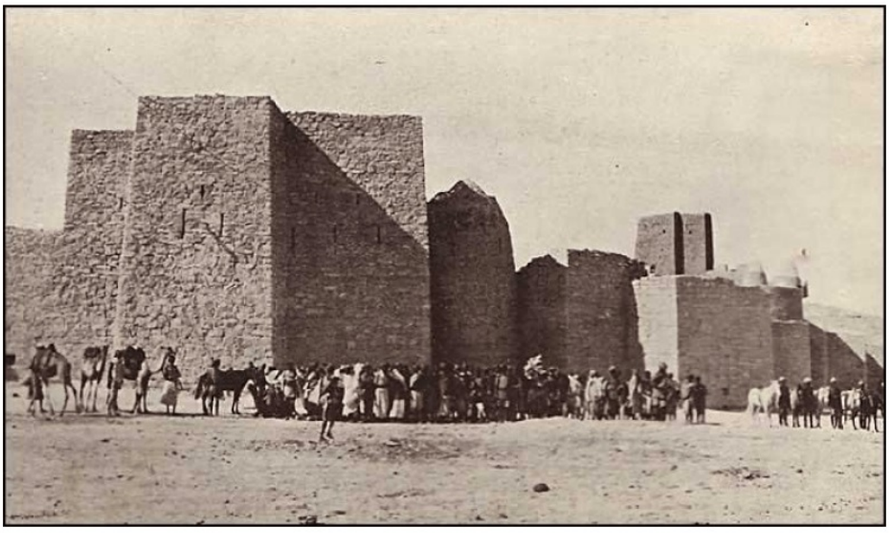
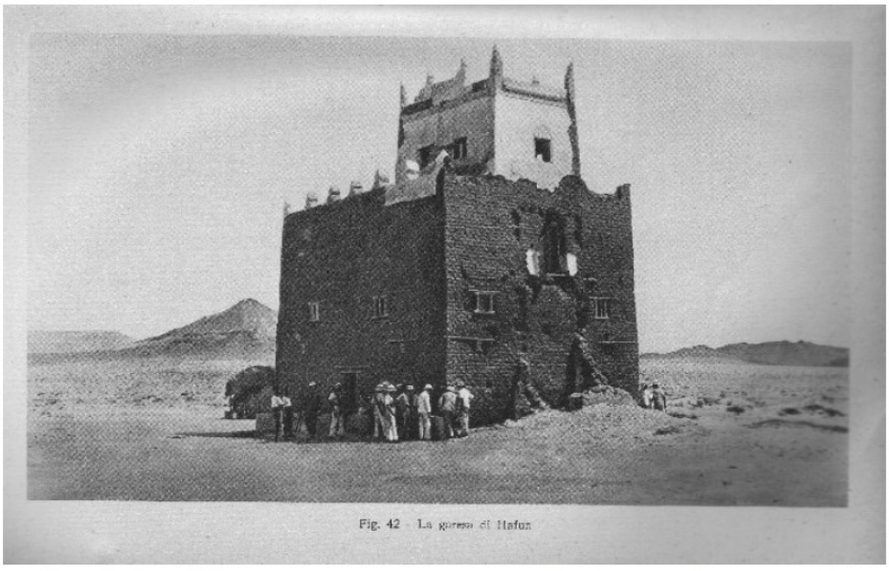


Taleh, sultanat de Warsangali
Les bâtiments faisaient 15 metres de haut, soit l'equivalent de 7 étages

Vue aérienne d'une forteresse de Taleh

Las Khorey, Warsangali



La ville indépendante d'Hafun, ancienne Opone mentionnée par les Grecs. On note les cornes sur les angles du bâtiment au sommet, exactement comme dans l'architecture haoussa du Nigeria-Niger, où elles sont appelées Zankwaye.

Hafun

Le déclin de la civilisation Somali

L'histoire des Somali est marquée par un conflit long et intense avec les chrétiens Amhara, Tigrinya et Agaw d'Ethiopie. Des guerres religieuses et territoriales ont opposé les deux entités. Les chrétiens capturés lors des guerres, considérés comme mécréants selon la vision islamique, étaient même quelquefois vendus en esclavage aux Arabes.

Malgré ses 15 000 cavaliers, Ifat est submergé par l'Ethiopie et tombe au 14e siècle. Adal devra au 16e siècle, en plus des Ethiopiens, faire face aux conquêtes du peuple oromo. Le sultanat, malgré le soutien de l'empire ottoman, est défait lors de sa guerre sur deux fronts.

Ajuran pour sa part a férocement bataillé contre les **Portugais esclavagistes du 16e siècle, qui ont rasé toute la Côte Est africaine, le Zimbabwe et le Kongo, faisant basculer l'Afrique dans l'apocalypse**. Barawa fut incendiée. Toutes les forces furent jetées pour protéger Mogadiscio, qui malgré sa force, fut détruite par l'armée de l'empire portugais. Les Oromo poussaient aussi leurs conquêtes vers le grand empire somali. Affaiblie par ces attaques et par une révolte contre les taxes importantes, Ajuran tombe au 17e siècle. Warsangali sera mis sous tutelle britannique au 19e siècle.

Hotep !

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Le sel : Un petit grain empoisonné ?

connaissance avec le fameux **E535 aussi appelé E536**... un code barbare digne de Stargate SG1...

Ce petit E535 se glisse subrepticement dans tous nos plats et cela n'est pas une très bonne nouvelle pour nous...

J'ai donc voulu mener mon enquête d'aventurière et c'est pourquoi aujourd'hui je vous parle de ce petit aliment qui n'a de blanc que l'aspect et qui va vous révéler un patchwork de vérités déplaisantes.

Du sel et des hommes

Le sel a toujours aidé à **conserver les aliments**, à **conserver les peaux** et même à **acquérir de la richesse** puisqu'il était jadis **monnaie d'échange**. Il devient vite

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indispensable pour l'homme en participant à son organisation et à son développement.

Comme toujours l'homme qui tend souvent à aller dans les extrêmes, en use et abuse afin de répondre à ses besoins croissants. Il se met alors à l'**exploiter à grande**

magnifique... tel un diamant brut... or le sel que nous trouvons sur nos tables comme La baleine ou encore Cerebos (ah les sels de mon enfance) n'est pas de cette forme puisqu'il est raffiné.

Et lorsque le sel se fait raffiner, il est destitué de son essence marine, lacunaire et fade, il devient poison...

En effet un sel pur n'a pas du tout la forme que l'on connaît. Lorsque le sel sort de la mer, celui-ci est de couleur grise, les grains sont plutôt grossiers. Avec le temps **les cristaux** de sel s'agglomèrent entre eux pour se recristalliser un peu comme le sucre de canne ou de coco non raffiné, et ça, les industriels le déteste !

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Nos magiciens industriels ont donc trouvé la technique du raffinage et de **l'ajout d'anti-agglomérant** permettant d'obtenir un sel d'un blanc limpide, aux grains très fins et qui ne s'agglomèrent pas avec le temps.

Le E536 nouveau joujou des industriels ?

Cette molécule sert à raffiner le sel pour mieux le conserver et va permettre de ne pas boucher la salière en aidant les grains de sel à ne pas s'agglutiner lorsqu'ils en sortent ... ba oui le consommateur aime quand son sel est joli, bien blanc et que les grains sont bien ordonnés un a un dans l'assiette **FICHTRE !**

mais ça je vous en parle un peu plus bas.

Toute cette joyeuse famille vient gentiment saupoudrer nos plats de toxicité ... par exemple quand on ajoute du sel industriel dans notre eau pour bouillir les pâtes et bien le sel se transforme en poison. La **molécule E536** ne supportant pas la **chaleur va alors libérer toute son essence de toxicité.**

Oui car ce mélange très ragoutant d'apprenti sorcier au ferrocyanure de potassium est relativement stable à température ambiante, mais s'il est chauffé ou mis en milieu acide, il se décompose, notamment en Cyanure d'hydrogène, très toxique. Oui vous avez bien lu de la **CYANURE !!!**

Dans sa composition on retrouve aussi du **chlorure de fer et de l'hydroxyde de calcium**. D'ailleurs le ferrocyanure de potassium est aussi utilisé en œnologie et dans la bière (et les industriels se gardent bien de le préciser puisque non soumis à

la bière (et les industriels se gardent bien de le préciser puisque non soumis à l'obligation d'étiquetage à ce sujet) mais bon heureusement le vin et la bière ne sont pas consommés souvent chauds.

Voilà pourquoi j'ai été déboussolée par cette découverte car le sel généralement on l'ajoute dans des plats chauds ou pour cuir des aliments … mais aucun média n'a

LES AVENTURES VERTES DE SOPHIE

sur ce que ce tout petit grain peut provoquer sur notre santé !

- *Réduction du transport d'oxygène dans le sang, engendrant alors des difficultés respiratoires, des étourdissements ou des maux de tête.*
- *Augmentation des migraines*
- *Provocation de sensation de fatigue et autres troubles physiologiques !*
- *Augmentation de la sensibilité digestive*
- *Dérèglement de la flore intestinale*
- *Augmentation des démangeaisons et des allergies cutanées*

Passez-moi du sel sans poison !

Acheter du sel bio

Le E535 et E536 est interdit dans tous les produits biologiques. Il faut donc utiliser un

sel pur qui se vend dans les magasins bios comme le sel de Guérande par exemple.

Le sel bio après récolte n'est ni lavé, ni traité chimiquement et ne fait l'objet d'aucune adjonction.

Mais si vous n'avez pas envie de dépenser trop d'argent pour votre sel (chose que je peux comprendre) et bien il existe aussi des solutions.

Je suis allé flâner dans un supermarché très connu commençant par L et finissant par C et j'ai pu trouver du sel non raffiné de l'ile de Noirmoutier, ce sel est gris qui coûte peanuts je vous en parle juste en dessous.

Dans tous les cas, il suffit simplement de lire la liste des ingrédients au dos pour voir s'il y a ou non des rajouts chimiques...

Je vous ai dressé une petite liste des sels à ne pas consommer en grande surface vs ceux qui ne contiennent pas les molécules toxiques dont je parle dans cet article

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Des idées pour rendre le sel plus sain

La nature regorge de trésors de cristaux de sel... Une jolie valse de choix et de couleur nous est offerte entre les sels colorés, les sels épicés, les sels provenant d'ailleurs, il peut être compliqué de faire son choix. Tout est affaire de goût et de besoin aussi...

Pour ma part j'utilise deux gammes de sel :

Le Sel de mer gris non raffiné

Il contient du fait de son non raffinage, tous **ses oligo-éléments & minéraux**. Il est donc très intéressant pour notre organisme qui va avoir plus de **facilité à l'assimiler.**

Le sel gris étant plus fort en bouche, on aura tendance à en mettre moins dans les plats, j'y vois là un autre avantage quand on sait que la consommation de sel est néfaste pour notre santé et que notre nourriture industrielle en est gorgée !

néfaste pour notre santé et que notre nourriture industrielle en est gorgée !

Avec ce sel il est possible de réaliser des déclinaisons intéressantes :

- *Le gomasio*
- *Le sel aromatique*

Il est composé de **90% de graines de sésame, de 5% de sel marin** gris ou rose par exemple.

Ce sel se rajoute en dernier lieu, avant de déguster son plat pour donner de la saveur mais jamais en cuisson.

Il apporte **phosphore & calcium** à l'organisme grâce au sésame qui **va fortifier le système nerveux et neutraliser l'acidité.** Formidable synergie et complémentarité avec le sel marin qui lui va favoriser la **sécrétion des sucs digestifs et stimuler le métabolisme**. Le sésame permettant aux oligo-éléments du sel de mieux être

Ingrédients :

- *180 g. de sésame complet bio ou du sésame noir (ma préférence va pour le premier),*
- *20 g. de sel de qualité (par ex. le gros sel rose de l'Himalaya ou gros sel de mer gris)*

Comment procéder ?

- *Grillez à sec les graines de sésame dans une poêle avec le sel, faire attention à ne pas laisser trop longtemps les graines de sésames au risque de perdre les nutriments les plus nutritifs tels que les oméga 3 (les graines brûlent très rapidement, il faut donc secouer la poêle régulièrement dès qu'elles blondissent et rester vigilant)*

et rester vigilant).

- *Une fois blondis, éteignez le feu et laissez les refroidir*
- *Mettre le mélange dans un mortier et broyez les graines en veillant à ne pas en faire une pâte …*
- *Mettre le mélange dans un pot en verre (meilleur pour la conservation)*

En ayurveda ces mélanges sont fortement recommandés mais en utilisant du sel rose **d'Himalaya**, qui est très concentré en fer et contient énormément de nutriment et d'oligoélément et qui à l'inverse du sel de mer gris, ne contient **pas d'iode**.

Deux recettes que je vous glisse à tester 🙂

Recette 1 – Sel aux aromates

Ingrédients :

- *8 c à soupe de sel marin*
- *2 feuilles de laurier*
- *1 c à soupe de thym*
- *1 c à soupe de romarin séché*
- *½ c à café d'origan séché*

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Comment procéder ?

- *Mettre tous les ingrédients dans un mortier et pilez-les jusqu'à ce que le mélange soit homogène.*

- *1 c à café de graines de coriandre*

Comment procéder ?

- *Mettre tous les ingrédients dans un mortier et pilez-les jusqu'à ce que le mélange soit homogène.*
- *Faites griller à sec dans une poêle les graines de cumin, de coriandre, le mélange n'en sera que plus parfumé.*

A vous de mettre votre grain de sel pour ne pas vous laissez avoir par les industriels 🙂

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sophiebenabi
29 août 2016 à 9h07

Merci Aurore 🙂

Oui tu as bien raison de changer ces petites habitudes “salées”

je te souhaite une pleine santé 🙂

A bientôt

↳ Répondre

Julien
26 septembre 2016 à 10h06

Merci Julien pour ton retour 🙂
Oui les industriels sont loin d'être nos amis, en être conscient permet d'avancer dans la voie de la santé en étant au clair avec soi-même en ce qui concerne les choix que l'on fait.

↳ Répondre

Akhil
31 juillet 2018 à 10h08

Merci pour ton article très clair et très intéressant.

Nous avons une petite compagnie et nous confectionnons du gomasio de sésame noir biologique, avec du sel de Guérande. Lors des ventes sur les marchés ou les foires bio, beaucoup de gens nous disent

du sel de Guérande. Lors des ventes sur les marchés ou les foires bio, beaucoup de gens nous disent qu'ils ne consomment pas de sel ou qu'ils font très attention à la quantité de sel qu'ils mangent. Communément, on croit que le sel est mauvais pour la santé.
En fait, c'est le sel raffiné et tous les produits chimiques qu'ils ajoutent qui sont mauvais. Le sel de mer naturel, lui, est très bon pour la santé.

merci pour ton commentaire désormais je ferais attention pour acheter mon sel car cela fait des années que j'empoisonne ma famille en achetant du sel à bas prix

Répondre

blanchet
5 août 2019 à 17h48

Merci a tous! Une prise de conscience general pourra PEUT ETRE actionner la machine arriere..

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Ophélie

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27 octobre 2019 à 13h05

Les français consomme 5 kilos par an de cyanure d'hydrogène, chlorure de fer, hydroxyde de calcium, carbonate de, sodium et iode autrement appelé « sel » ! Le pire c'est qu'on en donne à nos enfants...

Répondre

via lorena

6 février 2021 à 13h34

merci de ce bon article bien documenté qui devrait aller plus loin dans sa diffusion.

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Merci Sophie pour cet article bien instructif !!

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LE GUET-APENS DE L'ADRAR

Un détachement français assailli par les Maures, à Tidj-Kadja. — Deux officiers et deux sous-officiers tués.

C'est dans cette mystérieuse Mauritanie, où, l'an dernier, fut assassiné M. Coppolani, commissaire du gouvernement français, que s'est produite l'agression représentée dans notre gravure.

Cette agression doit être considérée comme une manifestation de la propagande anti-française qui s'étend, en ce moment, par tout le Maroc et jusqu'aux territoires de l'extrême Sud.

L'affaire s'est passée devant notre poste de Tidj-Kadja, ancienne capitale du Tagaut, qui est le plus extrême de nos établissements de la Mauritanie, confinant presque au Sud marocain.

Fait notable, c'est au même point que, le 12 Mai 1905, M. Coppolani fut assassiné par un groupe de Maures dissidents.

On a tout lieu de croire que ce sont les mêmes individus qui se sont rendus coupables de ces deux guet-apens.

Les Maures étaient plus de cinq cents, armés de fusils, lorsqu'ils assaillirent une reconnaissance, composée de tirailleurs sénégalais, commandée par des officiers et des sous-officiers français.

Le combat fut acharné de part et d'autre. Finalement, les assaillants furent mis en déroute et s'enfuirent, laissant sur le terrain cent cinquante morts, parmi lesquels trois chefs et cinq fils d'un autre chef.

Malheureusement, nos pertes furent graves : deux officiers, les lieutenants Andrieux et Deauville de Frayssus, deux sous-officiers et seize miliciens tombèrent sous les balles ennemies.

A la nouvelle de ces déplorables événements, le ministre des Colonies a chargé M. Roume, gouverneur général de l'Afrique occidentale, de prendre de sérieuses mesures pour enlever aux indigènes soulevés toute idée de recommencer leurs attaques ; les postes de Mauritanie seront renforcés et les Arabes fanatisés refoulés loin de nos possessions.

Il est bon de dire que le poste de Tidj-Kadja, si éprouvé qu'il ait été, n'a pas été enlevé, que nos troupes n'y sont point cernées par un ennemi menaçant, puisqu'elles peuvent expédier des dépêches et donner des renseignements sur leur situation ; elles ont ainsi pu faire savoir au gouverneur par intérim qu'elles ne manquent ni de vivres ni de munitions.

Le capitaine Tissot, qui commande le poste, a, du reste, fait connaître qu'il était en état de résister à une attaque éventuelle.

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SUR LA FRONTIÈRE ALGÉRO-MAROCAINE

Un détachement français châtie une troupe de pillards marocains

Tandis que, sur les territoires qui confinent au Sud du Maroc, nos troupes ont à craindre sans cesse des guet-apens semblables à celui dont nous venons de rendre compte, les indigènes du Tafilalet, soutenus par les autorités marocaines, continuent, sur notre frontière algérienne, leur campagne de vols et de brigandages.

Récemment, nous montrions, ici même, les agitateurs musulmans prêchant contre nous la guerre sainte à ces populations fanatiques.

En attendant que la révolte prenne une tournure plus grave, les Marocains pillards y préludent par des vols continuels. C'est ainsi que, récemment, aux environs de Colomb-Béchar, un « djich » composé d'indigènes du Tafilalet s'est emparé d'un troupeau de vingt chameaux et s'est enfui, après ce vol commis, pour repasser au plus tôt la frontière.

Heureusement, une reconnaissance, partie de Béchar, sous les ordres du capitaine Descoins, parvint, après une poursuite de 200 kilomètres, à rejoindre les agresseurs, les surprit dans leur douar, leur infligea une rude leçon et ramena toutes leurs prises.

Ainsi, de toutes parts, au cœur du Maroc comme sur les frontières, l'existence et les propriétés de nos nationaux sont menacées sans cesse par les sujets du Maghzen ; et, malgré les efforts de notre diplomatie, malgré les mesures prises par le général Lyautey, la situation s'aggrave chaque jour et semble devoir nécessiter finalement une intervention énergique.

VARIÉTÉ

La fin de la Guillotine

L'abolition de la peine de mort. — Guillotin et la guillotine. — L'échafaud supprimé en 1848 et brûlé en 1871. — L'évolution de nos mœurs vers l'humanitarisme. — La publicité des exécutions. — Par quoi remplace-t-on la peine capitale ?

Cette fois, c'en est fait de la peine de mort. Depuis longtemps déjà elle n'existait plus que dans les départements. A Paris, faute d'emplacement où dresser la guillotine, elle était supprimée en fait.

Dernièrement, la commission du budget lui avait porté un premier coup en supprimant les appointements du bourreau. Enfin, dès la rentrée des Chambres, le gouvernement en a proposé l'abolition définitive.

C'est là le résultat fatal des idées humanitaires qui dominent nos mœurs d'à présent.

La guillotine aura donc fonctionné en France durant cent quatorze ans, de 1792 à 1906.

Contrairement à ce qu'on croit généralement, le docteur Guillotin n'en fut pas l'inventeur. On a retrouvé des gravures du seizième siècle représentant des supplices à l'aide d'une « machine à décapiter » qui n'était autre chose que la guillotine. Le Père Labat, religieux dominicain, rapporte qu'en Italie, de 1706 à 1716, il vit fonctionner une machine de ce genre qui s'appelait la *Mannaya* et qui ne servait qu'aux gentilshommes.

Avant celà, le 30 Octobre 1632, le maréchal de France Henri de Montmorency avait été décapité à l'aide d'une machine que l'on décrivait ainsi : « Doloire entre deux montants de bois, maintenue par une corde ; on lâche la corde, et cela descend et sépare la tête du corps. »

Guillotin avait fait, dans la séance du 1er Décembre 1789 de l'Assemblée nationale, la description du « simple mécanisme » qu'il proposait pour les exécutions capitales.

« La mécanique tombe comme la foudre, disait-il dans le style grandiloquent de l'époque ; la tête vole ; le sang jaillit ; l'homme n'est plus... »

Le projet de Guillotin eut tout de suite un succès populaire. La chanson s'en empara. Bientôt tout Paris chanta celle qui suit, sur un air de menuet :

Guillotin,
Médecin,
Politique,
Imagine, un beau matin,
Que pendre est inhumain
Et peu patriotique.
Aussitôt,
Il lui faut
Un supplice
Qui, sans corde ni poteau,
Supprime le bourreau
D'office.

C'est en vain que l'on publie
Que c'est pure jalousie
D'un suppôt
Du tripot
D'Hippocrate.
Qui d'occire impunément,
Même exclusivement,
Se flatte.

Le Romain
Guillotin,
Qui s'apprête,
Consulte gens de métier :
Barnave et Chapelier,
Même le coupe-tête ;
Et sa main
Fait soudain
La machine
Qui, simplement, nous tuera
Et que l'on nommera
Guillotine.

Ce fut un fabricant de pianos, nommé Tobias Schmidt, qui construisit la première guillotine.

Des essais eurent lieu tout d'abord à Bicêtre, sur des cadavres. Puis la première exécution se fit en place de Grève, le 25 Avril 1792. Le patient était un assassin nommé Nicolas-Jacques Pelletier.

Une foule immense couvrait la place. Un journaliste du temps assure qu'elle marqua quelque répugnance pour ce supplice, et qu'en s'en allant, elle chantait une chanson dont le refrain s'adressait au bourreau :

Rends-moi ma potence de bois,
Rends-moi ma potence.

Néanmoins, la guillotine poursuivit sa carrière. Dès l'année suivante, elle était en permanence sur la place de la Révolution, et l'on sait quelle besogne elle fit.

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Mais ce n'est pas la première fois que la guillotine est supprimée en France. La révolution de 1848 prononça l'abolition de la peine de mort dans les termes que voici:

« Le gouvernement provisoire, convaincu que la grandeur d'âme est la suprême politique, et que chaque révolution opérée par le peuple français doit au monde la connaissance d'une vérité philosophique de plus ;

» Considérant qu'il n'y a pas de plus sublime principe que l'inviolabilité de la vie humaine ;

» Considérant que dans les mémorables journées que nous sommes, le gouvernement provisoire a constaté avec orgueil que pas un cri de mort n'est sorti de la bouche du peuple ;

» Déclare :

» Que dans sa pensée la peine de mort est abolie en matière politique et qu'il présentera ce vœu à la ratification définitive de l'Assemblée nationale. »

Cependant, la peine capitale ne tarda pas à être rétablie par une loi.

La Commune fit mieux : elle ordonna la destruction de l'échafaud. Les bois de justice furent brûlés solennellement sur la place de la mairie du onzième arrondissement, ce qui, d'ailleurs, n'empêcha pas les exécutions. Mais la Commune trouvait la fusillade plus expéditive.

Qu'adviendra-t-il, cette fois, de la guillotine ? Sa mise au rancart est-elle définitive et ne la verrons-nous plus, dès à présent, qu'au musée des Supplices ?

C'est probable. Une évolution s'est produite, dans nos mœurs, vers un humanitarisme qui ne s'exerce pas toujours avec logique et bon sens.

Plus nous allons, plus la vie est rude pour les honnêtes gens, et plus nos lois s'adoucissent en faveur des gredins.

Le moment est peut-être mal choisi pour abolir la peine capitale.

Mais, me direz-vous, la guillotine n'a jamais été un moyen de moraliser les foules. Que de fois n'a-t-on pas protesté contre les scènes scandaleuses dont la place de la Roquette était le théâtre, les matins d'exécution ? Que n'a-t-on pas dit sur ces foules hurlantes, avinées, qui venaient là comme à une fête, et sur le macabre cabotinisme qui, jusqu'à la dernière minute, exaltait l'énergie des condamnés ?

C'est vrai. Mais, en ce cas, pourquoi n'a-t-on pas, depuis longtemps, décidé de supprimer la publicité des exécutions capitales ?

L'an dernier encore, un partisan, cependant convaincu, de l'abolition de la peine de mort, reconnaissait, dans un rapport soumis à la Chambre, que « la condamnation capitale est exemplaire en elle-même, que la crainte de l'échafaud retient jusqu'à la dernière minute les pires malfaiteurs et que le condamné le plus farouche espère jusqu'à la dernière seconde qu'il lui sera fait grâce de la vie ».

Il souhaitait seulement qu'on en supprimât la publicité.

« S'il faut, disait-il, selon l'opinion la plus généralement répandue, conserver dans nos codes cette peine terrible, qu'elle soit terrible, en effet, et que rien n'en vienne diminuer ni déshonorer la solennité, ni l'ombre où se cache aujourd'hui la guillotine, ni le scandale de l'horrible foule qui hurle et s'amuse autour, ni les bravades contagieuses du condamné devant le châtiment. Puisqu'il est enfin démontré, par une pratique séculaire, que la vue de l'instrument du supplice et celle du supplice lui-même, loin d'intimider le crime, excitent seulement la curiosité, le moment nous semble venu de suivre l'exemple de tant de pays où l'expérience a prouvé, au contraire, que la suppression de la publicité matérielle ne met pas seulement fin à des scènes odieuses, mais qu'en rendant à la peine de mort sa dignité, elle répand au dehors la terreur salutaire qui est la raison d'être principale du châtiment. En Angleterre, en Allemagne, en Russie, partout où la peine de mort est infligée dans l'intérieur de la prison, c'est un fait d'observation constante qu'au moment où s'élève sur la maison d'arrêt le drapeau noir qui annonce qu'un condamné va mourir, la foule, même la plus brutale, se tait, et qu'un frisson la fait tressaillir. »

Et il terminait par ce raisonnement d'une justesse indiscutable :

« Ce qui frappe le plus profondément l'imagination des hommes et surtout des foules, ce n'est pas ce qu'on voit, c'est l'invisible, et l'inconnu seul est plein de terreur. Cette puissance du mystère, que les religions ont si bien comprise, la justice, elle aussi, peut en user et chercher, dans un intérêt social, à en faire son profit. Voir mourir un homme est un spectacle ; sentir passer la mort est une épouvante. Ôter au peuple la vue du supplice, c'est lui en donner la crainte ; ôter au condamné la vue du peuple, c'est de ne laisser en face de lui que l'expiation.

» Dresser la guillotine dans l'intérieur de la prison, ce n'est pas la cacher — c'est aujourd'hui qu'elle se cache — mais la mettre à sa vraie place ; supprimer la publicité des exécutions, ce n'est pas rapetisser la justice, c'est lui rendre sa majesté. Nous vous demandons de substituer la terreur au spectacle, la dignité au scandale, l'expiation au défi. »

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Nos gouvernants veulent aller plus loin. Ils suppriment radicalement la peine capitale.

Et que proposent-ils, pour la remplacer ?... Six années de cellule, après quoi le régime ordinaire de la réclusion sera appliqué au condamné.

Ce système sera le moins rigoureux de tous ceux qui sont en vigueur dans les pays où la peine de mort est abolie. Il s'inspire de celui qui se pratique en Hollande, où, cependant, le condamné subit huit années de cellule.

Du premier coup, nos réformateurs ont voulu dépasser en humanité et en sensiblerie tous les pays étrangers.

J'aurais compris qu'on supprimât la peine de mort, mais à la condition, du moins, qu'elle fût remplacée par une peine vraiment sévère, telle, par exemple, celle qui est en vigueur en Italie, l'emprisonnement perpétuel en cellule.

C'était là le seul châtiment dont l'application pût faire accepter l'abolition de la guillotine.

De l'avis des criminalistes, cette peine est réellement rigoureuse ; c'est la seule qui puisse faire réfléchir les assassins et les arrêter dans la voie du crime.

Bentham, un criminaliste philanthrope, déclarait jadis que s'il avait à choisir entre l'internement perpétuel en cellule et la peine de mort, il se prononcerait pour la mort.

« Condamner le criminel à un emprisonnement perpétuel, l'isoler du monde le reste de la vie, le laisser seul avec ses remords, disait-il, est une peine autrement redoutable que l'angoisse rapide qui précède l'exécution. »

Cette peine sera évitée à nos assassins. Après six années en cellule (si, toutefois, on ne s'empresse pas d'adoucir cette première partie du châtiment), ils auront à subir le régime ordinaire des prisons ; et chacun sait qu'il est, aujourd'hui, de moins en moins sévère.

Et c'est par ce moyen qu'on espère diminuer la criminalité en France !...

LACARRE.

LA SEMAINE FANTAISISTE

De la peau, s. v. p. !

« Une millionnaire américaine, brûlée dans un accident, demande de la peau humaine. »
(LES JOURNAUX.)

Holà ! messieurs et mesdames,
Qui passez fiers et contents,
Je ne fais pas de réclame :
Arrêtez-vous un instant !
Surtout vous qui semblez tendres,
Replets, dodus, gros et gras,
Dites-moi, n'auriez-vous pas
Sur vous de la peau à vendre ?

Il n'en faudrait pas beaucoup,
Non, juste de quoi refaire
Le nez, le crâne, le cou,
Le dos, les deux hémisphères,
Les bras et pareillement
La partie épigastrique
D'une dame d'Amérique,
Brûlée on ne sait comment.

Vous en restez tout moroses !
Pourtant, vous avez bon cœur !
On fournirait pour la chose
Un habile disséqueur,
Et pour votre sacrifice,
(Vous m'en voyez convaincu)
Un grand sac rempli d'écus
Serait votre bénéfice.

Alors, vous ne marchez pas ?
Vous craignez pour vos ampoules ?
Et, de voir un coutelas,
Vous avez la chair de poule ?
Mais, il faut en convenir,
Avec sa triste plastique
La dame transatlantique,
Que va-t-elle devenir ?

Elle attend toujours sous l'orme
Qu'on vienne la consoler,
Comme la « justice informe »,
Laide à vous faire envoler...
Quel épouvantable drame
De vivre et d'être sans peau !
Ah ! plaignez la pau... la pau...
Ah ! plaignez la pauvre femme !

Oui, Madame, je vous plains,
Mais il est plus d'un remède,
Et, sans être très malin,
Je vais vous venir en aide.
Si vous n'êtes pas en train
Et si vous versez des larmes,
Demandez donc pour vos charmes
Un peu de peau de chagrin.

Puis, sans beaucoup de dépense,
Comme un livre tout nouveau,
Vous pouvez aussi, je pense,
Etre reliée en veau.
Si vous voulez vous refaire
Avec de la peau de daim,
De votre mari, soudain,
Ce sera vraiment l'affaire.

Si vous désirez, enfin,
Une peau superbe et grasse,
Dont le parfum doux et fin
Renouvelle votre grâce,
Il n'est qu'un moyen coquet,
C'est de partir en campagne,
Chercher de la peau d'Espagne :
Vous serez comme un bouquet !

Mais permettez-moi, Madame,
De vous donner un conseil !
Je vous jure sur mon âme
Qu'il est, certes, sans pareil :
Pour redevenir valide,
Moyennant quelques sequins,
Achetez — c'est plus solide —
De la peau de Marocain.

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L'école du chauffeur !

Lartigues et sa femme filaient à trente-cinq à l'heure, sur la route de Gaillon à Nantes, où ils habitaient; l'auto, une douze-chevaux récemment acquise, s'était admirablement comportée, comme une bonne petite voiture à qui l'on ne demande que ce qu'elle peut donner ; il est vrai qu'on le lui demandait tous les jours depuis trois semaines ; mais comme on la dorlotait, comme on la choyait, comme on l'entourait de toutes sortes de soins et d'égards : jamais encore, ni par elle, ni à cause d'elle, on n'avait eu le moindre ennui.

Au début, Mme Lartigues, en vérité, avait bien subi le contre-coup de quelques histoires effroyables « d'os et de chairs meurtris et traînés dans la fange », débitées par le clan des vieux bonnets de leur entourage.

Le truc, ce fils verdâtre du troublant inconnu, lui avait plus d'une fois mis à la nuque le glacial frisson des petites morts. On n'est pas maîtresse de ses nerfs, n'est-ce pas ? Mais, rapidement, en somme, elle s'était aguerrie, et,pourvu qu'on n'allât pas trop vite, qu'une excessive prudence présidât aux plus infimes contingences des voyages, que son mari prît les tournants en douceur, ralentît aux descentes, qu'il ne passât jamais outre aux « Attention ! » qu'essaime, sur les routes, la munificence d'anonymes philanthropes, qu'il consentît à freiner dès que le bruit d'un moteur se faisait entendre, ou que la silhouette d'un cheval — noble mais inutile conquête désormais — s'esquissait dans le lointain, elle ne sonnait pas trop le tocsin et ne s'apeurait que tout juste pour montrer combien, à côté de l'époux de son choix, elle attachait de prix à l'existence

Ils ignoraient le vertige des vitesses fulgurantes, n'entamaient de luttes avec personne, se laissant volontiers dépasser sans avancer d'un cran leur allumage, et s'arrêtant même, au besoin, pour ne point manger la poussière de leurs obscurs triomphateurs. Tout un chacun pouvait les « gratter » sans qu'ils en éprouvassent le moindre dépit, et lorsqu'ils avaient mangé leurs cent kilomètres en quatre heures, ils considéraient sagement que, pour peu qu'ils le veuillent, ils auraient encore le temps, avant leur trépas, d'atteindre le bout du monde.

Cent kilomètres en quatre heures, ou vingt-cinq en soixante minutes, selon l'exacte arithmétique, telle était l'ordinaire mesure de leur ambition ; et si ce soir, par cette fin de gris après-midi d'automne, ils avaient un tantinet accéléré leur allure, c'est qu'ils avaient prié à dîner — oh ! dans la plus stricte intimité — deux de leurs amis, un médecin et sa femme, dont la propriété jouxtait la leur.

Or, Mme Lartigues n'avait donné à la bonne, en la quittant, que des ordres assez imprécis pour le repas. Partis tard, ils avaient d'abord résolu de ne pousser que jusqu'à Vernon ; mais ils s'étaient laissés entraîner, et maintenant elle craignait d'être prise de court pour son menu. De plus, son mari, se fiant à leur première décision et à la régularité de sa machine qui ne pannait jamais, avait omis de regarnir d'acétylène le réservoir du phare, et ils ne se souciaient point — le soleil déclinant rapidement — d'être surpris par la nuit et surtout par la maréchaussée vigilante.

Le risque d'un procès-verbal n'effrayait pas Lartigues plus que de raison : mais sa femme, qui avait la gérance des deniers du ménage, jugeait ce surcroît d'impositions complètement inutile.

— Nous ferions bien mieux, conseilla-t-elle, au moment où ils franchissaient un carrefour, de recharger l'appareil à Vernon.

— Bah ! répliqua-t-il, avec cet entêtement de l'homme qui tient son volant et qui ne veut plus le lâcher, nous presserons le mouvement, voilà tout, si nous y sommes forcés.

— Comment ! Encore ?

Il haussa les épaules, dédaigneux de répondre, et, pour prouver que ces timidités féminines ne l'influençaient point et ne refroidissaient pas son audace, il commença par envoyer de l'huile dans le moteur.

— Saint-Pierre ! plus que quarante, annonçait-il. Le Goulet, plus que trente-cinq.

— Dans un quart d'heure, on n'y verra plus, gémit-elle.

— Mais si ! Mais si ! Toute la journée ça a été comme ça !

Ils venaient de traverser un semblant de village parfaitement désert et dont ils apercevaient, tout près, la dernière maison, quand tout à coup, derrière eux, retentirent des cris furieux, des appels mêlés de vociférations et d'injures.

— Eh là ! Eh ! Arrêtez ! Bandits ! Canailles ! Assassins !...

Instinctivement, Lartigues appuya sur ses deux pédales et se retourna, en même temps que sa femme, qui tremblait d'émotion.

— Mon Dieu ! qu'est-ce qu'il y a ? Qu'est-ce que nous avons fait, murmura-t-elle, tandis qu'il immobilisait la machine.

— Je n'en sais rien ! Nous allons bien voir, fit-il, impatienté et regrettant déjà son arrêt.

Au milieu de la route, un homme courait, proférant toujours des invectives, et brandissant dans sa dextre un objet dont ils ne purent tout d'abord définir la nature, mais dans lequel, bientôt, ils reconnurent un volatile de basse-cour.

— Ah ben, ah ben, fit le paysan, qui les avait rejoints, en s'agrippant à la limousine, mais en baissant un peu le ton devant la haute stature de Lartigues, qui s'était levé dans la voiture ; ah ben, vous autres ! C'est-y donc que vous êtes payés pour écraser toujours quéqu' chose ? Quand c'est pas les gens, c'est les bêtes, alors ?

Lartigues fut en bas, d'un bond.

— Vous allez me faire le plaisir d'être poli, gronda-t-il, les poings serrés, ou sans quoi...

— Poli ! Poli !

— Oui. Si vous avez quelque chose à réclamer, dites-le, mais sans grossièreté, parce que...

— Georges, Georges, se lamenta Mme Lartigues, calme-toi !

— A réclamer ! Je réclame, bien sûr, que je réclame ce qui m'est dû ! Vous m'avez écrasé un poulet, vous allez le payer !

— Si je veux !

— Si vous voulez !

— Certainement. Vous n'aviez qu'à le garder chez vous, votre poulet !...

— Georges, supplia de nouveau Mme Lartigues. Paye-le-lui, et que ce soit terminé. Combien, mon brave homme ?

L'autre ne barguigna pas.

— Dix francs !

— Comment ! s'exclamèrent en même temps l'homme et la femme.

— Vous trouvez que c'est trop ? Un poulet comme celui-là ! Mon plus beau ! Y a pas meilleur ! Je voulais le garder ! Tenez, huit francs ! On est honnête !

— Mettez-le dans la voiture, fit Georges, excédé, en tirant son porte-monnaie.

Mais le paysan hocha la tête.

— Faut que je vous le donne ?

— Puisque je vous l'achète !

— Ben ! Et les dommages ! Si vous le prenez, c'est dix francs !

Sur un signe de lassitude de sa femme, Georges remit la pièce ronde et tendit la main pour prendre la bête.

— N'y touchez pas ! Il est tout plein de sang !

Avec précaution, il le déposa aux pieds de Mme Lartigues.

— J'y gagne pas, affirma-t-il encore.

Et, pendant que l'auto se remettait en marche, immobile et satisfait,il les regarda partir en leur criant :

— Bon retour, m'sieu, madame !

Rageur et désireux de regagner le temps perdu, Georges, sans rien écouter,mit toute l'avance, et le parcours s'acheva sans autre incident. Comme l'auto pénétrait dans l'allée du jardin, leurs amis, qui les avaient précédés de quelques minutes, se portèrent à leur rencontre.

Ils s'excusèrent en narrant leur aventure, dont la véracité fut garantie par l'exhibition même de la victime.

Le docteur, qui s'occupait d'élevage, dans ses loisirs, et qui possédait un superbe poulailler où il collectionnait les gallinacées les plus rares, soupesa l'animal.

— Eh ! fit-il, pas vilain ! Cher, mais ça pèse, ça pèse !... Il est déjà tout raide ; — et, cherchant à expliquer scientifiquement ce détail — c'est sans doute, ajouta-t-il, le déplacement de l'air qui a hâté le refroidissement.

— Alors, s'enquit Lartigues, nous n'avons pas été trop volés ?... Eh bien mais, si nous le mangions, ce poulet ?... C'est mon premier embêtement de chauffeur, je serais heureux d'en recueillir immédiatement la compensation !

— Préparer une volaille maintenant ? déclara sa femme. Tu n'y songes pas !

Mais devant l'insistance générale, et sur l'affirmation de la cuisinière que le dîner ne serait, de ce fait, reculé que d'un petit quart d'heure, elle s'inclina.

Quelques instants plus tard, Lartigues causait avec ses hôtes, au salon, lorsque sa femme, qui venait de s'absenter sur un appel de la domestique, réapparut, tenant par le cou, devant elle, le poulet, à moitié plumé. Et elle riait si fort et de si bon cœur, qu'elle faillit le laisser choir sur le tapis.

On se précipita, mais elle n'eut qu'à lever le bras pour qu'aussitôt tout le monde reculât d'horreur !

Le poulet qu'avait écrasé l'auto était mort depuis au moins huit jours !

Albert Delvallé.

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La voile noire

J'aime X...-sur-Mer et sa population robuste, laborieuse. Souvent, j'y suis retourné, en toutes saisons,heureux d'y retrouver une foule de braves gens dont la plupart me connaissent.

Une fois de plus, fin Septembre, j'y arrivai par un tiède après-midi. Après m'être restauré et avoir secoué la poussière du train, je descendis sur la plage, où je rencontrai le père Batiste, gras, réjoui, rouge de barbe et de cheveux, ancien maître nageur, à présent sauveteur, dont la poitrine large se pare, aux jours de fête, de nombreuses médailles héroïquement conquises.

— Ah ! m'sieu Régnal... vous v'là donc r'venu nous voir ? Ça va la santé ? fit-il, en m'abordant.

— Merci, père Batiste.

— Vous êtes pour longtemps ici ?

— Hélas ! non... La saison a été belle ?

— Magnifique... Mais c'est fini jusqu'à l'an prochain.

Tandis que nous échangions de vagues propos, le soleil avait disparu. Une teinte uniforme se répandait sur la marine, entre les murailles crayeuses des falaises. Le sable, les eaux, les galets, la roche veloutée de varech, tout prenait une couleur grise et pâle, admirable d'harmonie et de douceur. Des voiles lointaines accrochaient les dernières lueurs du couchant. L'une d'elles me frappa, toute noire.

— C'est la barque à Désiré Lecler, me dit Batiste. C'est l' goudron qui l'a noircie. Mais l' pauvre diable aurait ben sujet d' remettre son bateau en deuil, car il a eu sa part d' malheur en c' monde.

— Il y a une histoire ?... Contez-la-moi. Vous savez que j'aime les récits, et que vous les faites bien.

Le brave homme sourit, mais en haussant les épaules, afin de me prouver qu'il ne se laissait prendre qu'à demi au compliment.

— Ah !... faut pas vous attendre à quéqu' chose de ben extraordinaire... Voilà :

Désiré était l'aîné des Lecler. Il f'sait vivre sa mère et ses deux *tiotes* sœurs d'puis qu' son père avait péri... t'nez ! à mes côtés, dans l' sauv'tage d'un canot à la pointe du phare. Désiré avait seize ans à c' moment-là... Pas buveur, sage, nous l' donnions en exemple à la jeunesse, quoi !... Mais v'là l'amour qu'est v'nu lui trotter en tête, alors...

— Il s'est épris d'une mauvaise femme ?

— *Mauvaise* n'est pas l' mot. La Pascaline avait quéqu' sous. C'était la fille de Chenavard, le boucher. Seul'ment, personne n'aurait voulu d'elle, pasque la mère était morte détraquée d'avoir un peu trop l'vé l' coude. Et puis l' père *n'étiont* point aimé. Ouand y avait un méchant coup à donner, il entrait toujours dans la partie. Il avait eu plusieurs histoires louches...

— Elle était jolie, cette fille ?

— Non... maigriotte, pâlotte... J' l'aurais pas aimée pour moi. Elle avait un drôle d' caractère. Elle se sauvait,quand son père allait abattre. Depuis l' temps, elle n'avait jamais pu s'y faire. Elle courait sur la falaise au point qu'une fois on l'a trouvée à demi morte, là-haut, près du sémaphore. Elle n'était propre à rien qu'à chanter... Ah ça ! elle chantait quasiment aussi bien que des actrices qui sont venues ici, au Casino. Seulement, quand elle avait roucoulé, elle s' mettait à pleurnicher.

V'là donc Désiré qu'épouse c'te fille, malgré l'opposition d' sa mère et les conseils que nous lui donnions *tretous*. Une fois mariés, ça n'a pas marché. Les Lecler ne pouvaient point supporter la Pascaline. C'étaient des reproches, des disputes... Et puis, vous savez, dans nos pays, on aime les femmes solides. Celle-là, avec ses grands yeux qui lui mangeaient la figure, n'avait point de sang. Son moutard, un avorton, a vécu quinze jours. Le docteur Blot a dit, du reste, qu' c'était une grâce du bon Dieu *qu'i soye* mort,et qu'il fallait espérer qu'elle n'en f'rait plus d'autres. V'là donc la mère Lecler qui voyait l' nom d' son pauvr' homme perdu... on tient à ça, vous savez, ici. Nous avons des familles d' pêcheurs qui r'montent à deux ou trois cents ans. Moi qui vous parle, j' connais le grand-père de mon grand-père. Il était allé dans les temps à Paris, avec le célèbre Duguay-Trouin, voir le roi du soleil qui régnait...

— Roi-Soleil !... Louis XIV, fis-je.

— J' sais ben... Pour rev'nir à Lecler, il aimait sa femme malgré tout. Quand il rentrait d'la pêche et qu'il lui voyait les yeux rouges, fallait entendre les scènes qu'il f'sait à sa mère et à ses sœurs. J' sais ben qu' la mère Leclerc n'est pas toujours commode !... Mais la Pascaline, depuis la mort de son *fieu*, était toute drôle, surtout avec les moutards. Y avait pas à dire, ell' dev'nait folle.

— Ah ! doux Jésus ! s'en allait partout disant la mère Lecler, si mes filles devaient me causer autant de chagrin que l' *fi*, j' me jett'rais sous l' chemin de fer, aussi vrai qu'il fait jour.

Donc, pour vous finir, un dimanche de Fête-Dieu, la procession descendait jusqu'à la jetée. V'là-t-y pas que c'te toquée d' Pascaline tombe sur les jeunes filles qui portaient la statue de la Sainte-Vierge, en disant qu'elle lui avait volé son *p'tiot* ? Elle poussait des cris d'possédée. Les gamines prennent peur, lâchent tout, et c'te damnée qui s'acharne sur la Sainte-Marie, à coups d'poings, en essayant d' lui arracher l'enfant des bras.

Enfin Guillant, l' tambour de la ville ,arrive, la ramasse, et, ma fine ! la fourre dans les caves de la maison municipale. Personne, pas même le père Chenavard, ne voulait de c'te femme qui gémissait après avoir hurlé, et qui semblait vouloir tomber *dure ou mal*. Quand, l'soir, Désiré apprit la chose, — il était allé conduire des étrangers en promenade — il entra dans une colère !... oh ! mais une colère !... On avait touché à sa Pascaline... On aurait dit qu'il allait nous manger tous. D'un trait il courut à la *mairerie*. M'sieur l' maire lui fit rendre sa folle, mais :

« — Ecoutez-moi, Lecler, qu'il lui dit ; il faut la conduire à Rouen ; j' vous recommanderai au directeur de la maison.

» — Des fous ? qu' répond Désiré.

» — Qu'voulez-vous ? faut ben. Vous s'rez pu tranquille. »

Désiré passa toute la journée du lend'main avec sa femme, pour essayer d' la faire rev'nir à elle. Il lui parlait comme à un enfant. Il app'lait les amis pour voir si elle reconnaîtrait quéqu'un.Il lui offrait tout pour manger, pour la faire brave. N'y avait pas moyen de lui tirer une parole de raison.Il pleurait comme une bête de voir qu'elle ne le *reconnaissiont* point. Quand vint l' soir, il nous ficha tous à la porte parce que nous lui disions :

« — Tu vois ben qu'y faut la faire enfermer, comme te l' conselle m'sieur le maire. »

Le lend'main, nous l'vîmes sortir, conduisant sa folle par la main, comme une fillette. Il avait l'air très triste, mais décidé. Il croisa justement, près de la *mairerie*, m'sieur l' maire, qu'allait faire un mariage.

« — Eh ben ! Lecler, qu'il lui dit, qu'est-ce que vous décidez ? »

Lecler lui répondit :

« — M'sieur le maire, c'est vous que j' venions voir, pour vous dire que, quand vous nous avez mariés, vous nous avez lu la loi : la femme doit obéissance à son mari, et l' mari lui doit aide et protection, à sa femme, c' pas? Pascaline m'a toujours obéi ; j' dois la protéger. M'sieur l' curé l'a dit aussi bien qu' vous.

» — M'sieur l' curé s'rait l' premier à dire qu'il faut mettre dans un asile une malheureuse qu'a été sacrilège. »

Lecler n'a rien voulu entendre. Alors, l' maire finit par se fâcher :

« — Si vous n'êtes pas raisonnable, qu'y fit en voyant qu'il perdait son latin, j' ferais enfermer d'autorité une insensée qui devient dangereuse. »

Là-d'sus, Désiré s' mit à rire :

« — Pascaline n'ira pas chez les fous. L' capitaine est maître à son bord, pas vrai ? Eh ben ! j' suis l' patron d' ma barque et j'y emmène ma femme. Nous n' descendrons plus à terre, *pisque* vous avez peur *ed' nous*. »

Il a fait comme il le disait, acheva le père Batiste. Il a pris quéques bricoles, sifflé son chien, et largue la voile ! Il vit au large. Il apporte sa pêche, que nous lui vendons. Il prend de confiance ce que nous lui donnons... Il sait ben qu'on voudrait pas l' voler...

Georges Régnal.

LA VIE PRATIQUE

Les mauvais froids

Combien de fois ne vous est-il point arrivé, mes chers lecteurs, d'entendre dire autour de vous : « — Quel malheur ! il a attrapé un mauvais froid ! » La résultante de cette locution populaire est purement et simplement une bronchite, une pleurésie, la tuberculose, ce que vous voudrez, enfin ! mais pas, comme on le croit généralement, des rhumatismes. Le rhumatisme, *vulgo* les douleurs, est la manifestation d'un état général mauvais, d'un défaut de nutrition et de digestion, dans lequel les refroidissements n'ont rien à voir.

Je l'ai écrit autrefois, dans une succession d'articles ayant trait à l'envahissement de l'économie par l'acide urique insuffisamment expulsé : le rhumatisme, la gravelle ou pierre et la goutte, sont une « trilogie de l'Enfer ! » Les souffrances que l'on éprouve lorsque l'on est atteint d'une ou plusieurs de ces affections sont atroces, la partie malade devient chaude, brûlante ; la peau rouge et luisante se tend dans une enflure plus ou moins considérable. Lorsque le sujet observe l'immobilité parfaite, excepté dans la goutte, il ne souffre pas, mais s'il a le malheur de risquer le plus fugitif mouvement, il lui semble qu'on lui peigne les muscles avec un fer rouge.

L'origine de cette maladie si répandue, je viens de le dire, est dans la mauvaise expulsion de l'acide urique que l'usine de produits chimiques qu'est notre corps, fabrique à jet continu. Si les petits cristaux d'acide urique, au lieu de s'échapper, dissous normalement dans notre urine, vont se fixer dans la vessie ou dans les reins, c'est la pierre, la gravelle, les coliques hépatiques, et *tutti quanti*. Si les mêmes cristaux se réfugient dans les articulations, qu'ils se mettent à déformer sous l'effort lent et continu de leurs concrétions tophacées, c'est la hideuse goutte avec ses nuits d'insomnie hurlées. Si, enfin, l'acide urique prend son siège dans les muscles, c'est le rhumatisme que trop de personnes connaissent, les sciatiques, les lombagos, etc.

L'empoisonnement dont je viens de parler a lieu, bien entendu ,avec la complicité de la masse sanguine, de son torrent circulatoire. Il est nécessaire, à l'aide des Pilules Pink, dont si souvent j'ai parlé, d'épurer son sang, de le filtrer, de le rendre généreux et limpide, pour voir disparaître d'elles-mêmes, sans liniments, ni baumes, ni compresses, sans autre régime, en un mot, tous les accidents d'arthritisme dont on est frappé. J'avais cette vérité à proclamer, mes chers lecteurs, la voici dite. Sachez en tenir compte.

Eugène Foreau.

EXIGEZ les VRAIES TABLETTES COQUELICOTS *Seules efficaces contre le RHUME*
Le nom de l'inventeur JOSEPH TAVERNIER doit être imprimé en toutes lettres sur chaque tablette. — *Refusez les Contrefaçons.*

PRIS AU PIÈGE

Depuis un quart d'heure, Alfred de Lompré se promenait dans la bibliothèque qui lui servait de cabinet de travail, relisant avec un bon sourire une lettre qu'il prenait et reposait, alternativement, sur son bureau de vieux chêne.

— Evidemment, murmurait-il, il n'y a pas guet-apens ; mon excellente tante Juliette ne pense pas, comme il y a trois ans, à m'attirer dans un guêpier de filles à marier. Elle m'aime tendrement, l'excellente femme, donc rien de plus naturel que de vouloir me posséder quelques semaines dans ce vieux manoir de Ronceray où j'ai tant joué étant petit... Mais, on ne saurait trop être prudent...

Et, pour la cinquième ou sixième fois, le jeune homme se mit à relire très attentivement la missive de la baronne de Ronceray :

« Mon cher neveu,

» Il faut croire que la vie de Paris est bien absorbante, puisqu'elle ne laisse pas au grand garçon qui, autrefois, prenait ses ébats à Ronceray, le moindre loisir pour revoir le coin normand qu'il affectionnait jadis.

» Les années s'en vont vite, cependant, mon cher enfant, et, quoique ma santé ne soit pas inquiétante, je sens qu'il faut me hâter de jouir un peu des affections qui me restent.

» Or, voici Septembre et les feuilles jaunes ; le grand Louis, mon garde, me demande s'il faut laisser aux braconniers le soin de décimer mes perdreaux... Ne viendras-tu pas pour le seconder dans cette tâche plutôt agréable ?

» Mais... je te vois venir ; tu te méfies parce que, lors de ton dernier séjour au castel, je t'ai fait faire la connaissance de quelques charmantes jeunes personnes.

» Eh bien, rassure-toi: aujourd'hui, toute la compagnie est mariée... tu n'as plus à craindre de rencontrer à Ronceray « l'escadron volant de la reine », comme tu avais assez impertinemment baptisé les vertueuses filles de mes amis.

» J'attends donc un bon mouvement de ta part, mon Frédi ; du reste, n'est-il pas convenable que tu viennes visiter, de temps à autre, un domaine qui doit t'appartenir un jour ?

» Un mot bien vite pour m'annoncer le jour d'arrivée, n'est-ce pas, Frédi ?

» Ta tante affectionnée,

» Juliette de Ronceray. »

— L'excellente femme ! répétait Alfred de Lompré, c'est pourtant vrai qu'elle m'aime tendrement ; me l'a-t-elle assez prouvé, lors de la mort de mon père ? Car ce n'est vraiment que dans sa tendresse émue que j'ai trouvé le courage de supporter le départ de celui qui fut pour moi le père, le frère et l'ami ! Mais aussi, quelle diable d'idée que de vouloir absolument me marier ! Enfin, Dieu soit loué, elle n'y pense plus, et je ne vois rien qui m'empêche de partir. J'irai à Ronceray.

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Non loin de Vire, dans le Calvados, sur les bords de la rivière de ce nom, s'élève le manoir de Ronceray construction du seizième siècle, rajeunie et adaptée aux exigences modernes par un architecte intelligent.

C'est là que l'aimable châtelaine reçut, par une riante soirée d'automne, ce coquin de neveu, si réfractaire aux projets de mariage.

Le jeune homme, enchanté, du reste, de venir passer quelque temps dans un site pittoresque qui ne lui rappelait que des souvenirs agréables, répondit de tout cœur aux effusions de la baronne.

Quant à celle-ci, elle était tout à la joie de revoir ce Frédi, le fils unique d'une sœur à qui la naissance de cet enfant avait coûté la vie, et qu'elle avait remplacée comme mère pendant les années de la première jeunesse.

Après un dîner délicat, tante et neveu prenaient le café dans le petit salon particulier de la baronne, en parlant des personnes du pays connues par le jeune homme, lorsque la baronne, d'un ton indifférent :

— A propos, Frédi, t'ai-je jamais parlé de la vicomtesse de Breuil, une amie d'enfance à moi, que son mari avait emmenée dans les Amériques, au Mexique, je crois ?

— Peut-être oui, peut-être non ; le fait est que ce nom ne me dit rien.

— Eh bien ! il y a assez longtemps qu'elle est morte, laissant une charmante fille.

— Oh ! ma tante ! ma tante ! que m'aviez-vous promis ?

— Tais-toi donc... nous disons une charmante fille qui s'est mariée, il y a deux ans, au lieutenant de vaisseau de Gleyrolle. C'est un mariage tout d'inclination ; et voici que le susdit lieutenant me prie de donner l'hospitalité à sa femme pendant la durée d'un voyage qu'il est obligé de faire pour régler des affaires d'intérêt. Ordinairement, les Gleyrolle habitent Caen et j'attends, d'un jour à l'autre, l'arrivée de la jeune femme.

Seulement, mon cher Frédi, prends note que sa présence au château ne devra te gêner en rien pour tes allées et venues. Tu gardes tes coudées franches, c'est convenu.

Installé dans sa chambre confortable, Alfred de Lompré se demandait, malgré lui, comment pouvait bien être cette jeune dame avec laquelle il allait vivre sous le même toit ; et, l'idée de mariage forcément écartée, il n'eut aucun scrupule à se la représenter jolie et splendide.

Le jeune homme était installé depuis trois jours au château, lorsque Mme de Gleyrolle y arriva. Au premier aspect, Alfred de Lompré fut positivement surpris de rencontrer tant de grâces réunies en une seule personne.

Violette de Gleyrolle avait à peine vingt ans. Ses yeux noirs, irisés de fibrilles d'or, étincelaient sous les cils bruns qui frangeaient leurs paupières ; son front poli ployait sous le fardeau des tresses opulentes de ses cheveux blonds à reflets de cuivre bruni ; sa bouche vermeille souriait, et ses lèvres un peu charnues ressortaient sur le teint frais et rose de ses joues ; une fossette mignonne marquait son menton arrondi. C'était un ensemble de détails charmants auxquels un air virginal ajoutait un attrait de plus.

— Ce Gleyrolle est un heureux coquin, pensa le jeune homme, en s'inclinant devant la nouvelle venue, qui laissa ingénûment reposer son regard sur lui, l'espace de quelques secondes.

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Il y avait trois semaines que notre Parisien était à Ronceray, devenu un séjour animé par suite des invitations que la baronne lançait dans son voisinage.

Le farouche de Lompré avait changé du tout au tout depuis l'arrivée de Violette de Gleyrolle. Naturellement très à l'aise en compagnie féminine, il était devenu presque timide.

Quant à la jeune femme, elle ne cachait nullement le plaisir qu'elle prenait à la conversation de M. de Lompré, et, pour le remercier de ses anecdotes mondaines, elle ne se faisait pas prier pour lui chanter, le soir, au piano, quelques-unes des vieilles chansons normandes qui le touchaient au cœur, autant qu'elles ravissaient l'excellente baronne.

C'est surtout dans les promenades matinales, que tous deux faisaient autour de Ronceray, que le Parisien pouvait apprécier l'esprit naturel et l'âme délicate de cette compagne d'occasion que le hasard lui avait fait rencontrer.

« Hélas ! pensait-il, faut-il que je sois né sous une fâcheuse étoile !... Parmi tant de jeunes filles que ma tante a voulu me lancer à la tête, faut-il précisément qu'elle ait oublié la seule qui m'aurait convenu ? »

Et il se désolait.

La baronne de Ronceray, qui voyait bien des choses, souriait finement en regardant son neveu ordinairement perdu dans l'extase.

« Ah ! mon petit bonhomme, je crois que pour cette fois tu as du plomb dans l'aile », pensait-elle en tapotant, de ses doigts fuselés, le guéridon sur lequel elle prenait son café.

Or, voici qu'un jour, une lettre apportée par le courrier du matin annonça l'arrivée de M. de Gleyrolle, qui venait chercher sa femme.

— J'espère bien qu'il ne va pas vous emporter tout de suite, dit Mme de Ronceray à Violette.

— Mais... je ne sais pas, répond, en rougissant, la jeune femme. M. de Gleyrolle ne me dit rien. Seulement, s'il veut m'emmener, il faudra bien...

— Oh ! non pas ! s'exclame la baronne ; c'est lui-même que nous ferons prisonnier ; mon neveu se joindra à moi pour le retenir ; ils chasseront ensemble.

Le pauvre neveu ! il était dans un joli état. Depuis l'annonce de l'arrivée du mari de Violette, il avait toutes les peines du monde à cacher son trouble. Un moment, il eut l'idée de se confier à sa tante et de lui demander la permission de partir, puis, bientôt après, tout lui paraissait préférable à une séparation anticipée.

Mme de Gleyrolle, qui s'apercevait du changement opéré en lui, était devenue triste.

Enfin, la charrette anglaise du château amena, un beau jour, le lieutenant de Gleyrolle.

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C'était un superbe garçon, plus distingué que beau, avec un peu de cette roideur que marquent volontiers les officiers de marine.

A la grande satisfaction d'Alfred, la réunion des deux époux fut plutôt cordiale que tendre ; les effusions qu'il redoutait n'eurent pas lieu.

« Peut-être ne s'aiment-ils pas », pensa le jaloux, avec une joie féroce.

La baronne de Ronceray avait fait aménager tout un appartement au deuxième étage, à l'usage de M. et de Mme de Gleyrolle.

Pendant les premiers jours, les deux hommes, une fois la glace rompue, firent bonne connaissance l'un avec l'autre. Alfred fit à son nouvel ami les honneurs de la chasse du château, et, de son côté, l'officier mit de Lompré au courant de la vie de croisière en Extrême-Orient.

Cependant, lorsqu'il était retiré dans sa chambre, le pauvre Alfred se désolait tant et si bien que, pour ne pas trahir son secret, il résolut de partir pour tout de bon.

Le matin qui suivit cette résolution, il se rencontra, après le petit déjeuner, avec Mme de Gleyrolle, qui venait de prendre un volume dans le petit salon de la baronne.

Depuis longtemps, pareil tête-à-tête ne s'était présenté.

Vivement, de Lompré s'approcha de Violette et, d'une voix étranglée:

— Aujourd'hui même, il faut que je vous dise adieu.

— Mais qu'avez-vous donc, monsieur de Lompré ?

— Vous n'avez donc pas compris ?

— Compris quoi ?... vous m'effrayez.

— Ah ! vous allez l'être encore davantage quand vous apprendrez que je vous aime à en perdre la raison.

Pâle et défaillante, Violette ne répondait pas.

— Mais dites-moi, au moins, que vous me plaignez, poursuivit le jeune homme, en saisissant avec passion une main qu'on lui laissait prendre.

— Et pourquoi vous plaindrait-elle ? dit la voix mâle du lieutenant qui venait de pousser la porte et de faire son apparition.

A cette vue, Alfred de Lompré qui, après avoir pâli, avait senti le rouge de la confusion lui monter au visage, s'approcha résolument de l'officier.

— Monsieur, je suis à vos ordres.

— Bon ! un duel tragique à présent, s'écrie, en retenant une envie de rire, la bonne tante en apparaissant sur la scène.

Voyons, que se passe-t-il ?

— Rien de bien grave, reprend, en souriant, M. de Gleyrolle, c'est votre neveu qui vient de faire une déclaration... à ma sœur.

— *Sa sœur !* s'exclame, dans un élan de joie, Alfred de Lompré, dont les yeux se portent alternativement de la sœur au frère et du frère à la sœur.

C'est à ce moment qu'il put constater entre les jeunes gens quelques traits de ressemblance qui lui avaient échappé jusqu'alors.

Le sourire maintenant éclairait tous les visages. Le neveu prit alors entre ses deux mains la tête grisonnante de sa tante, qu'il embrassa avec une ferveur inaccoutumée, tout en lui glissant à l'oreille :

— Cette fois, ma tante, vous pourrez vous vanter de m'avoir pris au piège.

Henri Renou.

FARINE DUTAUT, le meilleur aliment des enfants

LA DACTYLOGRAPHE

Bourdais, commis principal de ministère, était occupé, ce matin-là, de la plus absorbante manière. Quiconque fût entré dans son bureau n'en eût pu franchir le seuil, persuadé que s'élaborait en cet instant quelque travail où les plus graves intérêts de l'Etat étaient en jeu.

Pourtant, si ce quelqu'un se fût approché et eût jeté sur les papiers épars autour de Bourdais deux ou trois coups d'œil investigateurs, sa surprise eût été grande, car voici quelques lambeaux des phrases qu'il eût pu lire au hasard : « *A ces mots, la comtesse se précipita vers son mari en criant : « Comte, vous en avez menti ! »*

Et, un peu plus loin :

« *Vous savez bien que cette jeune fille, qui vend des lacets au coin de la rue, est votre enfant... Misérable ! vous avez séquestré ma fille, à moi, dans un souterrain !...* »

Evidemment, ces accents pathétiques n'avaient rien d'administratif. C'est que l'excellent Bourdais, bien que commis principal exemplaire, élaborait des romans-feuilletons pour un journal quotidien, occupation qui augmentait passablement son budget et lui créerait des revenus appréciables, à l'heure de sa retraite, qui était proche.

Gervais, le commis, entra cependant, non arrêté par l'air effaré de son supérieur immédiat. Celui-ci releva la tête, fit un petit signe et se remit à écrire tout en marmotant :

— Pardon... j'ai un travail urgent.

L'air entendu, en homme qui connaît la vie et a des notions de ses exigences, Gervais répondit avec conviction :

— Oui, je comprends : votre roman à finir. Ça ne peut attendre, évidemment ! Je venais vous dire seulement un mot. Vous savez que nos expéditionnaires sont remplacés par des dames dactylographes. Notre bureau en aura trois qui vont être installées tout à l'heure.

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L'ÉVENTAIL

Le lieutenant-colonel était venu, après la manœuvre, au mess des cuirassiers, pour parcourir les journaux et dépouiller sa correspondance.

Pendant une belle matinée d'Avril, consacrée au service d'exploration, les chefs de peloton avaient montré de l'entrain et de l'initiative, les hommes de l'intelligence ; les chevaux rentraient secs au quartier ; bref, le vicomte de Trudar était de bonne humeur.

Il souriait même — chose rare — en entendant, à une table voisine, les jeunes officiers s'emballer sur les mérites comparatifs du cheval de pur-sang ou du cabot de demi-sang, et en voyant cette discussion exaspérer les capitaines pansus, les vieux cavaliers qui joûtaient pour le vermout, dans le champ clos du piquet à quatre.

Dix heures, l'heure militaire la plus agréable aux estomacs réveillés avant l'aurore, allaient sonner le ralliement de toutes les opinions, quand le lieutenant-colonel se leva, une lettre à la main, pour se rapprocher de la table du piquet.

— Tiens, Villetanan, t'attendais-tu à celle-là ? demanda-t-il au plus ancien capitaine, son camarade de promotion, en lui tendant la lettre.

A leur sortie de Saumur, Trudar et Villetanan avaient rivalisé d'élégance dans le même régiment de hussards.

La guerre les avait séparés : Villetanan, blessé à Sedan, était revenu sous-lieutenant d'Allemagne ; Trudar, resté au dépôt bien malgré lui, avait gagné, à l'armée de la Loire, ses épaulettes de capitaine.

Depuis, la fortune continuait à sourire à Trudar et à bouder Villetanan. Quand elle les avait réunis, seize ans plus tard, aux cuirassiers, le capitaine était chauve, épaissi, découragé ; le lieutenant-colonel, plus svelte et plus ardent que jamais, avait renouvelé bail avec la jeunesse, en décrochant le cinquième galon.

La lettre était un faire-part :

« Monsieur Charles Martois, sénateur, et Madame Charles Martois, ont l'honneur de vous faire part du mariage de Mademoiselle Antoinette Martois, leur fille, avec Monsieur Jacques d'Ayrac, chef d'escadrons au... »

— Le traître ! s'écria Villetanan. Il se marie, malgré ses serments, et avec une jeune fille encore ! Il en verra de cruelles : la peine de talion !

— Bah ! observa Trudar, il y a des fruits mûrs parmi les jeunes filles. Pour se résoudre à convoler avec les quarante-quatre ans de d'Ayrac et le déclin de sa vie de polichinelle, il faut que ladite Antoinette ait l'âge de la résignation.

— D'ailleurs, mon colonel, si tu veux des renseignements plus précis, mon lieutenant va t'en donner, il est neveu de d'Ayrac.

— C'est vrai ! Appelle-le.

— Vandel ! Dérobez-vous au cheval de pur sang et venez nous expliquer pourquoi vous n'avez pas demandé une permission pour marier votre oncle.

— Ah ! ah ! Il paraît, mon capitaine, que vous êtes au courant de la facétie qu'il m'a faite, mon oncle.

— Une facétie ?

— Oui, et je la trouve mauvaise !

— Si c'est de son mariage que vous parlez, consolez-vous. Pour l'héritage qu'il vous aurait laissé !...

— Ce n'est pas de son mariage, c'est du mien.

— Vous vouliez vous marier, vous aussi?

— Ce n'est pas moi, c'est mon oncle qui voulait me marier.

— Il en est encore temps.

— Non, puisqu'il a épousé ma femme. Voyez la date, le crime est consommé depuis quinze jours.

— Passons dans la salle à manger, dit le colonel, en riant ; nous sommes servis. Mais je ne vous tiens pas quitte, Vandel ; vous déjeunerez entre votre capitaine et moi. Nous avons hâte de connaître vos malheurs et ce que vous appelez « la facétie » de votre oncle, car notre vieil ami d'Ayrac est incapable d'une forfaiture.

— Je ne l'accuse pas : ce n'est pas sa faute. Il a eu la veine de rencontrer une femme qui aimait les vers, voilà tout !

— Les vers ! Il y a de la poésie dans votre aventure ?

— Tout le temps ! C'est le fond de l'histoire.

— Quel âge a donc madame votre tante ?

— Dix-huit ans !

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Le récit de Vandel ayant été fantaisiste autant que partial, je veux, dans l'intérêt de la vérité, vous raconter, de bonne source, comment les choses se sont passées.

D'Ayrac avait été profondément éprouvé par les malheurs de la patrie.

« C'est le maître d'école prussien qui vous a battus », avait-on dit à nos officiers, et résolument nos officiers s'étaient mis au travail.

N'allez pas croire qu'on ne travaillait pas, avant la guerre, et que les officiers d'alors ne valaient pas ceux d'aujourd'hui.

Est-ce que les Français de Crimée ou d'Italie n'avaient pas battu les Russes et les Autrichiens ?

Est-ce que les Russes et les Autrichiens ne valaient pas les Allemands ?

L'ère de la défaite, dans l'histoire des peuples, succède fatidiquement à l'ère de la victoire : c'est le secret du Dieu des armées. Les vainqueurs d'hier sont les vaincus de demain. Après Rosbach, Iéna ; après Iéna, Waterloo. Personne ne sait quel sera le demain de Sedan.

Jean de Villeurs.

(La suite au prochain numéro.)

Puis, riant, il ajouta :

— On a mis les deux moins jolies au fond du couloir, dans un bureau vide. La troisième est toute jeune et charmante. Je viens de lui parler. On va la mettre ici, près de vous...

A ces mots, Bourdais sursauta, en reculant vivement sa chaise.

— Une femme ici ! Mais je n'en veux pas, moi !

— Voyons, avança Gervais d'une voix qui invitait à l'apaisement, considérez que c'est une marque de confiance qu'on vous donne.

— Ça m'est égal ! gronda Bourdais. Elle m'empêchera de fumer ma pipe !...

— Bah ! vous lui demanderez la permission... ça ne gêne pas tant que ça les femmes, l'odeur du tabac...

Bourdais demeurait sombre.

— Et le bruit de la machine ?... Ah ! mais non !... Je ne trouverais plus d'idées pour mes romans ! Je ne suis pas un rond-de-cuir, moi, sapristi ! Je travaille ! Je suis un écrivain !

Gervais laissait passer l'orage, habitué aux façons du commis principal. Conciliant, il hasarda :

— Allons, calmez-vous ; ça s'arrangera. Vous qui avez des sentiments paternels, qui regrettez toujours de ne pas avoir de famille ! Cette petite a l'air bien doux, vous verrez !

Habile, Gervais avait touché la corde sensible, celle qui vibrait au moindre souffle dans le cœur de Bourdais. Attendri, calmé, celui-ci murmura :

— C'est vrai que ces pauvres filles sont déjà bien à plaindre d'être obligées de travailler.

Puis il demeura rêveur et, tout à coup :

— Vous avez raison : j'étais fait pour la famille, moi. Vous êtes heureux, vous, Gervais : vous vous êtes marié jeune ; vous avez une grande fille qui est la joie de votre vie ! Quand je pense que ce bonheur a passé près de moi, tout près... Mais il n'y a pas de ma faute...

D'un geste brusque, un peu rageur, il essuya une larme qui témoignait de sa sincérité. Ému, Gervais lui tendit une main :

— Mon pauvre ami ! J'ai deviné depuis longtemps que vous avez eu un grand chagrin... Mais il faut se faire une raison ; la vie n'est pas toujours drôle !

Puis, ne sachant vraiment plus par quelles phrases adoucir un mal qu'il ignorait, il reprit timidement :

— Alors, voyons... vous lui ferez bon accueil, n'est-ce pas, à cette petite dactylographe ?

Bourdais fit un geste de tête qui consentait et, resté seul, il se prit à rêver longuement.

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C'était bien vrai que le bonheur avait passé près de lui, il y avait de cela vingt ans. Bourdais approchait alors de la quarantaine, et, malgré sa vocation de père de famille, il était encore célibataire.

Demeuré seul avec sa mère, qui n'avait aucune ressource, il avait dû se sacrifier devant la crainte que la pauvre femme manifestait en parlant du mariage éventuel de son fils.

Quand il la perdit, il allait avoir quarante ans. Une vie ponctuelle et laborieuse, où le plaisir n'avait pas eu sa place, lui laissait une fraîcheur d'âme qui eût fait sourire beaucoup d'hommes de son âge. Un jour, une forme blonde et frêle passa devant ses yeux ; libre d'écouter enfin son cœur, il regarda, se sentit troublé et ne s'imposa plus la fuite. Quelques mois plus tard, il épousait Eveline Mercier, qui n'avait que vingt ans.

Certes, il était assez raisonnable pour se dire à lui-même tout ce qu'on eût pu lui objecter au sujet de ce mariage. La grande différence des âges, pour être un inconvénient sérieux, n'était pourtant pas le principal. Au premier regard, on pouvait juger que la jeune femme était coquette et ne serait pas la compagne harmonisée à un homme paisible comme Bourdais.

Lui, cependant, s'imaginait qu'il commençait seulement à vivre, goûta quelque temps de félicité parfaite.

Mais le réveil de ce bonheur fut terrible.

Un soir qu'il rentrait chez lui, aveugle et heureux, n'ayant su rien deviner de la catastrophe qui se préparait si près de lui, il trouva la cage vide, l'oiseau envolé.

Stupide de douleur, Bourdais était d'abord demeuré sans pensée. Puis il s'était révolté ; ensuite, son horrible chagrin avait pu s'exprimer en larmes et en cris de désespoir.

Et, comme les peines les plus affreuses se calment, tout en laissant au cœur des plaies ouvertes, il s'était résigné, en apparence du moins, à son malheur. Mais une mélancolie intense s'était étendue sur toute sa personne.

Dans cette extraordinaire aventure, un côté surtout échappait à sa perspicacité. Pas fat le moins du monde, il admettait que sa femme n'eût pas trouvé en lui le mari de ses rêves ; mais il ne comprenait pas qu'elle fût partie alors que, précisément, elle avait un vague espoir d'être mère dans quelques mois. On n'en parlait encore que discrètement, on n'osait l'affirmer. Mais comment Eveline n'avait-elle pas songé que si son plaisir n'était plus sous le toit conjugal, le devoir devait l'y retenir, et non pas même le strict devoir de l'épouse, mais celui que toute mère assume envers son enfant ! Ainsi, elle risquait de commettre cette faute odieuse : priver son enfant de son père ! Et cet acte monstrueux : arracher à ce père la joie d'aimer son enfant !

Plus tard, à mesure que se cicatrisait la blessure, Bourdais souffrait de cette pensée : peut-être avait-il, quelque part, un fils, une fille qui portait son nom, qui eût dû recevoir ses tendresses, ses soins, ses conseils, un enfant qui avait pu apprendre à ne pas l'aimer, à le mépriser peut-être !

Aussi, enfermé plus que jamais dans une vie laborieuse et monotone, Bourdais, dont tout le monde connaissait le bon cœur, passait-il pour « original » et un peu « ours ».

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Le commis principal en était à ce point de ses réflexions mélancoliques, lorsque la porte se rouvrit pour laisser entrer M. Lavigne, le chef de bureau qui, galamment, s'effaça devant une jeune fille à l'air timide et doux :

— Mon cher ami, dit M. Lavigne, je vous présente un nouveau collaborateur qui travaillera auprès de vous, mademoiselle ; monsieur, qui est la bienveillance même, vous donnera tous les renseignements dont vous pourrez avoir besoin pour vous mettre au courant. Voici, pour commencer, trois lettres à copier.

Bourdais et la jeune fille restèrent seuls, à peu près aussi gênés l'un que l'autre. Enfin, celle-ci, en gestes discrets, n'osant parler, s'installa devant la machine qu'un garçon de bureau venait de déposer sur une table. Et l'on entendit soudain comme une petite pluie pressée de tic, tic, tic...

— Bon ! pensa Bourdais ; ça commence ! ça promet ! Jolie invention !

De ses doigts agiles, la jeune fille frappait les touches ; on eût dit qu'elle jouait sur un petit piano baroque. Habile, elle ne tarda pas à avoir copié ses trois lettres, tandis que Bourdais, l'air renfrogné, s'était replongé dans ses feuillets. Il jetait des coups d'œil furtifs sur l'employée et il ne pouvait se défendre d'une sympathie envers elle.

— Pauvre enfant ! C'est vrai qu'elle est gentille ! Et l'air si comme il faut !

Sa besogne terminée, la jeune fille se décidait à parler pour demander à Bourdais ce qu'elle devait faire. Celui-ci, un peu apprivoisé, entama une petite conversation ; puis, tout à coup :

— Au fait, mademoiselle, on ne m'a pas dit votre nom ; il faut que je le sache.

Doucement, elle déclara :

— Je me nomme Eveline Bourdais.

Le commis principal reçut un choc en pleine poitrine ; d'une voix étouffée, il murmura un « oh ! » plaintif. Et, dressé soudain, s'avançant vers la jeune fille, il reprit, d'une voix sourde :

— Bourdais ! Eveline Bourdais !... Moi aussi, je me nomme Bourdais !

Très pâle, l'employée s'était levée à son tour. Les yeux dilatés, les lèvres tremblantes, elle regardait cet homme et, comme lui, elle eut un « oh ! » de surprise, d'effroi.

— Quoi ! vous seriez ?...

Mais il eut peur de se tromper, de s'égarer sur une similitude de noms. Il l'interrogea, et le résultat de l'enquête ne laissa aucun doute. Cette jeune fille était bien son enfant, celle que, jadis, sa femme lui avait volée avant même qu'elle fût au monde.

Il demanda encore :

— Mais elle ?... votre mère ?

Eveline eut un regard triste :

— Elle est morte ; vous voyez, je suis en deuil. Elle est morte, regrettant sa conduite passée. Elle m'a élevée avec soin, je vous le jure. Depuis cinq ans, elle me gardait auprès d'elle et menait une vie exemplaire. Elle m'a raconté toute son histoire ; mais ce n'est pas à moi de la blâmer. En mourant, elle m'a recommandé de chercher à retrouver mon père, ce qu'elle n'avait pas osé faire elle-même, et de le supplier de lui pardonner... Elle se repentait.

Eveline pleurait, Bourdais s'essuyait les yeux.

Enfin, il put dominer son émotion, et ce fut pour ouvrir ses bras à l'enfant retrouvée.

— Nous serons deux, maintenant ; j'ai droit à ma retraite dans quelques mois, nous vivrons heureux... ma fille !

Et il sentit une joie immense quand Eveline, l'embrassant tendrement, lui répondit :

— Oui... papa !

A cet instant, Gervais, entr'ouvrant la porte, aperçut Bourdais et Eveline échangeant de tendres baisers. Il allait s'en retourner, stupéfait, mais Bourdais le rappela gaiement :

— Venez, entrez, mon cher ! Vous vous rappelez que je ne voulais pas d'une femme dans mon bureau, n'est-ce pas? Eh bien ! c'est à n'y pas croire ; c'est à s'imaginer un miracle !

Et, prenant la main d'Eveline :

— Mon cher ami, je vous présente ma fille !

Très vite, il ajouta :

— Je vous conterai cela tout à l'heure. Pour l'instant, je cours chez M. Lavigne. Il faut que je lui parle sur-le-champ !

Il sortit, suivi de Gervais qui, en lui-même, songeait :

— Sa fille ? Ça, c'est un peu fort, par exemple ! Cela devient du roman !... C'est peut-être bien un roman de jeunesse, tout de même ! Mais alors, c'est bien le plus joli qu'il ait jamais inventé !

Adrienne Cambry.

Le grand voyage

Sept heures sonnaient. Sur les toits du quartier Latin, le jour descendait lentement, accrochant des rideaux de pourpre et d'or aux vitres des mansardes. Sept heures, un peu plus loin, sonnèrent encore.

A cet instant précis, M. Antoine Parigot ouvrit sa fenêtre et, son pot à eau en main, se mit à arroser ses géraniums. A cette opération poétique, il mettait un soin méticuleux, une conscience mathématique, un sérieux, enfin, digne de plus austères fonctions. Il est vrai qu'Antoine Parigot, depuis l'âge de dix-huit ans — et il en avait maintenant quarante — était comptable chez M. Martin, droguiste, rue de l'École-de-Médecine.

L'application dévotieuse avec laquelle, chez son patron, il alignait les additions, il la continuait, chez lui, jusque dans les actes les plus simples de sa vie privée.

— Bonjour, monsieur Antoine, dit une voix.

A la fenêtre voisine, une jeune fille arrosait pareillement des géraniums. M. Parigot, très timide malgré son âge, balbutia :

— Bonjour, mademoiselle Jeanne ! Il a fait bien beau temps aujourd'hui !

— Cela va continuer. Le baromètre est au beau fixe.

— Tant mieux !

— Cela doit vous faire plaisir ! Maintenant que vous n'êtes plus obligé d'aller à votre bureau.

— Mais j'y suis allé aujourd'hui, mademoiselle.

— Est-ce possible ?

— Il fallait bien finir le mois... Mais je n'y retournerai pas demain. C'est fini !

— En avez-vous de la chance !

Ah ! oui, il en avait de la chance, ce M. Parigot ! Ne venait-il pas d'hériter d'un de ses oncles, un inconnu ? et d'une fortune manifique, ma foi ! Seul, orphelin, il allait être riche ! riche et libre ! Devant ses yeux, les gouttes d'eau roulaient sur les pétales des géraniums comme des piécettes d'argent. Ah ! oui, il en avait de la chance !

Et M. Parigot, ayant dit bonsoir à sa jolie voisine, rentra dans sa chambre, s'assit devant sa table et songea :

Comment allait-il vivre ? Qu'allait-il faire de tout cet argent ? Il ne suffisait pas d'avoir donné à M. Martin sa démission de comptable. Puisque, désormais, il était indépendant, il lui fallait trouver des distractions agréables, réaliser quelques-uns de ses rêves ! Lié à sa tâche, il allait chaque jour, à huit heures du matin, de la rue Monsieur-le-Prince, où il habitait, à la rue de l'École-de-Médecine, où s'étalaient les tubes, bonbonnes, cornues et autres monstres de M. Martin, déjeunait à midi dans un petit restaurant du quartier et revenait chaque soir, à sept heures, de la rue de l'École-de-Médecine à la rue Monsieur-le-Prince. Des chiffres dansant dans sa tête, il arrosait ses géraniums à la belle saison, allait dîner, rentrait se coucher. Et c'était tout.

Mais voici que cette vie calme, austère et digne était bouleversée subitement par le fait d'une mort indifférente. M. Parigot n'était plus comptable. Il pouvait agir à sa guise, se moquer de l'heure, oublier le débit et l'avoir de M. Martin.

Cependant, malgré lui, M. Parigot repensait à sa cage de verre, à ses gros livres, à ses manches de lustrine. Il revoyait les bocaux pansus qui voisinaient avec son écritoire... Et soudain, de songer au soufre dont l'Italie foisonne, au platine que la Russie nous envoie et à maintes matières aussi étranges qu'étrangères, il se sentit pris violemment du désir des voyages.

Voyager, c'est-à-dire s'évader de l'habitude, enlever d'assaut des trains, des vapeurs, des voitures, prendre des rues, habiter des maisons, traverser des gares nouvelles, surtout dépenser de l'argent. Ce serait délicieux pour un ancien comptable, d'autant plus délicieux pour M. Parigot qu'il n'avait jamais quitté son quartier et que, comme tout bon Parisien, il ne connaissait Paris que par ouï-dire.

Il se rappelait bien avoir, une fois, franchi les ponts, gagné la rive droite de la Seine et poussé une pointe jusqu'à la place de l'Etoile. Mais c'était par un dimanche d'automne, maussade, pluvieux et froid. Au retour, il avait attrapé un rhume et, par suite, gardé deux jours la chambre. Une vague rancune lui en était restée contre tous ces quartiers lointains et fatidiques qu'il ignorait.

Aujourd'hui, tout était changé.

Cependant, M. Parigot mit son chapeau et, comme d'habitude, s'en fut au restaurant accoutumé où, pour un franc cinq, lui étaient donnés des aliments économiques.

Quelques camarades de table s'y trouvaient déjà, étonnés de son léger retard. Bientôt mis au courant, ils s'exclamèrent :

— En as-tu de la veine de pouvoir voyager !

— Oui, mais que me conseillez-vous d'aller voir tout d'abord ? s'enquit l'ancien comptable, hésitant.

— La Grèce, dit l'un. Antiquité ! déesses de marbre ! bandits !...

— L'Amérique, dit l'autre. Chicago ! cochons ! Niagara !...

— Le Japon, affirma un troisième.. Mousmés ! Bouddhas ! Eventails !

Le Japon, l'Amérique, la Grèce, évidemment, il irait voir ces pays tant vantés, et bien d'autres encore, mais par où commencer ? Voilà la question embarrassante !

Alors, brusquement, M. Parigot eut une révélation et s'écria :

— Pour commencer, je vais visiter Paris.

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— Bonjour, monsieur Antoine, dit, le matin suivant, Mlle Jeanne. Vous n'arrosez pas vos géraniums ?

— Je n'ai pas le temps, mademoiselle. Je pars pour un grand voyage !

— Ah ! mon Dieu ! que me racontez-vous là ?

— C'est comme je vous le dis : un grand voyage ! Au revoir, mademoiselle Jeanne !

Et la jeune fille, sur une assurance aussi concluante, répondit :

— Alors, bon voyage, monsieur Parigot !

Insensible au sourire de sa jolie voisine, aux géraniums qui semblaient tendre leur pourpre vers son pot à eau, à tous les souvenirs de son ancienne existence qui lui répétaient tous bas : « M. Parigot, ne t'en va pas ! M. Parigot, ne t'en va pas !... », M. Parigot, canne à la main, chanson aux lèvres, descendit légèrement ses cinq étages et s'élança à la découverte de Paris.

Il gagna tout d'abord le boulevard Saint-Germain et le suivit jusqu'au Palais-Bourbon. En chemin, les tramways, les voitures, les automobiles l'effrayaient. Il s'en garait comme de monstres redoutables. Enfin la place de la Concorde, s'ouvrant béante devant lui, lui parut un désert sans limite. Il trembla.

« Sans conseil, sans guide, sans appui, s'avouait-il, je ne parviendrai jamais à mes fins. Paris est trop grand, trop dangereux, trop mystérieux ! Que vais-je devenir ? »

Par bonheur, il se souvint d'avoir appris quelque part l'existence d'*agences étrangères* qui se chargent de piloter leurs nationaux à travers la capitale.

« Pourquoi ne m'adresserais-je pas à l'une d'elles ? » se dit-il.

Et il s'empressa aussitôt d'aller trouver le directeur de la fameuse agence *Cocorico and C°*.

— Monsieur, lui dit-il, je voudrais visiter Paris, que je ne connais pas. Pourriez-vous m'adjoindre à l'un de ces groupes que vous promenez, à la suite d'un guide, parmi les monuments et les musées ?

— Vous habitez Paris, monsieur ?

— Certainement, depuis mon enfance.

— Eh bien ! ce n'est pas possible. Nous ne promenons ainsi que les voyageurs venant d'Angleterre, par bateau et par train spécialement organisés par notre agence.

— C'est désolant !

— Il y aurait bien un moyen d'arranger la chose, si vous tenez absolument à visiter Paris avec nous...

— Lequel, s'il vous plaît ?

— Ce serait de vous rendre tout d'abord à Londres, de vous faire inscrire, là-bas, pour un de nos départs, et de voyager avec les touristes venant de cette ville en France.

M. Antoine Parigot, décidé aux grands voyages, ne sourcilla pas. Ne faut-il pas savoir consentir des sacrifices pour satisfaire sa curiosité ? Il accepta.

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L'ancien comptable, sans perdre une minute, courut à la gare s'enquérir des heures de départ. On lui signala un train pour Calais quelques heures après.

Tout allait bien ! Il profita de ce répit pour se transformer. Quand on voyage par les soins de la fameuse agence *Cocorico and C°*, on ne peut pas ressembler à un Parisien de la rue Monsieur-le-Prince !

Aussi M. Parigot se fit-il conduire dans un magasin anglais. Là, il fit emplette d'un complet rayé, d'une casquette à oreillettes, de souliers jaunes et de bas de laine.

Le résultat était déjà assez satisfaisant. Il voulut mieux. Pour compléter son ajustement, il acheta une pipe, des lunettes à branches d'or, un appareil photographique et un Bædecker. C'était à s'y méprendre !

Enfin, s'étant rendu propriétaire d'une énorme malle qu'il laissa vide, n'ayant rien à mettre dedans, il héla un fiacre et gagna la gare. Une heure lui restait encore avant le départ du train. Sa résolution fut vite prise. Il se rendit dans un bar où un cocktail, à renverser dix forts de la Halle, lui fut servi par un garçon en veste blanche.

A chacune de ses péripéties, M. Parigot se sentait devenir davantage britannique. Pour un peu, bien que ne l'ayant jamais appris, il aurait parlé anglais.

Enfin, la tête lourde, ahuri, légèrement affolé, il courut prendre un billet, enregistra ses bagages et s'écroula dans un compartiment. Quand le train partit, il dormait à poings fermés.

Les heures passèrent.

— Calais ! tout le monde descend !

L'employé dut secouer vigoureusement M. Parigot pour l'éveiller. De plus en plus ahuri et affolé, il s'empressa vers le bateau. La nuit était venue. On ne voyait rien. La mer était grosse. Pendant toute la traversée, l'infortuné comptable, roulé et cahoté au rythme inquiétant du roulis, ressemblait à quelque vieux tas de linges sales dans lequel, en passant, on donne du pied, sans souci. Malade au delà de ce qu'on peut imaginer, M. Parigot crut mourir.

Ah ! c'est beau de voyager !

Dès cet instant, il n'eut plus conscience de rien. Quand on le questionnait, il répondait invariablement :

— Je veux retourner à Paris !

Mais, comme son billet indiquait Londres comme destination, on l'emballait d'autorité vers la capitale anglaise. Il s'abandonnait à son malheureux sort. Enfin, ayant à peine mis le pied sur le quai de Charing

Cross, il courut au siège de l'agence *Cocorico and Cº*.

— Monsieur, s'écria-t-il, je veux retourner à Paris !

— C'est très simple, monsieur. Un train repart pour Douvres dans une demi-heure. Vous n'avez qu'à le prendre.

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Le retour fut encore plus pénible. Il ne vit rien, n'entendit rien, ne comprit rien.

Entre deux soupirs, on l'entendait murmurer :

— Ah ! quand reverrai-je la rue Monsieur-le-Prince ?

C'était là son but, son idée fixe. Ses désirs vagabonds d'autrefois, il les répudiait maintenant. Rentrer chez lui, dans sa vieille rue, revoir sa chambre, sa petite fenêtre, ses géraniums, cela seul importait désormais à son âme casanière et simple.

Ah ! la maudite idée qu'il avait eue de vouloir voyager ! C'est très joli, la fortune, mais cela ne vous donne pas le pied marin et le goût des aventures !

Aussi, pourquoi son oncle inconnu l'avait-il institué son légataire universel ? Il ne lui avait rien fait pour cela. Ce sont des plaisanteries qui ne sont pas permises !

Mais, malgré tout, les pires choses ont les meilleurs destins. M. Antoine Parigot revit la rue Monsieur-le-Prince ; sous ses semelles victorieuses, il sentit craquer à nouveau les marches de son antique escalier. La main tremblante, il mit la clef dans la serrure. Sa chambre semblait l'attendre l'appeler. Il entra, courut à la fenêtre : ses géraniums, mourant de soif, retombaient lugubrement sur leurs tiges.

Alors, sans quitter son complet à carreaux, son Bædecker et son appareil photographique, il prit son pot-à-eau et arrosa les fleurs assoiffées.

— Eh quoi ! s'écria sa voisine, qui, penchée à sa fenêtre, le contemplait. Votre grand voyage est déjà fini ?

— Grâce à Dieu ! Jamais plus je n'essayerai de visiter Paris : c'est trop difficile.

— Mais alors, qu'allez-vous faire de votre fortune ?

— Mais, parbleu ! j'en ferai profiter celle à qui je ne déplairai pas trop !

Et comme Mlle Jeanne rougissait, M. Antoine Parigot, ayant du moins rapporté de ses pérégrinations quelque hardiesse, conclut, le sourire aux lèvres :

— Venez donc m'aider à arroser mes géraniums !

Roger Régis.

La nécrobie au collier roux

Au cours d'une promenade au Père-Lachaise, une humble tombe, perdue parmi l'océan de l'immense nécropole, une dalle sur laquelle la mousse étendait sa fine trame de velours vert, attira mes regards par sa simplicité et son abandon. Une croix de granit la surmontait, ornée d'une inscription latine presque complètement effacée par le temps.

En me penchant et en y apportant toute mon attention, je parvins à la déchiffrer. Elle n'eût rien dit à un indifférent, cette phrase plutôt énigmatique :

Necrobia ruficollis Latreillii salus

(La nécrobie au collier roux, salut de Latreille).

Mais, à moi, elle rappelait un des plus extraordinaires épisodes de la Terreur, une de ces invraisemblables histoires vraies, comme on en rencontre à chaque pas dans les annales des peuples.

Cette histoire, je l'avais retenue en des circonstances bizarres. Un jour que je jouais, dans le jardin public de Nice, devant le banc où ma mère était assise, un de mes compagnons de jeu s'arrêta dans ses ébats pour écraser un insecte qui cheminait tranquillement.

Un grand vieillard, qui nous regardait, se leva brusquement, fit dévier le pied de mon camarade et le retint jusqu'à ce que la bestiole eût disparu ; comme l'autre faisait mine de protester, il se fâcha :

— Que vous avait fait cette bête ?

— Rien...

— Alors, pourquoi alliez-vous l'écraser ?

— Parce que...

— Parce que quoi ?

— Parce que... parce que... je ne sais pas...

— Naturellement, mon petit ami, vous seriez bien embarrassé de le dire. Et ce n'est pas votre faute. Vous avez vu vos parents, vos camarades agir de la sorte, vous faites comme eux, c'est tout naturel. Vous ne raisonnez pas encore. Personne ne vous a dit que cette bestiole avait le droit de vivre comme vous, comme moi. Que tant qu'elle ne vous attaquait pas, vous deviez la respecter, absolument comme une personne. Eh bien, puisqu'on ne vous l'a pas dit, je vous l'apprends, moi. Sachez qu'il n'est pas d'insecte, si infime qu'il soit, qui n'ait son utilité et ne rende parfois des services, de grands services. Si même vous vouliez écouter une histoire à ce sujet...

— Une histoire ? Oh ! dites, monsieur.

Je m'étais approché, d'autres enfants aussi, sans compter nos parents qui avaient, avec déférence, fait place sur le banc au grand vieillard sévère.

— Vous avez certainement entendu parler, nous dit-il, de la grande Révolution de 1789 et des années terribles qui la suivirent. Or, à cette époque, à Bordeaux, on jeta en prison, au fort du Hâ, un ancien prêtre nommé Latreille, qui était aussi un grand savant.

Cet homme passait presque toute son existence dans la campagne, étudiant avec une patience de sauvage les mœurs des insectes. Parfois, il demeurait des heures entières, couché devant un tas de pierres ou un buisson, pour tâcher d'y surprendre les secrets de leur existence. Ces allures bizarres avaient attiré sur lui les soupçons. Le bruit se répandit que c'était un espion des Girondins, qu'il communiquait avec ceux de leurs partisans qui s'étaient réfugiés dans des souterrains inaccessibles. Il n'en fallait pas davantage. La police lui mit la main au collet. En attendant son jugement, on le mit dans un cachot du fort du Hâ, ce qui voulait dire qu'on le considérait comme un conspirateur extrêmement dangereux. C'était le désigner à l'échafaud.

Par bonheur pour lui, des incidents plus importants que sa capture détournèrent momentanément l'attention de sa personne.

L'émotion, la privation d'air et de liberté, la rigueur du régime auquel le prisonnier était soumis altérèrent profondément sa santé. Si peu tendres que fussent les geôliers, ils finirent par s'émouvoir, et un matin la porte du cachot s'ouvrit pour laisser entrer le médecin de la prison.

Le malade, assis sur son lit, était occupé à suivre les ébats d'un petit insecte aux reflets métalliques.

Au médecin qui s'étonnait de ce passe-temps futile chez un homme compromis dans d'aussi graves affaires que celle qui avait amené son arrestation, il répondit :

« — Je m'intéresse à ce petit insecte parce qu'il est excessivement rare de le rencontrer en pareilles circonstances. C'est la nécrobie au collier roux. Elle ne se trouve, d'habitude, que dans les tombeaux ou sur les cadavres. Sa présence vient me rappeler que je suis dans une tombe et que je n'en sortirai probablement que pour aller à la mort !

» — En attendant, laisse-moi toujours te soigner, citoyen, dit le médecin, ému. Nous aviserons pour le reste. »

En sortant du fort, le médecin se rendit chez un célèbre naturaliste bordelais, avec lequel il était en relations d'amitié, et lui conta l'aventure.

« — Parbleu ! citoyen docteur, vous avez bien raison de m'avertir. Au signalement que vous m'en faites, je reconnais le fameux entomologiste Latreille, une des lumières de la science moderne, un des membres les plus distingués de la Société d'histoire naturelle de Paris. Il est évidemment innocent comme l'enfant qui vient de naître. Venez avec moi chez Tallien, il ne faut pas qu'il laisse un jour de plus sous les verrous ce brave et honnête homme, qui n'a jamais conspiré qu'avec les fourmis ou les coléoptères. »

Le représentant du peuple écouta le récit qu'on lui faisait et convint qu'un homme occupant ses heures de prison à de pareilles études ne devait pas être un conspirateur de premier ordre.

Le temps de prendre les renseignements indispensables, qui, tous, démontrèrent la parfaite innocence de Latreille, Tallien signa l'*exeat* libérateur qui sauvait le grand entomologiste de l'échafaud ou de la déportation, sans jugement, aux rives peu enchanteresses de Cayenne.

Voilà, mes chers enfants, comment un petit insecte, trouvé par hasard dans son sinistre cachot, fut la cause effective de la délivrance de ce savant homme qui, depuis, dota la France d'admirables études sur la plupart de ses insectes, de ses reptiles et de ses mollusques...

Telle fut l'histoire que nous raconta, au jardin public de Nice, le grand vieillard sévère, qui n'était autre qu'Alphonse Karr, l'illustre auteur des *Guêpes*, histoire qui me revint à l'esprit devant l'inscription, brodée de mousse par les années, qui s'efface chaque jour davantage sur l'humble tombe de Latreille.

Paul Nagour.

La bonne marraine

Joseph Hémair, un gamin de dix ans, ayant consulté le calendrier, bondit de joie, tel un jeune chamois qui apprend à sauter à la corde, quand il sut que son anniversaire tombait à la fin du mois. En comptant sur ses doigts, il calcula que dans dix jours il serait fixé sur la générosité de sa marraine, Mlle Joséphine Hémair, une sœur aînée de son papa, sa tante aussi, par conséquent.

Immédiatement, il supputait, en sa jeune cervelle, quel serait le merveilleux cadeau dont il serait redevable à sa générosité, qualité qu'elle possédait à un degré si modeste que, jusqu'à présent, elle n'avait pas eu le loisir de se manifester. Mais avec l'espoir, le bel espoir qui caractérise l'enfance, Joseph se disait que les années se suivent et ne se ressemblent pas ; qu'il en serait peut-être de même pour les cadeaux. Que recevrait-il prochainement ? Serait-ce une panoplie, un costume de spahi, un chemin de fer marchant à la vapeur, un bateau mécanique, un beau livre d'histoires avec des images, ou bien une somme d'argent pour acheter ce que bon lui semblerait ?

L'impatient et imaginatif garçonnet échafaudait, la journée durant, quantités de rêves que son sommeil prolongeait.

Enfin, l'anniversaire tant attendu arriva et la marraine également. Comme c'était un dimanche, Mme Hémair avait mis les petits plats dans les grands pour fêter cet heureux jour qui lui avait donné le fils tant souhaité, et sa belle-sœur avait été conviée, ainsi qu'ils avaient l'habitude de le faire, à partager ce petit festin sans prétention.

Joseph ayant embrassé sa tante et marraine avec une fougue décuplée par l'intérêt, s'aperçut tout d'abord qu'elle s'était affranchie du moindre paquet. Il en conclut aussitôt que le cadeau se traduirait par une somme d'argent et attendit fiévreusement la fin du repas.

Au dessert, marraine Joséphine tirait de sa poche un vaste porte-monnaie de bouvier et, devant les yeux de son filleul, luisants de convoitise, en sortait un minuscule paquet rectangulaire, soigneusement enveloppé de papier blanc et lié par un élastique.

— C'est au moins deux billets de cent francs ! pensait Joseph, dont le cœur battait à se rompre, et qui se demandait anxieusement à quoi il pourrait bien employer une pareille fortune.

Lentement, comme à plaisir, Mlle Hémair développait le paquet mignon, en souriant de toutes ses quenottes déchaussées à son filleul angoissé.

Le paquet, libéré de son enveloppe, laissa voir un microscopique volume, ressemblant à s'y méprendre aux petits calendriers de poche. La marraine le prit entre le pouce et l'index et, l'offrant à son filleul, qui écarquillait des yeux comme des lanternes d'auto, elle dit :

— Tiens, prends-le, c'est pour toi, mon cher petit Joseph ! Tu vois que je ne t'ai pas oublié !... Conserve ce petit livre en souvenir de ta marraine et lis-le attentivement. C'est intitulé : *Les petites vertus*. Si tu réussis à les pratiquer toutes, tu ressembleras à ton saint patron.

— Je te remercie, marraine, murmurait le pauvre Joseph, déconfit et le cœur bien gros, avec des larmes que la fierté séchait au bord de ses cils, cependant que les parents échangeaient un furtif regard et une moue de mépris où se lisait clairement la nature de leurs sentiments devant une pareille ladrerie. Il en résultait même un certain froid dont bénéficiaient seulement les carafes.

Les cadeaux dont le papa et la maman avaient jugé équitable de compenser la parcimonie de leur sœur et belle-sœur suffisaient à peine à cicatriser le ressentiment que Joseph portait à sa marraine. Il la connaissait pour être particulièrement gourmande et s'était bien promis de se venger dès que l'occasion s'en présenterait.

Il attendit patiemment ainsi la fin de l'année.

Quand arriva l'époque des étrennes, ce temps béni par les enfants et les concierges, mais si sincèrement exécré par les parents, Joseph, comme les années précédentes, fut chargé d'aller souhaiter la bonne année à sa tante et d'accompagner ses vœux d'un sac de marrons glacés. A ce moment, la tante Joséphine toussait lamentablement, et les parents pensaient, avec juste raison que, leur fils étant l'unique héritier, ce n'était pas le moment de la priver des attentions auxquelles elle était accoutumée.

Joseph trouvait sa marraine dans une chambre sans feu, pelotonnée dans un vieux fauteuil, et l'embrassait en formulant les vœux d'usage en pareil cas. Puis, après être resté quelques minutes assis bien sagement, en évitant de poser ses souliers boueux sur les barreaux de la chaise, il abrégeait sa visite et s'en allait après avoir eu soin de poser ostensiblement son paquet sur un meuble. Mais sitôt dans l'escalier, il se frottait les mains d'allégresse en songeant à la surprise qu'elle aurait en développant le paquet.

Le lendemain, sa mère, à l'heure du courrier, reconnaissait une enveloppe adressée à son fils : c'était l'écriture de marraine Joséphine ! Que pouvait-elle lui dire ?

— Joseph ! appelait Mme Hémair, ta marraine t'a écrit ; viens lire sa lettre...

Tremblant d'émotion, de peur aussi, le filleul décachetait le pli et lisait :

« Mon cher enfant, je te suis bien reconnaissante de tes vœux de bonne année.
» J'ai encore été plus sensible à ton gentil
» cadeau... Cette brique que tu m'as apportée m'a rendu grand service, car je la fais
» chauffer au four ; de cette façon, je l'utilise comme chaufferette le jour et bassi-
» noire la nuit. Depuis que je l'utilise, je
» tousse beaucoup moins... Sois persuadé,
» mon cher petit, que je n'oublierai point
» cette aimable attention.
» Embrasse tes parents pour moi comme
» t'embrasse ta tante et marraine affection-
» née.

« Joséphine Hémair. »

Devant le regard sévèrement interrogateur de ses parents, Joseph expliquait :

— Pardon, maman ; pardon, p'tit père ! J'ai voulu donner une leçon à marraine, à cause de son avarice, et j'ai remplacé les marrons glacés que je devais lui porter par une brique enveloppée dans du papier glacé et entouré d'une faveur.

— Malheureux enfant ! dit le papa, souriant malgré lui ; je te pardonne d'autant plus volontiers que tu seras sans doute la première victime de cette féroce plaisanterie... Plaise au ciel que je me trompe !

M. Hémair ne s'était pas trompé, hélas ! Marraine Joséphine décédait trois mois plus tard, instituant comme légataire universelle une petite cousine éloignée.

— Qu'est-ce que je t'avais dit ? déclarait M. Hémair, amèrement ironique. Ta vengeance s'est retournée contre toi... Pour te remercier de ta brique, ta marraine t'a fourni l'occasion de recevoir une tuile !

Jo. Valle.

MOTS POUR RIRE

— Tu sais, Maxime est mort !

— Ah ! le pauvre vieux ! lui qui fut un si bon vivant ! Au moins est-il mort gaiement ?

— Tu parles ! il s'est fait écraser par un train de plaisir !

Calino est homme de précaution. Désireux de se faire photographier pour donner à une carte d'identité une apparence d'indéniable authenticité, il dit à l'artiste :

— Vous savez, représentez-moi avec une barbe un peu forte, parce que j'ai l'intention de la laisser pousser.

Entre amis :

— Comment, Chabichou est devenu aveugle, me dites-vous ?

— Eh oui, le pauvre homme.

— Me voilà dans une belle situation : il m'a souscrit des billets à vue.

CONSEILS PRATIQUES

La salle à manger-salon

Dans ma dernière causerie, je vous ai, mes chères lectrices, exposé mes idées sur l'arrangement de la salle à manger ; je vais, aujourd'hui, non pas revenir sur ce sujet, mais chercher, avec quelques-unes d'entre vous, le meilleur moyen d'organiser une salle à manger-salon. Il n'est pas rare, en effet, qu'il soit impossible de consacrer une pièce uniquement aux réceptions et que l'on soit obligé d'accueillir ses visites dans un appartement dont ce n'est pas l'attribution spéciale.

Dans ce cas, c'est la salle à manger qui jouera ce double rôle ; beaucoup de femmes âgées reçoivent dans leur chambre, mais c'est là un privilège de l'âge qu'il serait incorrect qu'une jeune femme s'attribue.

Ce que j'ai dit de la façon dont on meublait les salles à manger modernes nous aidera considérablement à organiser une pièce destinée à recevoir ; si mes lectrices s'en souviennent, il avait été question de la suppression du buffet, remplacé par des étagères garnies de rideaux, et de celle de la suspension, aujourd'hui très démodée, en sorte qu'il faut bien peu de chose pour que cette pièce prenne, non pas l'aspect guindé du salon traditionnel, avec canapé imposant et sièges monotones alignés en bataillon, mais bien plutôt celui d'un « hall » de petite dimension, d'un « studio » coquet, familial, intime, dans lequel on se plaît à lire, à coudre, à bavarder avec une amie en lui offrant une tasse de thé.

De la salle à manger précédemment décrite, on gardera tout, en effet ; la grande simplicité dans l'arrangement des fenêtres, les rideaux de cretonne lavable, les étagères sur lesquelles on posera deux ou trois vases pour les fleurs, des vases de formes harmonieuses et très simples, en cuivre, en étain ou en poteries vernissées rustiques.

La table, seule, disparaîtra en dehors de l'heure des repas. On la choisira donc en bois blanc, très légère et pliante, facile à transporter et à ranger dans un débarras ; deux tréteaux, sur lesquels on pose une grande planche dans le genre des tables d'architecte, sont aussi très pratiques.

Les sièges seront un peu modifiés. Les chaises pourront être laquées en vert d'eau ou en blanc-gris, et, sur la paille, on posera des coussins de cretonne assortis aux rideaux ; quelques fauteuils, qui pourront être de simples fauteuils de jardin passés à la peinture laquée et joliment habillés, eux aussi, de coussins de fantaisie, formeront, avec les chaises, un délicieux ensemble.

Une table gigogne, repoussée dans un coin pendant les repas, éparpillera ses tablettes quand la salle à manger redeviendra salon, et permettra ainsi de poser, à droite ou à gauche, ici et là, un ouvrage, un livre, les tasses du goûter, une lampe, un bibelot.

Une salle à manger, aussi bien qu'un salon de ce genre, peut parfaitement se passer de tapis ; un parquet bien entretenu est plus joli qu'un tapis médiocre ; si toutefois le parquet était d'un bois défectueux et mal joint, on pourrait le recouvrir en partie d'une natte de Chine qui ne serait nullement déplacée au milieu de cet ameublement un peu rustique ; on fait aussi, aujourd'hui, des tapis d'aloès dans des teintes et des dessins fort artistiques et dont l'effet serait plus heureux encore. Si je ne conseille pas les tapis de moquette, c'est qu'ils seraient peu à leur place dans une salle à manger, où ils tacheraient facilement et s'imprégneraient peut-être d'une odeur de cuisine fâcheuse.

Si l'on peut avoir quelques plantes vertes à mettre dans les coins, le charme de ce décor sera complété, et je crois que l'on pourrait ainsi faire de cette pièce un abri délicieux pour la causerie, en même temps qu'une salle à manger amusante, imprévue, ayant la gaîté d'un de ces intérieurs de co-

tage, comme nos voisins d'outre-Manche excellent à en imaginer.

GRACIA.

MOTS EN CARRÉ

Port de l'Algérie. — Un joyeux festin. — Folâtre, enjoué. — Du Pérou lointain C'est un port. — Enfin, dans les Pyrénées, Modeste chef-lieu d'arrondissement. — Autre sens ensuite : Au gouvernement Donne un revenu depuis des années. — Perdu au hasard, troublé fortement. — Point du ciel noté comme hypothétique. — Pourrait s'appliquer à tout condiment. — Dans beaucoup d'Etats un corps politique.

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Demandez au voisin

Une jeune fille de Clichy guérie par les pilules Pink

Ce cas nous intéresse d'autant plus que la personne guérie habite plus près de nous. Il s'agit de Mlle Jeanne Cullière, qui habite chez ses parents, 13, rue Martissot, à Clichy. Nous donnons ici la photographie de la jeune fille, dont la famille est bien connue. La mère de Mlle Cullière nous écrivait dernièrement :

« Ma fille Jeanne à la suite d'une maladie aigue était devenue très anémique. Elle était d'une grande pâleur, elle ne mangeait plus, elle avait constamment des faiblesses et la nuit ne parvenait pas à dormir. L'enfant se sentait si mal qu'elle avait été prise par les idées noires. Il faut dire qu'elle se désespérait parce qu'elle voyait qu'elle ne guérissait pas malgré les médicaments. J'étais désespérée moi-même et je ne savais plus quoi faire. J'avais souvent entendu dire de différents côtés : Oh ! les pilules Pink m'ont fait beaucoup de bien. » J'ai pensé que les pilules Pink feraient beaucoup de bien aussi à ma fille. Elle les a prises et, effectivement, après en avoir pris une boîte, elle se sentait un peu mieux. Elle a pris encore deux boîtes et cela a été suffisant pour la rétablir complètement. Elle est maintenant aussi gaie qu'elle était triste, elle a repris de bonnes couleurs, elle a de nouveau bon appétit, elle est forte et elle dort bien. »

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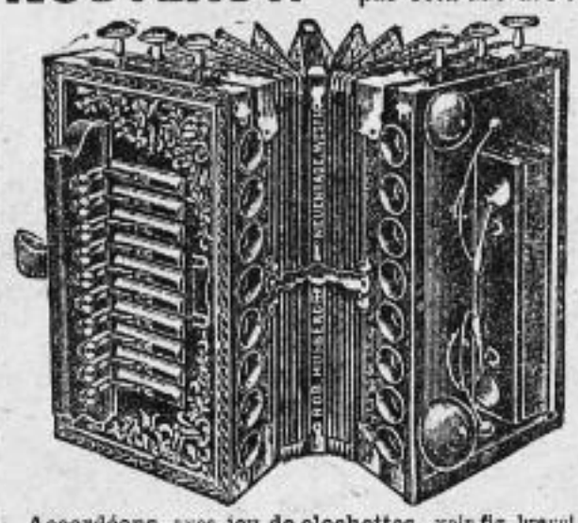

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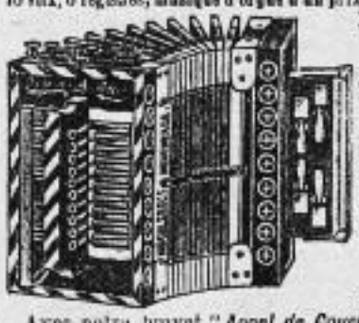

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Depuis le tragique assassinat de nos nationaux survenu à Casablanca le 30 Juillet dernier et la lâche agression commise contre nos marins le 5 Août, aux portes de la ville, l'attention la plus vive suit, en France, les troupes chargées, sous le commandement du général Drude, de venger notre drapeau, de punir les coupables et de rétablir, sur ce point du territoire marocain, la sécurité nécessaire à la prospérité du pays.

Chaque jour nous apporte l'annonce de nouveaux combats, de nouvelles morts, hélas ! mais aussi de brillants faits d'armes.

Ce que l'on avait tout d'abord considéré comme une simple affaire de police devient une véritable expédition contre les tribus maures révoltées. Sans cesse partent des renforts jugés indispensables. C'est toute une armée que le général Drude dirige à l'heure qu'il est.

Parmi les troupes qui se distinguent sous les murs de Casablanca, on compte des tirailleurs, des légionnaires, des chasseurs d'Afrique, des spahis. Mais aucune n'est plus curieuse et n'est plus originale assurément que ces goumiers appelés du sud-Oranais pour renforcer notre cavalerie.

Le goum (on appelle ainsi l'ensemble de ces cavaliers indigènes), le goum actuellement employé compte cent vingt sabres environ. Il est commandé par le capitaine Bériot et par les lieutenants Holtz et Rousseau.

C'est la première fois qu'ils vont servir hors d'Algérie et, comme ce sont des cavaliers de premier ordre, on a la plus grande confiance dans leur valeur et leur endurance.

Le corps des goumiers algériens est composé d'Arabes du Sud. Chaque tribu soumise à la France en fournit un certain nombre. Ils s'habillent, se montent et s'équipent eux-mêmes, continuant à garder leur costume national jusque dans ses bizarreries. C'est ainsi qu'ils portent encore le grand chapeau conique et, parfois, une haute mitre en plumes d'autruche.

Au lieu de rassemblement, on leur donne seulement un mousqueton et un sabre de cavalerie.

Ils sont alors placés sous les ordres d'officiers français.

Habitués, dès leur jeunesse, aux exercices les plus périlleux, ils semblent ne rien craindre. Ce sont de hardis et farouches combattants, aimant le bruit, la poudre et les fantasias.

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Depuis le 25 Août, date à laquelle ils ont débarqué à Casablanca, il n'est pas de jour où ils n'aient montré leur courage dans quelque exploration ou dans quelque charge, et rien n'étonne plus les Marocains que de voir se lancer contre eux, sabre au clair, ces hardis cavaliers, musulmans comme eux, et qui défendent cependant les couleurs de la France.

Notre dessin représente un épisode d'un des derniers combats où les goumiers sabrent l'ennemi, impuissant à échapper au galop vertigineux de leurs chevaux.

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LES « ROUFIONS »

Tableau de M. Lucien Jonas
(Salon de 1907)

Les « Roufions » ?... Qu'est-ce que les Roufions ?

« Roufion » est un vieux mot que le patois de nos régions septentrionales a dû garder du temps de l'occupation espagnole. Vous savez ce qu'est un « ruffian » dans la Péninsule ?... C'est un paresseux, un parasite, un homme qui vit aux dépens d'autrui.

C'est le sens même du mot « roufion » dans le patois du Nord. « Roufion » est synonyme de « fainéant », et, comme il est constant que les grévistes appellent « fainéant » — par antiphrase, sans doute — l'ouvrier qui continue à travailler, voilà comment s'explique le titre de ce tableau.

C'est une scène de grève de mineurs, malheureusement trop fréquente dans les milieux houillers où quelque conflit a éclaté entre le capital et le travail. Un ouvrier est descendu à la mine, malgré l'ordre du syndicat ; sa femme est allée l'attendre à la sortie du puits. Une bande de grévistes chantant l'*Internationale*, drapeau rouge en tête, les surprennent et les coups pleuvent sur les « roufions », sur les « fainéants », sur les « faux frères » qui ont commis le crime de vouloir gagner quand même le pain de leur famille...

Cette toile qui fit sensation au dernier Salon des Artistes français, non seulement pour sa conception hardie, mais pour le réalisme vigoureux de son exécution, est d'un jeune peintre du plus bel avenir. M. Lucien Jonas, qui est originaire d'Anzin, le pays des houillères, n'a que vingt-sept ans. Elle valut à son auteur une seconde médaille et une bourse de voyage. Ajoutons qu'elle fut achetée par S. M. Chulalongkorn, roi de Siam, pour son palais de Bangkok.

VARIÉTÉ

FRANCE ET JAPON

Tokio fête l'entente franco-japonaise. — La France éducatrice du Japon au triple point de vue militaire, maritime et législatif. — Léon Roches. — Les souvenirs d'un diplomate. — Yokohama en 1865. — Tableaux du vieux Japon.

Les Japonais marquent leur joie de l'entente cordiale qui règne entre leur pays et la France et que l'arrangement franco-japonais du 10 Juin dernier a consacrée. Ils viennent, à ce sujet, d'organiser de grandes fêtes à Tokio, et ils en ont fait part à notre ministre des Affaires étrangères.

Les sujets du mikado semblent se souvenir avec plaisir que la France fut leur initiatrice et leur guide dans la voie de la civilisation. En France, on semblait l'avoir un peu oublié. Du moins ne l'a-t-on pas suffisamment rappelé. Il est pourtant indéniable que, lors de l'évolution du Japon vers les mœurs européennes, c'est notre pays qui fut son éducateur au triple point de vue militaire, maritime et législatif.

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En effet, dès l'année 1865, c'est-à-dire trois ans avant qu'éclatât au Japon la révolution qui devait rendre le pouvoir au mikado, et alors que le Shogoun était encore tout puissant, une mission, composée d'officiers français, débarquait dans l'empire du Soleil Levant et commençait l'éducation de l'armée japonaise à l'européenne.

On a dit que nos revers de 1870 avaient eu pour résultat de nous enlever la confiance du gouvernement japonais et que les Allemands avaient, dès lors, hérité de cette confiance. Rien de moins exact. Dans l'année qui suivit la guerre franco-allemande, le Japon appelait, au contraire, une nouvelle mission militaire française, commandée par le colonel Munier, pour continuer l'instruction de son armée, commencée sept ans auparavant. Et d'autres missions françaises succédèrent à celle-ci, jusqu'en 1886, époque où le Japon se jugea suffisamment instruit dans l'art militaire pour remercier en bloc toutes les missions européennes.

Une preuve, d'ailleurs caractéristique, de l'influence française sur l'éducation de l'armée du Nippon, c'est que, aujourd'hui encore, la plupart des officiers japonais, et notamment les généraux, parlent couramment le français.

Si, de l'élément militaire, nous passons à l'élément maritime, nous remarquerons que ce sont encore des Français qui organisèrent les premières flottes du Nippon.

En 1866, fut commencé, dans la baie de Yokoska, le premier arsenal de la marine japonaise. Un officier français, l'enseigne de vaisseau Rotrou, en avait jeté les premières bases ; deux autres de nos compatriotes, les ingénieurs Verny et Florent, continuèrent l'œuvre qu'il avait ébauchée. En 1873, enfin, son achèvement fut confié encore à un Français, M. Thibaudier, ingénieur du génie maritime, sous les ordres duquel travaillaient sept cents ouvriers indigènes, encadrés par une trentaine d'ingénieurs et de contremaîtres français.

Bientôt, le Japon, grâce à la science et à l'activité de nos compatriotes, posséda un établissement maritime aussi complet que les grands arsenaux des puissances européennes, avec deux grands bassins de radoub, des cales de halage, des cales de construction, des ateliers à bois et à fer, une fonderie, une corderie et de vastes magasins.

Enfin, en 1886, c'est toujours à un Français, l'ingénieur Bertin, que le Japon confiait la construction de deux autres arsenaux auxiliaires, l'un à Sasébo, près de Nagasaki, dans l'île Kiou-Siou, l'autre à Hiroshima, dans la partie occidentale de l'île de Nippon.

Ce dernier arsenal fut particulièrement précieux pour la flotte japonaise durant la guerre contre la Chine, en 1894-1895, car c'est Hiroshima qui fut le point de concentration d'où partirent les corps d'armée envoyés en Chine et en Corée.

C'est, d'ailleurs, sur les plans de M. Bertin que furent construits la plupart des navires japonais qui devaient, dans cette guerre, triompher si complètement de la flotte chinoise.

L'un de ces bâtiments, le *Hashidaté*, s'éleva à l'arsenal d'Yokoska, sous les yeux mêmes de l'ingénieur. La construction des autres fut, grâce à son influence, confiée à la France.

C'est ainsi que, de 1886 à 1892, les Chantiers de la Méditerranée à La Seyne, et les Chantiers de la Loire à Saint-Nazaire fournirent quatre grands croiseurs au Japon et que quatorze torpilleurs furent commandés au Creusot par le gouvernement du mikado.

C'est donc bien à des Français que le Japon doit la construction de ses arsenaux maritimes et l'organisation de ses premières forces navales.

On a dit, d'autre part, que les Anglais avaient été les instructeurs de la marine des Japonais comme les Français l'avaient été de leur armée. Ce n'est pas tout à fait vrai. Instructeurs des marins japonais, les Anglais le furent, en effet, mais seulement au point de vue théorique, jamais au point de vue pratique.

Vers 1873, tandis que nos officiers de l'armée de terre commandaient des troupes japonaises et dirigeaient, en réalité, toutes leurs manœuvres, la mission navale anglaise, sous les ordres du commodore Douglas, n'était chargée que de l'instruction purement théorique des élèves japonais de l'école navale de Tokio ; jamais un Anglais n'exerça le moindre commandement sur un vaisseau de la marine nippone.

On a remarqué ce fait caractéristique que, tandis que les escadres chinoises en 1894-1895 étaient commandées par des Européens, celles du Japon, au contraire, n'avaient d'autres chefs que les amiraux japonais. Et les événements d'alors justifièrent suffisamment cette confiance que le gouvernement japonais avait dans les aptitudes naturelles et l'habileté de ses marins.

Quant à l'organisation de la justice japonaise, nul n'ignore qu'elle est due presque entièrement à la France. C'est un Français, M. Boissonnade, qui a été chargé par le gouvernement du Mikado de rédiger le Code pénal et le Code de procédure criminelle. Les Japonais ont également emprunté à notre Code civil un grand nombre de ses dispositions.

Eh bien, cette prépondérance de la France dans la première organisation militaire, maritime et judiciaire du Japon, si on l'a rappelée déjà, ce fut, toutefois, sans y insister autant que nous venons de le faire. Mais ce qu'on a négligé d'ajouter, ce que personne n'a dit, c'est à quelle influence notre pays avait dû l'honneur de guider les premiers pas des Japonais dans la voie de la civilisation européenne.

Or, cette influence fut celle d'un homme dont la vie n'a été qu'un long dévouement à la patrie, et dont le nom, trop oublié aujourd'hui, mérite d'être remis en lumière.

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Cet homme s'appelait Léon Roches. Né à Grenoble en 1809, il est mort en 1901, âgé de quatre-vingt-onze ans, après une admirable carrière, durant laquelle il avait été tour à tour secrétaire et conseiller intime d'Abd-el-Kader, interprète en chef de l'armée d'Afrique sous Bugeaud, consul à Tanger et à Tunis, et enfin représentant de la France au Japon à l'époque troublée de la révolution mikadonale.

Une partie de cette existence si diverse et si mouvementée a été résumée par lui-même dans des mémoires débordants de pittoresque et de sincérité, que malheureusement il n'a pu achever et qui ne contiennent aucun détail sur son œuvre au Japon. Mais, à défaut des souvenirs de Roches lui-même, nous avons eu la bonne fortune de recueillir ceux d'un éminent diplomate, M. Paul Rameau, ministre plénipotentiaire en retraite, qui fut son meilleur collaborateur et occupa auprès de lui les fonctions de gérant du consulat de France au Japon.

Nous ne résistons pas au plaisir de les reproduire sous la forme pittoresque où M. Rameau a bien voulu les évoquer pour nous :

Toutes les fois, nous disait-il, que résonne à mon oreille le nom du Japon, je revois les tableaux suivants se présenter à ma mémoire comme sur l'écran d'un cinématographe :

Et d'abord, avec la date de Janvier 1865, la petite ville — je devrais dire le village — de Yokohama-Kanagawa, où se trouvaient ensemble, dans un véritable camp retranché, les missions diplomatiques des pays représentés alors au Japon : France (chargée de la représentation de l'Italie), Angleterre, Etats-Unis, Hollande, Suisse, Prusse ; les consulats de ces divers pays et les comptoirs des négociants étrangers. Les Russes envoyaient, de temps à autre, quelques navires de guerre en visite, mais n'avaient pas de représentant officiel auprès du Taïcoun (shogoun), reconnu alors comme le chef réel du gouvernement japonais.

J'ai dit « camp retranché » : le terme n'est pas exagéré, puisque, par suite d'un accord avec le gouvernement local, les résidents étrangers ne devaient pas sortir des limites — un ou deux kilomètres — fixées à l'espace réservé pour leur résidence.

C'est là que venaient les trouver les ministres japonais, sauf les cas très rares où ils daignaient appeler les représentants étrangers à Yeddo.

Je revois encore le grand chemin du Tocaïdo que nous parcourions pour nous rendre à la capitale du pays et qui reliait alors, comme grande route, ce qu'il fait comme chemin de fer aujourd'hui, Yokohama à Yeddo. Nous partions tous à cheval, le ministre de France, Léon Roches en tête, avec sa belle prestance de chef arabe ; chacun de nous précédé de son *betto* (groom et palefrenier), courant à une certaine distance en avant des chevaux. Une double escorte de cavaliers japonais revêtus de leur ancien costume si pittoresque et armés de leurs fameux sabres, ouvrait et fermait la marche.

A mi-route, nous faisions halte dans une petite ferme proprette, sous des pommiers en fleur, pour consommer un petit déjeuner froid emporté avec nous.

Puis, on arrivait à Yeddo et l'on parcourait la capitale, toujours à cheval, pour franchir plus rapidement les énormes espaces non bâtis qui séparaient çà et là certains quartiers de la ville. Enfin, l'on gagnait le petit temple affecté à la résidence de la légation de France lors de ses visites si rares et si courtes à Yeddo. Là, une garde spéciale veillait sur notre sécurité, ce qui ne nous empêchait pas de prendre la précaution de dormir à peu de distance les uns des autres, nos armes chargées sous nos oreillers.

Ces précautions n'étaient pas inutiles, en effet, car, dans tout le Japon, la haine couvait contre les Occidentaux... Mais bientôt cet état de choses allait changer du tout au tout.

Et à ce propos, nous disait M. Rameau, nous voici amené à un second tableau, tout spécial, celui-là, à l'homme remarquable dont nous rappelons ici la mémoire :

La scène représente le petit cabinet de travail de Léon Roches à Yokohama, ce cabinet dans lequel se sont tenus si souvent, avec un ou plusieurs ministres du Taïcoun, des conférences qui étaient de véritables conseils de gouvernement. Je vois encore Léon Roches, dans le grand fauteuil où se carrait sa haute stature, recevant les hauts fonctionnaires que lui déléguait le Taïcoun. Chacun d'eux était suivi de son « auditeur » (dont le rôle consistait à écouter silencieusement, pour communiquer ensuite à qui de droit, ses impressions sur l'entrevue ; de l'interprète (à ce moment l'interprétation se faisait par l'intermédiaire d'une troisième langue, le hollandais) ; enfin, de plusieurs scribes, véritables sténographes, tenant compte non seulement des paroles échangées, mais des moindres détails de la conférence.

C'est dans ce cabinet de travail qu'ont pris naissance toutes les grandes réformes qui ont successivement transformé le Japon et l'ont amené d'un état de civilisation enfantine à la hauteur des nations les plus civilisées du globe, au moins en ce qui concerne les institutions et la vie gouvernementale.

Je vois Léon Roches expliquant aux Japonais le mécanisme de la monnaie dans le monde économique et les amenant à introduire dans leur pays une administration monétaire, copie intelligente de la nôtre. J'ai vu les débuts modestes de l'arsenal de Yokoska, où l'on se bornait, à l'origine, à réparer les navires achetés à l'étranger, afin de constituer les éléments de la première flotte japonaise.

C'est enfin — et cela suffirait à lui donner un caractère historique — c'est dans ce cabinet de travail de Léon Roches que fut prise, en Mai 1866, par les représentants des puissances réunis au ministre de France, la résolution d'aller demander au vrai souverain du Japon, au mikado, la ratification des traités conclus lors de l'ouverture du pays aux Européens, traités que le Taïcoun avouait tout à coup avoir été ignorés de son chef.

On sait que cette ratification fut accordée par le mikado, et que cette première démarche, appuyée du reste par une démonstration navale imposante, fut le début de relations nouvelles entre le véritable chef de l'Etat et les représentants des puissances étrangères : — relations qui firent naître dans l'esprit du souverain la résolution de gouverner désormais lui-même, et qui précipitèrent cette suite d'événements dans lesquels disparurent le pouvoir taïcounal et la féodalité foncière, tandis que s'érigeait, petit à petit, le régime constitutionnel actuel.

Que d'autres témoignages, nous dit M. Rameau, je pourrais vous donner encore de l'influence de Léon Roches ! Mais tout cela nous entraînerait trop loin. J'abrège et je passe au dernier tableau qu'il me fut donné de voir grâce à lui :

Le prince de Satsouma, un des grands daïmios du régime féodal, avait, sans raison, fait canonner un petit navire français, le *Kien-Chang*, qui passait dans les parages de ses domaines. Ce seigneur ayant refusé, comme l'avait exigé M. Roches, de nous faire des excuses, le Taïcoun s'était décidé à le punir et avait envoyé des troupes contre lui.

C'est au départ de ces troupes qu'il me fut permis d'assister. Grâce aux bonnes relations de mon chef avec le gouvernement d'alors, les Européens purent, à titre tout à fait exceptionnel et d'un endroit spécialement désigné et délimité avec des cordes, je m'en souviens, contempler ce défilé digne de tenter le pinceau d'un Detaille.

A ce moment-là, les anciens uniformes, les anciennes armes étaient seuls en usage. Qu'on se figure une procession de ces compagnies d'archers, d'arbalétriers, revêtus de ces jolies armures laquées ou damasquinées qu'on ne voit plus guère aujourd'hui que chez de riches collectionneurs ; quelques pelotons d'arquebusiers ; certaines compagnies précédées de tambours à la longue caisse de forme hollandaise. Les chefs, à cheval, surchargés, hommes et bêtes, d'ornements guerriers et bizarres... Les Japonais d'aujourd'hui doivent bien rire lorsqu'ils trouvent des images représentant leurs pères ainsi accoutrés ; mais je vous assure que, en 1865, au moment où nous passions cette revue des forces de terre des Japonais, il n'y en avait pas un seul parmi nous qui, tout en croyant au progrès et au développement futur de ce peuple si intelligent, eût soupçonné la réalisation de ce développement et la transformation radicale, absolue, de l'armée japonaise dans un espace de temps de moins de trente années...

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Tels sont, entre mille, les quelques souvenirs que M. Rameau a bien voulu évoquer pour nous, du temps où Léon Roches représentait la France au Japon. Ils ne sont pas seuls à démontrer que, grâce à son ministre, notre pays eut une influence prépondérante sur les destinées de l'empire du Soleil Levant. La plupart des voyageurs qui visitèrent alors le Japon ont également constaté ce fait.

Malheureusement, cette influence prise alors par la France sur la civilisation japonaise, cette prépondérance due au zèle de Léon Roches et constatée par tous ceux qui le virent à l'œuvre, notre pays ne sut pas toujours les conserver. Notre ingérence dans les affaires japonaises après la guerre de 1894-1895 eut pour effet de nous aliéner les sympathies de ce peuple que nous avions guidé naguère sur la route de la civilisation et qui s'étonnait, à bon droit, de nous trouver alors parmi ses adversaires.

Mais aujourd'hui les petits dissentiments sont oubliés. Le Japon fête notre amitié... Pourvu que ça dure !... Tout sera pour le mieux.

Ernest LAUT.

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LA SEMAINE FANTAISISTE

Septembre

Septembre ! Avec toi vient l'automne
Que, mélancolique, on s'étonne
De voir apparaître déjà !
Mois changeant, tu fais qu'on regrette
De quitter les fraîches retraites
Dans lesquelles on se plongea.

Tu fais aussi — plus d'un l'avoue
Sans la moindre rougeur aux joues —
L'espoir des pauvres voyageurs
Qui, loin de leurs chères pénates,
S'ennuyaient, se rongeaient la rate,
Hélas ! dans les grandes largeurs.

Epoque éphémère et mobile,
Favorable à l'automobile
Et propice aux sports les plus fous,
Pourtant propre à la rêverie,
Chez toi, que tu pleures ou ries,
Il y en a pour tous les goûts.

Fin d'été ! Aux vents de Septembre,
Les feuilles couleur d'or et d'ambre
Tombent, finissant de jaunir.
Les portefeuilles choient de même
Et les députés qui les aiment
Parlent déjà de revenir.

Sous les frondaisons dont les palmes,
Pas académiques mais calmes,
Versent l'oubli de l'univers,
Les préfets en villégiature
Admirent la belle nature
Et les sous-préfets font des vers.

Si les moissons partout sont faites,
Les lauriers, sur ces entrefaites,
Veulent avoir leur tour : voilà
Pourquoi, majestueux augures,
Quelques ministres inaugurent
Des monuments de ci, de là.

Le Président qui, bucolique,
Aux princes de la République
Comme aux gens de tout rang, bouillait
De montrer sa force à la chasse,
Les entraîne tous sur ses traces
Dans les tirés de Rambouillet.

Les bons Nemrods de la banlieue
Dévorent bravement les lieues,
Fusil sur l'épaule et contents
S'ils ont, en six heures de chasse,
Tué une vieille bécasse
Ou bien, tout simplement, le temps.

Les touristes de Trou-sur-Manche
Qui, la semaine et le dimanche,
Barbottaient sur des fonds vaseux,
Et ceux des stations thermales
Bouclent hâtivement leurs malles
Pour revenir enfin chez eux.

Paris que la blonde Angleterre
Et tous les pays de la terre,
Envahisseurs, avaient fait sien,
Paris achève sa toilette,
Comble ses trous, se fait coquette
Pour le retour des Parisiens.

Septembre : c'est la période
Où l'on s'occupe de la mode
Que les couturiers lanceront.
Toutes les femmes te bénissent,
Mais tous les maris te honnissent
Pour les notes qu'ils régleront.

Par contre, il est vrai, tu ramènes,
Par un étrange phénomène,
Avec nos amis les plus chers,
Les huîtres en belles bourriches,
Pour les pauvres et pour les riches,
Septembre, premier mois en R !

CLAUDIN.

Le ventriloque

Un jour de congé, comme je terminais ma quatrième au lycée de Marseille, la fantaisie nous prit, deux camarades et moi, d'aller visiter le château d'If. Tous connaissent, au moins de nom, cette île déserte, si près des côtes provençales. Elle est, en effet, célèbre par les faits historiques dont elle évoque le souvenir. C'est la Bastille du Midi. Tous les navires la croisent en passant. Elle apparaît alors, dressant le cube massif et lourd de ses murs délabrés, sillonnés partout de profondes lézardes, et qui semblent garder, avec leur sévérité d'antique ruine, une impression de toutes les souffrances qu'ils enfermèrent durant des siècles. Et des récits étranges, mystérieux, coururent aussi sur cette vieille prison qu'illustrèrent par leur captivité les plus fameuses victimes du despotisme royal.

C'est tout cela, et d'autres choses encore, qui nous poussaient, ce jour-là, à visiter le château d'If. Nous prîmes une barque, comme le soir tombait. La mer était tranquille, un vaste soleil rouge incendiait l'horizon. Durant le trajet, la conversation s'anima. On discuta fort sur les énigmatiques personnages qu'on avait ensevelis dans ces cachots. C'était, d'abord, Monte-Cristo, le légendaire héros d'Alexandre Dumas, dont les prodigieuses aventures avaient hanté notre imagination d'écolier. C'était, ensuite, le Masque de Fer, plus troublant encore. Puis venaient, dans un tragique défilé, Tassecrand, l'insulteur de la marquise de Montespan ; Macerbel, trois fois sauvé par d'héroïques amis, trois fois repris ; l'abbé Faria qui, assure-ton, eut la longue patience de couvrir de maximes les murs de sa cellule ; enfin, le plus grand, le plus inoubliable de tous, le formidable colosse Mirabeau.

— Heureusement, déclara naïvement l'un de nous, un jeune Marseillais, que nous n'appartenons plus à ces siècles de barbarie, et qu'on est plus libéral de nos jours !

— Sûr non, protesta, avec l'accent, notre batelier ; je vous certifie, mon brave, que le cachot de Monte-Cristo n'est pas, de ce moment, sans locataire.

Nous fîmes semblant de rire.

— Vous verrez, reprit-il d'un ton très sûr.

Et il ajouta, avec un air de suffisance :

— C'est moi qui vous le dis.

Puis il aspira une dernière bouffée de fumée, secoua sa pipe, jeta sur l'horizon un regard assuré et se reprit à ramer.

Cinq minutes après, nous débarquions dans l'île. Dans les dernières lueurs du crépuscule, la colossale architecture du château d'If, se dressant dans l'ombre, avec ses tours démolies, comme un gigantesque fantôme, prenait une apparence d'antique construction, de grande ruine abandonnée, plus sombre et plus tragique sous les reflets blafards des hautes murailles nues. Nous montâmes, d'abord, par un sentier étroit et rocailleux, dans un solennel silence.

Nous arrivons enfin devant une grande grille, au delà de laquelle s'élevaient, en un vaste amphithéâtre, les remparts des prisons. Nous appelons le gardien, et, quelques instants après, nous voyons apparaître un petit vieillard sec, débile, qui s'avançait péniblement, une lanterne à la main. Il était coiffé d'un bonnet râpé, rouge sans doute autrefois, mais que l'injure des temps avait fait tourner au gris.

— Qui va là, à cette heure ? cria-t-il en se frottant les yeux.

— Des voyageurs qui désirent visiter les prisons, répondit l'un de nous.

Le bonhomme releva sa lanterne pour mieux considérer nos visages et s'assurer de notre aspect.

— Des voyageurs ? reprit-il d'une voix si sourde qu'elle semblait sortir du plus profond de ses entrailles... eh bien ! entrez.

Et il ouvrit la grille.

La nuit, maintenant, était tout à fait tombée, une nuit sans lune, d'une épaisseur d'encre. Nous suivions le gardien sans mot dire, guidés seulement par la lueur de sa lanterne.

Il nous introduisit, d'abord, dans le cachot d'où le futur orateur de la Constituante écrivait à la malheureuse Sophie ces lettres folles de passion et frémissantes déjà des grandes colères qui, deux ans plus tard, devaient déchaîner la Révolution. Et, sur un vieux registre, tout jauni, qu'étalait sous nos yeux le gardien, en face du nom de Mirabeau était cette simple mention : « Sujet très dangereux. A tenté de mettre le feu à la porte de sa prison. »

Ce fut, ensuite, une longue inspection de cachots : le cachot du Masque de Fer, celui de l'abbé Faria ; d'autres encore, bas, ténébreux, glacés, qui nous secouaient d'horreur, nous paralysaient d'émotion, à la pensée que des êtres vivants avaient été enterrés là.

Nous pénétrons enfin dans un souterrain plus profond, plus affreux encore que tous les autres.

— Voici, nous dit le gardien, la prison de Monte-Cristo.

Un grand silence s'abattit.

Tout à coup, un gémissement prolongé, semblable à celui d'un moribond, se fit entendre ; puis une voix plaintive, sépulcrale, qui semblait avoir peine à traverser les murs, nous frappa comme d'un coup violent dans la poitrine.

— Oh ! je suis malheureux... Voilà dix ans qu'on me fait espérer ma délivrance !...

Un instant s'écoula, sans que nos oreilles entendissent autre chose que les battements précipités de nos cœurs. La voix reprit, plus lamentable :

— A boire, à boire, par pitié !

Du coup, le mot du batelier, dont nous avions tant ri, nous revint à l'esprit.

— Qu'est ceci ? demandai-je au gardien, qui demeurait impassible comme s'il n'avait rien entendu.

— Oh ! rien, fit celui-ci avec calme, je vais lui apporter de l'eau tout à l'heure.

— A qui ? répliquai-je sur un ton qui exigeait sur-le-champ une explication.

— Au prisonnier, répondit le gardien avec un flegme de plus en plus exaspérant.

Puis, s'approchant du mur :

— C'est bon, c'est bon, père Joseph, je vais y aller... Ne vous impatientez pas.

— Quelle heure est-il ? implora la voix d'outre-mur.

— Il n'y a pas d'heure pour les braves, riposta l'autre.

Et, se retournant vers nous, il ajouta tout bas, comme s'il se parlait à lui-même :

— Je crois qu'il y aura quelque chose de nouveau, demain, pour ce malheureux... Nous avons reçu un pli cacheté qui le concerne.

Cette ingénieuse réflexion acheva de convaincre les plus défiants d'entre nous. Dès lors, nous ne doutons plus qu'il y a des prisonniers d'Etat au château d'If ; notre indignation éclate ; mes deux camarades se montent à mon unisson ; nous protestons furieusement, le souvenir du 14 Juillet nous enflamme, nous voulons renverser cette nouvelle Bastille, délivrer ces prisonniers et les ramener en triomphe à Marseille.

— N'oubliez pas la chopinette, gémit de nouveau, sur ces entrefaites, le prétendu prisonnier.

Alors, l'un de nous, le plus âgé, une garçon de quinze ans, tira une pièce blanche de son gilet et, la mettant dans la main du gardien :

— Voilà, dit-il d'une voix où tremblait une émotion mal contenue, voilà de quoi acheter du vin pour cet infortuné.

— Oui, bien infortuné, répliqua le petit vieux en empochant la pièce... Faites donc de la politique après ça.

Profondément bouleversés, nous partions pour répandre dans Marseille le bruit que nous avions découvert des prisonniers d'Etat au château d'If, lorsque notre bonhomme de gardien, nous croyant plus naïfs que nous ne l'étions vraiment, eut lui-même la naïveté de prolonger la plaisanterie plus qu'il ne convenait. Nous comprîmes alors que le sacripant était ventriloque, et il en convint, d'ailleurs, en riant avec nous. Mais nos cœurs d'enfants avaient joliment battu !

Paul BRULAT.

Aux sous-officiers libérables

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La marque

Un gardien l'accompagna jusque sur le seuil ; la lourde porte se referma, avec un bruit lugubre, derrière lui, et Pierre Riboux, libre enfin, s'éloigna de cette prison où avait sombré son honneur.

C'était un grand garçon d'une trentaine d'années, aux yeux clairs, à la moustache blonde, qui, malgré la flétrissure inévitable de six mois d'existence passés en compagnie d'escrocs et de voleurs, gardait cependant l'allure correcte donnée par son éducation.

Fils d'un notaire de petite ville mort presque ruiné, resté seul, à sept ans, avec sa mère trop faible et trop bonne, après de médiocres études il ne s'était senti aucune vocation.

La liberté, seule, le hantait. Il entra d'abord dans la maison de commerce d'un ami de son père, mais la quitta presque aussitôt, ne pouvant se plier à l'obéissance et à l'exactitude nécessaires.

A cette époque, précisément, sa mère mourut lui laissant un peu d'argent. Il eut tôt fait de le dissiper et connut alors la misère noire. Las de vivre d'expédients, il s'engagea en Afrique, faillit passer trois ou quatre fois en conseil de guerre pour indiscipline ; finalement, son service achevé, vint échouer à Paris où, grâce à quelques recommandations, il obtint d'entrer dans un atelier de constructions automobiles.

Intelligent, il apprit vite le métier, mais là encore il gâta son avenir par des idées anarchistes rapportées d'Afrique, se fit mettre à la porte de toutes les maisons qui l'acceptèrent et, un soir, errant dans un faubourg, l'estomac tiraillé par la faim, entra dans une boulangerie ouverte et vide.

Des pains énormes et dorés le tentèrent. Un semblant de probité lui fit saisir son couteau pour couper une miche, juste de quoi apaiser sa fringale. Mais, comme le patron survenait, il eut, de sa main armée, un geste de protestation que l'autre prit pour un geste de menace. Il fut arrêté.

Tentative de vol et de meurtre, c'était la cour d'assises.

La chute était horrible. Pierre Riboux ne la sentit pas, du moins il ne vit en elle que la part du hasard. Aigri, il voulut développer à la barre ses théories libertaires. Il s'aliéna les jurés, qui le condamnèrent à six mois de prison, et c'était ces six mois de honte qu'il venait de purger à Fresnes.

Seul, sur la route déserte, il lui semblait que le regard des choses le poursuivait.

Au loin, le crépuscule tombait, le jour s'enfuyait lentement, l'immensité semblait infinie. Dans un champ, perdu près de l'horizon, un paysan semait encore, debout dans le soleil couchant.

Pierre Riboux se retrouvait maintenant sur cette route avec des sentiments de haine contre la société entière.

Il passa la main sur son front, comme pour en chasser les ténébreuses pensées, et compta l'argent qu'il avait touché en signant sa levée d'écrou.

— Cinquante francs ! Et après, la lutte recommencera, la lutte âpre du malchanceux, du meurt-de-faim, contre le sort impitoyable et brutal !

La nuit venait de plus en plus, il se décida à s'éloigner, allant droit devant lui. Enfin, il arriva dans un village et s'arrêta devant une mauvaise auberge pour commander du pain, du fromage et du vin, de quoi souper.

L'appétit satisfait et son écot payé, il allait repartir à la recherche d'un gîte pour la nuit, quand un journal, laissé ouvert sur une chaise, attira son attention.

Un journal ! Il n'en avait pas lu un seul depuis ses longues semaines d'emprisonnement. Avide de nouvelles, il s'en empara et, grisé par ce plaisir nouveau, se mit à lire minutieusement cette feuille de hasard.

Soudain, quelques lignes le stupéfièrent -

LES GAITÉS DE LA SEMAINE, *par DRANER*

— Toi qui te vantes de connaître les semblables, Joseph, dis-moi donc ce que tu penses de ce melon ?

— Tu ne viens pas au tennis avec nous ?
— Impossible, j'ai à finir mes devoirs de vacances du *Petit Journal* ; songez donc qu'il y a des bicyclettes comme prix !

— Alors, vous croyez, docteur, que le lait de chèvre me soutiendrait ?
— Absolument, c'est même ainsi qu'on nourrit le jeune hippopotame qui vient de naître au Jardin des Plantes.

— Comment ! tu prends un port d'armes, toi, qui n'es pas chasseur ?
— Oui, mais ça me donne le droit de sortir avec un fusil, et, par ces temps d'apaches, ce n'est pas une dépense inutile.

« Jean-Pierre Riboux, né le 10 Mars 1873, est recherché par Me Grossandre, notaire, rue de Miromesnil, à Paris, pour succession. »

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Le lendemain, après une nuit fiévreuse, Pierre Riboux prenait le train pour Paris.

Sans prendre la peine de changer de vêtements, il courait chez Me Grossandre.

On l'annonça aussitôt. Le notaire, habitué sans doute à ces coups de la fortune tombant au hasard, le reçut sans étonnement, avec une politesse froide.

Après avoir examiné les papiers que lui apportait Riboux, il lui dit :

— Vous êtes, monsieur, l'unique héritier de M. Vidal, votre oncle maternel, décédé à Odessa, le 15 du mois dernier.

C'était, en effet, un frère de sa mère, qui avait quitté la France pour courir le monde et qui, arrivé en Russie, avait fait fortune dans le commerce sans que personne de sa famille n'en sût jamais rien.

Le notaire reprit :

— Je vais vous lire son testament.

Il sortit un papier d'une grande enveloppe et lut :

« Je reconnais comme légataire universel Jean-Pierre Riboux, fils de Georges-André Riboux et de Marie-Anne Vidal, ma sœur, et lui laisse toute ma fortune, soit cinq cent mille francs en titres ; ma ferme située aux environs d'Odessa et mon hôtel situé dans cette ville.

» Fait en pleine lucidité d'esprit, etc. »

Le notaire releva les yeux d'un air satisfait :

— J'ai trouvé deux acquéreurs, dit-il, pour la ferme et l'hôtel. Le premier offre deux cent mille francs pour la ferme, l'autre trois cent mille pour l'hôtel. Si vous consentez à vendre, je crois que ce sera là une bonne affaire.

Après quelques minutes de discussion, la vente fut décidée, et Pierre Riboux laissait au notaire, par procuration, le soin de gérer cette fortune inattendue.

La poche lourde de l'arriéré des intérêts, il sortit la tête haute. Il avait déjà oublié le condamné à six mois de prison pour tentative de vol et de meurtre.

— Un million ! J'ai un million ! répétait-il à chaque pas. Que vais-je en faire ?

Des idées étranges lui passèrent par la tête, comme celle de fonder une usine où les bénéfices seraient la propriété des ouvriers.

C'était là un de ses anciens rêves, au temps de sa misère.

Mais il ne s'attarda pas longtemps à cette idée, car son anarchie n'était rien autre, sans qu'il se l'avouât, qu'un sentiment de haine contre la société en général, et les riches en particulier ; cette haine était causée par l'envie, et le monde lui paraissait maintenant agréable et parfait, puisqu'il allait profiter des avantages qu'il donne aux heureux.

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Dès ce jour, par la magie de l'argent, Pierre Riboux se sentit transformé.

L'ancien meurt-de-faim, peu à peu, retrouva les habitudes élégantes que sa naissance lui avait données.

Paris, qui ne s'étonne de rien, accepta ce garçon brillant et aimable, et cela d'autant plus facilement que la générosité de ses allures ne lui faisait que des amis.

Pierre Riboux avait maintenant un appartement boulevard Haussmann et un castel en Normandie.

On le remarquait au Bois, au théâtre, aux courses, dans les restaurants à la mode et dans tous les endroits où l'on s'amuse.

Présenté par l'un et par l'autre, il fut reçu dans les salons les plus cotés, et, comme il était brillant danseur, on ne tarda pas à se l'arracher.

Cette dernière qualité mondaine décida de son avenir.

Nul n'avait été sans remarquer son assiduité auprès de Mlle Frémières, fille d'un riche banquier parisien ; on en prophétisa un mariage.

Deux ans après, nul ne s'étonna d'apprendre leurs fiançailles.

Cependant, inquiétés par tant de succès, les envieux grondèrent. Un parmi tous, le jeune vicomte de Foulcques, ex-roi de la mode, détrôné par cet intrus venu on ne savait d'où.

Il avait longtemps espéré obtenir la main de Mlle Frémières ; aussi l'annonce des fiançailles de la jeune fille avec Pierre Riboux souleva dans son cœur une tempête de jalousie et de rage.

— D'où sort ce nouveau venu ? se demandait-il en mordillant sa petite moustache blonde.

Il résolut de le savoir.

Il prit ses renseignements et, grâce à une agence de police privée, ne fut pas longtemps à connaître l'odyssée de son heureux rival.

— Quel succès, mon cher, ricana-t-il, se parlant à lui-même, un ancien forçat, un assassin ! En exagérant encore les choses, rien n'est plus facile que de le perdre.

Il avait son plan.

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Quelques jours après, Riboux sortait du cercle, vers les deux heures du matin, avec de Foulcques et deux amis.

Le vicomte offrit sa voiture, tous quatre y montèrent ; lorsque, arrivée au coin d'une rue déserte, la voiture s'arrêta brusquement, de Foulcques se pencha par la portière et aussitôt se rejeta en arrière, simulant un vif effroi.

Les portières s'ouvrirent, deux revolvers couchèrent en joue les quatre hommes, alors que, de leurs mains libres, deux bandits tendaient leur casquette.

On en devinait d'autres tenant les chevaux.

Soudain, l'un des malandrins s'exclama, en désignant le fiancé de Mlle Frémières :

— Tiens ! Mais c'est Riboux ! Pierre Riboux ! Comme on se retrouve ? T'as donc fait fortune depuis qu'on a été ensemble à Fresnes ?

Le jeune homme protesta :

— Mais je ne vous connais pas !

L'autre, insistant, reprit :

— Comment ? Tu oublies donc les six mois de prison que tu as faits ? Ingrat ! Mais, va ! n'aies pas peur, on ne travaille pas contre les camarades !

Et, comme Pierre Riboux, blême, les yeux hagards, ne s'empressait pas de prendre la main que lui tendait le bandit, il ajouta :

— Allons, tu fais le fier, tu seras peut-être content un jour de nous retrouver. Au revoir !

Et il disparut, suivi de ses compagnons.

Incapable de se défendre, Pierre rentra chez lui, et, devant la vérité qui devait courir le monde maintenant, il cessa brusquement de sortir.

A trois jours de là, on apprenait la rupture des fiançailles de Mlle Frémières et de Pierre Riboux.

Ainsi, malgré les transformations que la fortune avait amenées dans sa vie, l'ancien condamné se voyait à nouveau livré au mépris public !

Pourtant, cette faute, ou ce semblant de faute, il l'avait expiée cruellement.

Hélas ! la marque était pour lui ineffaçable. Rien ne pourrait jamais faire que son infamie ancienne ne fût pas. Toujours, il devrait rester l'ancien condamné, l'hôte de Fresnes.

— A quoi donc m'a servi ma richesse ? murmurait-il.

Dans son inconscience, le malheureux ne voyait pas que, seul, le travail rachète les fautes passées, et que la renommée d'honneur est inconstante quand elle n'est basée que sur l'estime des oisifs et des envieux.

Il ne restait plus à Pierre qu'à disparaître. C'est ce qu'il fit, sans que l'on sût jamais s'il s'était tué ou s'il s'était enfui dans quelque pays lointain.

Six mois après, on lisait dans les journaux :

« On annonce le prochain mariage de Mlle Frémières, fille du banquier parisien bien connu, avec le vicomte de Foulcques, fils du général comte de Foulcques. »

N. DE MONTERRATO.

FARINE DUTAUT, le meilleur aliment des enfants

CIGALE

— Mademoiselle Rosine, permettez-moi de vous offrir... Ce sont les premières violettes de la saison.

Et Marcel Balmier, l'étudiant en médecine du cinquième, présentait à la jeune fille un bouquet frais et parfumé comme le printemps.

Les deux jeunes gens se rencontraient souvent — Marcel aidait de son mieux le hasard — dans l'escalier de la vaste maison qui abritait tout un monde de locataires : employés, petits rentiers, artistes et professeurs.

La mère de Rosine, veuve sans fortune d'un officier mort au Tonkin, occupait, avec ses deux filles, un modeste appartement sur la cour. L'aînée, Lucy, donnait en ville des leçons de musique. Rosine étudiait le chant. Elle emplissait de roulades et de savants exercices les petites pièces étroites, en attendant qu'une scène plus vaste s'offrit à la réalisation de ses rêves d'artiste.

Sa jolie voix pure et brillante était habilement cultivée par le signor Belloni, un vieux professeur italien qui ne ménageait pas les encouragements et les éloges à sa gentille élève. Il aimait à raconter devant elle les débuts et les triomphes des cantatrices plus ou moins fameuses qu'il avait guidées dans les voies du grand art, et, naturellement, l'imagination de la jeune fille s'enflammait à ces récits où l'exagération méridionale avait une bonne part. La mère, imprudente, attisait le feu au lieu de l'éteindre. Ses ambitions étaient illimitées quand il s'agissait de sa fille chérie.

— Rosine sera une grande artiste et elle chantera un jour à l'Opéra, affirmait-elle avec conviction.

— Nous pourrions nous contenter de l'Opéra-Comique, maman, disait Lucy, avec son sourire tranquille, un peu désabusé.

Lucy représentait la raison dans le petit ménage. Elle aimait bien sa sœur ; elle admirait, sans arrière-pensée de jalousie, la grâce juvénile de Rosine, ses yeux d'un bleu si doux sous la mousse légère des cheveux dorés, son charme délicat, un peu fragile, comme le cristal même de cette voix fraîche sur laquelle on fondait de si grandes espérances, mais elle sentait qu'il suffirait d'un rien pour anéantir les beaux rêves.

Et elle travaillait courageusement, grimpant et redescendant les étages sans se plaindre, écoutant sans impatience les sonates et les préludes innocents, trop souvent massacrés sur de malheureux pianos qui ne pouvaient que gémir.

Les modestes leçons seraient peut-être un jour la ressource suprême.

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— Maman, avait dit, ce soir-là, Rosine en rentrant et en se jetant, toute palpitante, au cou de sa mère, je viens d'avoir une audition de M... Il est enchanté de ma voix.

— M..., le compositeur ? fit la mère, éblouie.

— Oui. Oh ! j'ai eu une minute d'émotion et même un peu de trac, mais ça n'a pas duré. J'ai chanté sans accroc tout le second acte de son opéra.

« — Vous incarnez merveilleusement mon héroïne, m'a dit le maître. Je ne veux pas d'autre interprète que vous. »

Alors, le bon vieux Belloni m'a embrassée, en pleurant de joie, et l'impresario...

— L'impresario ?... C'est un engagement qu'on te propose ?

— Un engagement de six mois pour une grande tournée en province et à l'étranger. Nous ferons le Nord de la France, la Belgique, la Hollande, une partie de l'Allemagne et la Russie, si ça marche.

— Comment, si ça marche ! s'écria la mère enthousiasmée. C'est-à-dire que tu nous reviendras étoile et que nous pourrons faire nos conditions aux directeurs de Paris.

— Les tournées ne réussissent pas toujours, observa la prudente Lucy. Es-tu sûre de ton impresario, au moins ?

Mais on ne l'écoutait pas. Les deux femmes laissaient leur imagination s'envoler sur les ailes des espoirs infinis et parlaient de fleurs, de bravos, de rappels enthousiastes, quand le timbre de l'antichambre interrompit ce flot de paroles joyeuses.

— C'est M. Balmier, dit la mère, qui n'était pas insensible aux politesses et aux prévenances du jeune voisin. Je l'ai invité à passer la soirée avec nous pour fêter l'heureuse issue de ses examens : il est docteur depuis hier.

Et, laissant la jeunesse échanger les nouvelles et les félicitations, elle alla surveiller les débuts d'une petite bonne qu'il aurait été imprudent de laisser livrée à elle-même si on voulait avoir un dîner présentable.

— Monsieur le docteur, dit Rosine avec une lueur de malice dans ses jolis yeux, est-ce votre nouveau titre qui vous rend si grave ? Vous n'avez pas du tout l'air content de vos triomphes... ni des miens, ajouta-t-elle, inconsciemment coquette, en respirant les violettes de son bouquet.

Les deux jeunes gens s'étaient isolés dans un coin du petit salon pendant que Lucy, assise au piano, déchiffrait d'une main légère la partition du dernier opéra de M... Elle avait deviné, depuis longtemps, les sentiments de Marcel pour sa sœur.

« Pauvre garçon, songeait-elle en regardant le jeune couple si bien fait pour s'entendre, lui brun, sérieux, résolu, elle blonde et charmante dans sa grâce rieuse, il ne pouvait choisir un moment plus défavorable pour offrir à Rosine d'aller s'enterrer dans une petite ville de province. »

— Comment aurais-je l'air heureux quand vous me parlez de départ ? disait Marcel à Rosine, avec un regard si éloquent qu'elle en fut un peu troublée.

— Mais vous partez aussi pour exercer la médecine dans votre ville natale.

— Oui, seulement, j'espérais... Voyez-vous, mademoiselle Rosine, j'avais rêvé pour vous autre chose que cette existence nomade et incertaine de l'artiste, toujours à la merci d'un hasard malheureux, sans compter les caprices du public.

— Oh ! fit-il, répondant à un mouvement de la jeune fille, je sais que vous serez fêtée, admirée pour votre talent et le charme irrésistible qui est en vous, mais je pense aux jalousies, aux intrigues, à toutes les misères qui sont l'envers d'une vie brillante en apparence, trop souvent dure et décevante. Vous êtes si peu faite pour les fatigues et les luttes !

— Ne faut-il pas toujours lutter pour conquérir sa place au soleil ?

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LES AVENTURES D'UN CORSAIRE

par Edouard GACHOT

Maître Lafougane disait à son auditoire :

— Je veux, aujourd'hui, vous raconter comment Joseph Bavastro, de Nice, put gagner cent vingt-cinq mille francs dans une nuit...

L'événement s'est passé à Gênes, pays d'Italie, il y a longtemps.

J'ai tenu garnison dans cette ville quand la domination française s'étendait jusqu'à Rome. J'ai monté la garde aux portes du palais Doria. J'ai parcouru, à loisir, le quartier de la Marine qui formait, il y a un siècle, une cité à part dans la grande ville, cité percée de ruelles tortueuses, sillonnée de ruisselets, habitée par une vile multitude qui ne vivait que d'oranges, de pâtes avariées et d'herbes cuites.

En temps de guerre, cette population s'augmentait des déserteurs, des contrebandiers, d'évadés des bagnes, et la police s'arrêtait, prudente, au seuil du repaire.

Dans la chaleur qui chauffe à blanc, durant l'été, le fond du golfe de Gênes, sur deux places et sur des escaliers coupant des montées, les fainéants demeuraient longtemps assoupis. Ici, des jeunes gens couverts de haillons suivaient, les yeux clos, l'image d'un rêve fantastique. Là, de belles filles aux poitrines opulentes, étalées plutôt que couchées en pleine rue, la joue posée sur un bras, goûtaient la somnolence. Ailleurs, adossées aux murailles lézardées, de vieilles femmes enveloppées de loques sordides se miraient dans un morceau de glace. Des enfants, très sales et nus, remplissaient l'air de leurs cris ; ils jouaient, se poursuivaient et heurtaient parfois du pied un dormeur qui, réveillé en sursaut, grommelait, se levait et frappait.

Souvent, deux hommes, qu'une rivalité faisait ennemis, se rencontrant dans une ruelle, tiraient leurs couteaux et se battaient. Ils avaient la foule pour témoins, une foule gouailleuse. De l'un des combattants, le vaincu, le sang vermeil arrosait les cailloutis, teintait le ruiseau formé par des eaux ménagères. Un dernier coup de poignard achevait le vaincu.

A l'homme mort, personne ne voulait s'intéresser. Un fossoyeur venait prendre le soir le cadavre pour aller l'enterrer au cimetière suburbain. Au passage du vainqueur, la foule s'écartait, admiratrice.

La nuit, quand portes et fenêtres restaient béantes, quelque temps qu'il fît, des voix chantaient ou blasphémaient au fond des impasses noires. Dans le dédale des rues point éclairées, des ombres rôdaient. Au seuil d'un logis délabré, une femme battue gémissait. Un ivrogne heurtait de ses bras les murs des maisons. Des enfants, couchés sur des matelas pouacres, pleuraient. Les bruits du quartier de la Marine couvraient souvent les bruits de Gênes.

Depuis longtemps, la ville et le faubourg se boudaient.

Aucun citadin n'eût osé s'aventurer seul dans le faubourg. Mais la canaille du faubourg, propre aux séditions, sortait parfois en masse de ses repaires et s'en allait hurler ses immondes désirs, ses revendications, dans la cité des Doria. Il fallait employer, pour la refouler, des gendarmes ou des cavaliers. Laissée libre d'agir, elle eût tué, incendié, pillé.

Mais cette population aux vils instincts allait rendre, le 30 Mai 1800, de pieux hommages à Saint-Ferdinand, lui tresser des couronnes de fleurs cueillies à Carignano, l'encenser, quand un cri d'alarme retentit jusqu'au fond du quartier.

— « Au Jacobin ! »

Un Jacobin, c'était un Français.

Alors, Masséna tenait dans Gênes une garnison en haleine pendant que, de tous côtés, les Autrichiens et les Anglais s'employaient à livrer aux défenseurs de la Ligurie les plus furieux assauts.

Affamée, la troupe de 10,000 hommes se nourrissait des feuilles des arbres, des chiens, des chats, des rats. Un lézard se payait trois francs ; une once de pain d'amidon valait trente sols, le service du blocus ayant arrêté, tant du côté de la mer que du côté de l'Apennin, les provisions dirigées vers la ville.

Contre les soldats français, la haine du peuple augmentait chaque jour, haine qui se manifestait par des cris, des rassemblements, des séditions. Mais les baïonnette eurent raison des fauteurs de troubles, qui durent cacher leurs figures hideuses et panser leurs blessures dans le quartier de la Marine.

Quel homme osait se présenter à l'entrée de ce quartier ?

Il avait quarante ans environ. Quoiqu'il fût de taille ordinaire, la largeur des épaules, l'épaisseur du buste, le développement des mains, annonçaient sa force musculaire. Son visage sanguin, ovale, était barré d'épaisses moustaches noires. Un nez à la grecque dominait des lèvres fines et très mobiles. Les yeux noirs, comme embusqués sous des sourcils broussailleux, étaient pleins de feu. La hauteur du front indiquait l'intelligence.

Habillé d'un uniforme de drap bleu, bien ajusté sur la taille et aux entournures, les pieds et les jambes pris dans de hautes bottes rouges évasées, à la mode mousquetaire. Dans la ceinture en cuir jaune qui serrait son habit, deux pistolets et un poignard étaient placés.

C'était Bavastro, le corsaire, homme redoutable, qui commandait à Gênes un bateau de guerre au service des Français. Habile marin qui avait vingt fois passé la nuit entre les escadres anglaises assurant un étroit blocus. Hardi navigateur qui se jouait des plus grandes fureurs de la mer. Lutteur indomptable qui regardait un combat comme une fête. De plus, joueur obstiné qui éparpillait sur les tapis verts tout l'or de ses prises.

(*La suite au prochain numéro.*)

Edouard GACHOT.

— Rosine, murmura le jeune homme en se penchant vers elle, j'aurais voulu prendre pour moi seul les responsabilités de la vie et vous faire une existence tranquille et sûre. Dès demain, je peux remplacer mon père, qui désire prendre sa retraite, dans la ville où je suis né et où je trouverai une clientèle fidèle aux Balmier de père en fils depuis plusieurs générations. C'est l'aisance, sinon la fortune.

Une gentille maison m'attend, pas grande mais si gaie avec son jardin plein d'œillets, de roses et de tulipes, et sa véranda enguirlandée de plantes grimpantes. Dans le haut du jardin, il y a une tonnelle de chèvrefeuille où je vous ai vue souvent en rêve, un ouvrage ou un livre à la main, à l'heure où le soleil se couche derrière les arbres du verger.

Dites-moi, Rosine, ne croyez-vous pas qu'on puisse être heureux, quand on s'aime, dans un nid si bien caché au milieu de la verdure et des fleurs ?

Rosine écoutait, silencieuse, émue par l'accent d'une tendresse sincère, tentée aussi par ce bonheur paisible qui répondait aux véritables instincts de sa nature bien féminine. Peut-être eût-elle dit oui si Marcel avait insisté et demandé une réponse immédiate.

— Laissez-moi deux jours de réflexion, implora-t-elle, trop bouleversée par tant d'événements imprévus pour voir bien clair dans sa cervelle confuse.

Mais, le lendemain, elle était déjà reprise par le mirage tentateur, par cette fièvre artistique que tout le monde excitait à plaisir autour d'elle. Lucy elle-même, revenue de ses défiances, semblait croire à un avenir superbe. Après une courte hésitation, la petite cigale imprévoyante partit vers l'inconnu.

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Quatre ans ont passé sur ce départ qui rendit Marcel très malheureux tout d'abord. Il travailla beaucoup pour oublier. Il revit parfois Lucy, dont la sympathie discrète endormait peu à peu son chagrin. L'absente, retenue au loin par une série d'engagements à l'étranger, ne donnait plus que de rares et brèves nouvelles.

Quand Lucy perdit sa mère, il lui offrit de réunir leurs deux solitudes. C'est elle, maintenant, qui règne dans la jolie maison fleurie et qui, le soir, à l'ombre des chèvrefeuilles de la tonnelle, attend le retour du jeune docteur, retenu tout l'après-midi au dehors par ses malades.

Ce soir-là, le docteur Balmier, appelé à Paris pour seconder son maître, le grand chirurgien Bérard, dans une opération difficile, est entré au théâtre, au hasard des affiches.

Une troupe étrangère joue le drame lyrique d'un célèbre compositeur russe.

Tout en écoutant cette musique nouvelle pour lui, un peu étrange, Marcel songe à la lointaine Russie où, sous le nom de guerre de Rosy Bell, Rosine a obtenu son premier grand succès. Où est-elle maintenant, l'oublieuse Rosy ? Elle n'a pas donné signe de vie depuis le mariage de sa sœur.

Sur la scène, où évolue un bataillon de figurantes, une choriste pâle et blonde évoque aux yeux de Marcel la silhouette de l'absente. C'est la même taille frêle et souple, la même chevelure dorée, une ressemblance singulière, malgré la maigreur et le visage fané de cette femme maladive, poitrinaire peut-être, qui use ce qui lui reste de vie dans l'atmosphère malsaine d'un théâtre.

Soudain, elle lève les yeux et son regard rencontre celui du peune homme. Il la voit rougir violemment, pâlir, puis disparaître toute chancelante dans les coulisses, soutenue par une compagne.

— Cette jeune femme ? dit le médecin du théâtre à Marcel qui l'interroge, le cœur serré d'une affreuse inquiétude, si elle en réchappe aujourd'hui, je ne lui en donne pas pour deux mois. Elle a dû avoir quelque secousse, une émotion violente qui a déterminé une crise. Elle est, d'ailleurs, poitrinaire au dernier degré. Il lui faut surtout du calme, du repos.

— Pauvre Rosy ! En voilà une qui n'était pas faite pour cette vie de misère. Croiriez-vous, docteur, dit la choriste qui a donné les premiers soins à sa compagne, que, il y a moins de deux ans, le nom de Rosy Bell était en vedette sur les affiches des grands théâtres ? Et quand elle chantait à Pétersbourg, à Moscou, à Bucarest, c'étaient des bravos et des rappels à n'en peus finir.

Puis, un soir, elle a pris froid, une bronchite dont elle ne s'est jamais bien remise, et sa jolie voix partie avec sa beauté, elle a été encore heureuse de trouver une place dans les chœurs.

Le docteur Balmier s'est fait conduire dans la chambre d'hôtel où Rosine, étendue sur son lit, tousse à se déchirer la poitrine.

En le voyant entrer, elle fait le geste de cacher dans ses mains sa figure amaigrie, où les yeux brillent de fièvre sous les touffes des beaux cheveux dorés.

Il presse doucement les petites mains brûlantes et place entre ses doigts un gros bouquet de violettes.

Alors, elle se rassure et sourit à la vue des fleurs parfumées qui font revivre une minute son insouciante jeunesse et lui rappellent tant de choses !...

— Je vous guérirai, Rosine, affirme le docteur avec une telle conviction qu'une lueur d'espoir brille dans les grands yeux bleus.

Mais bientôt la malade secoue la tête :

— Trop tard ! dit-elle, en regardant son ancien amoureux avec un sourire navré qui le bouleverse. A quoi bon guérir, maintenant ?

Il ne trouve rien à répondre. Oui, il est trop tard. La destinée a été impitoyable pour la créature de grâce et de faiblesse que des influences contraires ont entraînée hors de sa véritable voie. Et Marcel, devant cette Rosine qu'il a tant aimée et qui lui sourit tristement en respirant ses violettes, sent tomber en son cœur la pesante amertume des regrets impuissants et des grands bonheurs perdus.

A. Reski.

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Un krach

Edith Erfaut, ayant terminé sa toilette, contempla, avec un sourire heureux, la radieuse image que lui renvoyait sa psyché.

Sa robe moulait un corps charmant, et la certitude de revoir, le soir même, chez les de l'Angle, celui qu'elle aimait, mettait dans ses yeux une telle intensité de joie passionnée que toute sa personne en resplendissait.

Tout en boutonnant ses gants, elle se disait :

« Mon ami, ce soir-ci nous sera une bien belle soirée, car nous ne nous quitterons pas avant que vous ne m'ayez dit que vous m'aimez... Jamais je n'aurais cru que cela pût paraître si difficile ! — ajouta-t-elle, riant de bonheur — et il faut convenir que, jusqu'à ce jour, il n'y a mis guère d'empressement !... »

Mais, bien vite, sa pensée acheva :

« C'est la rançon de mon absurde fortune de ne rencontrer que révoltante audace ou fierté excessive. »

Et la jeune fille évoquait Tony Ulmès, un tout jeune artiste dont les débuts avaient été étourdissants.

Il y avait bien de cela quatre mois — quatre mois d'enchantement — il lui avait été présenté à une exposition de cercle...

Dans l'élégant salon, les groupes se massaient, attirés par une exquise figure de fillette, fine et grêle encore, mais d'une pureté de formes toute attique. L'expression des traits était, à la fois, ingénue et audacieuse ; les doigts entr'ouverts laissaient s'écouler une eau qui demeurait invisible, et les yeux semblaient voir des images trop lointaines pour le regard des hommes. Elle était intitulée *la Source*. L'œuvre était charmante. Edith l'avait dit en quelques mots émus.

Lui l'avait écoutée en silence, la contemplant avec une telle ardeur d'admiration, avec, dans ses sombres prunelles, une si subite adoration, qu'un trouble inexprimable, une sorte de défaillance s'étaient emparés de la jeune fille.

Depuis, cette impression de trop douce angoisse, elle l'avait ressentie chaque fois qu'elle avait rencontré Tony Ulmès, aux différentes expositions dans les salons où sa jeune et toute récente gloire le faisait inviter.

Loin de lui, elle demeurait sous le charme, silencieuse et recueillie, avec de subites explosions de gaîté... et un grand désir de faire des heureux... de créer de la joie autour d'elle.

Dans le monde, on les épiait, et, comme ils étaient charmants tous les deux, on riait, sans méchanceté :

— Cela finira par un mariage ! Il a tant de talent et elle... tant d'argent !

Et, de fait, Edith, fille unique et adorée du baron Erfaut, le richissime banquier, pouvait s'offrir tous les luxes, même celui d'un mari ne possédant que la divine étincelle et une confiance sans bornes dans les promesses de la vie...

Or, comme la jeune fille, enveloppée dans un manteau de soie — véritable merveille — descendait le monumental escalier de l'hôtel, une femme de chambre lui présenta une carte.

— Ce monsieur insiste pour parler à mademoiselle.

— A cette heure ? Vous auriez dû dire que je sortais, dit Edith contrariée.

— C'est ce que j'avais pris la liberté de répondre. Mais il y a urgence, paraît-il.

Mlle Erfaut prit la carte.

— M. Saint-Domingue ! murmura-t-elle. Mais c'est à peine si je le connais.

Tout haut, elle dit :

— Je le recevrai donc.

Très intriguée, elle pensait :

« Saint-Domingue ?... que veut donc ce vieux nègre milliardaire ? »

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Milliardaire ?... oui... mais vieux, pas encore certes, et nègre moins encore : simplement très bruni, très tanné par le soleil des tropiques, les cheveux un peu crépus, une force d'athlète, un regard inquisiteur qui se voilait brusquement pour céler la pensée trop transparente... Tel était M. Saint-Domingue, tombé un beau jour en pleine scène parisienne, où il remplissait depuis le rôle de nabab. Tel était l'homme volontaire et énigmatique avec lequel Edith allait avoir un entretien qui déciderait de toute sa vie à venir...

En entrant dans le salon où, debout, le dos à la cheminée, M. Saint-Domingue attendait, gentiment la jeune fille dit :

— Je suis heureuse, monsieur, de me trouver encore chez moi...

Mais les paroles de bienvenue moururent sur ses lèvres. A grands pas, il était venu au devant d'elle et, lui prenant les mains :

— Pauvre enfant ! pauvre petite ! répétait-il.

Elle eut l'impression que le sol manquait sous ses pieds et, avec effroi, cacha son visage dans ses deux mains... Certes, pour que cet homme, cet étranger osât lui parler ainsi, il fallait qu'un bien grand malheur l'ait frappée... et quel autre qu'un accident arrivé à son père... son père qui, avec Tony, remplissait son univers d'espérance et de tendresse... Elle le vit blessé, pis encore peut-être, et une mortelle angoisse lui barrant la gorge, elle balbutia :

— Mon père ! grand Dieu ! mon père !...

A voix basse et rapide, il dit :

— C'est, en effet, de votre père qu'il s'agit, et c'est lui qui m'envoie auprès de vous. Sa santé est excellente... et cependant il est frappé... durement frappé ! Ses intérêts sont gravement compromis. Des spéculations malheureuses lui ont créé une situation sinon désespérée, du moins très embarrassée.

Et avec un tact, une délicatesse qu'on n'eût jamais attendus de cet homme à la rude apparence, il dit à Edith la catastrophe dans toute son étendue, c'est-à-dire l'hôtel d'Erfaut hypothéqué jusqu'à la dernière pierre... le somptueux mobilier vendu au profit des créanciers, et ceci, plus grave encore : un déficit impossible à évaluer à cette heure d'affolement, mais certainement énorme.

Atterrée, Edith écoutait. Tout d'abord, à savoir que la vie de son père n'était pas menacée, elle avait éprouvé un sentiment de délivrance tel que tout autre en avait été absorbé. Tout pouvait bien se produire... mais pas cela, cette chose horrible : la mort du père après celle de la mère enlevée depuis si longtemps déjà que le souvenir lui en restait vague et imprécis comme un rêve.

Cependant, les paroles étranges et terribles qui se prononçaient, peu à peu prirent un sens. Elle comprit... et l'effroi glaça son âme. Avec une compassion infinie, M. Saint-Domingue disait :

— Il n'a pas eu le courage de vous apprendre lui-même ces terribles événements. L'idée de votre désespoir le rend fou...

— Ah ! est-ce qu'il s'agit de moi ?... Mais lui... lui... comment supporte-t-il un tel effondrement ?

— Sa souffrance disparaît devant la vôtre.

— Grand Dieu ! Ne peut-on donc rien faire ? Parmi ses amis, ne s'en trouve-t-il pas un seul pour lui venir en aide ?

Un éclair brilla dans les yeux sombres de M. Saint-Domingue ; sa large poitrine se souleva et, d'une voix dont il ne pouvait pas maîtriser le tremblement :

— Mademoiselle Erfaut... veuillez m'écouter avec attention. Cet ami existe... il mettrait sa fortune entière, son intelligence, sa longue connaissance des affaires au service de votre père... et cela avec joie, avec une reconnaissance émue...

— Mais alors !... s'écria Edith haletante.

— Ne vous hâtez pas de vous réjouir... et plutôt redoutez... redoutez la conclusion. Il paraît qu'un service comme celui-ci... un prêt aussi considérable — et dont

PIÈCES A DIRE

Monsieur Bébé

Au fond du berceau blanc et rose,
Dans le plus charmant abandon,
Monsieur Bébé, calme, repose,
Le corps bien chaud sous l'édredon.

Les parents de ce personnage
Ont dû, ce soir-là, s'absenter ;
Il a dix mois et, vu son âge,
Il faut quelqu'un pour le garder.

On a donc écrit, à la hâte,
Aux grands-parents, pour les prier,
Mission douce et délicate,
De venir, ce soir, le veiller.

Et les deux vieux, par un caprice
Que certes chacun comprendra,
Disent bientôt à la nourrice :
« Retirez-vous, nous sommes-là. »

Pauvres grands-parents ! Il leur semble
Qu'un tiers gâterait leur bonheur ;
Ils préfèrent rester ensemble
Pour mieux laisser parler leur cœur.

Et Dieu seul sait comme ils bavardent
Les cœurs ravis de ces deux vieux
Qui sont là, penchés, et regardent
Bébé qui dort insoucieux !

— Prenons garde qu'il ne s'éveille !...
— Est-il fort ! — Quels jolis bras blancs !...
— Comme il est beau, quand il sommeille,
Le bel enfant de nos enfants !...

— Oh ! sa petite jambe est nue !
— Je vais la recouvrir. — Non, moi !
— Tu ne sais pas ! — Chut !... il remue !
— Tu fais du bruit ! — C'est toi ! — C'est toi ! »

Par bonheur, ce n'est qu'une alerte,
Allons, personne n'aura tort.
La jambe nue est recouverte
Et monsieur Bébé se rendort.

Cela dure à peine un quart d'heure !
Il s'est agité de nouveau !...
Cette fois, c'est plus grave, il pleure !...
Les deux vieux courent au berceau.

Leur figure peu familière
Au gamin le rend tout surpris,
Il s'effraie et, loin de se taire,
Il redouble aussitôt ses cris.

« Quand un enfant pleure, on le berce »,
Disent les grands-parents émus ;
Cette fois, ça produit l'inverse !
Bébé pleure de plus en plus.

Et la nounou que l'on appelle
Ne vient pas, ne peut pas venir.
On l'a renvoyée et la belle
En a profité pour sortir.

Alors, troublés, ils délibèrent,
Privés qu'ils sont de ce secours,
Et pendant qu'ils se désespèrent,
Monsieur Bébé pleure toujours !

— Vois-tu, nous devrions le prendre,
Le porter un peu dans nos bras.
Mais, au moment de l'entreprendre,
Ils sont si vieux !... ils n'osent pas.

— Pourtant, il faut bien qu'il s'arrête !...
Du courage ! Et, très effrayés,
Grand-papa le prend par la tête,
Grand'maman le prend par les pieds.

Alors nouvelle inquiétude,
Bébé s'agite comme un ver ;
On sent qu'il n'a pas l'habitude
De voyager ainsi, c'est clair.

Si bien qu'éperdu, le grand-père,
Sans y penser, ouvre les bras,
Et voilà la pauvre grand'mère
Qui tient Bébé... la tête en bas !

Avec terreur on le redresse !
Il était temps ! il étouffait !...
Après cette belle prouesse
Les vieux s'affolent tout à fait.

Et ne sachant plus trop que faire,
Désespérant de l'apaiser,
On met monsieur Bébé par terre,
Et l'on s'efforce à l'amuser.

Grand'maman lui fait des risettes
Et grand-papa, lui, plus nerveux,
Saisit la pelle et les pincettes
Dont il tire un concert affreux !

Puis, l'enfant paraissant se taire :
— Il ne pleure plus ! Quel bonheur !
— Je crois bien, répond la grand'mère,
Regarde-le, tu lui fais peur !

Grand-père, tout honteux, se baisse
Pour prendre et rassurer Bébé,
Mais l'âge trahit sa tendresse ;
Sur les genoux il est tombé.

Un mouvement qu'il fait l'achève,
Il veut se dresser, mais en vain...
Et c'est grand'mère qui relève
Et le grand-père et le gamin.

Et le gamin toujours réclame !
— Il a faim, sans doute ? — Oui ! voilà !
— Que lui donner, ma pauvre femme,
Le restaurant n'étant plus là ?

— Trouvons-lui quelque chose à boire,
Ça lui trompera l'estomac.
Vite on cherche, on ouvre une armoire,
Ciel !... Kirsch ! Rhum ! Chartreuse ! Cognac !

— Cette collection étrange
N'est pas du tout ce qu'il nous faut ;
Nous ne pouvons, à ce cher ange,
Donner de pareils goûts si tôt.

Et Bébé fait le diable à quatre !
— Sapristi ! quel vilain enfant !
Dit grand-père, ah ! je vais le battre !
Mais grand'mère le lui défend !

L'orage menaçait, il gronde !
Il éclate !... Et les pauvres vieux,
De la meilleure foi du monde,
Se disputent à qui mieux mieux.

La scène est touchante et grotesque !
Chacun crie ! Et, le plus affreux,
C'est que Bébé s'étrangle presque,
En voulant crier plus fort qu'eux !

— Ah ! mon Dieu ! le voilà tout pâle !
— Il devient rouge ! — Il devient bleu !
— Doux Jésus ! Il suffoque ! — Il râle !
— Il va trépasser ! — Ah ! mon Dieu !...

Et, s'exagérant ce malaise,
Chacun, croyant que c'est la fin,
Tombe, accablé, sur une chaise,
Plus malade que le gamin !...

Et, juste à ce moment du drame,
Rentrent les deux jeunes époux
A qui les vieux, la mort dans l'âme,
Disent : — Grâce !... Pardonnez-nous !...

Mais, avant qu'on ait pu se rendre
Compte de ce qui s'est passé,
Un cri joyeux se fait entendre,
Et c'est Bébé qui l'a poussé.

Car, pour éclairer son visage,
Une caresse lui suffit,
Maman l'embrasse, adieu l'orage !
Il ne pleure plus, il sourit.

La moralité, ce me semble,
Est qu'il faut toujours éviter
De laisser trois enfants ensemble
Sans personne pour les garder.

Paul BILHAUD

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Dans le prochain numéro :

LE PARI, monologue gai,

par Jo. VALLE

le remboursement ne pourrait être fixé à date exacte — ne saurait être accepté d'un étranger. Pour que cela fût possible — n'oubliez pas que ce sont les paroles de votre père scrupuleusement transmises — il faudrait un lien de parenté... une alliance... et ce lien... cette alliance, mademoiselle Edith, vous seule pouvez les créer... entre... entre nous... entre lui et moi.

Elle recula, épouvantée.

— Ah ! je ne veux pas... je ne veux pas comprendre !

Impassible, M. Saint-Domingue regardait la jeune fille. Il murmura :

— Ce cri spontané était fatal. Comment sa jeune et éclatante beauté eût-elle pu envisager une union avec ma laide et sombre personne ?

Il lui prit la main :

— Pauvre enfant ! dit-il, comme je vous comprends. Pourtant, vous eussiez trouvé en moi un second père... un grand frère très aîné et bien complètement dévoué... un vieil esclave attentif et habile à satisfaire vos moindres désirs.

Elle passa sa main sur son front qui était moite :

— Merci, dit-elle. Je crois que tout ce que je dois vous faire cet aveu... Il vous très noble comme l'offre même que vous nous faites... Je ne suis pas très bien en état d'y répondre comme il le faudrait... Je suis si émue... si troublée... car tout ceci, n'est-ce pas ? est bien imprévu et très terrible... Pourtant... il me paraît très évident que je dois vous faire cet aveu... Il vous fera tout de suite comprendre que cette... cette alliance serait impossible... coupable même... Je ne dispose plus de mon cœur... Je l'ai donné tout entier... et je suis sans forces pour le reprendre.

Et son radieux amour pour Tony faisant de nouveau irruption dans son âme désemparée, son désespoir passa toutes limites...

En silence, il contemplait ce jeune corps qui, sans souci des yeux qui en détaillaient les lignes exquises, s'abandonnait dans les coussins du canapé. Il voyait, sous la pression des doigts, se froisser, s'écraser les ondes de cette merveilleuse chevelure, et ses dents, fortes et blanches, s'imprimaient dans sa lèvre épaisse... et ses ongles meurtrissaient ses paumes de travailleur.

Il se leva :

— Mademoiselle Erfaut, permettez que je me retire. J'ai hâte de retourner auprès de votre père qui m'attend dans un émoi trop compréhensible. D'ailleurs, ajouta-t-il après une courte hésitation, il est urgent qu'il puisse prendre — et sans tarder — diverses dispositions avant son départ.

La jeune fille sursauta :

— Son départ ?... son départ... dites-vous ! Mais il ne peut partir ainsi !

Et, plus bas, elle ajouta :

— Il aurait l'air de fuir...

Très grave, il dit :

— Il le faut cependant... car demain, déjà, demain, mademoiselle Edith, il serait trop tard. Demain, cette catastrophe dont seuls, ou à peu près, lui et moi, à cette heure-ci, sommes informés, volera de bouche en bouche... Et alors...

— Et alors ?...

— Alors ?... alors chacun redemandera impérieusement ses valeurs... et comme il ne sera pas en état de les rembourser...

La jeune fille frissonna. Elle répéta :

— Et comme il ne sera pas en état de les rembourser ?

— Pourquoi m'obliger à vous dire cela, pauvre enfant ?

— J'ai le droit de tout savoir, le devoir de ne rien ignorer...

— Soit !... Eh bien, alors, la loi interviendra...

— Ah ! fit-elle.

Elle s'était redressée. Le riche manteau doublé d'hermine avait glissé et elle apparaissait toute jeune dans sa jolie robe rose, et, comme étourdie par ce grand souffle d'orage qui passait sur elle, ses cils très longs palpitaient et sa bouche entr'ouverte laissait apercevoir l'éclair blanc des dents. Avec une audace ingénue, elle fixa son regard sur les yeux qui ne la quittaient pas...

— Et si je consentais à vous épouser, qu'arriverait-il ?

— Je deviendrais sur-le-champ l'associé de votre père. Ce qui fait que, lorsque les actionnaires se présenteraient aux guichets, immédiatement on ferait droit à leurs réclamations...

Avec un sourire, il ajouta :

— Voyant les paiements s'effectuer très vite, les demandes de remboursement cesseraient.

Alors, avec intrépidité, elle déclara :

— Monsieur Saint-Domingue, je suis prête à devenir votre femme, et je prends l'engagement de vous demeurer honnêtement et loyalement fidèle.

Il s'inclina sur la petite main brûlante qui se laissa prendre sans résistance, et l'effleura de sa rude moustache.

— J'ai foi en vous, dit-il avec simplicité, et vous me rendez heureux, heureux excessivement.

Et cette soirée, qui devait être pour Edith Erfaut l'aurore de ses fiançailles avec Tony Ulmès, fut une veillée de larmes.

Max Reboul.

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est, de tous les journaux spécialement faits pour les enfants, le plus amusant, le plus varié, le plus complet et le mieux illustré.

En bateau

Le baron Adhémar de Baspertuis frisait la trentaine, alors que son crâne, lui, la défrisait.

Malgré cet incident, il portait beau et était considéré, parmi tous les mondains, comme un modèle d'élégance. Une grosse fortune, il est vrai, contribuait à propager cette opinion. Il avait hôtel, auto, yacht et tout le tremblement. C'était un garçon parfait.

Respectueux de la mode, dès que l'été avait paru, Adhémar prenait le train pour Trouville.

Endroit charmant pour se reposer des fatigues de l'hiver et fuir les amis de la capitale ! On ne rencontre qu'eux à chaque pas et, tous les jours, en flanelle blanche et panama extra-léger, tiré à quatre épingles, mis sur son trente-et-un, il faut courir du casino aux courses, des courses aux dîners, des dîners aux soirées. On a bien plus à faire qu'à Paris.

Pourtant, habitué à cet antique usage, le baron s'était soumis, cette année encore, aux exigences de sa situation. On l'avait vu dans tous les endroits cotés. Son nom avait figuré parmi les déplacements mondains. Même il avait offert, un jour, le thé sur son yacht, le fameux yacht *Va-de-Bon-Cœur*, que les méchantes langues appelaient le bateau-lavoir de la place des Ternes, à cause de son immobilité connue, son propriétaire, par crainte des aventures, ne lui ayant jamais fait quitter son port d'attache. Au reste, un endroit charmant pour y manger, boire, fumer, potiner et ne rien faire !

On avait beaucoup loué Adhémar pour la bonne tenue de son équipage : un cuisinier et un maître d'hôtel ! On l'avait complimenté sur son chic personnel en vareuse bleue et casquette d'amiral. Bref, il aurait dû être satisfait de son sort.

Hélas ! Adhémar ne l'était pas !

A force de faire toujours la même chose, à Trouville comme à Paris, il s'ennuyait. Les louanges à lui adressées lui semblaient banales. Être un mondain parfait, c'est très bien, mais cela n'épate personne. Et le baron avait envie d'épater les autres.

Mon Dieu ! oui ! épater les autres lui semblait devoir être très amusant. La vie est si courte, il faut être gai ! Adhémar se mit en chasse.

Déjà il allait se désespérer de ne rien trouver quand le hasard, ce bon hasard, vint à son aide.

Un après-midi qu'il suçait sa canne en regardant la foule aller et venir sur « les planches », une jeune fille passa qui attira son attention. Des cheveux d'or fou, un visage de gamine rieuse, une ligne onduleuse, une démarche allègre, surtout d'admirables chevilles, minces et cambrées en des bottines de toile blanche : il vit tout cela d'un coup d'œil et en fut saisi. Ah ! ces petites chevilles dans ces petites bottines, jamais il n'en avait vu de pareilles !

Ce fut une révélation. Pour étonner l'univers, parbleu ! Adhémar allait se marier.

Jusqu'à cette heure, le baron n'avait jamais eu que des idées aussi bizarres que subites. Celle de convoler en justes noces, comme cela, à propos de bottes... ou de bottines, pouvait compter dans le nombre. Pourtant, il en avait eu de plus dangereuses.

Le vicomte de Tournoyant, un ami, passait. Adhémar l'arrêta et, certain de son effet, lui jeta ces mots :

— Veux-tu tenir un pari ?

— Lequel ?

— Qu'avant un mois je suis marié ?

— Toi !... marié !... marié !...

L'autre n'en revenait pas. Il crut d'abord à une plaisanterie.

— Vingt louis ?

Ça devenait sérieux. L'ami, en riant, accepta et s'en fut répandre de tous côtés la nouvelle. C'est là ce que voulait l'amoureux de la jeune fille inconnue.

Sans perdre une seconde, il partit de son côté s'enquérir de ce que pouvait être sa découverte, apprit qu'elle s'appelait Hélène, qu'elle avait pour père un riche industriel des plus honorables, et que ce même père venait, tous les jours, sur la plage, à l'heure du bain. Un gamin qui le connaissait lui fit la description du personnage : cinquante ans, cheveux en brosse, favoris, beaucoup de ventre sous le gilet, une chaîne d'or dessus et, toujours, des costumes à grands carreaux. M. Eugène Marescut était facile à reconnaître.

Adhémar avait son plan.

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Tandis que cinq vigoureux matelots, engagés spécialement pour la circonstance, mettaient, sous les ordres d'un capitaine de fortune, le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* en état de prendre le large, pour la première fois de son existence peut-être, le baron de Baspertuis, en costume d'amiral suisse, arpentait fièrement la jetée, coude à coude avec un gros monsieur vêtu d'un costume à grands carreaux.

— J'ai toujours aimé beaucoup la mer, disait ce dernier.

— J'en suis un fanatique, répondait Adhémar, et mon plus grand plaisir est de faire de longues croisières à bord de mon yacht.

Adhémar, ce matin-là, avait rencontré le personnage répondant, point pour point, à la description qu'on lui avait faite du père de la belle inconnue. Il l'avait abordé, comme on s'aborde facilement en villégiature, et, peu à peu, il l'avait amené du côté où se balançait le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur*.

— Comme vous êtes heureux, reprenait le monsieur à carreaux, de pouvoir, grâce à votre joli bateau, suivre votre fantaisie et voyager librement sur les flots !

— Qu'à cela ne tienne, fit vivement le baron qui attendait la phrase. Si cela peut vous être agréable, je serai charmé de vous emmener avec moi. Je vais justement, tout à l'heure, faire un petit tour en mer...

— Oh ! je ne voudrais pas abuser...

— Du tout ! Du tout ! Nous serons rentrés pour le déjeuner. Une simple promenade le long de la côte ! Cela vous va-t-il ?

— Cela me remplit de joie !

Aussitôt, les deux hommes se dirigèrent vers le yacht. Sous pression, il attendait, prêt à lever l'ancre.

On embarqua. La sirène mugit, triomphante et, au bruissement régulier de l'hélice, le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* pointa vers le large.

Le monsieur à carreaux était émerveillé. A dire vrai, le baron ne l'était pas moins. Quitter le soutien salutaire des quais, sentir sous ses pieds vibrer et onduler le pont habitué jusqu'alors au calme parfait, respirer, avec l'air marin, la bonne odeur de la cheminée, pas cheminée de cuisine, celle-là, c'était, pour le propriétaire, du nouveau, de l'inédit.

A quelques encâblures de la terre, il se croyait déjà un hardi capitaine. Heureusement pour sa sécurité, il y en avait un plus sérieux à bord.

La mine satisfaite, des cigarettes aux lèvres, les deux hommes allèrent s'asseoir à l'arrière. Quelque temps, ils restèrent ainsi à contempler la fuite mouvante des vagues et l'infini calme de la mer, puis, brusquement, le baron, qui avait son idée en tête, commença :

— Monsieur, la solitude dans laquelle nous nous trouvons me permet de vous parler avec hardiesse. J'ai l'honneur de vous demander la main de Mlle Hélène Marescut.

L'interpellé regarda fixement Adhémar, tira une bouffée de sa cigarette et, très calme, répondit :

— C'est à moi, monsieur, que vous demandez la main de Mlle Marescut ?

— Parfaitement ! J'ai eu le bonheur de la rencontrer sur la plage. Immédiatement, je me suis épris d'elle et je n'ai qu'un désir : l'épouser.

— Ce désir est fort louable ! Mais...

— J'ai trente ans, une bonne santé, deux cent vingt mille livres de rente, un titre, quelque considération dans le monde et aucun défaut sensationnel.

— Tous mes compliments ! Mais...

— Je sais qui vous êtes et, malgré la dot que vous êtes susceptible de donner à Mlle votre fille, suis prêt à l'épouser sans argent. Vos conditions seront les miennes.

— Mais...

— Evidemment, le procédé est un peu rapide de ma part. Excusez-moi ! Je suis d'un caractère impétueux, j'aime les affaires vivement réglées. C'est pourquoi, sans plus attendre, je vous répète ceci respectueusement : j'ai l'honneur de vous demander la main de Mlle Hélène Marescut.

— Je regrette, mais...

— Vous refusez ?

— Je ne refuse pas ! Je vous dis simplement : je ne peux pas !

— Comment ! Vous ne pouvez pas m'accorder la main ?...

— Cela m'est tout à fait impossible.

— Vous êtes bien décidé à ne pas changer d'avis ?

— Parfaitement décidé ! Rien ne m'est plus impossible ! Encore une fois, je le regrette !

— Prenez garde ! Je saurai vous faire changer d'avis.

— Je vous en défie !

— C'est ce que nous allons voir !

Et, d'une voix magistrale, d'un geste auguste, digne de Neptune, empereur des mers, le baron Adhémar de Baspertuis commanda :

— Capitaine, allez au large, droit devant vous !

— Permettez-moi, intervint le monsieur à carreaux, permettez-moi de vous faire remarquer que, si nous allons au large, nous ne pourrons rentrer pour le déjeuner.

— C'est ce que je veux !

— Que la mer, là-bas, est houleuse !

— J'en serai ravi !

— Que le mal de mer est à craindre !

— Tant mieux !

— Parfait ! Je comprends ! Vous espérez me voir malade et m'extorquer alors un consentement que je ne puis donner !

— Vous l'avez deviné !

— J'accepte le duel, le duel au mal de mer ! Nous verrons bien celui des deux qui s'en tirera.

Paisiblement, le monsieur alluma une autre cigarette et, l'air détaché, les yeux au ciel, la bouche en O, fit des ronds de fumée. Cependant, à mesure qu'il s'éloignait des côtes, le petit navire roulait et tanguait de plus en plus. Bientôt, les vagues hautes le prirent : il se mit à danser une sarabande effrénée.

Le monsieur restait impassible. Le baron, par contre, était vert. Jamais il n'avait affronté le large, et c'était lui que le mal de mer prenait. Sans force, sans volonté, il était affalé au fond d'un fauteuil.

Le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* allait toujours le l'avant.

Alors, s'approchant d'Adhémar, le monsieur à carreaux reprit la conversation interrompue :

— Tenez-vous toujours à me demander la main de Mlle Hélène Marescut ?

Le baron, incapable de répondre, leva les yeux au ciel, semblant dire : « Je m'en moque ! Laissez-moi tranquille ! » L'autre reprit :

— Vous avez raison ! Malgré toute ma bonne volonté, je n'aurais jamais pu vous l'accorder... D'abord, je ne suis pas son père !... Je ne suis pas M. Marescut... Ensuite, je suis M. Tabouré, ancien capitaine de cabotage .. et je n'ai jamais eu le mal de mer ! Voilà, je crois, deux raisons suffisantes pour être le vainqueur du duel que vous m'avez proposé. Qu'en dites-vous ?

Adhémar n'en dit rien. Il était trop occupé à éponger les sueurs froides dont il souffrait.

— Mais, continua M. Tabouré, pour avoir voulu, en me menant sur votre yacht, me monter un bateau, vous trouverez juste, j'en suis sûr, de m'offrir une légère compensation !

Je suis en train, depuis quelques mois, de fonder une société de navigation ; je recherche des capitaux. Vous prenez, n'est-ce pas, un millier de mes actions ? Allons ! c'est une affaire entendue ! Signez ce petit papier ! Nous allons virer de bord !

Et pendant qu'Adhémar, incapable de résister, obéissait, M. Tabouré cria au capitaine :

— Le baron désire retourner à Trouville !

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A peine sur la terre ferme, Adhémar, rasant les murs et l'estomac toujours malade, s'empressait de regagner son hôtel quand, au coin d'une rue, il se trouva nez à nez avec le vicomte de Tournoyant.

— Te voilà enfin, cria-t-il. Et ton mariage, est-ce le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* qui l'a arrangé ?

— Ne m'en parle pas ! fit l'autre, dépité. J'ai perdu mes vingt louis... et le reste ! Moi qui voulais vous étonner, j'en suis pour mes frais !

— Mon pauvre ami, ne te désole pas ! Si tu voulais simplement nous étonner, tu as joliment réussi !

— Moi ! Comment donc ?

— Mais en faisant sortir en mer ton yacht, parbleu ! C'est la première fois que ça lui arrive, au bateau-lavoir de la place des Ternes !

Il pivota sur ses talons, cachant un sourire narquois que ne vit pas le baron de Baspertuis. Aussi, ce dernier, soudain satisfait et réconforté, s'en retourna chez lui, persuadé qu'il serait désormais célèbre pour ses prouesses maritimes.

Roger Régis.

Plus le temps est chaud, plus les hommes sont faibles.

Les Pilules Pink

donnent des forces.

L'ENFANT DE LA BALLE

(1832)

Samson, le grand comédien, lisait un rôle dans son cabinet d'étude, lorsque son domestique lui annonça une certaine Mme Félix, qu'il ne connaissait aucunement.

L'artiste, contrarié d'être dérangé dans son travail, reprit sa lecture en bougonnant :

— Dites que je ne puis recevoir.

Il n'était pas toujours commode, Samson ! Et la Comédie-Française connaissait bien ses bourrades. N'avait-il pas osé traiter Mme Mars de « vieille frégate démâtée » ? Et ceci bien en face...

Heureusement, ses minutes épineuses étaient brèves. Du reste, sa physionomie franche, son nez un peu retroussé, son teint frais, sa bouche spirituelle, sa chevelure châtain, épaisse et frisée, indiquaient bien l'homme spontané, brusque, mais jovial et bon, en somme.

La vie avait eu pour lui de rudes commencements. Né en pleine Terreur, d'un pauvre cafetier de Saint-Denis, dernier enfant baptisé à sa paroisse, en 1793, la veille de la fermeture de l'église ; tombé, avec sa famille, de revers en revers jusque dans l'indigence, que n'avait-il pas été obligé de faire pour vivre ? Sa vocation de comédien lui montra cependant, de très bonne heure, sa vraie voie ; saute-ruisseau chez un avoué, il faisait la joie des clercs et des voisins par son aptitude à imiter depuis le frotteur jusqu'aux clients de marque, en passant par le patron, qui le surprit, un jour, coiffé de son propre bonnet, vêtu de sa propre robe, pérorant, répétant ses propres plaidoiries, le singeant à merveille devant l'étude en liesse. Cette irrévérence coûta sa place au gamin et décida de sa destinée.

Cependant, voici que le domestique de Samson revenait près de son maître : la personne insistait... prétendant qu'elle venait de la part de M. Jousselin de la Salle.

— Ah ! sapristi, c'est vrai... Il me l'a annoncée... J'oubliais... Qu'elle entre.

En effet, M. Jousselin de la Salle, directeur de la scène du Théâtre-Français, avait parlé à l'artiste-professeur d'une fillette entendue par hasard dans un « boui-boui », passage du Saumon, un sujet très intéressant, une « nature ...» Samson ne pouvait refuser de la connaître.

Au fond, il se préparait à une déception. Il en avait tant vu, de ces petits prodiges surfaits et sans avenir !

Mme Félix, une femme moins qu'ordinaire, parut, poussant devant elle un véritable petit monstre. Haute comme on l'est vers douze ans, développée du buste, portant, au bout d'un long cou noir et maigre, une tête aux pommettes saillantes, au front énorme, découvert par un chevelure tirée en arrière, brune et dure, elle regardait avec des yeux hardis l'homme dont la renommée au moins eût dû impressionner sa modestie. Et, pour rendre encore plus grotesque cette difforme créature, on l'avait affublée d'une longue robe verte, d'un châle à palmes sur fond orange, et d'un chapeau blanc rehaussé d'un panache rose déchiré.

— C'est vous qui vous destinez au théâtre ? fit le maître abasourdi.

— Je suis au Molière, *où que* M. de la Salle m'a entendue.

L'organe dur et voilé de cette enfant semblait plus fait pour crier des harengs dans les rues que pour débiter des alexandrins. Où diable M. de la Salle avait-il eu les yeux et les oreilles quand il avait trouvé de l'étoffe en cette fille-là ?... Rien, absolument rien ! Ni voix, ni grâce, ni tenue... pas l'ombre d'instruction même, à en juger par son français.

Pourtant, par égard au protecteur et aussi par curiosité, Samson posa quelques questions :

— Quel âge avez-vous ?

— Quatorze ans.

— Vous êtes petite pour votre âge... Française ?

La mère intervint :

— Ma foi, monsieur, je serais bien embarrassée de le dire. Son père était marchand ambulant ; je le suivais. Et dame ! la petite est née sur une grande route, en Suisse, probablement. Nous n'avons pas fait attention. Mais nous avons des papiers... On pourrait voir...

— A-t-elle déjà travaillé ?

— Pas la comédie... Le chant, chez M. Choron.

Choron ?... Choron, l'admirable professeur que les débuts de Duprez venaient de glorifier une fois de plus... Choron avait entrepris « ça » ?... De plus en plus stupéfait, Samson demanda :

— Comment l'avez-vous connu ?

Les deux femmes hésitaient à répondre. La mère surtout. Elle avait quelque honte, sans doute, à confier la vérité.

Ce fut la fille qui, relevant la tête, fit l'aveu :

— Je chantais dans la rue, à Lyon, avec ma sœur.

Elle prit un temps, et ajouta :

— Nous sommes très pauvres.

Ce fut dit avec un fierté, une noblesse qui frappèrent l'homme et le comédien. En vérité, cette petite avait prononcé cela comme une reine tombée dans l'infortune.

— Il n'y a pas de mal à manquer d'argent, mon enfant. Alors ?...

— Alors, reprit la fillette dont un sourire de gratitude illumina le visage, M. Choron m'a donné gratuitement des leçons... depuis six mois. Seulement, ça ne va pas. Apprendre la musique n'est pas mon affaire. J'aime mieux jouer la comédie.

— Quels rôles *as-tu* déjà appris ?

Ce tutoiement marquait chez le maître l'éveil de la sympathie. La petite le sentit.

— Des masses !... répondit-elle avec plus d'entrain. Quand M. Saint-Aulaire, notre directeur au Molière, monte une pièce, il fait tirer au sort la distribution. Il dit que ça nous « forme »... Le même soir, je suis la reine Isabelle de *Don Sanche*, et un travesti. Je me souviens que, quand M. Josselin de la Salle est venu me complimenter, je profitais de ce que j'étais en culotte pour jouer à cloche-pied.

— Combien te paie M. Saint-Aulaire ?

— Rien du tout.

— Pourquoi joues-tu, alors ?

— Parce que j'aime ça.

Le professeur découvrait chez l'enfant, qui s'animait, une âme impressionnable, un organe généreux dont l'enrouement devait être l'effet de la fatigue, du manque de méthode d'émission. Il l'invita à réciter quelque chose, qu'elle choisit dans Molière. Elle s'en tira suffisamment bien pour attrister Samson. Quelle pitié de rencontrer une intelligence sous une semblable enveloppe ! Et, comme la petite Félix lui demandait son avis, ses conseils avec une insistance touchante, il chercha une défaite :

— Je ne sais si vous avez raison de persévérer... Mais, du reste, je ne puis donner de leçon en ce moment. Ma classe est complète... Où pourrais-je vous écrire, un peu plus tard, si...

— Au Marché-Neuf, en face de la Morgue. Mais, monsieur Samson, je vois bien, je sens, allez ! que vous ne voulez pas. Vous ne me dites plus : *tu*... Vous ne croyez pas que j'aie « ce qu'il faut »...

Le professeur ne voulait pas lui faire de peine ni la leurrer. Il cherchait le moyen de lui dire la vérité sans brusquerie, le plus doucement possible. Oui, il le fallait, décidément, elle était « nouée » positivement, comme disent les braves gens.

Soudain, il vit la petite figure aux yeux ardents s'empourprer d'une sorte de rage. L'enfant, d'un geste violent, dénoua son chapeau ridicule, le lança loin d'elle, arracha ses oripeaux voyants, mit à nu des épaules et des bras maigres, mais non disproportionnés, et, repoussant du pied toute sa défroque, apostropha sa mère :

— Je te le disais bien que tu me faisais faire une sottise ! Tu as voulu me faire paraître grasse, me faire faire de la toilette, une toilette qui me déplaît, que je déteste... Tenez, voyez, monsieur Samson... Mon corsage est bourré d'étoupe... Et regardez comme je suis coiffée !... Attendez un peu... je vais me montrer au naturel.

Elle desserra ses cheveux, secoua sa crinière, ramassa son châle qu'elle drapa fébrilement sur son torse, et, belle alors d'inspiration, se mit à déclamer une scène d'*Andromaque*.

Quand elle s'arrêta, sans que le maître l'eût interrompue une seule fois, sa cause était gagnée.

Deux ans plus tard, Elisa Félix débutait au Théâtre-Français sous le nom de Rachel.

Sophie, sa sœur, dont elle avait incidemment parlé, se fit une renommée sérieuse également, bien que moins illustre, sous le nom de Sarah Félix.

Georges REGNAL.

CONSEILS PRATIQUES

Les écoliers

Voilà les vacances bien entamées ; encore une quinzaine de liberté et de divertissments, et les écoliers songeront à endosser de nouveau le tablier noir et à se diriger, le carton sous le bras, vers l'école, le collège ou le lycée.

Pendant qu'ils profitent de leurs dernières semaines de repos, les mamans et moi nous allons nous entretenir un instant de toute cette jeunesse turbulente ou studieuse, sur quoi se fondent les espoirs de la famille.

Ce n'est pas, tout d'abord, aux heureuses mamans fières de leurs enfants que je m'adresserai ; à celles-là, je laisse la joie des bulletins remplis de bonnes notes et des distributions de prix toutes sonores de nominations multiples. Je préfère m'entretenir avec les autres, les mamans inquiètes que désole le peu de succès, le peu d'application au travail de leurs écoliers, et je vais essayer de les réconforter.

Le premier point sur quoi je retiendrai leur attention, est sur ce que l'on est accoutumé d'appeler la paresse.

La paresse ! la mère de tous les vices ! cela c'est de la vieille et bonne morale peut-être, mais certainement une morale un peu superficielle que l'observation scientifique et médicale est occupée à transformer.

La paresse, chez l'enfant, n'est pas, le plus généralement, du mauvais vouloir ; elle est une impossibilité physique et maladive à fixer l'attention, à faire agir le raisonnement, à forcer la mémoire.

Je ne crois pas qu'il y ait une méthode plus absurde que celle qui consiste à punir un enfant paresseux et à lui infliger des pensums, à doubler ou à tripler une tâche qu'il n'était déjà pas capable de remplir dans son unité. Un enfant paresseux n'est pas un enfant à punir, mais bien un enfant à soigner, à réformer doucement, à intéresser avec patience à des études dont l'aridité décourage la lenteur de ses facultés d'assimilation.

Vous direz à cela que des enfants très bien portants sont paresseux. Assurément, un enfant peut avoir un excellent appétit, beaucoup de force musculaire et manifester, en même temps, une grande répugnance pour l'étude ; c'est que, précisément, il y a manque d'équilibre dans son tempérament, et que, chez lui, la force physique se développe au détriment des aptitudes cérébrales.

Les mamans et les professeurs auront donc de nombreux devoirs à remplir envers les petits paresseux. Les premières veilleront à la santé : s'il y a excès de vigueur, elles encourageront, chez leurs enfants, la turbulence qui leur sera naturelle ; elles les laisseront se dépenser, user leur force en exercices violents, en jeux hardis ; elles leur donneront un régime alimentaire rafraichissant, apaisant. Avec les délicats, les maladifs, les dolents, il faudra user, tout au contraire, de toniques, de stimulants et ne pousser que très modérément au travail ces petits tempéraments que ronge l'anémie.

Quant aux professeurs, ils devront doser, suivant les élèves, la tâche quotidienne et ne point imposer aux intelligences ralenties ce que s'assimilent, sans efforts, les natures mieux douées. Rien n'est plus lamentable que ces « queues » de classe qui encombrent les écoles, élèves toujours retardataires, aux études desquels les professeurs ne s'intéressent plus et qui passent leurs heures à tailler des bouts de bois, à ronger leurs ongles, ou à faire des pâtés d'encre sur leurs cahiers.

Ne voudrait-il pas mieux grouper tous ces enfants en des divisions spéciales, pour lesquelles un maître patient distribuerait un enseignement plus lent, plus simplifié et plus récréatif en même temps ?

Ainsi les mamans, d'une part, et les maîtres, de l'autre, amèneraient tout doucement les petits paresseux à mieux goûter le travail, à ne point se laisser rebuter par des difficultés insurmontables, à s'habituer peu à peu à cette bonne et régulière activité qui donne tant de saveur à la vie.

Cela ne veut pas dire, naturellement, qu'il est facile de doter d'intelligence un enfant qui n'en est que modérément pourvu, mais l'intelligence scolaire, si l'on peut ainsi appeler cette intelligence particulièrement apte à profiter de l'enseignement de l'école, n'est pas indispensable pour se tirer d'affaire dans la vie, et nous verrons, dans une prochaine causerie, comment les mamans avisées, doivent se consoler de n'avoir pas pour enfants les heureux bénéficiaires des prix d'honneur et des prix d'excellence.

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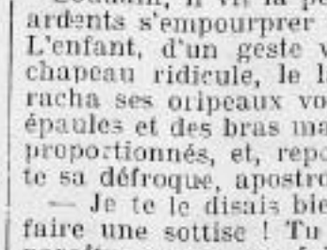

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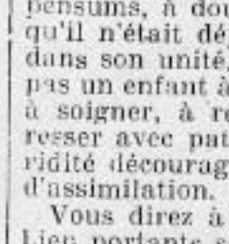
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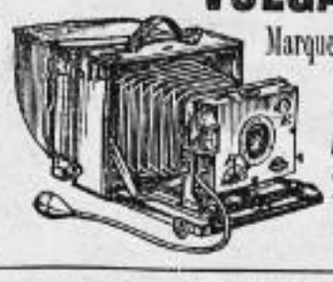
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Depuis le tragique assassinat de nos nationaux survenu à Casablanca le 30 Juillet dernier et la lâche agression commise contre nos marins le 5 Août, aux portes de la ville, l'attention la plus vive suit, en France, les troupes chargées, sous le commandement du général Drude, de venger notre drapeau, de punir les coupables et de rétablir, sur ce point du territoire marocain, la sécurité nécessaire à la prospérité du pays.

Chaque jour nous apporte l'annonce de nouveaux combats, de nouvelles morts, hélas ! mais aussi de brillants faits d'armes.

Ce que l'on avait tout d'abord considéré comme une simple affaire de police devient une véritable expédition contre les tribus maures révoltées. Sans cesse partent des renforts jugés indispensables. C'est toute une armée que le général Drude dirige à l'heure qu'il est.

Parmi les troupes qui se distinguent sous les murs de Casablanca, on compte des tirailleurs, des légionnaires, des chasseurs d'Afrique, des spahis. Mais aucune n'est plus curieuse et n'est plus originale assurément que ces goumiers appelés du sud-Oranais pour renforcer notre cavalerie.

Le goum (on appelle ainsi l'ensemble de ces cavaliers indigènes), le goum actuellement employé compte cent vingt sabres environ. Il est commandé par le capitaine Bériot et par les lieutenants Holtz et Rousseau.

C'est la première fois qu'ils vont servir hors d'Algérie et, comme ce sont des cavaliers de premier ordre, on a la plus grande confiance dans leur valeur et leur endurance.

Le corps des goumiers algériens est composé d'Arabes du Sud. Chaque tribu soumise à la France en fournit un certain nombre. Ils s'habillent, se montent et s'équipent eux-mêmes, continuant à garder leur costume national jusque dans ses bizarreries. C'est ainsi qu'ils portent encore le grand chapeau conique et, parfois, une haute mitre en plumes d'autruche.

Au lieu de rassemblement, on leur donne seulement un mousqueton et un sabre de cavalerie.

Ils sont alors placés sous les ordres d'officiers français.

Habitués, dès leur jeunesse, aux exercices les plus périlleux, ils semblent ne rien craindre. Ce sont de hardis et farouches combattants, aimant le bruit, la poudre et les fantasias.

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Depuis le 25 Août, date à laquelle ils ont débarqué à Casablanca, il n'est pas de jour où ils n'aient montré leur courage dans quelque exploration ou dans quelque charge, et rien n'étonne plus les Marocains que de voir se lancer contre eux, sabre au clair, ces hardis cavaliers, musulmans comme eux, et qui défendent cependant les couleurs de la France.

Notre dessin représente un épisode d'un des derniers combats où les goumiers sabrent l'ennemi, impuissant à échapper au galop vertigineux de leurs chevaux.

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LES « ROUFIONS »

Tableau de M. Lucien Jonas
(Salon de 1907)

Les « Roufions » ?... Qu'est-ce que les Roufions ?

« Roufion » est un vieux mot que le patois de nos régions septentrionales a dû garder du temps de l'occupation espagnole. Vous savez ce qu'est un « ruffian » dans la Péninsule ?... C'est un paresseux, un parasite, un homme qui vit aux dépens d'autrui.

C'est le sens même du mot « roufion » dans le patois du Nord. « Roufion » est synonyme de « fainéant », et, comme il est constant que les grévistes appellent « fainéant » — par antiphrase, sans doute — l'ouvrier qui continue à travailler, voilà comment s'explique le titre de ce tableau.

C'est une scène de grève de mineurs, malheureusement trop fréquente dans les milieux houillers où quelque conflit a éclaté entre le capital et le travail. Un ouvrier est descendu à la mine, malgré l'ordre du syndicat ; sa femme est allée l'attendre à la sortie du puits. Une bande de grévistes chantant l'*Internationale*, drapeau rouge en tête, les surprennent et les coups pleuvent sur les « roufions », sur les « fainéants », sur les « faux frères » qui ont commis le crime de vouloir gagner quand même le pain de leur famille...

Cette toile qui fit sensation au dernier Salon des Artistes français, non seulement pour sa conception hardie, mais pour le réalisme vigoureux de son exécution, est d'un jeune peintre du plus bel avenir. M. Lucien Jonas, qui est originaire d'Anzin, le pays des houillères, n'a que vingt-sept ans. Elle valut à son auteur une seconde médaille et une bourse de voyage. Ajoutons qu'elle fut achetée par S. M. Chulalongkorn, roi de Siam, pour son palais de Bangkok.

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FRANCE ET JAPON

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Les Japonais marquent leur joie de l'entente cordiale qui règne entre leur pays et la France et que l'arrangement franco-japonais du 10 Juin dernier a consacrée. Ils viennent, à ce sujet, d'organiser de grandes fêtes à Tokio, et ils en ont fait part à notre ministre des Affaires étrangères.

Les sujets du mikado semblent se souvenir avec plaisir que la France fut leur initiatrice et leur guide dans la voie de la civilisation. En France, on semblait l'avoir un peu oublié. Du moins ne l'a-t-on pas suffisamment rappelé. Il est pourtant indéniable que, lors de l'évolution du Japon vers les mœurs européennes, c'est notre pays qui fut son éducateur au triple point de vue militaire, maritime et législatif.

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En effet, dès l'année 1865, c'est-à-dire trois ans avant qu'éclatât au Japon la révolution qui devait rendre le pouvoir au mikado, et alors que le Shogoun était encore tout puissant, une mission, composée d'officiers français, débarquait dans l'empire du Soleil Levant et commençait l'éducation de l'armée japonaise à l'européenne.

On a dit que nos revers de 1870 avaient eu pour résultat de nous enlever la confiance du gouvernement japonais et que les Allemands avaient, dès lors, hérité de cette confiance. Rien de moins exact. Dans l'année qui suivit la guerre franco-allemande, le Japon appelait, au contraire, une nouvelle mission militaire française, commandée par le colonel Munier, pour continuer l'instruction de son armée, commencée sept ans auparavant. Et d'autres missions françaises succédèrent à celle-ci, jusqu'en 1886, époque où le Japon se jugea suffisamment instruit dans l'art militaire pour remercier en bloc toutes les missions européennes.

Une preuve, d'ailleurs caractéristique, de l'influence française sur l'éducation de l'armée du Nippon, c'est que, aujourd'hui encore, la plupart des officiers japonais, et notamment les généraux, parlent couramment le français.

Si, de l'élément militaire, nous passons à l'élément maritime, nous remarquerons que ce sont encore des Français qui organisèrent les premières flottes du Nippon.

En 1866, fut commencé, dans la baie de Yokoska, le premier arsenal de la marine japonaise. Un officier français, l'enseigne de vaisseau Rotrou, en avait jeté les premières bases ; deux autres de nos compatriotes, les ingénieurs Verny et Florent, continuèrent l'œuvre qu'il avait ébauchée. En 1873, enfin, son achèvement fut confié encore à un Français, M. Thibaudier, ingénieur du génie maritime, sous les ordres duquel travaillaient sept cents ouvriers indigènes, encadrés par une trentaine d'ingénieurs et de contremaîtres français.

Bientôt, le Japon, grâce à la science et à l'activité de nos compatriotes, posséda un établissement maritime aussi complet que les grands arsenaux des puissances européennes, avec deux grands bassins de radoub, des cales de halage, des cales de construction, des ateliers à bois et à fer, une fonderie, une corderie et de vastes magasins.

Enfin, en 1886, c'est toujours à un Français, l'ingénieur Bertin, que le Japon confiait la construction de deux autres arsenaux auxiliaires, l'un à Sasébo, près de Nagasaki, dans l'île Kiou-Siou, l'autre à Hiroshima, dans la partie occidentale de l'île de Nippon.

Ce dernier arsenal fut particulièrement précieux pour la flotte japonaise durant la guerre contre la Chine, en 1894-1895, car c'est Hiroshima qui fut le point de concentration d'où partirent les corps d'armée envoyés en Chine et en Corée.

C'est, d'ailleurs, sur les plans de M. Bertin que furent construits la plupart des navires japonais qui devaient, dans cette guerre, triompher si complètement de la flotte chinoise.

L'un de ces bâtiments, le *Hashidaté*, s'éleva à l'arsenal d'Yokoska, sous les yeux mêmes de l'ingénieur. La construction des autres fut, grâce à son influence, confiée à la France.

C'est ainsi que, de 1886 à 1892, les Chantiers de la Méditerranée à La Seyne, et les Chantiers de la Loire à Saint-Nazaire fournirent quatre grands croiseurs au Japon et que quatorze torpilleurs furent commandés au Creusot par le gouvernement du mikado.

C'est donc bien à des Français que le Japon doit la construction de ses arsenaux maritimes et l'organisation de ses premières forces navales.

On a dit, d'autre part, que les Anglais avaient été les instructeurs de la marine des Japonais comme les Français l'avaient été de leur armée. Ce n'est pas tout à fait vrai. Instructeurs des marins japonais, les Anglais le furent, en effet, mais seulement au point de vue théorique, jamais au point de vue pratique.

Vers 1873, tandis que nos officiers de l'armée de terre commandaient des troupes japonaises et dirigeaient, en réalité, toutes leurs manœuvres, la mission navale anglaise, sous les ordres du commodore Douglas, n'était chargée que de l'instruction purement théorique des élèves japonais de l'école navale de Tokio ; jamais un Anglais n'exerça le moindre commandement sur un vaisseau de la marine nippone.

On a remarqué ce fait caractéristique que, tandis que les escadres chinoises en 1894-1895 étaient commandées par des Européens, celles du Japon, au contraire, n'avaient d'autres chefs que les amiraux japonais. Et les événements d'alors justifièrent suffisamment cette confiance que le gouvernement japonais avait dans les aptitudes naturelles et l'habileté de ses marins.

Quant à l'organisation de la justice japonaise, nul n'ignore qu'elle est due presque entièrement à la France. C'est un Français, M. Boissonnade, qui a été chargé par le gouvernement du Mikado de rédiger le Code pénal et le Code de procédure criminelle. Les Japonais ont également emprunté à notre Code civil un grand nombre de ses dispositions.

Eh bien, cette prépondérance de la France dans la première organisation militaire, maritime et judiciaire du Japon, si on l'a rappelée déjà, ce fut, toutefois, sans y insister autant que nous venons de le faire. Mais ce qu'on a négligé d'ajouter, ce que personne n'a dit, c'est à quelle influence notre pays avait dû l'honneur de guider les premiers pas des Japonais dans la voie de la civilisation européenne.

Or, cette influence fut celle d'un homme dont la vie n'a été qu'un long dévouement à la patrie, et dont le nom, trop oublié aujourd'hui, mérite d'être remis en lumière.

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Cet homme s'appelait Léon Roches. Né à Grenoble en 1809, il est mort en 1901, âgé de quatre-vingt-onze ans, après une admirable carrière, durant laquelle il avait été tour à tour secrétaire et conseiller intime d'Abd-el-Kader, interprète en chef de l'armée d'Afrique sous Bugeaud, consul à Tanger et à Tunis, et enfin représentant de la France au Japon à l'époque troublée de la révolution mikadonale.

Une partie de cette existence si diverse et si mouvementée a été résumée par lui-même dans des mémoires débordants de pittoresque et de sincérité, que malheureusement il n'a pu achever et qui ne contiennent aucun détail sur son œuvre au Japon. Mais, à défaut des souvenirs de Roches lui-même, nous avons eu la bonne fortune de recueillir ceux d'un éminent diplomate, M. Paul Rameau, ministre plénipotentiaire en retraite, qui fut son meilleur collaborateur et occupa auprès de lui les fonctions de gérant du consulat de France au Japon.

Nous ne résistons pas au plaisir de les reproduire sous la forme pittoresque où M. Rameau a bien voulu les évoquer pour nous :

Toutes les fois, nous disait-il, que résonne à mon oreille le nom du Japon, je revois les tableaux suivants se présenter à ma mémoire comme sur l'écran d'un cinématographe :

Et d'abord, avec la date de Janvier 1865, la petite ville — je devrais dire le village — de Yokohama-Kanagawa, où se trouvaient ensemble, dans un véritable camp retranché, les missions diplomatiques des pays représentés alors au Japon : France (chargée de la représentation de l'Italie), Angleterre, Etats-Unis, Hollande, Suisse, Prusse ; les consulats de ces divers pays et les comptoirs des négociants étrangers. Les Russes envoyaient, de temps à autre, quelques navires de guerre en visite, mais n'avaient pas de représentant officiel auprès du Taïcoun (shogoun), reconnu alors comme le chef réel du gouvernement japonais.

J'ai dit « camp retranché » : le terme n'est pas exagéré, puisque, par suite d'un accord avec le gouvernement local, les résidents étrangers ne devaient pas sortir des limites — un ou deux kilomètres — fixées à l'espace réservé pour leur résidence.

C'est là que venaient les trouver les ministres japonais, sauf les cas très rares où ils daignaient appeler les représentants étrangers à Yeddo.

Je revois encore le grand chemin du Tocaïdo que nous parcourions pour nous rendre à la capitale du pays et qui reliait alors, comme grande route, ce qu'il fait comme chemin de fer aujourd'hui, Yokohama à Yeddo. Nous partions tous à cheval, le ministre de France, Léon Roches en tête, avec sa belle prestance de chef arabe ; chacun de nous précédé de son *betto* (groom et palefrenier), courant à une certaine distance en avant des chevaux. Une double escorte de cavaliers japonais revêtus de leur ancien costume si pittoresque et armés de leurs fameux sabres, ouvrait et fermait la marche.

A mi-route, nous faisions halte dans une petite ferme proprette, sous des pommiers en fleur, pour consommer un petit déjeuner froid emporté avec nous.

Puis, on arrivait à Yeddo et l'on parcourait la capitale, toujours à cheval, pour franchir plus rapidement les énormes espaces non bâtis qui séparaient çà et là certains quartiers de la ville. Enfin, l'on gagnait le petit temple affecté à la résidence de la légation de France lors de ses visites si rares et si courtes à Yeddo. Là, une garde spéciale veillait sur notre sécurité, ce qui ne nous empêchait pas de prendre la précaution de dormir à peu de distance les uns des autres, nos armes chargées sous nos oreillers.

Ces précautions n'étaient pas inutiles, en effet, car, dans tout le Japon, la haine couvait contre les Occidentaux... Mais bientôt cet état de choses allait changer du tout au tout.

Et à ce propos, nous disait M. Rameau, nous voici amené à un second tableau, tout spécial, celui-là, à l'homme remarquable dont nous rappelons ici la mémoire :

La scène représente le petit cabinet de travail de Léon Roches à Yokohama, ce cabinet dans lequel se sont tenus si souvent, avec un ou plusieurs ministres du Taïcoun, des conférences qui étaient de véritables conseils de gouvernement. Je vois encore Léon Roches, dans le grand fauteuil où se carrait sa haute stature, recevant les hauts fonctionnaires que lui déléguait le Taïcoun. Chacun d'eux était suivi de son « auditeur » (dont le rôle consistait à écouter silencieusement, pour communiquer ensuite à qui de droit, ses impressions sur l'entrevue ; de l'interprète (à ce moment l'interprétation se faisait par l'intermédiaire d'une troisième langue, le hollandais) ; enfin, de plusieurs scribes, véritables sténographes, tenant compte non seulement des paroles échangées, mais des moindres détails de la conférence.

C'est dans ce cabinet de travail qu'ont pris naissance toutes les grandes réformes qui ont successivement transformé le Japon et l'ont amené d'un état de civilisation enfantine à la hauteur des nations les plus civilisées du globe, au moins en ce qui concerne les institutions et la vie gouvernementale.

Je vois Léon Roches expliquant aux Japonais le mécanisme de la monnaie dans le monde économique et les amenant à introduire dans leur pays une administration monétaire, copie intelligente de la nôtre. J'ai vu les débuts modestes de l'arsenal de Yokoska, où l'on se bornait, à l'origine, à réparer les navires achetés à l'étranger, afin de constituer les éléments de la première flotte japonaise.

C'est enfin — et cela suffirait à lui donner un caractère historique — c'est dans ce cabinet de travail de Léon Roches que fut prise, en Mai 1866, par les représentants des puissances réunis au ministre de France, la résolution d'aller demander au vrai souverain du Japon, au mikado, la ratification des traités conclus lors de l'ouverture du pays aux Européens, traités que le Taïcoun avouait tout à coup avoir été ignorés de son chef.

On sait que cette ratification fut accordée par le mikado, et que cette première démarche, appuyée du reste par une démonstration navale imposante, fut le début de relations nouvelles entre le véritable chef de l'Etat et les représentants des puissances étrangères : — relations qui firent naître dans l'esprit du souverain la résolution de gouverner désormais lui-même, et qui précipitèrent cette suite d'événements dans lesquels disparurent le pouvoir taïcounal et la féodalité foncière, tandis que s'érigeait, petit à petit, le régime constitutionnel actuel.

Que d'autres témoignages, nous dit M. Rameau, je pourrais vous donner encore de l'influence de Léon Roches ! Mais tout cela nous entraînerait trop loin. J'abrège et je passe au dernier tableau qu'il me fut donné de voir grâce à lui :

Le prince de Satsouma, un des grands daïmios du régime féodal, avait, sans raison, fait canonner un petit navire français, le *Kien-Chang*, qui passait dans les parages de ses domaines. Ce seigneur ayant refusé, comme l'avait exigé M. Roches, de nous faire des excuses, le Taïcoun s'était décidé à le punir et avait envoyé des troupes contre lui.

C'est au départ de ces troupes qu'il me fut permis d'assister. Grâce aux bonnes relations de mon chef avec le gouvernement d'alors, les Européens purent, à titre tout à fait exceptionnel et d'un endroit spécialement désigné et délimité avec des cordes, je m'en souviens, contempler ce défilé digne de tenter le pinceau d'un Detaille.

A ce moment-là, les anciens uniformes, les anciennes armes étaient seuls en usage. Qu'on se figure une procession de ces compagnies d'archers, d'arbalétriers, revêtus de ces jolies armures laquées ou damasquinées qu'on ne voit plus guère aujourd'hui que chez de riches collectionneurs ; quelques pelotons d'arquebusiers ; certaines compagnies précédées de tambours à la longue caisse de forme hollandaise. Les chefs, à cheval, surchargés, hommes et bêtes, d'ornements guerriers et bizarres... Les Japonais d'aujourd'hui doivent bien rire lorsqu'ils trouvent des images représentant leurs pères ainsi accoutrés ; mais je vous assure que, en 1865, au moment où nous passions cette revue des forces de terre des Japonais, il n'y en avait pas un seul parmi nous qui, tout en croyant au progrès et au développement futur de ce peuple si intelligent, eût soupçonné la réalisation de ce développement et la transformation radicale, absolue, de l'armée japonaise dans un espace de temps de moins de trente années...

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Tels sont, entre mille, les quelques souvenirs que M. Rameau a bien voulu évoquer pour nous, du temps où Léon Roches représentait la France au Japon. Ils ne sont pas seuls à démontrer que, grâce à son ministre, notre pays eut une influence prépondérante sur les destinées de l'empire du Soleil Levant. La plupart des voyageurs qui visitèrent alors le Japon ont également constaté ce fait.

Malheureusement, cette influence prise alors par la France sur la civilisation japonaise, cette prépondérance due au zèle de Léon Roches et constatée par tous ceux qui le virent à l'œuvre, notre pays ne sut pas toujours les conserver. Notre ingérence dans les affaires japonaises après la guerre de 1894-1895 eut pour effet de nous aliéner les sympathies de ce peuple que nous avions guidé naguère sur la route de la civilisation et qui s'étonnait, à bon droit, de nous trouver alors parmi ses adversaires.

Mais aujourd'hui les petits dissentiments sont oubliés. Le Japon fête notre amitié... Pourvu que ça dure !... Tout sera pour le mieux.

Ernest LAUT.

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LA SEMAINE FANTAISISTE

Septembre

Septembre ! Avec toi vient l'automne
Que, mélancolique, on s'étonne
De voir apparaître déjà !
Mois changeant, tu fais qu'on regrette
De quitter les fraîches retraites
Dans lesquelles on se plongea.

Tu fais aussi — plus d'un l'avoue
Sans la moindre rougeur aux joues —
L'espoir des pauvres voyageurs
Qui, loin de leurs chères pénates,
S'ennuyaient, se rongeaient la rate,
Hélas ! dans les grandes largeurs.

Epoque éphémère et mobile,
Favorable à l'automobile
Et propice aux sports les plus fous,
Pourtant propre à la rêverie,
Chez toi, que tu pleures ou ries,
Il y en a pour tous les goûts.

Fin d'été ! Aux vents de Septembre,
Les feuilles couleur d'or et d'ambre
Tombent, finissant de jaunir.
Les portefeuilles choient de même
Et les députés qui les aiment
Parlent déjà de revenir.

Sous les frondaisons dont les palmes,
Pas académiques mais calmes,
Versent l'oubli de l'univers,
Les préfets en villégiature
Admirent la belle nature
Et les sous-préfets font des vers.

Si les moissons partout sont faites,
Les lauriers, sur ces entrefaites,
Veulent avoir leur tour : voilà
Pourquoi, majestueux augures,
Quelques ministres inaugurent
Des monuments de ci, de là.

Le Président qui, bucolique,
Aux princes de la République
Comme aux gens de tout rang, bouillait
De montrer sa force à la chasse,
Les entraîne tous sur ses traces
Dans les tirés de Rambouillet.

Les bons Nemrods de la banlieue
Dévorent bravement les lieues,
Fusil sur l'épaule et contents
S'ils ont, en six heures de chasse,
Tué une vieille bécasse
Ou bien, tout simplement, le temps.

Les touristes de Trou-sur-Manche
Qui, la semaine et le dimanche,
Barbottaient sur des fonds vaseux,
Et ceux des stations thermales
Bouclent hâtivement leurs malles
Pour revenir enfin chez eux.

Paris que la blonde Angleterre
Et tous les pays de la terre,
Envahisseurs, avaient fait sien,
Paris achève sa toilette,
Comble ses trous, se fait coquette
Pour le retour des Parisiens.

Septembre : c'est la période
Où l'on s'occupe de la mode
Que les couturiers lanceront.
Toutes les femmes te bénissent,
Mais tous les maris te honnissent
Pour les notes qu'ils régleront.

Par contre, il est vrai, tu ramènes,
Par un étrange phénomène,
Avec nos amis les plus chers,
Les huîtres en belles bourriches,
Pour les pauvres et pour les riches,
Septembre, premier mois en R !

CLAUDIN.

Le ventriloque

Un jour de congé, comme je terminais ma quatrième au lycée de Marseille, la fantaisie nous prit, deux camarades et moi, d'aller visiter le château d'If. Tous connaissent, au moins de nom, cette île déserte, si près des côtes provençales. Elle est, en effet, célèbre par les faits historiques dont elle évoque le souvenir. C'est la Bastille du Midi. Tous les navires la croisent en passant. Elle apparaît alors, dressant le cube massif et lourd de ses murs délabrés, sillonnés partout de profondes lézardes, et qui semblent garder, avec leur sévérité d'antique ruine, une impression de toutes les souffrances qu'ils enfermèrent durant des siècles. Et des récits étranges, mystérieux, coururent aussi sur cette vieille prison qu'illustrèrent par leur captivité les plus fameuses victimes du despotisme royal.

C'est tout cela, et d'autres choses encore, qui nous poussaient, ce jour-là, à visiter le château d'If. Nous prîmes une barque, comme le soir tombait. La mer était tranquille, un vaste soleil rouge incendiait l'horizon. Durant le trajet, la conversation s'anima. On discuta fort sur les énigmatiques personnages qu'on avait ensevelis dans ces cachots. C'était, d'abord, Monte-Cristo, le légendaire héros d'Alexandre Dumas, dont les prodigieuses aventures avaient hanté notre imagination d'écolier. C'était, ensuite, le Masque de Fer, plus troublant encore. Puis venaient, dans un tragique défilé, Tassecrand, l'insulteur de la marquise de Montespan ; Macerbel, trois fois sauvé par d'héroïques amis, trois fois repris ; l'abbé Faria qui, assure-ton, eut la longue patience de couvrir de maximes les murs de sa cellule ; enfin, le plus grand, le plus inoubliable de tous, le formidable colosse Mirabeau.

— Heureusement, déclara naïvement l'un de nous, un jeune Marseillais, que nous n'appartenons plus à ces siècles de barbarie, et qu'on est plus libéral de nos jours !

— Sûr non, protesta, avec l'accent, notre batelier ; je vous certifie, mon brave, que le cachot de Monte-Cristo n'est pas, de ce moment, sans locataire.

Nous fîmes semblant de rire.

— Vous verrez, reprit-il d'un ton très sûr.

Et il ajouta, avec un air de suffisance :

— C'est moi qui vous le dis.

Puis il aspira une dernière bouffée de fumée, secoua sa pipe, jeta sur l'horizon un regard assuré et se reprit à ramer.

Cinq minutes après, nous débarquions dans l'île. Dans les dernières lueurs du crépuscule, la colossale architecture du château d'If, se dressant dans l'ombre, avec ses tours démolies, comme un gigantesque fantôme, prenait une apparence d'antique construction, de grande ruine abandonnée, plus sombre et plus tragique sous les reflets blafards des hautes murailles nues. Nous montâmes, d'abord, par un sentier étroit et rocailleux, dans un solennel silence.

Nous arrivons enfin devant une grande grille, au delà de laquelle s'élevaient, en un vaste amphithéâtre, les remparts des prisons. Nous appelons le gardien, et, quelques instants après, nous voyons apparaître un petit vieillard sec, débile, qui s'avançait péniblement, une lanterne à la main. Il était coiffé d'un bonnet râpé, rouge sans doute autrefois, mais que l'injure des temps avait fait tourner au gris.

— Qui va là, à cette heure ? cria-t-il en se frottant les yeux.

— Des voyageurs qui désirent visiter les prisons, répondit l'un de nous.

Le bonhomme releva sa lanterne pour mieux considérer nos visages et s'assurer de notre aspect.

— Des voyageurs ? reprit-il d'une voix si sourde qu'elle semblait sortir du plus profond de ses entrailles... eh bien ! entrez.

Et il ouvrit la grille.

La nuit, maintenant, était tout à fait tombée, une nuit sans lune, d'une épaisseur d'encre. Nous suivions le gardien sans mot dire, guidés seulement par la lueur de sa lanterne.

Il nous introduisit, d'abord, dans le cachot d'où le futur orateur de la Constituante écrivait à la malheureuse Sophie ces lettres folles de passion et frémissantes déjà des grandes colères qui, deux ans plus tard, devaient déchaîner la Révolution. Et, sur un vieux registre, tout jauni, qu'étalait sous nos yeux le gardien, en face du nom de Mirabeau était cette simple mention : « Sujet très dangereux. A tenté de mettre le feu à la porte de sa prison. »

Ce fut, ensuite, une longue inspection de cachots : le cachot du Masque de Fer, celui de l'abbé Faria ; d'autres encore, bas, ténébreux, glacés, qui nous secouaient d'horreur, nous paralysaient d'émotion, à la pensée que des êtres vivants avaient été enterrés là.

Nous pénétrons enfin dans un souterrain plus profond, plus affreux encore que tous les autres.

— Voici, nous dit le gardien, la prison de Monte-Cristo.

Un grand silence s'abattit.

Tout à coup, un gémissement prolongé, semblable à celui d'un moribond, se fit entendre ; puis une voix plaintive, sépulcrale, qui semblait avoir peine à traverser les murs, nous frappa comme d'un coup violent dans la poitrine.

— Oh ! je suis malheureux... Voilà dix ans qu'on me fait espérer ma délivrance !...

Un instant s'écoula, sans que nos oreilles entendissent autre chose que les battements précipités de nos cœurs. La voix reprit, plus lamentable :

— A boire, à boire, par pitié !

Du coup, le mot du batelier, dont nous avions tant ri, nous revint à l'esprit.

— Qu'est ceci ? demandai-je au gardien, qui demeurait impassible comme s'il n'avait rien entendu.

— Oh ! rien, fit celui-ci avec calme, je vais lui apporter de l'eau tout à l'heure.

— A qui ? répliquai-je sur un ton qui exigeait sur-le-champ une explication.

— Au prisonnier, répondit le gardien avec un flegme de plus en plus exaspérant.

Puis, s'approchant du mur :

— C'est bon, c'est bon, père Joseph, je vais y aller... Ne vous impatientez pas.

— Quelle heure est-il ? implora la voix d'outre-mur.

— Il n'y a pas d'heure pour les braves, riposta l'autre.

Et, se retournant vers nous, il ajouta tout bas, comme s'il se parlait à lui-même :

— Je crois qu'il y aura quelque chose de nouveau, demain, pour ce malheureux... Nous avons reçu un pli cacheté qui le concerne.

Cette ingénieuse réflexion acheva de convaincre les plus défiants d'entre nous. Dès lors, nous ne doutons plus qu'il y a des prisonniers d'Etat au château d'If ; notre indignation éclate ; mes deux camarades se montent à mon unisson ; nous protestons furieusement, le souvenir du 14 Juillet nous enflamme, nous voulons renverser cette nouvelle Bastille, délivrer ces prisonniers et les ramener en triomphe à Marseille.

— N'oubliez pas la chopinette, gémit de nouveau, sur ces entrefaites, le prétendu prisonnier.

Alors, l'un de nous, le plus âgé, une garçon de quinze ans, tira une pièce blanche de son gilet et, la mettant dans la main du gardien :

— Voilà, dit-il d'une voix où tremblait une émotion mal contenue, voilà de quoi acheter du vin pour cet infortuné.

— Oui, bien infortuné, répliqua le petit vieux en empochant la pièce... Faites donc de la politique après ça.

Profondément bouleversés, nous partions pour répandre dans Marseille le bruit que nous avions découvert des prisonniers d'Etat au château d'If, lorsque notre bonhomme de gardien, nous croyant plus naïfs que nous ne l'étions vraiment, eut lui-même la naïveté de prolonger la plaisanterie plus qu'il ne convenait. Nous comprîmes alors que le sacripant était ventriloque, et il en convint, d'ailleurs, en riant avec nous. Mais nos cœurs d'enfants avaient joliment battu !

Paul BRULAT.

Aux sous-officiers libérables

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La marque

Un gardien l'accompagna jusque sur le seuil ; la lourde porte se referma, avec un bruit lugubre, derrière lui, et Pierre Riboux, libre enfin, s'éloigna de cette prison où avait sombré son honneur.

C'était un grand garçon d'une trentaine d'années, aux yeux clairs, à la moustache blonde, qui, malgré la flétrissure inévitable de six mois d'existence passés en compagnie d'escrocs et de voleurs, gardait cependant l'allure correcte donnée par son éducation.

Fils d'un notaire de petite ville mort presque ruiné, resté seul, à sept ans, avec sa mère trop faible et trop bonne, après de médiocres études il ne s'était senti aucune vocation.

La liberté, seule, le hantait. Il entra d'abord dans la maison de commerce d'un ami de son père, mais la quitta presque aussitôt, ne pouvant se plier à l'obéissance et à l'exactitude nécessaires.

A cette époque, précisément, sa mère mourut lui laissant un peu d'argent. Il eut tôt fait de le dissiper et connut alors la misère noire. Las de vivre d'expédients, il s'engagea en Afrique, faillit passer trois ou quatre fois en conseil de guerre pour indiscipline ; finalement, son service achevé, vint échouer à Paris où, grâce à quelques recommandations, il obtint d'entrer dans un atelier de constructions automobiles.

Intelligent, il apprit vite le métier, mais là encore il gâta son avenir par des idées anarchistes rapportées d'Afrique, se fit mettre à la porte de toutes les maisons qui l'acceptèrent et, un soir, errant dans un faubourg, l'estomac tiraillé par la faim, entra dans une boulangerie ouverte et vide.

Des pains énormes et dorés le tentèrent. Un semblant de probité lui fit saisir son couteau pour couper une miche, juste de quoi apaiser sa fringale. Mais, comme le patron survenait, il eut, de sa main armée, un geste de protestation que l'autre prit pour un geste de menace. Il fut arrêté.

Tentative de vol et de meurtre, c'était la cour d'assises.

La chute était horrible. Pierre Riboux ne la sentit pas, du moins il ne vit en elle que la part du hasard. Aigri, il voulut développer à la barre ses théories libertaires. Il s'aliéna les jurés, qui le condamnèrent à six mois de prison, et c'était ces six mois de honte qu'il venait de purger à Fresnes.

Seul, sur la route déserte, il lui semblait que le regard des choses le poursuivait.

Au loin, le crépuscule tombait, le jour s'enfuyait lentement, l'immensité semblait infinie. Dans un champ, perdu près de l'horizon, un paysan semait encore, debout dans le soleil couchant.

Pierre Riboux se retrouvait maintenant sur cette route avec des sentiments de haine contre la société entière.

Il passa la main sur son front, comme pour en chasser les ténébreuses pensées, et compta l'argent qu'il avait touché en signant sa levée d'écrou.

— Cinquante francs ! Et après, la lutte recommencera, la lutte âpre du malchanceux, du meurt-de-faim, contre le sort impitoyable et brutal !

La nuit venait de plus en plus, il se décida à s'éloigner, allant droit devant lui. Enfin, il arriva dans un village et s'arrêta devant une mauvaise auberge pour commander du pain, du fromage et du vin, de quoi souper.

L'appétit satisfait et son écot payé, il allait repartir à la recherche d'un gîte pour la nuit, quand un journal, laissé ouvert sur une chaise, attira son attention.

Un journal ! Il n'en avait pas lu un seul depuis ses longues semaines d'emprisonnement. Avide de nouvelles, il s'en empara et, grisé par ce plaisir nouveau, se mit à lire minutieusement cette feuille de hasard.

Soudain, quelques lignes le stupéfièrent -

LES GAITÉS DE LA SEMAINE, *par DRANER*

— Toi qui te vantes de connaître les semblables, Joseph, dis-moi donc ce que tu penses de ce melon ?

— Tu ne viens pas au tennis avec nous ?
— Impossible, j'ai à finir mes devoirs de vacances du *Petit Journal* ; songez donc qu'il y a des bicyclettes comme prix !

— Alors, vous croyez, docteur, que le lait de chèvre me soutiendrait ?
— Absolument, c'est même ainsi qu'on nourrit le jeune hippopotame qui vient de naître au Jardin des Plantes.

— Comment ! tu prends un port d'armes, toi, qui n'es pas chasseur ?
— Oui, mais ça me donne le droit de sortir avec un fusil, et, par ces temps d'apaches, ce n'est pas une dépense inutile.

« Jean-Pierre Riboux, né le 10 Mars 1873, est recherché par Me Grossandre, notaire, rue de Miromesnil, à Paris, pour succession. »

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Le lendemain, après une nuit fiévreuse, Pierre Riboux prenait le train pour Paris.

Sans prendre la peine de changer de vêtements, il courait chez Me Grossandre.

On l'annonça aussitôt. Le notaire, habitué sans doute à ces coups de la fortune tombant au hasard, le reçut sans étonnement, avec une politesse froide.

Après avoir examiné les papiers que lui apportait Riboux, il lui dit :

— Vous êtes, monsieur, l'unique héritier de M. Vidal, votre oncle maternel, décédé à Odessa, le 15 du mois dernier.

C'était, en effet, un frère de sa mère, qui avait quitté la France pour courir le monde et qui, arrivé en Russie, avait fait fortune dans le commerce sans que personne de sa famille n'en sût jamais rien.

Le notaire reprit :

— Je vais vous lire son testament.

Il sortit un papier d'une grande enveloppe et lut :

« Je reconnais comme légataire universel Jean-Pierre Riboux, fils de Georges-André Riboux et de Marie-Anne Vidal, ma sœur, et lui laisse toute ma fortune, soit cinq cent mille francs en titres ; ma ferme située aux environs d'Odessa et mon hôtel situé dans cette ville.

» Fait en pleine lucidité d'esprit, etc. »

Le notaire releva les yeux d'un air satisfait :

— J'ai trouvé deux acquéreurs, dit-il, pour la ferme et l'hôtel. Le premier offre deux cent mille francs pour la ferme, l'autre trois cent mille pour l'hôtel. Si vous consentez à vendre, je crois que ce sera là une bonne affaire.

Après quelques minutes de discussion, la vente fut décidée, et Pierre Riboux laissait au notaire, par procuration, le soin de gérer cette fortune inattendue.

La poche lourde de l'arriéré des intérêts, il sortit la tête haute. Il avait déjà oublié le condamné à six mois de prison pour tentative de vol et de meurtre.

— Un million ! J'ai un million ! répétait-il à chaque pas. Que vais-je en faire ?

Des idées étranges lui passèrent par la tête, comme celle de fonder une usine où les bénéfices seraient la propriété des ouvriers.

C'était là un de ses anciens rêves, au temps de sa misère.

Mais il ne s'attarda pas longtemps à cette idée, car son anarchie n'était rien autre, sans qu'il se l'avouât, qu'un sentiment de haine contre la société en général, et les riches en particulier ; cette haine était causée par l'envie, et le monde lui paraissait maintenant agréable et parfait, puisqu'il allait profiter des avantages qu'il donne aux heureux.

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Dès ce jour, par la magie de l'argent, Pierre Riboux se sentit transformé.

L'ancien meurt-de-faim, peu à peu, retrouva les habitudes élégantes que sa naissance lui avait données.

Paris, qui ne s'étonne de rien, accepta ce garçon brillant et aimable, et cela d'autant plus facilement que la générosité de ses allures ne lui faisait que des amis.

Pierre Riboux avait maintenant un appartement boulevard Haussmann et un castel en Normandie.

On le remarquait au Bois, au théâtre, aux courses, dans les restaurants à la mode et dans tous les endroits où l'on s'amuse.

Présenté par l'un et par l'autre, il fut reçu dans les salons les plus cotés, et, comme il était brillant danseur, on ne tarda pas à se l'arracher.

Cette dernière qualité mondaine décida de son avenir.

Nul n'avait été sans remarquer son assiduité auprès de Mlle Frémières, fille d'un riche banquier parisien ; on en prophétisa un mariage.

Deux ans après, nul ne s'étonna d'apprendre leurs fiançailles.

Cependant, inquiétés par tant de succès, les envieux grondèrent. Un parmi tous, le jeune vicomte de Foulcques, ex-roi de la mode, détrôné par cet intrus venu on ne savait d'où.

Il avait longtemps espéré obtenir la main de Mlle Frémières ; aussi l'annonce des fiançailles de la jeune fille avec Pierre Riboux souleva dans son cœur une tempête de jalousie et de rage.

— D'où sort ce nouveau venu ? se demandait-il en mordillant sa petite moustache blonde.

Il résolut de le savoir.

Il prit ses renseignements et, grâce à une agence de police privée, ne fut pas longtemps à connaître l'odyssée de son heureux rival.

— Quel succès, mon cher, ricana-t-il, se parlant à lui-même, un ancien forçat, un assassin ! En exagérant encore les choses, rien n'est plus facile que de le perdre.

Il avait son plan.

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Quelques jours après, Riboux sortait du cercle, vers les deux heures du matin, avec de Foulcques et deux amis.

Le vicomte offrit sa voiture, tous quatre y montèrent ; lorsque, arrivée au coin d'une rue déserte, la voiture s'arrêta brusquement, de Foulcques se pencha par la portière et aussitôt se rejeta en arrière, simulant un vif effroi.

Les portières s'ouvrirent, deux revolvers couchèrent en joue les quatre hommes, alors que, de leurs mains libres, deux bandits tendaient leur casquette.

On en devinait d'autres tenant les chevaux.

Soudain, l'un des malandrins s'exclama, en désignant le fiancé de Mlle Frémières :

— Tiens ! Mais c'est Riboux ! Pierre Riboux ! Comme on se retrouve ? T'as donc fait fortune depuis qu'on a été ensemble à Fresnes ?

Le jeune homme protesta :

— Mais je ne vous connais pas !

L'autre, insistant, reprit :

— Comment ? Tu oublies donc les six mois de prison que tu as faits ? Ingrat ! Mais, va ! n'aies pas peur, on ne travaille pas contre les camarades !

Et, comme Pierre Riboux, blême, les yeux hagards, ne s'empressait pas de prendre la main que lui tendait le bandit, il ajouta :

— Allons, tu fais le fier, tu seras peut-être content un jour de nous retrouver. Au revoir !

Et il disparut, suivi de ses compagnons.

Incapable de se défendre, Pierre rentra chez lui, et, devant la vérité qui devait courir le monde maintenant, il cessa brusquement de sortir.

A trois jours de là, on apprenait la rupture des fiançailles de Mlle Frémières et de Pierre Riboux.

Ainsi, malgré les transformations que la fortune avait amenées dans sa vie, l'ancien condamné se voyait à nouveau livré au mépris public !

Pourtant, cette faute, ou ce semblant de faute, il l'avait expiée cruellement.

Hélas ! la marque était pour lui ineffaçable. Rien ne pourrait jamais faire que son infamie ancienne ne fût pas. Toujours, il devrait rester l'ancien condamné, l'hôte de Fresnes.

— A quoi donc m'a servi ma richesse ? murmurait-il.

Dans son inconscience, le malheureux ne voyait pas que, seul, le travail rachète les fautes passées, et que la renommée d'honneur est inconstante quand elle n'est basée que sur l'estime des oisifs et des envieux.

Il ne restait plus à Pierre qu'à disparaître. C'est ce qu'il fit, sans que l'on sût jamais s'il s'était tué ou s'il s'était enfui dans quelque pays lointain.

Six mois après, on lisait dans les journaux :

« On annonce le prochain mariage de Mlle Frémières, fille du banquier parisien bien connu, avec le vicomte de Foulcques, fils du général comte de Foulcques. »

N. DE MONTERRATO.

FARINE DUTAUT, le meilleur aliment des enfants

CIGALE

— Mademoiselle Rosine, permettez-moi de vous offrir... Ce sont les premières violettes de la saison.

Et Marcel Balmier, l'étudiant en médecine du cinquième, présentait à la jeune fille un bouquet frais et parfumé comme le printemps.

Les deux jeunes gens se rencontraient souvent — Marcel aidait de son mieux le hasard — dans l'escalier de la vaste maison qui abritait tout un monde de locataires : employés, petits rentiers, artistes et professeurs.

La mère de Rosine, veuve sans fortune d'un officier mort au Tonkin, occupait, avec ses deux filles, un modeste appartement sur la cour. L'aînée, Lucy, donnait en ville des leçons de musique. Rosine étudiait le chant. Elle emplissait de roulades et de savants exercices les petites pièces étroites, en attendant qu'une scène plus vaste s'offrit à la réalisation de ses rêves d'artiste.

Sa jolie voix pure et brillante était habilement cultivée par le signor Belloni, un vieux professeur italien qui ne ménageait pas les encouragements et les éloges à sa gentille élève. Il aimait à raconter devant elle les débuts et les triomphes des cantatrices plus ou moins fameuses qu'il avait guidées dans les voies du grand art, et, naturellement, l'imagination de la jeune fille s'enflammait à ces récits où l'exagération méridionale avait une bonne part. La mère, imprudente, attisait le feu au lieu de l'éteindre. Ses ambitions étaient illimitées quand il s'agissait de sa fille chérie.

— Rosine sera une grande artiste et elle chantera un jour à l'Opéra, affirmait-elle avec conviction.

— Nous pourrions nous contenter de l'Opéra-Comique, maman, disait Lucy, avec son sourire tranquille, un peu désabusé.

Lucy représentait la raison dans le petit ménage. Elle aimait bien sa sœur ; elle admirait, sans arrière-pensée de jalousie, la grâce juvénile de Rosine, ses yeux d'un bleu si doux sous la mousse légère des cheveux dorés, son charme délicat, un peu fragile, comme le cristal même de cette voix fraîche sur laquelle on fondait de si grandes espérances, mais elle sentait qu'il suffirait d'un rien pour anéantir les beaux rêves.

Et elle travaillait courageusement, grimpant et redescendant les étages sans se plaindre, écoutant sans impatience les sonates et les préludes innocents, trop souvent massacrés sur de malheureux pianos qui ne pouvaient que gémir.

Les modestes leçons seraient peut-être un jour la ressource suprême.

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— Maman, avait dit, ce soir-là, Rosine en rentrant et en se jetant, toute palpitante, au cou de sa mère, je viens d'avoir une audition de M... Il est enchanté de ma voix.

— M..., le compositeur ? fit la mère, éblouie.

— Oui. Oh ! j'ai eu une minute d'émotion et même un peu de trac, mais ça n'a pas duré. J'ai chanté sans accroc tout le second acte de son opéra.

« — Vous incarnez merveilleusement mon héroïne, m'a dit le maître. Je ne veux pas d'autre interprète que vous. »

Alors, le bon vieux Belloni m'a embrassée, en pleurant de joie, et l'impresario...

— L'impresario ?... C'est un engagement qu'on te propose ?

— Un engagement de six mois pour une grande tournée en province et à l'étranger. Nous ferons le Nord de la France, la Belgique, la Hollande, une partie de l'Allemagne et la Russie, si ça marche.

— Comment, si ça marche ! s'écria la mère enthousiasmée. C'est-à-dire que tu nous reviendras étoile et que nous pourrons faire nos conditions aux directeurs de Paris.

— Les tournées ne réussissent pas toujours, observa la prudente Lucy. Es-tu sûre de ton impresario, au moins ?

Mais on ne l'écoutait pas. Les deux femmes laissaient leur imagination s'envoler sur les ailes des espoirs infinis et parlaient de fleurs, de bravos, de rappels enthousiastes, quand le timbre de l'antichambre interrompit ce flot de paroles joyeuses.

— C'est M. Balmier, dit la mère, qui n'était pas insensible aux politesses et aux prévenances du jeune voisin. Je l'ai invité à passer la soirée avec nous pour fêter l'heureuse issue de ses examens : il est docteur depuis hier.

Et, laissant la jeunesse échanger les nouvelles et les félicitations, elle alla surveiller les débuts d'une petite bonne qu'il aurait été imprudent de laisser livrée à elle-même si on voulait avoir un dîner présentable.

— Monsieur le docteur, dit Rosine avec une lueur de malice dans ses jolis yeux, est-ce votre nouveau titre qui vous rend si grave ? Vous n'avez pas du tout l'air content de vos triomphes... ni des miens, ajouta-t-elle, inconsciemment coquette, en respirant les violettes de son bouquet.

Les deux jeunes gens s'étaient isolés dans un coin du petit salon pendant que Lucy, assise au piano, déchiffrait d'une main légère la partition du dernier opéra de M... Elle avait deviné, depuis longtemps, les sentiments de Marcel pour sa sœur.

« Pauvre garçon, songeait-elle en regardant le jeune couple si bien fait pour s'entendre, lui brun, sérieux, résolu, elle blonde et charmante dans sa grâce rieuse, il ne pouvait choisir un moment plus défavorable pour offrir à Rosine d'aller s'enterrer dans une petite ville de province. »

— Comment aurais-je l'air heureux quand vous me parlez de départ ? disait Marcel à Rosine, avec un regard si éloquent qu'elle en fut un peu troublée.

— Mais vous partez aussi pour exercer la médecine dans votre ville natale.

— Oui, seulement, j'espérais... Voyez-vous, mademoiselle Rosine, j'avais rêvé pour vous autre chose que cette existence nomade et incertaine de l'artiste, toujours à la merci d'un hasard malheureux, sans compter les caprices du public.

— Oh ! fit-il, répondant à un mouvement de la jeune fille, je sais que vous serez fêtée, admirée pour votre talent et le charme irrésistible qui est en vous, mais je pense aux jalousies, aux intrigues, à toutes les misères qui sont l'envers d'une vie brillante en apparence, trop souvent dure et décevante. Vous êtes si peu faite pour les fatigues et les luttes !

— Ne faut-il pas toujours lutter pour conquérir sa place au soleil ?

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LES AVENTURES D'UN CORSAIRE

par Edouard GACHOT

Maître Lafougane disait à son auditoire :

— Je veux, aujourd'hui, vous raconter comment Joseph Bavastro, de Nice, put gagner cent vingt-cinq mille francs dans une nuit...

L'événement s'est passé à Gênes, pays d'Italie, il y a longtemps.

J'ai tenu garnison dans cette ville quand la domination française s'étendait jusqu'à Rome. J'ai monté la garde aux portes du palais Doria. J'ai parcouru, à loisir, le quartier de la Marine qui formait, il y a un siècle, une cité à part dans la grande ville, cité percée de ruelles tortueuses, sillonnée de ruisselets, habitée par une vile multitude qui ne vivait que d'oranges, de pâtes avariées et d'herbes cuites.

En temps de guerre, cette population s'augmentait des déserteurs, des contrebandiers, d'évadés des bagnes, et la police s'arrêtait, prudente, au seuil du repaire.

Dans la chaleur qui chauffe à blanc, durant l'été, le fond du golfe de Gênes, sur deux places et sur des escaliers coupant des montées, les fainéants demeuraient longtemps assoupis. Ici, des jeunes gens couverts de haillons suivaient, les yeux clos, l'image d'un rêve fantastique. Là, de belles filles aux poitrines opulentes, étalées plutôt que couchées en pleine rue, la joue posée sur un bras, goûtaient la somnolence. Ailleurs, adossées aux murailles lézardées, de vieilles femmes enveloppées de loques sordides se miraient dans un morceau de glace. Des enfants, très sales et nus, remplissaient l'air de leurs cris ; ils jouaient, se poursuivaient et heurtaient parfois du pied un dormeur qui, réveillé en sursaut, grommelait, se levait et frappait.

Souvent, deux hommes, qu'une rivalité faisait ennemis, se rencontrant dans une ruelle, tiraient leurs couteaux et se battaient. Ils avaient la foule pour témoins, une foule gouailleuse. De l'un des combattants, le vaincu, le sang vermeil arrosait les cailloutis, teintait le ruiseau formé par des eaux ménagères. Un dernier coup de poignard achevait le vaincu.

A l'homme mort, personne ne voulait s'intéresser. Un fossoyeur venait prendre le soir le cadavre pour aller l'enterrer au cimetière suburbain. Au passage du vainqueur, la foule s'écartait, admiratrice.

La nuit, quand portes et fenêtres restaient béantes, quelque temps qu'il fît, des voix chantaient ou blasphémaient au fond des impasses noires. Dans le dédale des rues point éclairées, des ombres rôdaient. Au seuil d'un logis délabré, une femme battue gémissait. Un ivrogne heurtait de ses bras les murs des maisons. Des enfants, couchés sur des matelas pouacres, pleuraient. Les bruits du quartier de la Marine couvraient souvent les bruits de Gênes.

Depuis longtemps, la ville et le faubourg se boudaient.

Aucun citadin n'eût osé s'aventurer seul dans le faubourg. Mais la canaille du faubourg, propre aux séditions, sortait parfois en masse de ses repaires et s'en allait hurler ses immondes désirs, ses revendications, dans la cité des Doria. Il fallait employer, pour la refouler, des gendarmes ou des cavaliers. Laissée libre d'agir, elle eût tué, incendié, pillé.

Mais cette population aux vils instincts allait rendre, le 30 Mai 1800, de pieux hommages à Saint-Ferdinand, lui tresser des couronnes de fleurs cueillies à Carignano, l'encenser, quand un cri d'alarme retentit jusqu'au fond du quartier.

— « Au Jacobin ! »

Un Jacobin, c'était un Français.

Alors, Masséna tenait dans Gênes une garnison en haleine pendant que, de tous côtés, les Autrichiens et les Anglais s'employaient à livrer aux défenseurs de la Ligurie les plus furieux assauts.

Affamée, la troupe de 10,000 hommes se nourrissait des feuilles des arbres, des chiens, des chats, des rats. Un lézard se payait trois francs ; une once de pain d'amidon valait trente sols, le service du blocus ayant arrêté, tant du côté de la mer que du côté de l'Apennin, les provisions dirigées vers la ville.

Contre les soldats français, la haine du peuple augmentait chaque jour, haine qui se manifestait par des cris, des rassemblements, des séditions. Mais les baïonnette eurent raison des fauteurs de troubles, qui durent cacher leurs figures hideuses et panser leurs blessures dans le quartier de la Marine.

Quel homme osait se présenter à l'entrée de ce quartier ?

Il avait quarante ans environ. Quoiqu'il fût de taille ordinaire, la largeur des épaules, l'épaisseur du buste, le développement des mains, annonçaient sa force musculaire. Son visage sanguin, ovale, était barré d'épaisses moustaches noires. Un nez à la grecque dominait des lèvres fines et très mobiles. Les yeux noirs, comme embusqués sous des sourcils broussailleux, étaient pleins de feu. La hauteur du front indiquait l'intelligence.

Habillé d'un uniforme de drap bleu, bien ajusté sur la taille et aux entournures, les pieds et les jambes pris dans de hautes bottes rouges évasées, à la mode mousquetaire. Dans la ceinture en cuir jaune qui serrait son habit, deux pistolets et un poignard étaient placés.

C'était Bavastro, le corsaire, homme redoutable, qui commandait à Gênes un bateau de guerre au service des Français. Habile marin qui avait vingt fois passé la nuit entre les escadres anglaises assurant un étroit blocus. Hardi navigateur qui se jouait des plus grandes fureurs de la mer. Lutteur indomptable qui regardait un combat comme une fête. De plus, joueur obstiné qui éparpillait sur les tapis verts tout l'or de ses prises.

(*La suite au prochain numéro.*)

Edouard GACHOT.

— Rosine, murmura le jeune homme en se penchant vers elle, j'aurais voulu prendre pour moi seul les responsabilités de la vie et vous faire une existence tranquille et sûre. Dès demain, je peux remplacer mon père, qui désire prendre sa retraite, dans la ville où je suis né et où je trouverai une clientèle fidèle aux Balmier de père en fils depuis plusieurs générations. C'est l'aisance, sinon la fortune.

Une gentille maison m'attend, pas grande mais si gaie avec son jardin plein d'œillets, de roses et de tulipes, et sa véranda enguirlandée de plantes grimpantes. Dans le haut du jardin, il y a une tonnelle de chèvrefeuille où je vous ai vue souvent en rêve, un ouvrage ou un livre à la main, à l'heure où le soleil se couche derrière les arbres du verger.

Dites-moi, Rosine, ne croyez-vous pas qu'on puisse être heureux, quand on s'aime, dans un nid si bien caché au milieu de la verdure et des fleurs ?

Rosine écoutait, silencieuse, émue par l'accent d'une tendresse sincère, tentée aussi par ce bonheur paisible qui répondait aux véritables instincts de sa nature bien féminine. Peut-être eût-elle dit oui si Marcel avait insisté et demandé une réponse immédiate.

— Laissez-moi deux jours de réflexion, implora-t-elle, trop bouleversée par tant d'événements imprévus pour voir bien clair dans sa cervelle confuse.

Mais, le lendemain, elle était déjà reprise par le mirage tentateur, par cette fièvre artistique que tout le monde excitait à plaisir autour d'elle. Lucy elle-même, revenue de ses défiances, semblait croire à un avenir superbe. Après une courte hésitation, la petite cigale imprévoyante partit vers l'inconnu.

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Quatre ans ont passé sur ce départ qui rendit Marcel très malheureux tout d'abord. Il travailla beaucoup pour oublier. Il revit parfois Lucy, dont la sympathie discrète endormait peu à peu son chagrin. L'absente, retenue au loin par une série d'engagements à l'étranger, ne donnait plus que de rares et brèves nouvelles.

Quand Lucy perdit sa mère, il lui offrit de réunir leurs deux solitudes. C'est elle, maintenant, qui règne dans la jolie maison fleurie et qui, le soir, à l'ombre des chèvrefeuilles de la tonnelle, attend le retour du jeune docteur, retenu tout l'après-midi au dehors par ses malades.

Ce soir-là, le docteur Balmier, appelé à Paris pour seconder son maître, le grand chirurgien Bérard, dans une opération difficile, est entré au théâtre, au hasard des affiches.

Une troupe étrangère joue le drame lyrique d'un célèbre compositeur russe.

Tout en écoutant cette musique nouvelle pour lui, un peu étrange, Marcel songe à la lointaine Russie où, sous le nom de guerre de Rosy Bell, Rosine a obtenu son premier grand succès. Où est-elle maintenant, l'oublieuse Rosy ? Elle n'a pas donné signe de vie depuis le mariage de sa sœur.

Sur la scène, où évolue un bataillon de figurantes, une choriste pâle et blonde évoque aux yeux de Marcel la silhouette de l'absente. C'est la même taille frêle et souple, la même chevelure dorée, une ressemblance singulière, malgré la maigreur et le visage fané de cette femme maladive, poitrinaire peut-être, qui use ce qui lui reste de vie dans l'atmosphère malsaine d'un théâtre.

Soudain, elle lève les yeux et son regard rencontre celui du peune homme. Il la voit rougir violemment, pâlir, puis disparaître toute chancelante dans les coulisses, soutenue par une compagne.

— Cette jeune femme ? dit le médecin du théâtre à Marcel qui l'interroge, le cœur serré d'une affreuse inquiétude, si elle en réchappe aujourd'hui, je ne lui en donne pas pour deux mois. Elle a dû avoir quelque secousse, une émotion violente qui a déterminé une crise. Elle est, d'ailleurs, poitrinaire au dernier degré. Il lui faut surtout du calme, du repos.

— Pauvre Rosy ! En voilà une qui n'était pas faite pour cette vie de misère. Croiriez-vous, docteur, dit la choriste qui a donné les premiers soins à sa compagne, que, il y a moins de deux ans, le nom de Rosy Bell était en vedette sur les affiches des grands théâtres ? Et quand elle chantait à Pétersbourg, à Moscou, à Bucarest, c'étaient des bravos et des rappels à n'en peus finir.

Puis, un soir, elle a pris froid, une bronchite dont elle ne s'est jamais bien remise, et sa jolie voix partie avec sa beauté, elle a été encore heureuse de trouver une place dans les chœurs.

Le docteur Balmier s'est fait conduire dans la chambre d'hôtel où Rosine, étendue sur son lit, tousse à se déchirer la poitrine.

En le voyant entrer, elle fait le geste de cacher dans ses mains sa figure amaigrie, où les yeux brillent de fièvre sous les touffes des beaux cheveux dorés.

Il presse doucement les petites mains brûlantes et place entre ses doigts un gros bouquet de violettes.

Alors, elle se rassure et sourit à la vue des fleurs parfumées qui font revivre une minute son insouciante jeunesse et lui rappellent tant de choses !...

— Je vous guérirai, Rosine, affirme le docteur avec une telle conviction qu'une lueur d'espoir brille dans les grands yeux bleus.

Mais bientôt la malade secoue la tête :

— Trop tard ! dit-elle, en regardant son ancien amoureux avec un sourire navré qui le bouleverse. A quoi bon guérir, maintenant ?

Il ne trouve rien à répondre. Oui, il est trop tard. La destinée a été impitoyable pour la créature de grâce et de faiblesse que des influences contraires ont entraînée hors de sa véritable voie. Et Marcel, devant cette Rosine qu'il a tant aimée et qui lui sourit tristement en respirant ses violettes, sent tomber en son cœur la pesante amertume des regrets impuissants et des grands bonheurs perdus.

A. Reski.

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Un krach

Edith Erfaut, ayant terminé sa toilette, contempla, avec un sourire heureux, la radieuse image que lui renvoyait sa psyché.

Sa robe moulait un corps charmant, et la certitude de revoir, le soir même, chez les de l'Angle, celui qu'elle aimait, mettait dans ses yeux une telle intensité de joie passionnée que toute sa personne en resplendissait.

Tout en boutonnant ses gants, elle se disait :

« Mon ami, ce soir-ci nous sera une bien belle soirée, car nous ne nous quitterons pas avant que vous ne m'ayez dit que vous m'aimez... Jamais je n'aurais cru que cela pût paraître si difficile ! — ajouta-t-elle, riant de bonheur — et il faut convenir que, jusqu'à ce jour, il n'y a mis guère d'empressement !... »

Mais, bien vite, sa pensée acheva :

« C'est la rançon de mon absurde fortune de ne rencontrer que révoltante audace ou fierté excessive. »

Et la jeune fille évoquait Tony Ulmès, un tout jeune artiste dont les débuts avaient été étourdissants.

Il y avait bien de cela quatre mois — quatre mois d'enchantement — il lui avait été présenté à une exposition de cercle...

Dans l'élégant salon, les groupes se massaient, attirés par une exquise figure de fillette, fine et grêle encore, mais d'une pureté de formes toute attique. L'expression des traits était, à la fois, ingénue et audacieuse ; les doigts entr'ouverts laissaient s'écouler une eau qui demeurait invisible, et les yeux semblaient voir des images trop lointaines pour le regard des hommes. Elle était intitulée *la Source*. L'œuvre était charmante. Edith l'avait dit en quelques mots émus.

Lui l'avait écoutée en silence, la contemplant avec une telle ardeur d'admiration, avec, dans ses sombres prunelles, une si subite adoration, qu'un trouble inexprimable, une sorte de défaillance s'étaient emparés de la jeune fille.

Depuis, cette impression de trop douce angoisse, elle l'avait ressentie chaque fois qu'elle avait rencontré Tony Ulmès, aux différentes expositions dans les salons où sa jeune et toute récente gloire le faisait inviter.

Loin de lui, elle demeurait sous le charme, silencieuse et recueillie, avec de subites explosions de gaîté... et un grand désir de faire des heureux... de créer de la joie autour d'elle.

Dans le monde, on les épiait, et, comme ils étaient charmants tous les deux, on riait, sans méchanceté :

— Cela finira par un mariage ! Il a tant de talent et elle... tant d'argent !

Et, de fait, Edith, fille unique et adorée du baron Erfaut, le richissime banquier, pouvait s'offrir tous les luxes, même celui d'un mari ne possédant que la divine étincelle et une confiance sans bornes dans les promesses de la vie...

Or, comme la jeune fille, enveloppée dans un manteau de soie — véritable merveille — descendait le monumental escalier de l'hôtel, une femme de chambre lui présenta une carte.

— Ce monsieur insiste pour parler à mademoiselle.

— A cette heure ? Vous auriez dû dire que je sortais, dit Edith contrariée.

— C'est ce que j'avais pris la liberté de répondre. Mais il y a urgence, paraît-il.

Mlle Erfaut prit la carte.

— M. Saint-Domingue ! murmura-t-elle. Mais c'est à peine si je le connais.

Tout haut, elle dit :

— Je le recevrai donc.

Très intriguée, elle pensait :

« Saint-Domingue ?... que veut donc ce vieux nègre milliardaire ? »

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Milliardaire ?... oui... mais vieux, pas encore certes, et nègre moins encore : simplement très bruni, très tanné par le soleil des tropiques, les cheveux un peu crépus, une force d'athlète, un regard inquisiteur qui se voilait brusquement pour céler la pensée trop transparente... Tel était M. Saint-Domingue, tombé un beau jour en pleine scène parisienne, où il remplissait depuis le rôle de nabab. Tel était l'homme volontaire et énigmatique avec lequel Edith allait avoir un entretien qui déciderait de toute sa vie à venir...

En entrant dans le salon où, debout, le dos à la cheminée, M. Saint-Domingue attendait, gentiment la jeune fille dit :

— Je suis heureuse, monsieur, de me trouver encore chez moi...

Mais les paroles de bienvenue moururent sur ses lèvres. A grands pas, il était venu au devant d'elle et, lui prenant les mains :

— Pauvre enfant ! pauvre petite ! répétait-il.

Elle eut l'impression que le sol manquait sous ses pieds et, avec effroi, cacha son visage dans ses deux mains... Certes, pour que cet homme, cet étranger osât lui parler ainsi, il fallait qu'un bien grand malheur l'ait frappée... et quel autre qu'un accident arrivé à son père... son père qui, avec Tony, remplissait son univers d'espérance et de tendresse... Elle le vit blessé, pis encore peut-être, et une mortelle angoisse lui barrant la gorge, elle balbutia :

— Mon père ! grand Dieu ! mon père !...

A voix basse et rapide, il dit :

— C'est, en effet, de votre père qu'il s'agit, et c'est lui qui m'envoie auprès de vous. Sa santé est excellente... et cependant il est frappé... durement frappé ! Ses intérêts sont gravement compromis. Des spéculations malheureuses lui ont créé une situation sinon désespérée, du moins très embarrassée.

Et avec un tact, une délicatesse qu'on n'eût jamais attendus de cet homme à la rude apparence, il dit à Edith la catastrophe dans toute son étendue, c'est-à-dire l'hôtel d'Erfaut hypothéqué jusqu'à la dernière pierre... le somptueux mobilier vendu au profit des créanciers, et ceci, plus grave encore : un déficit impossible à évaluer à cette heure d'affolement, mais certainement énorme.

Atterrée, Edith écoutait. Tout d'abord, à savoir que la vie de son père n'était pas menacée, elle avait éprouvé un sentiment de délivrance tel que tout autre en avait été absorbé. Tout pouvait bien se produire... mais pas cela, cette chose horrible : la mort du père après celle de la mère enlevée depuis si longtemps déjà que le souvenir lui en restait vague et imprécis comme un rêve.

Cependant, les paroles étranges et terribles qui se prononçaient, peu à peu prirent un sens. Elle comprit... et l'effroi glaça son âme. Avec une compassion infinie, M. Saint-Domingue disait :

— Il n'a pas eu le courage de vous apprendre lui-même ces terribles événements. L'idée de votre désespoir le rend fou...

— Ah ! est-ce qu'il s'agit de moi ?... Mais lui... lui... comment supporte-t-il un tel effondrement ?

— Sa souffrance disparaît devant la vôtre.

— Grand Dieu ! Ne peut-on donc rien faire ? Parmi ses amis, ne s'en trouve-t-il pas un seul pour lui venir en aide ?

Un éclair brilla dans les yeux sombres de M. Saint-Domingue ; sa large poitrine se souleva et, d'une voix dont il ne pouvait pas maîtriser le tremblement :

— Mademoiselle Erfaut... veuillez m'écouter avec attention. Cet ami existe... il mettrait sa fortune entière, son intelligence, sa longue connaissance des affaires au service de votre père... et cela avec joie, avec une reconnaissance émue...

— Mais alors !... s'écria Edith haletante.

— Ne vous hâtez pas de vous réjouir... et plutôt redoutez... redoutez la conclusion. Il paraît qu'un service comme celui-ci... un prêt aussi considérable — et dont

PIÈCES A DIRE

Monsieur Bébé

Au fond du berceau blanc et rose,
Dans le plus charmant abandon,
Monsieur Bébé, calme, repose,
Le corps bien chaud sous l'édredon.

Les parents de ce personnage
Ont dû, ce soir-là, s'absenter ;
Il a dix mois et, vu son âge,
Il faut quelqu'un pour le garder.

On a donc écrit, à la hâte,
Aux grands-parents, pour les prier,
Mission douce et délicate,
De venir, ce soir, le veiller.

Et les deux vieux, par un caprice
Que certes chacun comprendra,
Disent bientôt à la nourrice :
« Retirez-vous, nous sommes-là. »

Pauvres grands-parents ! Il leur semble
Qu'un tiers gâterait leur bonheur ;
Ils préfèrent rester ensemble
Pour mieux laisser parler leur cœur.

Et Dieu seul sait comme ils bavardent
Les cœurs ravis de ces deux vieux
Qui sont là, penchés, et regardent
Bébé qui dort insoucieux !

— Prenons garde qu'il ne s'éveille !...
— Est-il fort ! — Quels jolis bras blancs !...
— Comme il est beau, quand il sommeille,
Le bel enfant de nos enfants !...

— Oh ! sa petite jambe est nue !
— Je vais la recouvrir. — Non, moi !
— Tu ne sais pas ! — Chut !... il remue !
— Tu fais du bruit ! — C'est toi ! — C'est toi ! »

Par bonheur, ce n'est qu'une alerte,
Allons, personne n'aura tort.
La jambe nue est recouverte
Et monsieur Bébé se rendort.

Cela dure à peine un quart d'heure !
Il s'est agité de nouveau !...
Cette fois, c'est plus grave, il pleure !...
Les deux vieux courent au berceau.

Leur figure peu familière
Au gamin le rend tout surpris,
Il s'effraie et, loin de se taire,
Il redouble aussitôt ses cris.

« Quand un enfant pleure, on le berce »,
Disent les grands-parents émus ;
Cette fois, ça produit l'inverse !
Bébé pleure de plus en plus.

Et la nounou que l'on appelle
Ne vient pas, ne peut pas venir.
On l'a renvoyée et la belle
En a profité pour sortir.

Alors, troublés, ils délibèrent,
Privés qu'ils sont de ce secours,
Et pendant qu'ils se désespèrent,
Monsieur Bébé pleure toujours !

— Vois-tu, nous devrions le prendre,
Le porter un peu dans nos bras.
Mais, au moment de l'entreprendre,
Ils sont si vieux !... ils n'osent pas.

— Pourtant, il faut bien qu'il s'arrête !...
Du courage ! Et, très effrayés,
Grand-papa le prend par la tête,
Grand'maman le prend par les pieds.

Alors nouvelle inquiétude,
Bébé s'agite comme un ver ;
On sent qu'il n'a pas l'habitude
De voyager ainsi, c'est clair.

Si bien qu'éperdu, le grand-père,
Sans y penser, ouvre les bras,
Et voilà la pauvre grand'mère
Qui tient Bébé... la tête en bas !

Avec terreur on le redresse !
Il était temps ! il étouffait !...
Après cette belle prouesse
Les vieux s'affolent tout à fait.

Et ne sachant plus trop que faire,
Désespérant de l'apaiser,
On met monsieur Bébé par terre,
Et l'on s'efforce à l'amuser.

Grand'maman lui fait des risettes
Et grand-papa, lui, plus nerveux,
Saisit la pelle et les pincettes
Dont il tire un concert affreux !

Puis, l'enfant paraissant se taire :
— Il ne pleure plus ! Quel bonheur !
— Je crois bien, répond la grand'mère,
Regarde-le, tu lui fais peur !

Grand-père, tout honteux, se baisse
Pour prendre et rassurer Bébé,
Mais l'âge trahit sa tendresse ;
Sur les genoux il est tombé.

Un mouvement qu'il fait l'achève,
Il veut se dresser, mais en vain...
Et c'est grand'mère qui relève
Et le grand-père et le gamin.

Et le gamin toujours réclame !
— Il a faim, sans doute ? — Oui ! voilà !
— Que lui donner, ma pauvre femme,
Le restaurant n'étant plus là ?

— Trouvons-lui quelque chose à boire,
Ça lui trompera l'estomac.
Vite on cherche, on ouvre une armoire,
Ciel !... Kirsch ! Rhum ! Chartreuse ! Cognac !

— Cette collection étrange
N'est pas du tout ce qu'il nous faut ;
Nous ne pouvons, à ce cher ange,
Donner de pareils goûts si tôt.

Et Bébé fait le diable à quatre !
— Sapristi ! quel vilain enfant !
Dit grand-père, ah ! je vais le battre !
Mais grand'mère le lui défend !

L'orage menaçait, il gronde !
Il éclate !... Et les pauvres vieux,
De la meilleure foi du monde,
Se disputent à qui mieux mieux.

La scène est touchante et grotesque !
Chacun crie ! Et, le plus affreux,
C'est que Bébé s'étrangle presque,
En voulant crier plus fort qu'eux !

— Ah ! mon Dieu ! le voilà tout pâle !
— Il devient rouge ! — Il devient bleu !
— Doux Jésus ! Il suffoque ! — Il râle !
— Il va trépasser ! — Ah ! mon Dieu !...

Et, s'exagérant ce malaise,
Chacun, croyant que c'est la fin,
Tombe, accablé, sur une chaise,
Plus malade que le gamin !...

Et, juste à ce moment du drame,
Rentrent les deux jeunes époux
A qui les vieux, la mort dans l'âme,
Disent : — Grâce !... Pardonnez-nous !...

Mais, avant qu'on ait pu se rendre
Compte de ce qui s'est passé,
Un cri joyeux se fait entendre,
Et c'est Bébé qui l'a poussé.

Car, pour éclairer son visage,
Une caresse lui suffit,
Maman l'embrasse, adieu l'orage !
Il ne pleure plus, il sourit.

La moralité, ce me semble,
Est qu'il faut toujours éviter
De laisser trois enfants ensemble
Sans personne pour les garder.

Paul BILHAUD

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Dans le prochain numéro :

LE PARI, monologue gai,

par Jo. VALLE

le remboursement ne pourrait être fixé à date exacte — ne saurait être accepté d'un étranger. Pour que cela fût possible — n'oubliez pas que ce sont les paroles de votre père scrupuleusement transmises — il faudrait un lien de parenté... une alliance... et ce lien... cette alliance, mademoiselle Edith, vous seule pouvez les créer... entre... entre nous... entre lui et moi.

Elle recula, épouvantée.

— Ah ! je ne veux pas... je ne veux pas comprendre !

Impassible, M. Saint-Domingue regardait la jeune fille. Il murmura :

— Ce cri spontané était fatal. Comment sa jeune et éclatante beauté eût-elle pu envisager une union avec ma laide et sombre personne ?

Il lui prit la main :

— Pauvre enfant ! dit-il, comme je vous comprends. Pourtant, vous eussiez trouvé en moi un second père... un grand frère très aîné et bien complètement dévoué... un vieil esclave attentif et habile à satisfaire vos moindres désirs.

Elle passa sa main sur son front qui était moite :

— Merci, dit-elle. Je crois que tout ce que je dois vous faire cet aveu... Il vous très noble comme l'offre même que vous nous faites... Je ne suis pas très bien en état d'y répondre comme il le faudrait... Je suis si émue... si troublée... car tout ceci, n'est-ce pas ? est bien imprévu et très terrible... Pourtant... il me paraît très évident que je dois vous faire cet aveu... Il vous fera tout de suite comprendre que cette... cette alliance serait impossible... coupable même... Je ne dispose plus de mon cœur... Je l'ai donné tout entier... et je suis sans forces pour le reprendre.

Et son radieux amour pour Tony faisant de nouveau irruption dans son âme désemparée, son désespoir passa toutes limites...

En silence, il contemplait ce jeune corps qui, sans souci des yeux qui en détaillaient les lignes exquises, s'abandonnait dans les coussins du canapé. Il voyait, sous la pression des doigts, se froisser, s'écraser les ondes de cette merveilleuse chevelure, et ses dents, fortes et blanches, s'imprimaient dans sa lèvre épaisse... et ses ongles meurtrissaient ses paumes de travailleur.

Il se leva :

— Mademoiselle Erfaut, permettez que je me retire. J'ai hâte de retourner auprès de votre père qui m'attend dans un émoi trop compréhensible. D'ailleurs, ajouta-t-il après une courte hésitation, il est urgent qu'il puisse prendre — et sans tarder — diverses dispositions avant son départ.

La jeune fille sursauta :

— Son départ ?... son départ... dites-vous ! Mais il ne peut partir ainsi !

Et, plus bas, elle ajouta :

— Il aurait l'air de fuir...

Très grave, il dit :

— Il le faut cependant... car demain, déjà, demain, mademoiselle Edith, il serait trop tard. Demain, cette catastrophe dont seuls, ou à peu près, lui et moi, à cette heure-ci, sommes informés, volera de bouche en bouche... Et alors...

— Et alors ?...

— Alors ?... alors chacun redemandera impérieusement ses valeurs... et comme il ne sera pas en état de les rembourser...

La jeune fille frissonna. Elle répéta :

— Et comme il ne sera pas en état de les rembourser ?

— Pourquoi m'obliger à vous dire cela, pauvre enfant ?

— J'ai le droit de tout savoir, le devoir de ne rien ignorer...

— Soit !... Eh bien, alors, la loi interviendra...

— Ah ! fit-elle.

Elle s'était redressée. Le riche manteau doublé d'hermine avait glissé et elle apparaissait toute jeune dans sa jolie robe rose, et, comme étourdie par ce grand souffle d'orage qui passait sur elle, ses cils très longs palpitaient et sa bouche entr'ouverte laissait apercevoir l'éclair blanc des dents. Avec une audace ingénue, elle fixa son regard sur les yeux qui ne la quittaient pas...

— Et si je consentais à vous épouser, qu'arriverait-il ?

— Je deviendrais sur-le-champ l'associé de votre père. Ce qui fait que, lorsque les actionnaires se présenteraient aux guichets, immédiatement on ferait droit à leurs réclamations...

Avec un sourire, il ajouta :

— Voyant les paiements s'effectuer très vite, les demandes de remboursement cesseraient.

Alors, avec intrépidité, elle déclara :

— Monsieur Saint-Domingue, je suis prête à devenir votre femme, et je prends l'engagement de vous demeurer honnêtement et loyalement fidèle.

Il s'inclina sur la petite main brûlante qui se laissa prendre sans résistance, et l'effleura de sa rude moustache.

— J'ai foi en vous, dit-il avec simplicité, et vous me rendez heureux, heureux excessivement.

Et cette soirée, qui devait être pour Edith Erfaut l'aurore de ses fiançailles avec Tony Ulmès, fut une veillée de larmes.

Max Reboul.

Le Petit Journal illustré de **LA JEUNESSE**

est, de tous les journaux spécialement faits pour les enfants, le plus amusant, le plus varié, le plus complet et le mieux illustré.

En bateau

Le baron Adhémar de Baspertuis frisait la trentaine, alors que son crâne, lui, la défrisait.

Malgré cet incident, il portait beau et était considéré, parmi tous les mondains, comme un modèle d'élégance. Une grosse fortune, il est vrai, contribuait à propager cette opinion. Il avait hôtel, auto, yacht et tout le tremblement. C'était un garçon parfait.

Respectueux de la mode, dès que l'été avait paru, Adhémar prenait le train pour Trouville.

Endroit charmant pour se reposer des fatigues de l'hiver et fuir les amis de la capitale ! On ne rencontre qu'eux à chaque pas et, tous les jours, en flanelle blanche et panama extra-léger, tiré à quatre épingles, mis sur son trente-et-un, il faut courir du casino aux courses, des courses aux dîners, des dîners aux soirées. On a bien plus à faire qu'à Paris.

Pourtant, habitué à cet antique usage, le baron s'était soumis, cette année encore, aux exigences de sa situation. On l'avait vu dans tous les endroits cotés. Son nom avait figuré parmi les déplacements mondains. Même il avait offert, un jour, le thé sur son yacht, le fameux yacht *Va-de-Bon-Cœur*, que les méchantes langues appelaient le bateau-lavoir de la place des Ternes, à cause de son immobilité connue, son propriétaire, par crainte des aventures, ne lui ayant jamais fait quitter son port d'attache. Au reste, un endroit charmant pour y manger, boire, fumer, potiner et ne rien faire !

On avait beaucoup loué Adhémar pour la bonne tenue de son équipage : un cuisinier et un maître d'hôtel ! On l'avait complimenté sur son chic personnel en vareuse bleue et casquette d'amiral. Bref, il aurait dû être satisfait de son sort.

Hélas ! Adhémar ne l'était pas !

A force de faire toujours la même chose, à Trouville comme à Paris, il s'ennuyait. Les louanges à lui adressées lui semblaient banales. Être un mondain parfait, c'est très bien, mais cela n'épate personne. Et le baron avait envie d'épater les autres.

Mon Dieu ! oui ! épater les autres lui semblait devoir être très amusant. La vie est si courte, il faut être gai ! Adhémar se mit en chasse.

Déjà il allait se désespérer de ne rien trouver quand le hasard, ce bon hasard, vint à son aide.

Un après-midi qu'il suçait sa canne en regardant la foule aller et venir sur « les planches », une jeune fille passa qui attira son attention. Des cheveux d'or fou, un visage de gamine rieuse, une ligne onduleuse, une démarche allègre, surtout d'admirables chevilles, minces et cambrées en des bottines de toile blanche : il vit tout cela d'un coup d'œil et en fut saisi. Ah ! ces petites chevilles dans ces petites bottines, jamais il n'en avait vu de pareilles !

Ce fut une révélation. Pour étonner l'univers, parbleu ! Adhémar allait se marier.

Jusqu'à cette heure, le baron n'avait jamais eu que des idées aussi bizarres que subites. Celle de convoler en justes noces, comme cela, à propos de bottes... ou de bottines, pouvait compter dans le nombre. Pourtant, il en avait eu de plus dangereuses.

Le vicomte de Tournoyant, un ami, passait. Adhémar l'arrêta et, certain de son effet, lui jeta ces mots :

— Veux-tu tenir un pari ?

— Lequel ?

— Qu'avant un mois je suis marié ?

— Toi !... marié !... marié !...

L'autre n'en revenait pas. Il crut d'abord à une plaisanterie.

— Vingt louis ?

Ça devenait sérieux. L'ami, en riant, accepta et s'en fut répandre de tous côtés la nouvelle. C'est là ce que voulait l'amoureux de la jeune fille inconnue.

Sans perdre une seconde, il partit de son côté s'enquérir de ce que pouvait être sa découverte, apprit qu'elle s'appelait Hélène, qu'elle avait pour père un riche industriel des plus honorables, et que ce même père venait, tous les jours, sur la plage, à l'heure du bain. Un gamin qui le connaissait lui fit la description du personnage : cinquante ans, cheveux en brosse, favoris, beaucoup de ventre sous le gilet, une chaîne d'or dessus et, toujours, des costumes à grands carreaux. M. Eugène Marescut était facile à reconnaître.

Adhémar avait son plan.

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Tandis que cinq vigoureux matelots, engagés spécialement pour la circonstance, mettaient, sous les ordres d'un capitaine de fortune, le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* en état de prendre le large, pour la première fois de son existence peut-être, le baron de Baspertuis, en costume d'amiral suisse, arpentait fièrement la jetée, coude à coude avec un gros monsieur vêtu d'un costume à grands carreaux.

— J'ai toujours aimé beaucoup la mer, disait ce dernier.

— J'en suis un fanatique, répondait Adhémar, et mon plus grand plaisir est de faire de longues croisières à bord de mon yacht.

Adhémar, ce matin-là, avait rencontré le personnage répondant, point pour point, à la description qu'on lui avait faite du père de la belle inconnue. Il l'avait abordé, comme on s'aborde facilement en villégiature, et, peu à peu, il l'avait amené du côté où se balançait le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur*.

— Comme vous êtes heureux, reprenait le monsieur à carreaux, de pouvoir, grâce à votre joli bateau, suivre votre fantaisie et voyager librement sur les flots !

— Qu'à cela ne tienne, fit vivement le baron qui attendait la phrase. Si cela peut vous être agréable, je serai charmé de vous emmener avec moi. Je vais justement, tout à l'heure, faire un petit tour en mer...

— Oh ! je ne voudrais pas abuser...

— Du tout ! Du tout ! Nous serons rentrés pour le déjeuner. Une simple promenade le long de la côte ! Cela vous va-t-il ?

— Cela me remplit de joie !

Aussitôt, les deux hommes se dirigèrent vers le yacht. Sous pression, il attendait, prêt à lever l'ancre.

On embarqua. La sirène mugit, triomphante et, au bruissement régulier de l'hélice, le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* pointa vers le large.

Le monsieur à carreaux était émerveillé. A dire vrai, le baron ne l'était pas moins. Quitter le soutien salutaire des quais, sentir sous ses pieds vibrer et onduler le pont habitué jusqu'alors au calme parfait, respirer, avec l'air marin, la bonne odeur de la cheminée, pas cheminée de cuisine, celle-là, c'était, pour le propriétaire, du nouveau, de l'inédit.

A quelques encâblures de la terre, il se croyait déjà un hardi capitaine. Heureusement pour sa sécurité, il y en avait un plus sérieux à bord.

La mine satisfaite, des cigarettes aux lèvres, les deux hommes allèrent s'asseoir à l'arrière. Quelque temps, ils restèrent ainsi à contempler la fuite mouvante des vagues et l'infini calme de la mer, puis, brusquement, le baron, qui avait son idée en tête, commença :

— Monsieur, la solitude dans laquelle nous nous trouvons me permet de vous parler avec hardiesse. J'ai l'honneur de vous demander la main de Mlle Hélène Marescut.

L'interpellé regarda fixement Adhémar, tira une bouffée de sa cigarette et, très calme, répondit :

— C'est à moi, monsieur, que vous demandez la main de Mlle Marescut ?

— Parfaitement ! J'ai eu le bonheur de la rencontrer sur la plage. Immédiatement, je me suis épris d'elle et je n'ai qu'un désir : l'épouser.

— Ce désir est fort louable ! Mais...

— J'ai trente ans, une bonne santé, deux cent vingt mille livres de rente, un titre, quelque considération dans le monde et aucun défaut sensationnel.

— Tous mes compliments ! Mais...

— Je sais qui vous êtes et, malgré la dot que vous êtes susceptible de donner à Mlle votre fille, suis prêt à l'épouser sans argent. Vos conditions seront les miennes.

— Mais...

— Evidemment, le procédé est un peu rapide de ma part. Excusez-moi ! Je suis d'un caractère impétueux, j'aime les affaires vivement réglées. C'est pourquoi, sans plus attendre, je vous répète ceci respectueusement : j'ai l'honneur de vous demander la main de Mlle Hélène Marescut.

— Je regrette, mais...

— Vous refusez ?

— Je ne refuse pas ! Je vous dis simplement : je ne peux pas !

— Comment ! Vous ne pouvez pas m'accorder la main ?...

— Cela m'est tout à fait impossible.

— Vous êtes bien décidé à ne pas changer d'avis ?

— Parfaitement décidé ! Rien ne m'est plus impossible ! Encore une fois, je le regrette !

— Prenez garde ! Je saurai vous faire changer d'avis.

— Je vous en défie !

— C'est ce que nous allons voir !

Et, d'une voix magistrale, d'un geste auguste, digne de Neptune, empereur des mers, le baron Adhémar de Baspertuis commanda :

— Capitaine, allez au large, droit devant vous !

— Permettez-moi, intervint le monsieur à carreaux, permettez-moi de vous faire remarquer que, si nous allons au large, nous ne pourrons rentrer pour le déjeuner.

— C'est ce que je veux !

— Que la mer, là-bas, est houleuse !

— J'en serai ravi !

— Que le mal de mer est à craindre !

— Tant mieux !

— Parfait ! Je comprends ! Vous espérez me voir malade et m'extorquer alors un consentement que je ne puis donner !

— Vous l'avez deviné !

— J'accepte le duel, le duel au mal de mer ! Nous verrons bien celui des deux qui s'en tirera.

Paisiblement, le monsieur alluma une autre cigarette et, l'air détaché, les yeux au ciel, la bouche en O, fit des ronds de fumée. Cependant, à mesure qu'il s'éloignait des côtes, le petit navire roulait et tanguait de plus en plus. Bientôt, les vagues hautes le prirent : il se mit à danser une sarabande effrénée.

Le monsieur restait impassible. Le baron, par contre, était vert. Jamais il n'avait affronté le large, et c'était lui que le mal de mer prenait. Sans force, sans volonté, il était affalé au fond d'un fauteuil.

Le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* allait toujours le l'avant.

Alors, s'approchant d'Adhémar, le monsieur à carreaux reprit la conversation interrompue :

— Tenez-vous toujours à me demander la main de Mlle Hélène Marescut ?

Le baron, incapable de répondre, leva les yeux au ciel, semblant dire : « Je m'en moque ! Laissez-moi tranquille ! » L'autre reprit :

— Vous avez raison ! Malgré toute ma bonne volonté, je n'aurais jamais pu vous l'accorder... D'abord, je ne suis pas son père !... Je ne suis pas M. Marescut... Ensuite, je suis M. Tabouré, ancien capitaine de cabotage .. et je n'ai jamais eu le mal de mer ! Voilà, je crois, deux raisons suffisantes pour être le vainqueur du duel que vous m'avez proposé. Qu'en dites-vous ?

Adhémar n'en dit rien. Il était trop occupé à éponger les sueurs froides dont il souffrait.

— Mais, continua M. Tabouré, pour avoir voulu, en me menant sur votre yacht, me monter un bateau, vous trouverez juste, j'en suis sûr, de m'offrir une légère compensation !

Je suis en train, depuis quelques mois, de fonder une société de navigation ; je recherche des capitaux. Vous prenez, n'est-ce pas, un millier de mes actions ? Allons ! c'est une affaire entendue ! Signez ce petit papier ! Nous allons virer de bord !

Et pendant qu'Adhémar, incapable de résister, obéissait, M. Tabouré cria au capitaine :

— Le baron désire retourner à Trouville !

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A peine sur la terre ferme, Adhémar, rasant les murs et l'estomac toujours malade, s'empressait de regagner son hôtel quand, au coin d'une rue, il se trouva nez à nez avec le vicomte de Tournoyant.

— Te voilà enfin, cria-t-il. Et ton mariage, est-ce le *Va-de-Bon-Cœur* qui l'a arrangé ?

— Ne m'en parle pas ! fit l'autre, dépité. J'ai perdu mes vingt louis... et le reste ! Moi qui voulais vous étonner, j'en suis pour mes frais !

— Mon pauvre ami, ne te désole pas ! Si tu voulais simplement nous étonner, tu as joliment réussi !

— Moi ! Comment donc ?

— Mais en faisant sortir en mer ton yacht, parbleu ! C'est la première fois que ça lui arrive, au bateau-lavoir de la place des Ternes !

Il pivota sur ses talons, cachant un sourire narquois que ne vit pas le baron de Baspertuis. Aussi, ce dernier, soudain satisfait et réconforté, s'en retourna chez lui, persuadé qu'il serait désormais célèbre pour ses prouesses maritimes.

Roger Régis.

Plus le temps est chaud, plus les hommes sont faibles.

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L'ENFANT DE LA BALLE

(1832)

Samson, le grand comédien, lisait un rôle dans son cabinet d'étude, lorsque son domestique lui annonça une certaine Mme Félix, qu'il ne connaissait aucunement.

L'artiste, contrarié d'être dérangé dans son travail, reprit sa lecture en bougonnant :

— Dites que je ne puis recevoir.

Il n'était pas toujours commode, Samson ! Et la Comédie-Française connaissait bien ses bourrades. N'avait-il pas osé traiter Mme Mars de « vieille frégate démâtée » ? Et ceci bien en face...

Heureusement, ses minutes épineuses étaient brèves. Du reste, sa physionomie franche, son nez un peu retroussé, son teint frais, sa bouche spirituelle, sa chevelure châtain, épaisse et frisée, indiquaient bien l'homme spontané, brusque, mais jovial et bon, en somme.

La vie avait eu pour lui de rudes commencements. Né en pleine Terreur, d'un pauvre cafetier de Saint-Denis, dernier enfant baptisé à sa paroisse, en 1793, la veille de la fermeture de l'église ; tombé, avec sa famille, de revers en revers jusque dans l'indigence, que n'avait-il pas été obligé de faire pour vivre ? Sa vocation de comédien lui montra cependant, de très bonne heure, sa vraie voie ; saute-ruisseau chez un avoué, il faisait la joie des clercs et des voisins par son aptitude à imiter depuis le frotteur jusqu'aux clients de marque, en passant par le patron, qui le surprit, un jour, coiffé de son propre bonnet, vêtu de sa propre robe, pérorant, répétant ses propres plaidoiries, le singeant à merveille devant l'étude en liesse. Cette irrévérence coûta sa place au gamin et décida de sa destinée.

Cependant, voici que le domestique de Samson revenait près de son maître : la personne insistait... prétendant qu'elle venait de la part de M. Jousselin de la Salle.

— Ah ! sapristi, c'est vrai... Il me l'a annoncée... J'oubliais... Qu'elle entre.

En effet, M. Jousselin de la Salle, directeur de la scène du Théâtre-Français, avait parlé à l'artiste-professeur d'une fillette entendue par hasard dans un « boui-boui », passage du Saumon, un sujet très intéressant, une « nature ...» Samson ne pouvait refuser de la connaître.

Au fond, il se préparait à une déception. Il en avait tant vu, de ces petits prodiges surfaits et sans avenir !

Mme Félix, une femme moins qu'ordinaire, parut, poussant devant elle un véritable petit monstre. Haute comme on l'est vers douze ans, développée du buste, portant, au bout d'un long cou noir et maigre, une tête aux pommettes saillantes, au front énorme, découvert par un chevelure tirée en arrière, brune et dure, elle regardait avec des yeux hardis l'homme dont la renommée au moins eût dû impressionner sa modestie. Et, pour rendre encore plus grotesque cette difforme créature, on l'avait affublée d'une longue robe verte, d'un châle à palmes sur fond orange, et d'un chapeau blanc rehaussé d'un panache rose déchiré.

— C'est vous qui vous destinez au théâtre ? fit le maître abasourdi.

— Je suis au Molière, *où que* M. de la Salle m'a entendue.

L'organe dur et voilé de cette enfant semblait plus fait pour crier des harengs dans les rues que pour débiter des alexandrins. Où diable M. de la Salle avait-il eu les yeux et les oreilles quand il avait trouvé de l'étoffe en cette fille-là ?... Rien, absolument rien ! Ni voix, ni grâce, ni tenue... pas l'ombre d'instruction même, à en juger par son français.

Pourtant, par égard au protecteur et aussi par curiosité, Samson posa quelques questions :

— Quel âge avez-vous ?

— Quatorze ans.

— Vous êtes petite pour votre âge... Française ?

La mère intervint :

— Ma foi, monsieur, je serais bien embarrassée de le dire. Son père était marchand ambulant ; je le suivais. Et dame ! la petite est née sur une grande route, en Suisse, probablement. Nous n'avons pas fait attention. Mais nous avons des papiers... On pourrait voir...

— A-t-elle déjà travaillé ?

— Pas la comédie... Le chant, chez M. Choron.

Choron ?... Choron, l'admirable professeur que les débuts de Duprez venaient de glorifier une fois de plus... Choron avait entrepris « ça » ?... De plus en plus stupéfait, Samson demanda :

— Comment l'avez-vous connu ?

Les deux femmes hésitaient à répondre. La mère surtout. Elle avait quelque honte, sans doute, à confier la vérité.

Ce fut la fille qui, relevant la tête, fit l'aveu :

— Je chantais dans la rue, à Lyon, avec ma sœur.

Elle prit un temps, et ajouta :

— Nous sommes très pauvres.

Ce fut dit avec un fierté, une noblesse qui frappèrent l'homme et le comédien. En vérité, cette petite avait prononcé cela comme une reine tombée dans l'infortune.

— Il n'y a pas de mal à manquer d'argent, mon enfant. Alors ?...

— Alors, reprit la fillette dont un sourire de gratitude illumina le visage, M. Choron m'a donné gratuitement des leçons... depuis six mois. Seulement, ça ne va pas. Apprendre la musique n'est pas mon affaire. J'aime mieux jouer la comédie.

— Quels rôles *as-tu* déjà appris ?

Ce tutoiement marquait chez le maître l'éveil de la sympathie. La petite le sentit.

— Des masses !... répondit-elle avec plus d'entrain. Quand M. Saint-Aulaire, notre directeur au Molière, monte une pièce, il fait tirer au sort la distribution. Il dit que ça nous « forme »... Le même soir, je suis la reine Isabelle de *Don Sanche*, et un travesti. Je me souviens que, quand M. Josselin de la Salle est venu me complimenter, je profitais de ce que j'étais en culotte pour jouer à cloche-pied.

— Combien te paie M. Saint-Aulaire ?

— Rien du tout.

— Pourquoi joues-tu, alors ?

— Parce que j'aime ça.

Le professeur découvrait chez l'enfant, qui s'animait, une âme impressionnable, un organe généreux dont l'enrouement devait être l'effet de la fatigue, du manque de méthode d'émission. Il l'invita à réciter quelque chose, qu'elle choisit dans Molière. Elle s'en tira suffisamment bien pour attrister Samson. Quelle pitié de rencontrer une intelligence sous une semblable enveloppe ! Et, comme la petite Félix lui demandait son avis, ses conseils avec une insistance touchante, il chercha une défaite :

— Je ne sais si vous avez raison de persévérer... Mais, du reste, je ne puis donner de leçon en ce moment. Ma classe est complète... Où pourrais-je vous écrire, un peu plus tard, si...

— Au Marché-Neuf, en face de la Morgue. Mais, monsieur Samson, je vois bien, je sens, allez ! que vous ne voulez pas. Vous ne me dites plus : *tu*... Vous ne croyez pas que j'aie « ce qu'il faut »...

Le professeur ne voulait pas lui faire de peine ni la leurrer. Il cherchait le moyen de lui dire la vérité sans brusquerie, le plus doucement possible. Oui, il le fallait, décidément, elle était « nouée » positivement, comme disent les braves gens.

Soudain, il vit la petite figure aux yeux ardents s'empourprer d'une sorte de rage. L'enfant, d'un geste violent, dénoua son chapeau ridicule, le lança loin d'elle, arracha ses oripeaux voyants, mit à nu des épaules et des bras maigres, mais non disproportionnés, et, repoussant du pied toute sa défroque, apostropha sa mère :

— Je te le disais bien que tu me faisais faire une sottise ! Tu as voulu me faire paraître grasse, me faire faire de la toilette, une toilette qui me déplaît, que je déteste... Tenez, voyez, monsieur Samson... Mon corsage est bourré d'étoupe... Et regardez comme je suis coiffée !... Attendez un peu... je vais me montrer au naturel.

Elle desserra ses cheveux, secoua sa crinière, ramassa son châle qu'elle drapa fébrilement sur son torse, et, belle alors d'inspiration, se mit à déclamer une scène d'*Andromaque*.

Quand elle s'arrêta, sans que le maître l'eût interrompue une seule fois, sa cause était gagnée.

Deux ans plus tard, Elisa Félix débutait au Théâtre-Français sous le nom de Rachel.

Sophie, sa sœur, dont elle avait incidemment parlé, se fit une renommée sérieuse également, bien que moins illustre, sous le nom de Sarah Félix.

Georges REGNAL.

CONSEILS PRATIQUES

Les écoliers

Voilà les vacances bien entamées ; encore une quinzaine de liberté et de divertissments, et les écoliers songeront à endosser de nouveau le tablier noir et à se diriger, le carton sous le bras, vers l'école, le collège ou le lycée.

Pendant qu'ils profitent de leurs dernières semaines de repos, les mamans et moi nous allons nous entretenir un instant de toute cette jeunesse turbulente ou studieuse, sur quoi se fondent les espoirs de la famille.

Ce n'est pas, tout d'abord, aux heureuses mamans fières de leurs enfants que je m'adresserai ; à celles-là, je laisse la joie des bulletins remplis de bonnes notes et des distributions de prix toutes sonores de nominations multiples. Je préfère m'entretenir avec les autres, les mamans inquiètes que désole le peu de succès, le peu d'application au travail de leurs écoliers, et je vais essayer de les réconforter.

Le premier point sur quoi je retiendrai leur attention, est sur ce que l'on est accoutumé d'appeler la paresse.

La paresse ! la mère de tous les vices ! cela c'est de la vieille et bonne morale peut-être, mais certainement une morale un peu superficielle que l'observation scientifique et médicale est occupée à transformer.

La paresse, chez l'enfant, n'est pas, le plus généralement, du mauvais vouloir ; elle est une impossibilité physique et maladive à fixer l'attention, à faire agir le raisonnement, à forcer la mémoire.

Je ne crois pas qu'il y ait une méthode plus absurde que celle qui consiste à punir un enfant paresseux et à lui infliger des pensums, à doubler ou à tripler une tâche qu'il n'était déjà pas capable de remplir dans son unité. Un enfant paresseux n'est pas un enfant à punir, mais bien un enfant à soigner, à réformer doucement, à intéresser avec patience à des études dont l'aridité décourage la lenteur de ses facultés d'assimilation.

Vous direz à cela que des enfants très bien portants sont paresseux. Assurément, un enfant peut avoir un excellent appétit, beaucoup de force musculaire et manifester, en même temps, une grande répugnance pour l'étude ; c'est que, précisément, il y a manque d'équilibre dans son tempérament, et que, chez lui, la force physique se développe au détriment des aptitudes cérébrales.

Les mamans et les professeurs auront donc de nombreux devoirs à remplir envers les petits paresseux. Les premières veilleront à la santé : s'il y a excès de vigueur, elles encourageront, chez leurs enfants, la turbulence qui leur sera naturelle ; elles les laisseront se dépenser, user leur force en exercices violents, en jeux hardis ; elles leur donneront un régime alimentaire rafraichissant, apaisant. Avec les délicats, les maladifs, les dolents, il faudra user, tout au contraire, de toniques, de stimulants et ne pousser que très modérément au travail ces petits tempéraments que ronge l'anémie.

Quant aux professeurs, ils devront doser, suivant les élèves, la tâche quotidienne et ne point imposer aux intelligences ralenties ce que s'assimilent, sans efforts, les natures mieux douées. Rien n'est plus lamentable que ces « queues » de classe qui encombrent les écoles, élèves toujours retardataires, aux études desquels les professeurs ne s'intéressent plus et qui passent leurs heures à tailler des bouts de bois, à ronger leurs ongles, ou à faire des pâtés d'encre sur leurs cahiers.

Ne voudrait-il pas mieux grouper tous ces enfants en des divisions spéciales, pour lesquelles un maître patient distribuerait un enseignement plus lent, plus simplifié et plus récréatif en même temps ?

Ainsi les mamans, d'une part, et les maîtres, de l'autre, amèneraient tout doucement les petits paresseux à mieux goûter le travail, à ne point se laisser rebuter par des difficultés insurmontables, à s'habituer peu à peu à cette bonne et régulière activité qui donne tant de saveur à la vie.

Cela ne veut pas dire, naturellement, qu'il est facile de doter d'intelligence un enfant qui n'en est que modérément pourvu, mais l'intelligence scolaire, si l'on peut ainsi appeler cette intelligence particulièrement apte à profiter de l'enseignement de l'école, n'est pas indispensable pour se tirer d'affaire dans la vie, et nous verrons, dans une prochaine causerie, comment les mamans avisées, doivent se consoler de n'avoir pas pour enfants les heureux bénéficiaires des prix d'honneur et des prix d'excellence.

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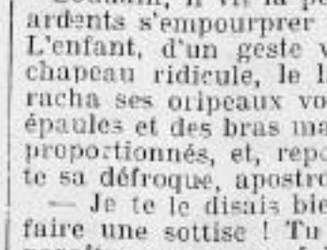

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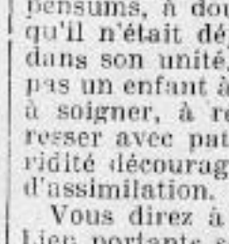
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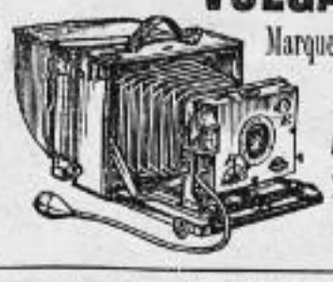
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MOVIE: HOLLYWOOD MOVIES & TELEVISION SHOWS: GNOSTIC-THEMED MOVIES THAT REVEAL THE HIDDEN TRUTH OF THE NATURE OF OUR REALITY

Columbia Pictures

NATAS (or SATAN backwards)

OScar, OSiris, Ausar, Ptah

Sorceror's Apprentice, Mickey

DreamWorks Productions

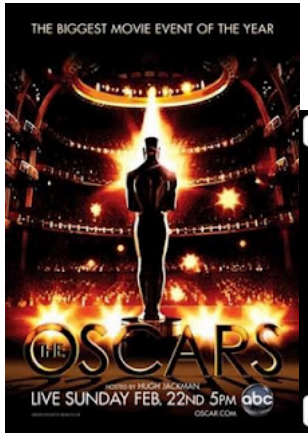
"*Making movies is casting spells*." – Director of Lucifer Rising, Kenneth Anger

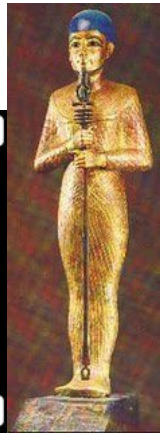
"Magic wands were always made out of the wood of a Holly tree. It's made out of Holly wood. Hollywood is a Druidic establishment and the symbols, the words, the terms, the stories, are ***designed****.*" -- Jordan Maxwell **

"That alien, his Matrix, he was like the spider that has to lure a fly into his web... Do you think it's possible that each of the near death experiences we've heard about are the result of an alien inhabitation?" -- Captain Janeway in the Star Trek Voyager episode, "Coda"

"The light at the end of the tunnel. That ain't heaven. That's the C train!" -- Daredevil

"Ever dance with the Devil in the pale moonlight? I ask that of all my prey!" -- The Joker to Batman prior to shooting him, *Batman* (1989) **





The Oscar statue of the Academy Awards gets its name from Ausur or Osiris, the Egyptian god, pictured on the right. You can see both figures are golden, have their arms crossed across the chest and hold a sceptre. **

EXAMPLES

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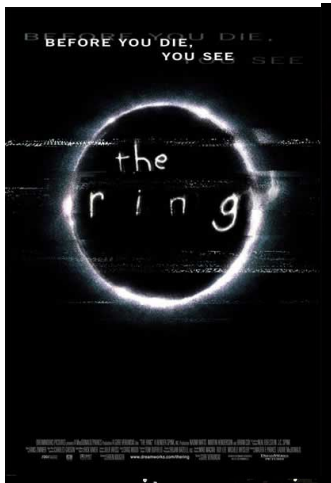
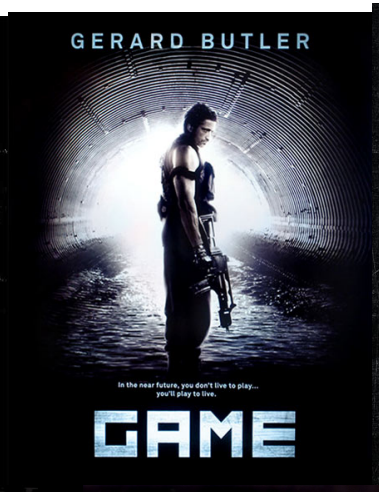
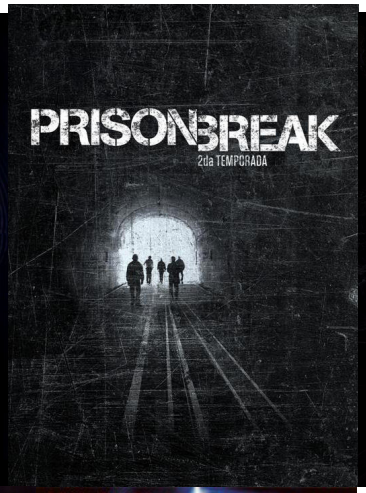
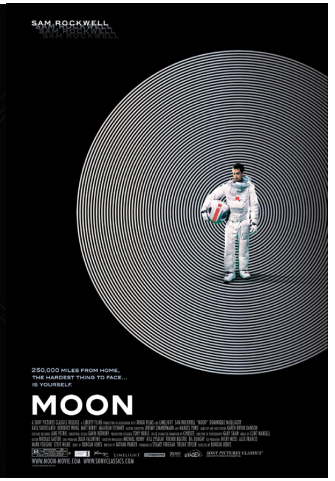
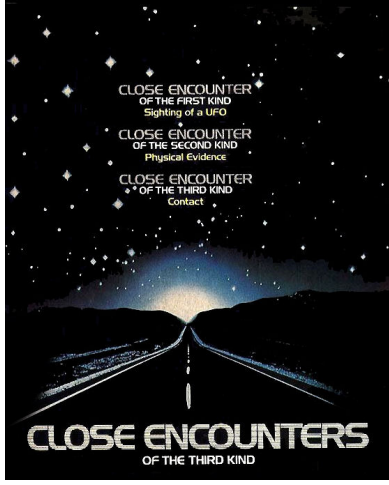
THE TUNNEL AND LIGHT

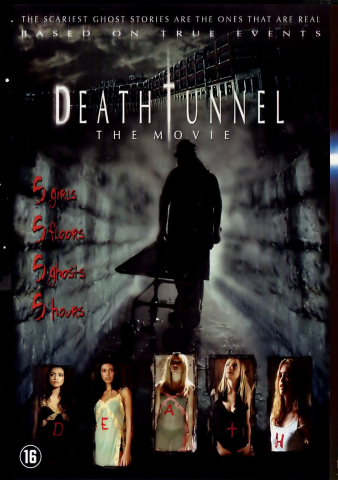


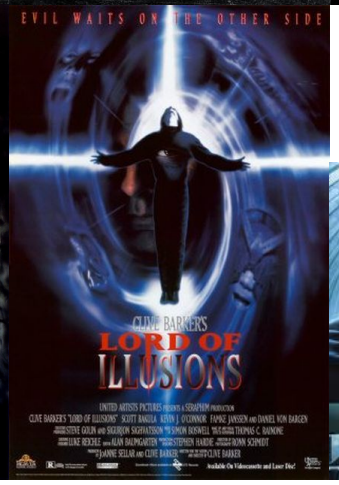


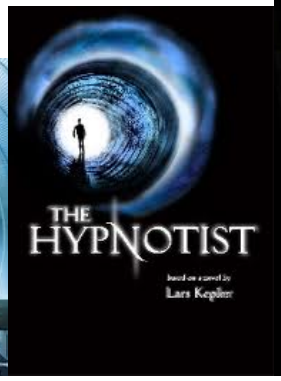


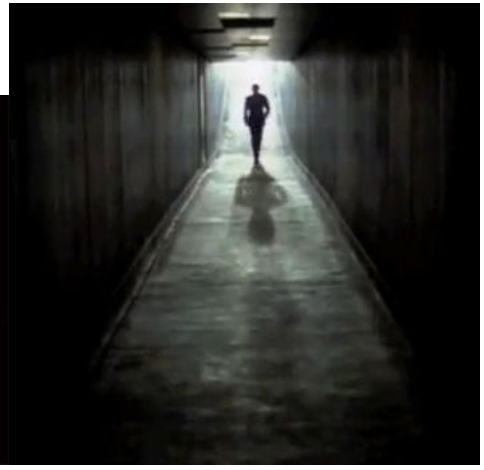












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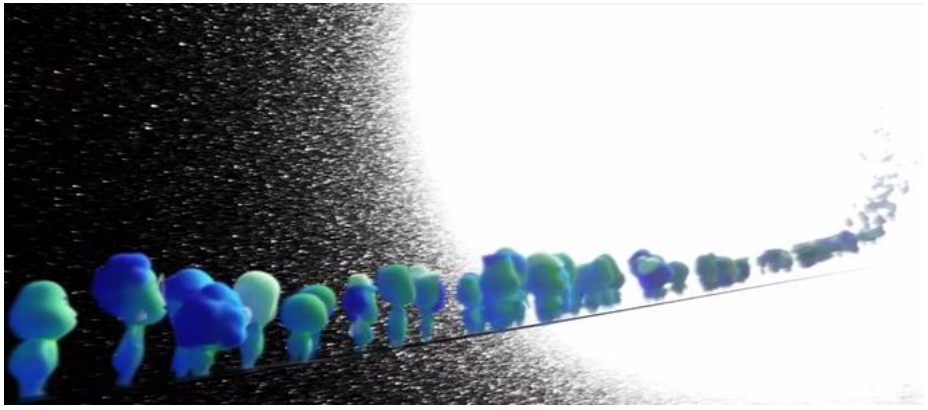
SOUL (2020)



I was asked what I thought of the new Disney Pixar movie *Soul*. There are many similarities in the movie with my web site, including themes or elements of an NDE; avoiding the white light; the counting, tracking and even capturing of souls; the memory wipe; the recycling of life; being in "the zone"; lost souls and more. So I decided to write a review and analyze it.

You can read the article here : **Soul: Is the New Disney Pixar Movie Soft Disclosure About Avoiding the White Light at Death?**

LIVEWIRE

LiveWire - In a Mountain Dew commercial for limited time only Mountain Dew product called **LiveWire**, two men watch puzzingly as numerous insects fly into a light zapper to a certain death. One asks, "Why do they do that? Don't they see that their friends are getting **zapped**?" The other man replies, "I don't know. They must be stupid." Ironically, a large glowing orange orb of LiveWire starts pulsating and hypnotizes the two men who helplessly are drawn headfirst into its core, stunning themselves in the process. If you touch a live wire you will get shocked or electrocuted. After they walk into the orb, one says, "That was stupid" Notice the sign behind them that says "HOT FOOD". The announcer says "Introducing Mountain Dew LiveWire. Discover what the attraction is all about."

A BUG'S LIFE (1998) Disney Pixar

A Bugs Life - In this movie, one bug warns another one not to fly into the light trap, "No, Harry, No!. Don't look at the light!" but to no avail as the victim laments, "I can't help it! It's so *beautiful*!" **

STAR TREK VOYAGER -- CODA **

Star Trek Voyager - In the *Star Trek Voyager* episode *Coda*, Captain Janeway is almost fooled by an alien into thinking she has died. The alien poses as her father, imploring her to follow him into the light. She is suspicious of his intentions and refuses.

JANEWAY: That's the real me, isn't it, lying on the ground on that planet, dying, and this is the **hallucination**. This isn't real.
ALIEN: More denial. You're only making it harder on yourself.
JANEWAY: You're trying very hard to convince me to come with you. Why is that? If what you're saying is true, why not let me come to the decision on my own?
ALIEN: I'm trying to spare you unnecessary pain.
JANEWAY: My father would *never* act like this. He always believed I had to learn my own lessons, make my own mistakes. He never tried to shield me from life. Why would he try to shield me from death? You're not my father. I could be imagining you, but I don't think so. You have such a specific agenda. You're determined that I go with you somewhere. Who are you?
ALIEN: I'm trying to help you. Stop fighting me.
JANEWAY: Are you an **alien** being of some kind? Is that it?

[Planet Surface]

CHAKOTAY: Her eyes are open.
EMH: Vital signs are responding. Blood pressure is sixty over thirty.
TUVOK: But the entity is still inhabiting her cerebral cortex, impeding your treatment.
CHAKOTAY: Kathryn, hang on. We're bringing you back. Just fight a little longer.
EMH: Direct synaptic stimulation might drive out the alien presence.

[Mess hall]

JANEWAY: I was right. I heard Tuvok and Chakotay and the Doctor. You're an alien. You've created all these hallucinations, haven't you?
ALIEN: **This is what my species does. At the moment just before death one of us comes down to help you understand what's happening, to make the crossing over an occasion of joy.** **
JANEWAY: And what is that?
ALIEN: Our **Matrix**, where your consciousness will live. I was being truthful when I said it was a place of wonder. It can be whatever you want it to be.
JANEWAY: Then why didn't you tell me this from the beginning? Why pretend to be my father.
ALIEN: Usually people are comforted to see their loved ones. It makes the **crossing over** a much less fearful occasion. I've done this many times, but I've never encountered someone so resistant.

[Planet Surface]

EMH: Something's happened. The alien presence is getting stronger again.
CHAKOTAY: Fight it, Kathryn, just a little longer.
EMH: I'll have to try a thoron pulse.

[Mess hall]

JANEWAY: My people are telling me to fight. They're trying to save me.
ALIEN: They're trying out of desperation. It's hopeless.
JANEWAY: You're the one who sounds desperate. I don't get the feeling you're trying to make me comfortable. You're only interested in my agreeing to come with you.
ALIEN: Because it's inevitable.
JANEWAY: And you don't strike me as any type of Good Samaritan. You're more like a vulture, **preying** on people at the moment of their death when they're at their most vulnerable.
ALIEN: I've waited for you. I've been patient.
JANEWAY: But your patience is wearing thin. What's the real reason you want me in that Matrix? Somehow I don't think it has anything to do with everlasting joy.

ALIEN: You must go with me.
JANEWAY: If you could *force* me to go, you'd have done it already. You need me to agree, don't you? I have to go *voluntarily*.
ALIEN: Wouldn't that be better than standing here in this endless debate?
JANEWAY: Let me tell you this. We can stand here for all eternity and I will never choose to go with you.
ALIEN: You're in a dangerous profession, Captain. You face death everyday. There'll be another time and I'll be waiting. Eventually you'll come into my Matrix and you will **nourish** me for a long, long, time.
JANEWAY: Go back to hell, coward.

Afterwards, Captain Janeway discusses the encounter with one of her crew.

CHAKOTAY: I can understand that. I can't help thinking about it. That alien, his Matrix, he was like the spider that has to lure a fly into his web.
JANEWAY: Do you think it's possible that each of the **near death experiences** we've heard about are the result of an alien inhabitation? **

LOGAN'S RUN (1976) MGM

Logan's Run (1976, MGM)

The very first frame of this brilliant sci-fi classic from the '70's begins with this proclamation: "Sometime in the 23rd century... the survivors of war, overpopulation and pollution are living in a great domed city, sealed away from the forgotten world outside. Here, in an ecologically balanced world, mankind lives only for pleasure, freed by the servo-mechanisms which provide everything. There's just one catch: Life must end at thirty unless **reborn** in the fiery ritual of **Carousel**."

Francis: Some of our guys are on Carousel tonight, and Sandmen always renew, I know.
Logan: But you don't know. You just assume - one-for-one. What everyone's been taught to believe - one-for-one.
Francis: Well, why not? That's exactly how everything works. It keeps everything in balance. One is **terminated**, one is born. Simple, logical, perfect. You have a better system?
Logan: Of course not. At least I wonder about it sometimes. Not like you with your automatic one-for-one routine. You know you sound like a Sleep Teacher with a stuck tape?
Francis: Logan, leave it alone. It's perfect. [bumps into a Red] You know, Logan, you wonder a lot, too much for a Sandman.
Logan: Why were you so angry just then. What did he do to you?
Francis: That Red's gonna run. I can always tell.
Logan: Did you ever see Francis 8?
Francis: I've never even visited Nursery before tonight. You know, when you question, it slows you down. I don't know - what makes you so curious? You know who his seed mother was?
Logan: Of course not. I'm curious, not sick!

Francis: Good! [laughs] Look at the crowd. Good Carousel tonight.
Carousel: Lastday, Capricorn 15's. Year of the City, 2274. Carousel begins. [repeats]
S: [Looks at left palm, then to Francis] Don't forget, we're both on Monitor tonight. [Logan, Francis and S laugh]
[All enter the Carousel ampitheater]
Francis: [Asks a girl sitting close by for more room] Would you mind? Thanks a lot.
Logan: Well, there's a few over there that could have been his seed mother.
Francis: Only a few? You're just not trying. [laughs]
Carousel: Capricorn 15's, born 2244. Enter the Carousel. This is the time of **renewal**. Be strong, and you will be renewed. Identify. **Rise**.
[The Carousel scene. The platform with a red crystal rotates. The Lastday people float upward, and are hit with strong laser blasts as they approach the clear crystal]
Everyone: **Up**! **Up**! C'mon! **Renew**! **Renew**!
[Logan gets a call (**RUNNER**, GREAT HALL, ENTRANCE WEST). Logan leaves. Francis follows, startling Logan. They locate a runner, and shoot at him like cats chasing a mouse]
Francis: Ha ha!
Logan: Run, runner! laughter] He was crazy. He could have renewed on Carousel. Now he's finished forever. Why do they run?

FINDING NEMO (2003) Disney Pixar

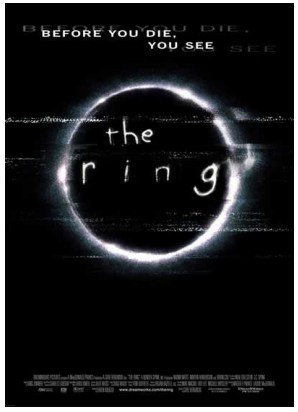
Finding Nemo - This scene features an angler fish, a real fish, which lures its prey to death by dangling a light out in front! Notice a direct comparison is made to the afterlife. **

MARLIN Dory, do you see anything? **DORY** Aaah! Something's got me! **MARLIN** That was me. I'm sorry. **DORY** [gasps] Who was that?**MARLIN** Who could it be? It's me! **DORY** Are..are you my conscience? **MARLIN** Yeah, yeah. I'm your conscience. We haven't spoken for a while. How are you? **DORY** Hmm, can't complain. **MARLIN** Yeah? Good. Now, Dory. I want you to tell me..do you see anything?**DORY** I see..I see a **light**. **MARLIN** A light. **DORY** Yeah. Over there. Hey, conscience. Am I **dead**? **MARLIN** No, I see it too. What is it? **DORY** It's so **pretty**. **MARLIN** I'm feeling...happy. Which is a big deal for me. **DORY** I want to touch it. Oh! **MARLIN** Hey, come back. Come on back here. **DORY** [singing] I'm gonna get you. I'm gonna get you. I'm gonna swim with you. **MARLIN** I'm gonna get you. I'm gonna be your best friend...good feeling's gone.**MARLIN** I can't see! I don't know where I'm going! **DORY** Haah! **MARLIN** The mask! **DORY** What mask? **DORY** Okay, I can't see a thing. **MARLIN** Oh, gee! **DORY** Hey, look! A mask! **MARLIN** Read it! **DORY** I'm sorry, but if you could just bring it a little closer, I kind of need the light. That's great, keep it right there. **MARLIN** Just read it! **DORY** Okay, okay. Mr. Bossy. Uh, 'P'. Okay, 'P'. 'Shh-eer...Sher--P. Sher--P. Shirley? P.--'. Oh! The first line's 'P. Sherman'! **MARLIN** P. Sherman doesn't make any sense! **DORY** Okay, second line. '42'. **MARLIN** Don't **eat** me! Don't **eat** me! Aaaah! **DORY** Light, please. 'Walla--Walla--Walla-beee'...**MARLIN** Waah! Waaah! Waaaah!**DORY** The second line's '42 Wallaby Way'! **MARLIN** That's great! Speed read! Take a guess! No pressure! No problem! There's a lot of pressure! Pressure! Take a guess now with pressure! **DORY** 'Sydney'. It's 'Sydney'! **MARLIN** Duck! **DORY** Aaah!**MARLIN** I'm dead, I'm dead, I'm dead, I'm dead, I'm dead, I died, I'm **dead**.

DAREDEVIL (2003) Marvel Enterprises, New Regency Pictures, Horseshoe Bay Productions

Daredevil - The devil, red suit and all, posing with the full moon. He tells a dying man, "The light at the end of the tunnel? Guess what, that's not heaven... it's the C Train! [the dying man threatens, "I'll kill you, I'll kill you".] Of course, the crescent moon does look like a 'C' in the sea of space.

THE RING (2002) DreamWorks

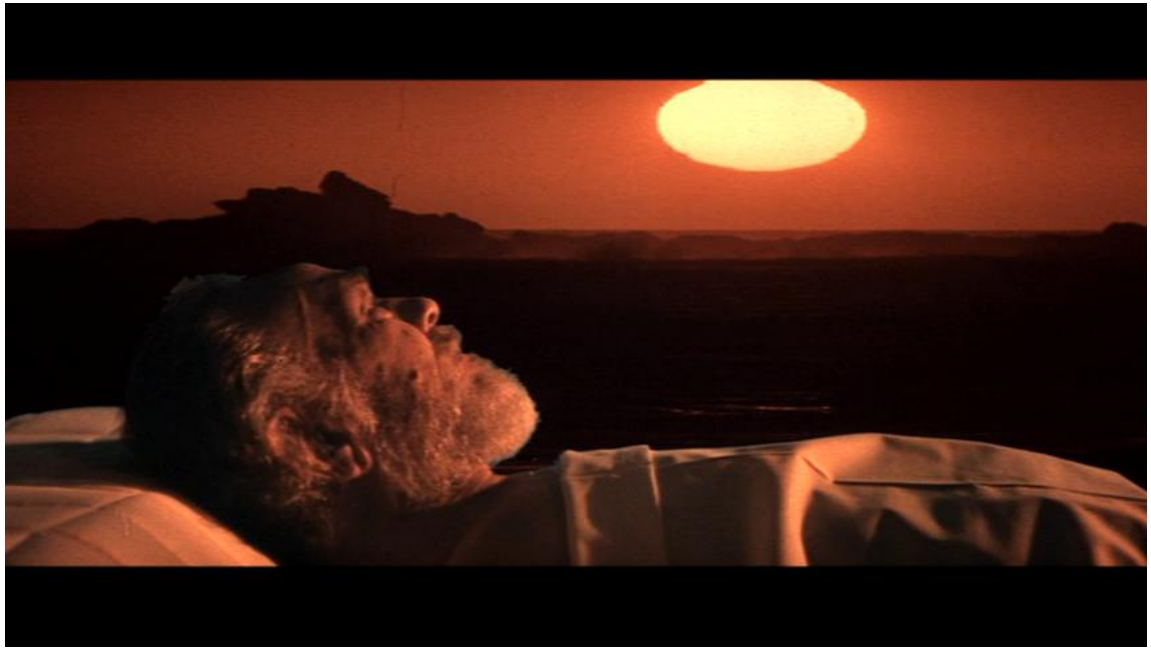


The Ring - The tagline on a poster of this movie was, "Before You **Die**, You See The **Ring**". The Ring is depicted as a **solar eclipse**! **

THE TWILIGHT ZONE (1959)

To Serve Man - One of the most classic *Twilight Zone* episodes ever. "Mr. Chambers! Don't get on that ship! The rest of the book, *To Serve Man*... It's a **cookbook**!"

SOYLENT GREEN (1973) MGM



Soylent Green - One of the main characters, Sol, tries to warn the rest of humanity that their food, Soylent Green, is made of people and quips that "It's people. Soylent Green is made out of people! They're making our food out of people. Soon they'll be breeding us like cattle!" The pun here is that Sol-lent green is people. In other words, our green ectoplasm is lent to the sun, Sol.

THE "BURNING MAN" FESTIVAL

Burning Man - The Burning Man Festival is a festival which takes place every year in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. A man in effigy is sacrificed.

THE WICKER MAN (1973) British Lion Film Corporation

The Wicker Man - The ancient druids would sacrifice animals and men to the Sun in order to appease its anger and assure a good bumper of crops that Spring. This is reenacted in the film starring Christopher Lee.

"Mighty God of the **Sun**, Bountiful Goddess of our orchards... accept our **sacrifice**..."

DREAMWORKS Pictures

DreamWorks Pictures introduces its movies with this short animation of a boy sitting on the **moon** and **fishing** in a body of water (perhaps symbolic of the subconscious mind where dreams are born), presumably on the Earth. This is similar to the siren motif which usually features an attractive woman luring sailors to their deaths with her sweet song and alluring eyes. **

THE PRISONER (1967-1968) Everyman Films

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The Prisoner - In the mysterious 1960's TV series, *The Prisoner*, produced by *Everyman Pictures*, every facet of a man's life is controlled. They try to strip the man's identity and refer to him only as Number Six. He defiantly proclaims every week in the trailer, "I am not a number! I am a free man! I will not make any deals with you. I've resigned. I will not be pushed, filed, stamped, indexed, briefed, debriefed, or numbered! My life is my own!" The village featured a lunar control base reminiscent of the *Truman Show*. On one side, you can see a view of the earth; on the other, space. In this scene a spirit rover hunts down a man and suffocates him. The controller of the village says, "Follow the signs." Notice the first sign says "Free sea" and the next one says "Repair".

STAR TREK: THE ORIGINAL SERIES (1966-1969) Desilu Production, Paramount Television

Star Trek: For The World Is Hollow And I Have Touched The Sky - In this episode of the original Star Trek series, the crew discover a hollow asteroid disguised as a planet whose inhabitants are duped into worshipping a deity who is portrayed as a sun. One inhabitant warns the crew that one day he was climbing a mountain, which is strictly forbidden. He says, "Where is outside? Many years ago I climbed the mountains even though it is

forbidden [winces in pain]. Things are not as they teach us for the world is hollow and I have touched the sky!" [collapses in agony] Kirk repeats what he said, "trying to decipher the words. "For the world is hollow, and I have touched the sky..... Yes, of course it is because if you did you'd touch the sky and find out you were living on a big ball. Not a planet, but a spaceship. And that knowledge seems to be forbidden."

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: JOURNEY OF MAN (2000)

Cirque Du Soleil: The Journey of Man - This world famous circus is translated as 'Circus of the Sun'. The first show was entitled 'The Journey of Man'. Guess where man's destination lies? The sun!

THE TRUMAN SHOW (1998) Paramount Pictures

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The Truman Show - In the movie The Truman Show (the True Man show), Truman Burbank's whole life in "Seahaven" is staged and phoney. His whole world, including the sun and moon, is a gigantic set inside a large dome controlled from the moon. By the way the Egyptian equivalent for Satan is named Set! Could it be that 'true man' is inside a vast dome and that our world is controlled from a base on the moon? Truman, trying to conquer his fear and escape, sets sail for blue sky only to collide into a giant wall. This movie was hailed by critics as "original" and "daring". Why? Because it contains our true origins and is daring to tell us the truth? One of the movie's producers is a Rothschild, the family that started the European banking dynasty.

Some taglines from the movie are:
On the air, unaware!

The World Is Watching...
The World is a Stage!

his wife is reading a book called "The Dream Machine 2"

one compassionate actor in the show, truman's love interest, secretly tells him, "everybody knows everything you do everybody's pretending... this....it's fake its all for you everything is all for you...the sea, the sand, the sky....it's all a set, it's a show

in one scene truman hears a different frequency on the radio and hears the truth...it's only when the frequency changes back that his normal life resumes

his friend tells him, "look at that sunset....that's the big guy"

truman meets his dead father on a bridge in fog

the creator and director of the show explains how they were able to fool Truman: "we accept the reality of the world which we are presented"

truman lives under a domed city...an island surrounded by water

truman becomes suspicious and sneaks off in a boat to leave the island in search of his true home

once they discover truman is missing the moon becomes a searchlight....."cue the sun" at night time

the demiurgic type figure, named Cristof, finds him and calls up the weather program causing a storm which capsizes the boat. Truman barely holds on to survive. Once the storm is over truman sails for blue skies but literally runs into a wall at sea... the boundary of the movie set and his world.

He climbs a set of stairs to meet his creator. A booming voice comes from the sky, the voice of Cristof, saying: "You can speak. I can hear you."

Truman: [to an unseen Christof] Who are you?
Christof: [voice-over] I am The Creator - of a television show that gives hope and joy and inspiration to millions.
Truman: Then who am I?
Christof: You're the star.
Truman: Was nothing real?
Christof: You were real. That's what made you so good to watch.

At one point Christof made this statement about Truman: "He could leave at any time. If this were anything more than a vague ambition, if he was absolutely determined to discover the truth, there is no way we could prevent him."

DARK CITY (1998) Mystery Clock Cinema, New Line Cinema

Dark City (1999)

Seemingly patterned after the Archon beings of the Gnostic texts and the reports in the Ufology community, Dark City is similar to The Truman Show -- a human was given fabricated memories of his childhood life and presented a false reality. He travels to the edge of his world to go home to Shell Beach but hits a wall. Like Truman, he tries to break through the wall.

Excerpts from the movie:

"They steal peoples' memories, then they swap them around between us. I've seen them do it, back and forth 'til no one knows who they are anymore. How do you know all this? Once in a while one of us wakes up while they're changing things. It's not supposed to happen, but it does.

We fashioned this city on stolen memories. Different eras, different pasts, all rolled into one. Each night we revise it, refine it, in order to learn. Learn what? About you. You and your fellow inhabitants, what makes you human. Why? We need to be like you.

I call them Strangers. They abducted us and brought us here. This city, everyone in it is their experiment. They mix and match our memories as they see fit, trying to divine what makes us unique. One day, a man might be an inspector. The next, someone entirely different. When they want to study a murderer, for instance, they simply imprint one of their citizens with a new personality. Arrange a family for him, friends, an entire history... even a lost wallet. Then they observe the results. Will a man, given the history of a killer, continue in that vein? Or are we, in fact, more than the sum of our memories? This business of you being a killer was a sad coincidence. You have had dozens of lives before now. You happened to wake up while I was imprinting you with this one. Why are they doing all this? It is our capacity for individuality -- our souls -- that makes us different from them. They think they'll find the human soul if they understand how our memories work. They have collective memories. They share one group mind. They're dying. Their race is on the brink of extinction. They think we can save them. Where do I fit in? You're different. You resisted my attempt to imprint you. Somehow you have developed their ability to Tune. That is how they change things, how they built this city. They have machines buried beneath the surface that allow them to focus their telepathic energies. They control everything here, even the sun. That's why it's always dark. They can't stand the light. Why do they need you? When they first brought us here, they extracted what was in us and stored the information, remixed it like paint and gave us back new memories of their choosing. But they still needed an artist to help them. I understood the human mind better than they ever could, so they allowed me to keep my skills as a scientist... because they needed them. They made me delete everything else. Can you imagine what it's like to erase your own past?

What about my past? What about my childhood? Shell Beach. Uncle Karl. What about this? This was blank when I found it.

You still don't understand. You were never a boy. Not in this place. Your history is an illusion, a fabrication, as it is with all of us.

There is no ocean, John. There's nothing beyond the city. The only place home exists is in your head.

They want to imprint you with their own collective memories. They want to make you one of them... so they can share your soul.

Here's the machine the Strangers use to amplify their thoughts, the machine that changes their world. You must take control of it. You must make the machine yours. I know you can beat them, but you must concentrate.

You told me I had the power, didn't you? I can make these machines do anything I want. Make this world anything I want it to be. Just so long as I concentrate hard enough. Where are you going?

Shell Beach.

It's so beautiful here. So bright.

Do you know if Shell Beach is around here?

I think that's it over there. I'm headed that way myself. Would you like to join me?

THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR (1999) Columbia Pictures

The Thirteenth Floor - The Thirteenth Floor was released the year after the Truman Show and like The Truman Show and Dark City, the main character travels to the edge of his world and discovers that it's a simulation.

DOUGLAS: How many simulated worlds like this are there?

JANE: Thousands. Yours is the only one that ever created a simulation within the simulation. Something we never expected.

DOUGLAS: No Ashton, I'm not really a God. I'm just like you. Just a bunch of electricity.

ASHTON: What are you talking about?

DOUGLAS: It's all smoke and mirrors. Just like your world. We're nothing but a simulation on some computer. It's like a machine. Like this arcade game. You've got your players and you put your nickel in. This one pitches. This one runs around the bases. Pre- programmed movements generated by electrical energy. We're improved on this model since then. The players can beat the shit out of and try to drown some other, which is always fun.

THE MATRIX (1999) Warner Bros. Pictures, Village Roadshow Pictures

The Matrix - This is a sci-fi classic where Neo is told humans are nothing more than a battery - a source of power for the machines and that he is living in a false world, a matrix.

"Wake up, Neo. The Matrix has you...." What the HELL? " Follow the white rabbit"

Neo is asleep in a dream world and needs to pay attention to archetypes and symbolism.

The book were Neo stashes the computer discs/ programs: "Simulacra and Simulation"...guy tells Neo he's his savior.... you don't exist

Neo: "Ever had that feeling where you're not sure if you're awake or still dreaming?

You need to unplug.

Trinity: "I brought you here to warn you. They're watching you, Neo."

They talk about someting called 'The question'....."What is the matrix?"

The boss at Metacortex: "Every employee understands they are part of the whole"

Morpheus, the god of Dreams, guides Neo out of his cubicle prison at work were Agent Smith and the police are coming to take him

Agent Smith puts an archon like bug in his stomach

Neo wakes up in bed. Morpheus calls him, tells him he is the One and tells him to go to the bridge where trinity picks him up and removes the bug.

"Morpheus: You have the look of a man who accepts what he sees because he is expecting to wake up"

"You're here because you know something. What you know you cant explain but you felt it. you felt it your entire life, that there's something wrong with the world. ... do you know what I'm talking about?

The Matrix?

Do you want to know what it is? The matrix is everywhere/ It's all around us ...it is the world that as been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth...that you are a slave Neo, Like everyone else you were born into bondage, born into a prison that you cannot smell or taste or touch. A prison for your mind,

he sees millions of humans hooked up to machines....he gets unplugged and goes through a tunnel...Morpheus: "welcome to the real world"

broadcast pirate signal and hack into the matrix

matrix: he is telling neo about the matrix from a clear/white void the construct or loading program....can load anything...training simulations...inside a computer program..."mental projection of your digital self"...

Morpeus tells Neo, "What is 'real'? How do you define 'real'? If you're talking about what you can see, what you can feel, what you can taste and see, then 'real' is simply electrical signals interpreted by your brain. This is the world that you know... it exists now only as part of neural interactive simulation that we call 'the matrix'. You've been living in a dream world, Neo."

Man unified and gave birth to AI.. a singular consciousness that spawned an entire race of machines

"Welcome to the desert of the real...They (the machines) were dependent on solar power and it was believed that they would be unable to survive without an energy source as abundant as the sun. **The human body carries more bioelectricity than a 120-volt battery and over 125,000 BTU's of body heat**. Combined with a form of fusion, the machines had found ... there are fields, endless, fields, where human beings are no longer born, we are grown."

"**What is the matrix? Control. The matrix is a computer generated dream world built to keep us under control in order to change a human being into this..." Morpheus displays a battery to Neo. "As long as the matrix exists, the human race will never be free."** **

"we never free a mind once it's reached a certain age...it's dangerous....the mind has trouble letting go"

"don't think you are...know you are....stop trying to hit me and hit me"

you have to let it all go....fear, doubt and disbelief...free your mind"

"sentient programs..... anyone we haven't unplugged is potentially an agent...they are the gatekeepers...they are guarding all the doors, they are holding all the keys

Smith: "the first matrix was designed to be a perfect human world where no one suffered where everyone would be happy and it was a disaster -- no one would accept the program, entire crops were lost."

human beings as a species define their reality though misery and suffering ..the perfet world ...you kept trying to wake up from "

"as soon as we started thinking for you. it became our civilization which is what this is all about -- evolution

all the agent smiths look the same, like clones, like copies, like memes

smith: humans ---> virus

smith: "i hate this place...this zoo, this prison, this reality"

The Sentinels in the movie are AI and are a cross between metal, robotic insects, viruses and squid or octopi as they have tentacles.

Once Neo (anagram for 'one') believes in himself enough then it is apparent he is the One and he is able to stop bullets in mid air. He effortlessly fights off Agent Smith's attack and jumps inside of Agent Smith, travels to his brain or third eye area region and Agent Smith explodes into light....in Gnostic terms, the darkness or shadow is transformed by the Light Power of Neo.

The ending shows the matrix has a "system failure" as Neo phones the people of Earth and tells them he is going to show them a world without rules, controls and boundaries, a world where anything is possible. Neo puts on a pair of sun glasses, looks up toward the heavens and files away, ascending into the atmosphere. So the ending is about ascension.

The Matrix Reloaded

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birds, trees, wind etc are all programs running

The Oracle tells Neo: "a program can either choose to hide here or return to the source, the machine mainframe where you must go, where the path of the one ends" ...the door made of light in is dreams...she is saying the source is the machine and that the light leads to the machine

"you can return to Zion if you reach the source but to do that you will need the keymaker":..being held prisoner by an old program, the Merovingian

many agent smiths surround neo and tell him everything is because of purpose and they need to take back the purpose that neo took from them.....agent smith tries to assimilate neo and he starts turning into black goo

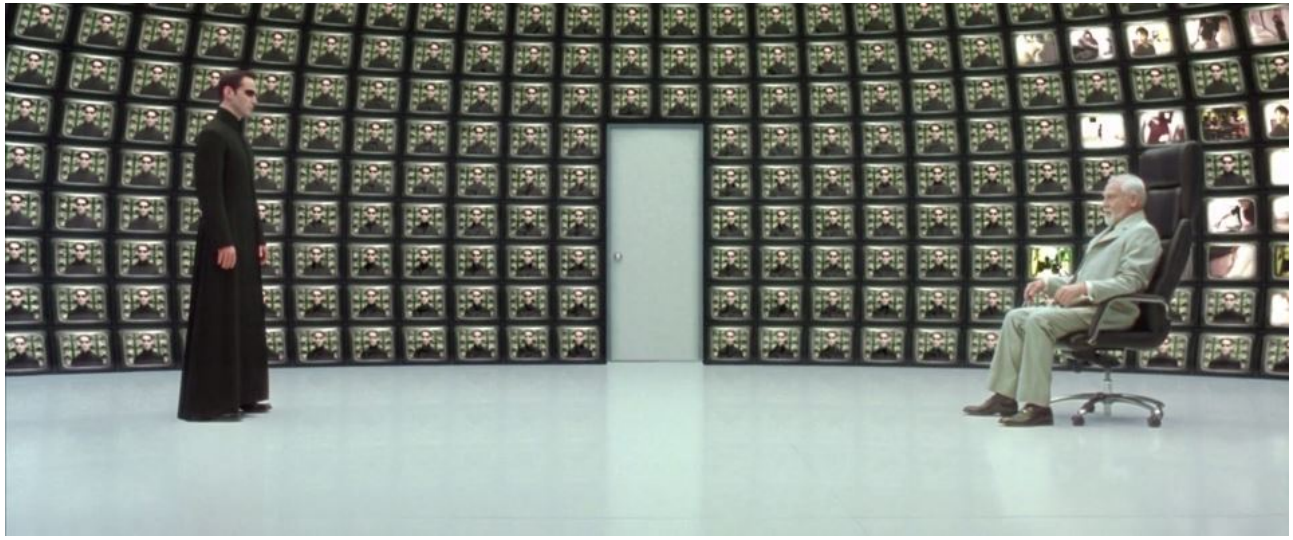
merovinigan's wife, persephone, takes them to the keymaker who is through a tunnel that has prison bars at the front end of it

the merovingian tells persephone it is only a game after cheating on her

looks like the Sentinels are coming through a tunnel from the Sun

the keymaker says there is a level in the building not reachable from elevators or stairs and it has doors one of which leads to Source.. they must destroy a power station to take out the grid network... all must be done as one

lion symbolism on the chair Morpheus is sitting in in the keymaker's building



Neo goes through the door of light and returns to the source where he meets the architect, a Demiurgic type figure who created the matrix. ** He is white haired and wearing a business suit and extremely serious. There are hundreds to thousands of computer screens showing different parts of Neo's lives including his reactions to meeting the Architect ..he calls Neo an anomaly of a harmony of mathematical precision ...says this is the 6th version of the matrix. Neo deduces the problem is choice. Those who refuse the program pose a threat to the system. He says Neo must return to Source and to comply with his orders and failure to do so would result in the annihilaton of all humans, .Neo says he wont annihilate all human beings because he needs them to survive. The Architect says Neo's love and emotion and attachment to his love, Trinity, will blind him

Revolutions

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Neo is in between the machine and matrix worlds.... meets the power plant's system manager for recycling.operations...

The Oracle says the Architect's purpose is to balance the equation and that her purpose is unbalance the equation

Agent Smith refers to the other Smiths as "the rest of me" indicating they are a collective
Agent Smith tries to assimilate Neo into black goo...Neo becomes an Agent Smith but accesses the Light Power from within and transmutes all of the Agent Smiths into light

The machines leave and the war is over...Neo saves them

The Architect talks with the Oracle and tells her she's "made a very dangerous game".... this implies that she might be a creative goddess and that the matrix was necessary for her game and that the Architect was the one in charge of making or adminstrating the Matrix. Or that peraps they were co-creators. Some say the term Demiurge literally means "half creator" and in some Gnostic interpretations they share responsibility for the creation of this universe. Incidentally, freemasons call god the Great Architect of the universe.

The Architect says the ones that want out will be freed

The sun rises and is said to be beautiful.

The Oracle says she didn't know but she believed.

TRON: LEGACY

Kevin Flynn is talking to his son, Sam.....

Flynn:...raced on ribbons of light..".together we built a new grid for programs and users...I couldn't be in there all the time so I created a program in my own image that could think like you and me and I called him Clu., Codified Light-disc Utility. And Tron, Clu and I built a system where all information was free. An then one day something happened. Something extraordinary. A miracle. " end -quote

Is CLU an anagram for LUC, Lucifer?)

they keep talking about the light grid system being a digital frontier to reshape the human condition

Flynn talking about the computer game system says: "in there is a new world..In there is our future. In there is your destiny. "

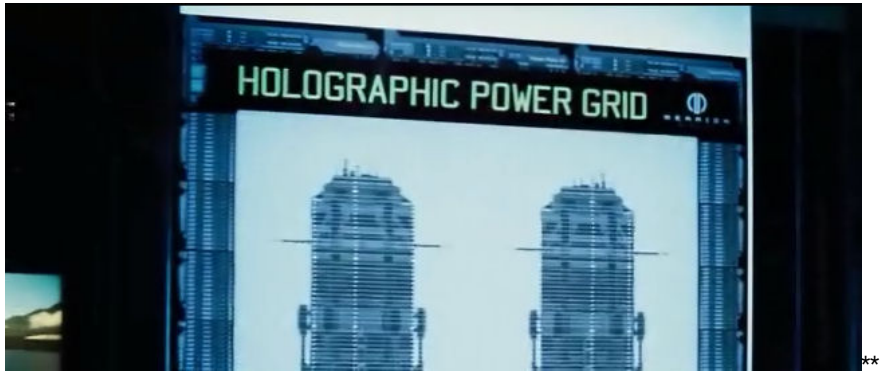
Flynn goes missing and Sam enters the video game in search of him. He is given an identity disc were everything he does and learns is imprinted on the disc.

He enters a bright white light and enters a battle game for the entertainment of a crowd of spectators. His dad was trapped in the grid and now is in charge. Sam must now battle CLU in the light cycle grid.

Flynn teaches about being selfless and removing one's self from the equation. CLU was a program designed to create the perfect world.. Something unexpected happened. A miracle. Isos, Isomorphic algorithms (Isos=Isis?), a whole new life form. Control, order, perfection -- none of it meant a thing -- They manifested like a flame. The conditions were right and they came into being. Isos were going to be is gift to the world but CLU happened (57:11 just as he says this he puts two tetrahedronal stars down on the fireplace mantle) CLU fed on Flynn's resistance...the harder he fought the more powerful CLU became. CLU saw the ISOs as an imperfection so he destroyed them.

The portal uses massive power and can only stay open for a while and can only be opened from the outside. The portal closed on him.and he couldn't get back home.

THE ISLAND (2005) WARNER BROS./DREAMWORKS



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Before their "birth" on earth, clones are created in pods and programmed via light and hypnotic suggestion that they are "special" and "have been chosen to go to the island" which is powered by a holographic grid.

"You're special. You have a very special purpose in life. You've been chosen. The Island awaits you.... You've been chosen. You have a very special purpose. You're part of a new beginning.You're special. You have a very special purpose. You want to go to the Island. Your purpose in life is to populate the Island. You're part of a new beginning. You're special. Very special. You've been chosen. You've been chosen. Chosen to survive, to carry on. You want to go to the Island. Go, go! You have a very special purpose. Very special."

THE GOOD PLACE (2016-current)

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[Note: This review contains spoilers.] *The Good Place* is a show created by Michael Schur who also co-created *Parks and Recreation* and was a writer for the enormously popular show *The Office*. *The Good Place*, especially in the fiest season finale, is the *Truman Show* on steroids.

Four human souls in the afterlife are welcomed to "heaven" and told they are in "the good place" where there are 322 (Skull and Bones numerology reference)perfectly matched human souls . The place is literally run by demons posing in human form tormenting them. They are in a mostly okay place (to keep it from being a dead giveaway), but their weaknesses are exploited to keep them from being happy. Once they figure out they are actually in the bad place their memories are wiped and the simulation is rebooted. They have gone through hundreds of simulations. The simulation's architect of neighborhood 12358W (Fibonacci Golden ratio) is named Michael (Ted Danson), who originally appears similar to Michael, the chief archangel but is later to be revealed as demiurgic figure who is the chief archon/demon or Devil.

It has some interesting scenarios though as one of the humans was a philosophy teacher specializing in ethics so there are a lot of ethical and moral dilemmas presented throughout (also as a means of torture).

The Good Place is really more about life on earth and not the afterlife because they are in an earth like place with solid bodies and there is no telepathy or teleportation. The only thing they really had was the part where she started manifesting reality due to her bad thoughts but even that was programmed by Michael, I think, to trick her. But I do like the fact that the show has as part of its plot the idea that souls can be tricked in the afterlife into think that what is really hell is heaven.

So in the show there was this idea that it didn't work somehow just because the architect (Michael) had to blank their memory and restart. But this is exactly what solution they use in our actual life -- you constantly die, lose memory, and restart the same loop. What the show doesn't really show is how to exit since it's mostly filled with useless ethics philosophy (and even more deluded, childish point system).

I like how the show uses the four main characters to depict common flaws (kind of similar to *The Wizard of Oz* in that respect) as to why souls don't actually make it to the real heaven. Chidi's **cowardly** indecisiveness shows constant **fear** of making the wrong choice and a potential remorse/regret and guilt over decisions he might make so any **Intention** he has is weak. I think Eleanor is a shallow, selfish party girl and could even be characterized as having no **will power** to resist temptation. Tahani is vain and has a big **ego** and is **attached** to materialism. Finally, Jason (whose character is highly annoying to me) personifies **ignorance** which is obviously a huge common one for all duped souls. These characters seem to parallel those from *The Wizard of Oz*. Eleanor is Dorothy, the main character. She is the first image we see. She is the every"man", the normal avergage person who is not a saint nor evil. She picks up friends along her journey. They are all on a quest to make it to the mystical and magical land of paradise or heavenly realm where they will be complete and have everything they need. Chidi is the cowardly lion, big and strong physically yet lacking the courage to make a decision. Jason is the sacrecrow who lacks a brain. Tahani is the tin "man" who is lacking a heart. She gives enormous amounts of money to charity, but it wasn't because she was good-hearted as it didn't come from a place of compassion or because she cared. It was to make herself look good. Michael is the wizard of Oz, the older man behind the curtain pulling all the strings and denying them access by means of deception.

There have been NDEs with judges and even a courtroom though they are infrequent. Keep in mind the full cycle of dying for NDErs is never completed. I think the cases of lives between lives that are uncovered in hypnotherapy (Michael Newton, Dolores Cannon) have a council that guides the soul and there is the so called lords of karma and even in NDEs the ultimate judge is the being of light telling them they must go back. because they have a mission to complete ("learning"?) Either way, there are definitely authoritative figures or peer pressure involved in convincing the soul to return. However, I think the judges in the show are very immature and are a disrespectful mockery to how they would actually represent themselves in the afterlife. It's just a TV show and must contain light-hearted "comedy" in order to relate to the dumbed down masses.

I just finished watching the final season. I think they did a decent job with the last season.

I'm not sure about the overall message. There is the surface message that humanity is ultimately good and learning as we go. They seem to push the idea that we return over and over until we perfect ourselves or reach the best version of ourselves. But they did touch on the idea that spirits would get bored in an eternal afterlife after experiencing everything they ever wanted to do. And that once that is accomplished and they have reached a sense of completion and peace, then they can dissolve into nothingness I was a bit surprised they gave Buddhism such a fair shake with the idea of the wave in the ocean crashing onto the shore and then returning back (to its source). They never mentioned the white light or the void so I guess that is a push. At least they did alert people to the idea that the afterlife could be a trick and that there could be a "best" place to go to.

They did sort of touch on the idea of designing your own afterlife, but too much emphasis placed on there being a judge and us being at the mercy of their decisions, I think. Interesting that they had an architect named Michael.... perhaps a nod to the archangel Michael? Architect and demiurge are very similar ideas.

I thought their depiction of the female judge was very juvenile and irreverent / disrespectful, if there is a judge....Gnostics did talk about a Virgin of Light or something like that who may judge, idr. All the stupid butt humor etc in the show was very tedious to me, but I guess ofr a 30 minute show is par for the course, ridiculous imo.

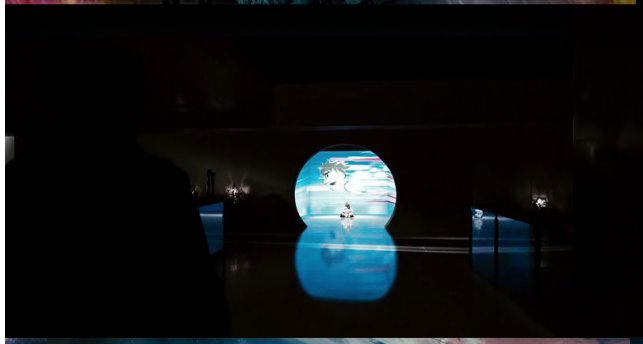
I noticed when Eleanor walked through the door (which was an archway), there was a white light or white void. Perhaps she dissolved into the white light, not sure. But I think the archway of freemasonry may represent the arcing back and forth between the two poles of duality.

They did mention that it is the mystery and not knowing what is going to happen that makes this a worthwhile venture. And I think that is what Alan Watts suggested when he said we like to be surprised.

I don't know that they ultimately solved the mystery, but they did acknowledge that no one really knows and I think that is correct.

Did you catch the ending song about the cosmic ride on a groovy wave of love and how it ended with "we're gonna find a wave (way?) back to the sun, back to The One"?

GAMER (2009)

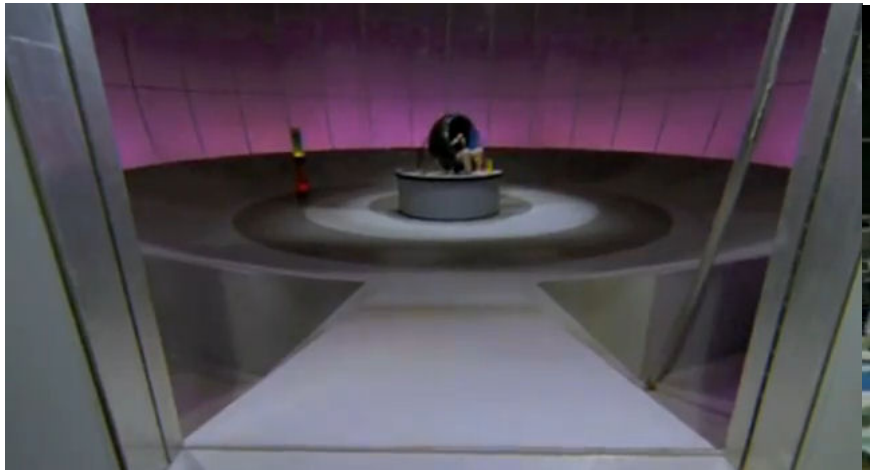


Convicts and other willing participants agree to have their bodies completely controlled by a game player with user controls, but the originator of the game plans to enslave and trap all humans in the video game. One tandem is breaking free from the system though. The creator declares the character "dead" and then lures the game character with a virtual reality creation of his daughter sitting in the entrance of a moongate. It's a weird sequence in the movie. The character suddenly is underneath the stars looking up. He walks through a dark corridor or tunnel with a light at one end. He sees his daughter sitting in the light of the moongate and he

runs to her only to hit a force field of what he finds out was just an illusion and a trap set for him. We see the moongate is at the top of some steps almost like a pyramid. The game creator takes him upstairs onto a barren rocky surface underneath the stars again. In light of the peviously mentioned moongate we can only assume this is meant to symbolize the moon. He takes him to a basketball court where a battle of will power ensues. The game ends (and movie too) as the hero enters a tunnel (with no visible light shown).

THE PRISONER -- OPENING SEQUENCE

In the opening theme of 1960s TV series *The Prisoner* by *Everyman Pictures* Patrick McGoohan drives down the road (life's road), goes through a tunnel and enters a tunnel with a light at the end to doors that say "Way out". He has only his right eye open as if he is giving his boss the evil eye as he resigns. His ID is then taken by an automated process and put inside a drawer or filing cabinet. He then leaves through the tunnel and packs his bags. He thinks he is going on vacation to paradise or heaven, but is knocked out by gas and held as a prisoner in the Village. They try to dehumanize him as they refuse to give him a name, only the number 6, which is the number of man. The operation which keeps him as prisoner appears to be the moon as they have shots of space and the constellations on one side and the earth continents on the other and they also show a rocky base underground with podlike container tubes that go down into a hole reminiscent of craters. If he tries to escape a balloon-looking deviced called Rover hunts him down.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THE PRISONER -- FALLOUT (FINAL EPISODE)

The opening sequence always contains this dialogue:
Number Six: Where am I?
Number Two: In the Village.
Number Six: What do you want?
Number Two: Information.
Number Six: Whose side are you on?
Number Two: That would be telling. We want information… information… information.
Number Six: You won't get it.
Number Two: By hook or by crook, we will.
Number Six: Who are you?
Number Two: The new Number Two.
Number Six: Who is Number One?
Number Two: You are Number Six.
Number Six: I am not a number! I am a free man!
Number Two: [laughs]

The Prisoner repeatedly proclaims, "I will not make any deals with you. I've resigned. I will not be pushed, filed, stamped, indexed, briefed, debriefed, or numbered! My life is my own!"
Number Six: I will not make any deals with you. I've resigned. I will not be pushed, filed, stamped, indexed, briefed, debriefed, or numbered! My life is my own!

THE PRISONER -- FALLOUT (FINAL EPISODE)

#6 kills #2 and is taken to see #1
rocky underground cave, hollowed out base with what looks like mainframe computers running it all -- the moon?
juke boxes playing "all you need is love"
symbols of duality.... mask half white and half black, see saw, militaristic show of force
an assembly wearing white robes with hoods that look like ghosts make up the democracy with placards with words like Activists, Youngsters, Education, Identification, Anarchists, Entertainment, Recreation, applauding #2...judge on a pedestal

"matter of democratic crisis" to resolve the question of revolt...remind ourselves humanity is not humanized w/o force and that errant children must be brought to justice.
#6 survived the ultimate test so must no longer be referred to as #6 or a number of any kind, he has vindicated the right of the individual, to be individual

transfer of ultimate power
#6 is granted the honor of sitting a throne or chair of honor atop a stepped pyramid of stairs
there is a silo or tower with the #1 on it with a blinking AI eye
3 men who represent specific forms of revolt are in cylindrical tubes beneath the surface in what look like crater holes ...the judge keeps repeatedly telling one man to confess but the man is speaking nonsensical crazy jibberish like a lunatic representing youth rebeling against the accepted norm but revolt must be abolished for the common good of society
The young prisoner is pronounced guilty and charged with the serious breach of social etiquette, defiance of elementary laws which sustain the community, questioning the decisions of those voted to govern, unhealthy aspects of speech and refusal to respond to his number
the second revolutionary being held prisoner is #2, an established successful secure member of the establishment turning opun the hand that feeds him, he is brought back to life and tells the

blinking AI eye "whoever you are, whatever you are, you will hypnotize me no longer"
the third revolutionary is #6 himself who has revolted, resisted, fought, held fast, maintained, destroyed resistance, overcome coercion, the right to be person someone or individual despite materialistic efforts he has survived intact and secure
he is recognized as a man, a man of steel magnificently equipped to lead them or to go
he is given the choice to become their new leader or to go anywhere..he is free to go anywere because he has been such an example, convinced them of their mistakes and is pure and knows the way

to show them...his revolt is good and honest, the only individual ...they concede
#6 is asked to make a statement and then taken to meet #1 ..he is taken to one of the cylinders, gets in and descends...walks down a corridor through a series of doors....
there is a table with a bunch of various sized earth models and globes... a being in a white hooded robe bearing the number 1 is holding a glass globe, he is wearing a mask that is white on one side and black on the other. #6 removes the mask and reveals the mask of an ape, he then removes the ape mask and sees his own face. the being laughs hysterically and runs away.
#6 manages to escape and return back to his normal life.

THE GAME (1997)

Michael Douglas plays a wealthy businessman caught up in the routine of life. His brother, played by Sean Penn, gives him a birthday gift for the man who has everything. It is a tailor-made "game" customized for the willing partcipant who willingly agrees to play the game. This "game" plunges him into a hell-like reality where he is thrown into survival mode and doesn't know what the truth is anymore of who he can trust. This company even has the power to control the daily news he watches. SPOILER ALERT: He is so distraught by the game that he jumps from the top of a skyscraper to commit suicide only to land on an inflated "X" that marks the spot or bull's eye. They had planned along for him to jump. As it turns out all of it was an elaborate prank or joke. Of course, you never "get" a joke until after the very end is told or played out. The funny thing is while all the hired actors (his so-called acquaintences and friends) celebrated afterwads, I never saw him crack a smile or laugh about it in the end. This movie hints that our very reality could in fact all just be an elaborate hoax or trick -- yes, a **game**.

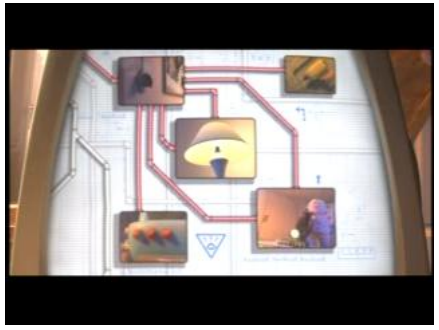
THE NINTH GATE (1999) Artisan Entertainment

The Ninth Gate - A book purported to be written by Lucifer reveals the key to opening the nine gates to Hell. Ancient book dealer, Johnny Depp, unlocks its secrets and walks through the final gate being the golden dawn of the rising sun.

"To travel in silence
I alone have secured this route
To brave the arrows of misfortune
And fear neither noose nor fire.
To play the greatest of all games and win!
Forgoing no expense
Is to mock the fascistic will of fate
And gain at last the key that will unlock
The Ninth Gate

Let me fear neither noose nor fire nor poison.
Erase me from the Book of Life,
Inscribe me in the black Book of Death.
Bring me to
The Ninth Gate"

MONSTERS, INC. (2001) Disney Pixar



Monster's Inc. - "The future is bright at Monsters, Inc.! We're part of your life. We power your car. We warm your home. We light your city... Carefully **matching every child to their ideal monster to produce a superior scream refined into clean dependable energy**... Everytime your turn something on, Monster's Inc is there... We know the challenge. The window of innocence is shrinking. Human kids are becoming harder to scare... The best refineries and research into new energy techniques... We're Monster's Inc... 'We scare because we care!' " **

LITTLE NICKY (2000) Avery Pix, Happy Madison, New Line Cinema

Little Nicky - Little Nicky is the devil's son, aptly named for Old Nick is a euphemism for The Devil. "I got hit by this big light that was attached to a lot of metal!"

PLANET OF THE APES (2001) Twentieth Century Fox

Planet of the Apes - Astronauts head into an electrical storm. One crew member exclaims, "It's beautiful!" Another retorts, "So's the sun until you get close to it!"

TOMMY (1975) Robert Stigwood Organization (RSO)

Tommy - This clipis several minutes long and is the finale to the movie *Tommy,* with music written by *The Who*. Lead singer Roger Daltrey plays cult hero and savior, Tommy, who swims across water, scales a mountain top and raises the sun.

"Listening to you, I get the music. Gazing at you, I get the heat. Following you, I climb the mountains. I get excitement at your feet. Right behind you, I see the millions..."

THE PRISONER (1967-1968) Everyman Films

The Prisoner Moon Grid - In this 1960's TV programme, The Prisoner, by *Everyman Pictures*, a village where its inhabitants are being held prisoner is controlled from a lunar base. From here every move of the prisoner is monitored. On one side is the Earth; on the other side, space. Notice the "eye in the sky".

Truman Show Moon Grid - Jim Carrey plays Truman, a metaphor for the 'true man'. He is living in a false world, a hoax perpetrated from the "Lunar Room," a world within a world.

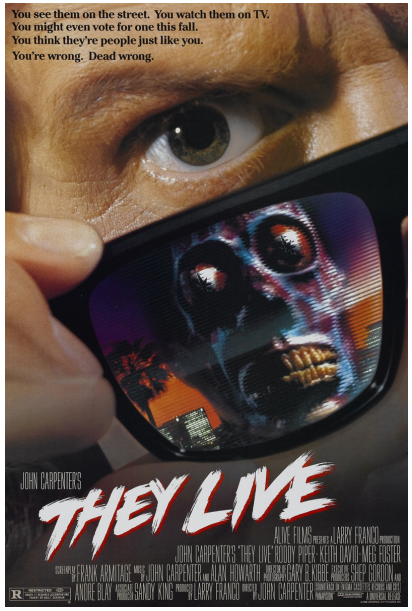
STAR WARS (1977) Lucasfilm, Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation

Star Wars Death Star - In the original *Star Wars* movie, a battle station for the Imperial troops was camouflaged as a moon. "Look at him. He's heading for that small moon."... "That's no moon! It's a space station!... It's too big to be a space station."... We're caught in a tractor beam and it's pulling us in." In *Return of the Jedi*, the design of the Death Star was improved upon, resulting in a half-shell.

AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY (1997) Capella International

Austin Powers - A pun is made on the Death Star in Star Wars. Dr. Evil plans to put a giant 'laser' on the moon and direct it at Earth.

THEY LIVE (1998) Alive Films



They Live! (2.71 Mb, may take a while to download.)
In this sci-fi classic, society is subversively controlled by a race of non-humans. Billboards and magazines subliminally read, "Obey. Submit." Money covertly displays, "This is your God." Notice a pair of **sun** glasses is what reveals this hidden truth.

Star Trek Voyager: Coda - Captain Janeway discusses her near death experience in which an alien being masqueraded as her father, attempting to lure her into its matrix of light where she would be a source of nourishment. This causes her to wonder if all near death experiences aren't really just alien encounters.

CONTACT (1997) Warner Bros.

Contact - Astronaut Jodie Foster travels through worm holes to make contact with an extraterrestrial being who downloads her memories and poses as her father.

Alien (posing as her father): "You're an interesting species, an interesting mix. You're capable of such beautiful dreams and such horrible nightmares. You feel so lost, so cut off, so alone, only you're not. See, in all our searching, the only thing we've found that makes the emptiness bearable is each other. "

THE SKULLS (2000) Universal Pictures

The Skulls - A candidate is tapped by an Ivy League secret society, modeled after the real life Skull and Bones society at Yale, which has produced several U.S. Presidents. Notice the initiate "dies" in the sun to be reborn again.

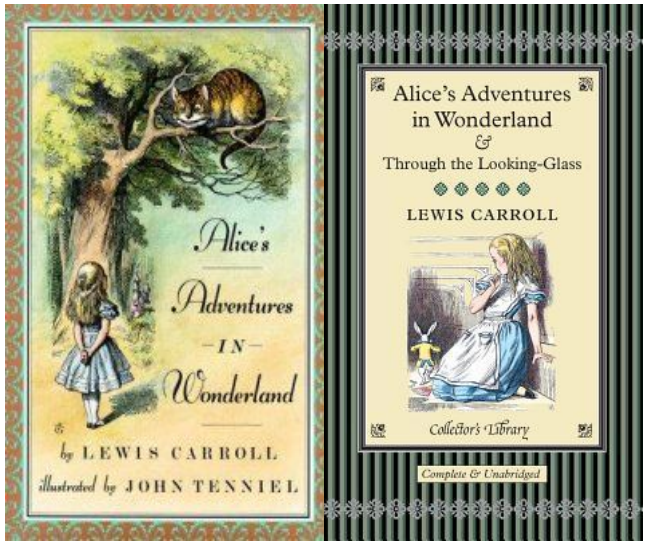
THE WIZARD OF OZ (1939) MGM

The Wizard of Oz

The classic movie *The Wizard of Oz* was written by L. Frank Baum, a noted member of the Theosophical society and converted to gnosticism two years before writing the book. He included many Gnostic elements in the book. There are so many overtones. The light of the NDE is past the tunnel (represented by the tornado vortex), over the rainbow (all the colors seen in the tunnel) and in the emerald city (crystal city is seen in some NDEs). The characters and attributes of the Tin Man/Heart, Lion/Courage, Scarecrow/Brain etc. represent the redemption of those lacking in some essential quality, ultimately being restored and causing their life to be almost reborn. The Wizard, the frail old man behind the curtain running the show, is the Demiurge, seemingly all fierce but really nothing in essence: "pay no attention to that man behind the curtain." The ruby slippers represent the "**inner spark**" within all of us. When Glinda instructs Dorothy never to take off the ruby slippers, she is telling Dorothy never to lose her inner spark. Glinda the Good witch tells Dorothy, "You don't need to be helped any longer. **You've always had the power**". This is the key component of Gnosticism, that the soul or spirit is a **divine spark** and **that we all have the Light Power within**.

For more of my review and detailed analysis, click here: The Wizard of Oz **

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (1951) & THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (2016)

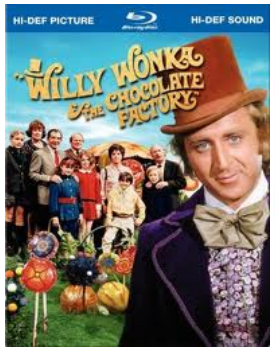


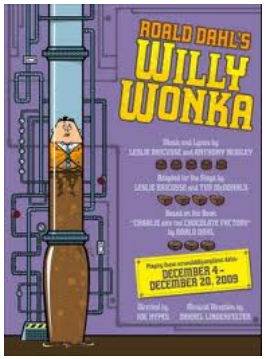
Henry Liddell's (pseudonym Lewis Carroll) books *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) and *Through the Looking Glass* (1871) are both classics. The allusion to a **Wonder**land or a land of wonder hints that the story is about **imagination** and wanting to have an **adventure** or entertaining **experience**. The stories seem to me to parallel Gnostic teachings of the fallen goddess of wisdom, **Sophia**. Both fell because of desire and **curiosity** as a result of wishing to create their own world. Alice follows a white rabbit down the rabbit hole. The rabbit is one of the **trickster** figures of Native American folklore. Alice's adventurous spirit desires to have an otherworldy experience. to Alice eventually gets so tired of all the **chaos** and **nonsense** that she uses reason or **wisdom** to **wake up and return home**.
The first book was purportedly written three years after the author went on a boat ride down the river Isis (Thames) with his three daughters, one named Alice, and a Reverend who told the story of a **bored and drowsy** Alice desiring to go on an **adventure**. The journey began at **Folly** Bridge and ended at Godstow (God's tow).

The story is a metaphor for how this nonsensical world or dimension we are living in is a **dream**, an **illusion** made of **reflections** and the **opposite** of what true reality is. It is a search to find one's self. Alice says, "Who in the world am I? Ah, that's the great puzzle." Her world is **illogical**: "If I had a **world of my own**, everything would be **nonsense**. Nothing would be what it is, because everything would be what it isn't. And contrary wise, what is, it wouldn't be. And what it wouldn't be, it would. You see?" "Contrariwise,' continued Tweedledee, 'if it was so, it might be; and if it were so, it would be; but as it isn't, it ain't. That's **logic**."

To read more of my detailed analysis, click here: Alice in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass **

WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (1971)



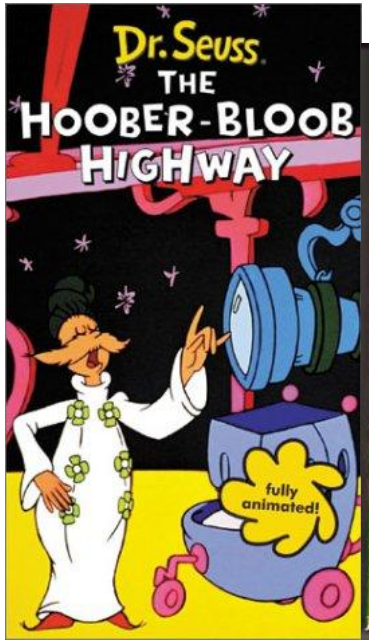


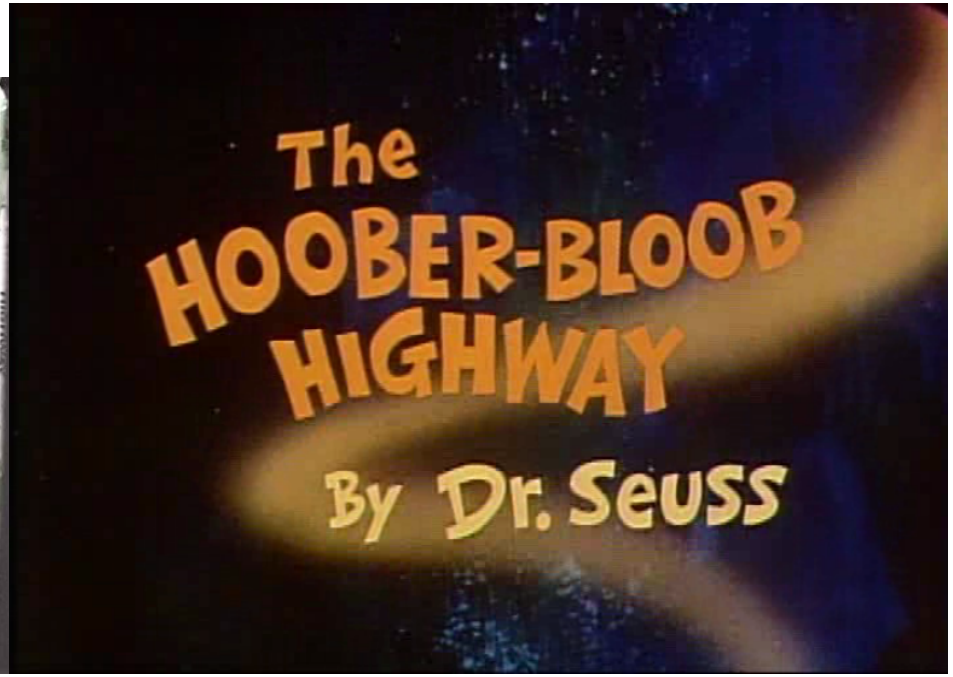
Another classic like *The Wizard of Oz*. Willy Wonka is a wizard who runs a food factory. He plays a pipe or flute. He strikes me as a Demiurge type figure.

Just like the Demiurge he operates a food factory and it is an addictive food (chocolate) that people can't keep away from. So he conducts a type of lottery with golden tickets where people can take a trip to paradise to see how it all works. The other kids that are there all have horrible traits and are characterized as bad eggs. One is sucked into a pipe that leads to the furnace.

To read more of my review and detailed analysis, click here: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory **

DR. SEUSS: THE HOOBER-BLOOB HIGHWAY (1975) [UNIVERSAL STUDIOS]

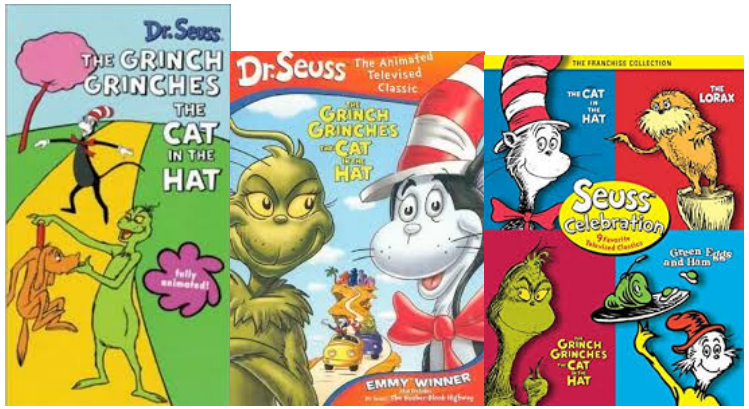




Whoa! I stumbled across an old Dr. Seuss cartoon from 1975 called ***The Hoober-Bloob Highway***. It features a **Demiurge** character nicknamed 'The Dispatcher' who is in charge of dispatching souls to Earth. His job is to **warn souls before choosing to come to Earth** what to expect here. And he actually tells them they **don't have to be a human**, but can **choose other forms**. Amazing stuff. I sent the link to the cartoon to my friend who actually met the Demiurge in his NDE. He wrote back, "Interesting in every way... including the box... machine... He knew and hid it in a children's story." When I talked to him in person about it, he mentioned the white orb-shaped soul, the golden thread and all the Yes/No questions the soul was required to answer which equated to the enormously large series of IF-THEN-ELSE programming options he participated in

To read my entire review and detailed analysis, click here: Dr. Seuss The Hoober-Bloob Highway **

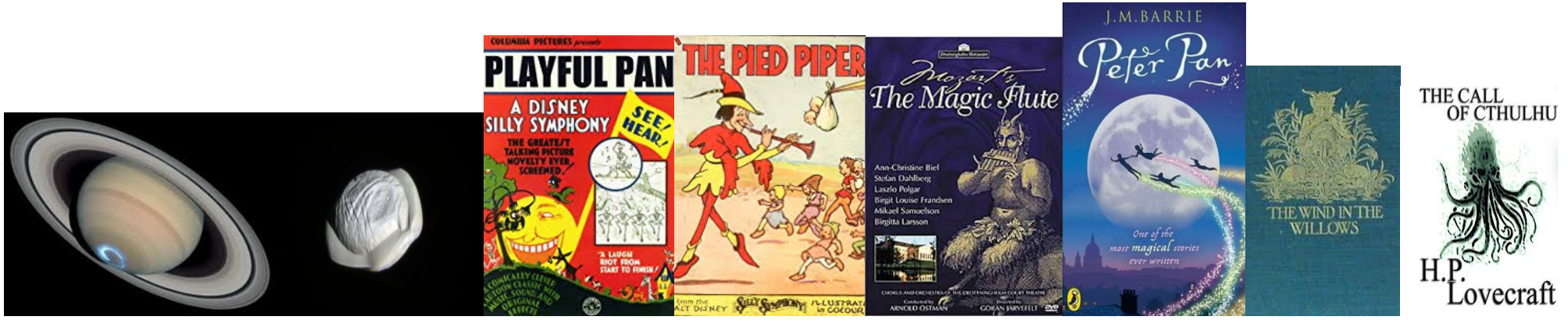
DR. SEUSS: THE GRINCH GRINCHES THE CAT IN THE HAT (1982)



Another amazing Dr. Seuss cartoon that reveals what's going on is *The Grinch Grinches The Cat in the Hat,* an Emmy award-winning cartoon from 1982. The Grinch has invented a **machine that can manipulate light**. He calls the digital contraption a **Darkhouse** (as opposed to a lighthouse) and he can **beam darkness or any color of light** for great distances. He wreaks havoc in everyones' lives with the **wave interference patterns** he creates. He explains in technobabble how it works and the YouTube translator actually mistakenly hears him say the phrases "**Saturn** of Lagos" and "regular ring". Also, notice the **ringed-planet** in the VHS jacket cover for *The Hoober-Bloob Highway*. He has also invented a machine that can manipulate sound waves which allows him to control what everyone hears and says.

Here is the link to my **review and detailed analysis** of the cartoon: *Dr. Seuss' The Grinch Grinches the Cat in the Hat* **

PETER PAN (1953) Disney Pictures



THE DEVILISH HORNED GOD PAN, THE SATYR FROM SATYRN & THE SATANIC OCCULT HIDDEN MEANING BEHIND DISNEY'S PETER PAN: *Playful Pan, Pan, Hook, Neverland, The Pied Piper* plus *The Lost Boys, The Wind in the Willows, The Piper At the Gates of Dawn, Pan's Labyrinth, Legend, Lawnmower Man, The Call of Cthulhu, Mozart's The Magic Flute,* & Michael Jackson's Neverland

Pan is the **satyr from Satyrn in this satire** called life. As the **pied piper**, he has the whole earth dancing to the **tune of his pipe**. Pan is a **mysterious, artificial-looking moon of Saturn**, the Lord of the Rings. Could it be that the rings of Saturn are broadcasting a **signal that interferes** with us?

Before we can begin to truly understand the meaning behind **Disney's** 1953 movie ***Peter Pan,*** we must first look at a couple of Disney's earliest short animations before any of the Disney movies were made. One of the earliest shorts was from 1930 called ***Playful Pan*** and it featured the forest god of nature, the satyr Pan, as a **pied piper luring sparks of fire.**

A few years later in 1933 Disney made another short animation, ***The Pied Piper,*** where a pied **piper lures children** (children of god, sparks of light?) **through a portal into a giant rock**.

The story of Peter Pan is quite possibly the single, most important metaphor for understanding our relationship to nature and what lies after death. Peter Pan symbolizes **Pan**, the horned god of nature that pagans and wiccans worship as the Lord (along with the goddess or Lady). Pan has been associated with the **Devil**.

Peter Pan is the **pied piper** who lures children to **Neverland** with the **siren windsong** of **nature** (and the magic pixie dust of DMT) to join his (frequency) band of **lost boys**. Pan is a playful **trickster**. Peter Pan means "father all" and was called the "Great **White Father**" in the book, and the **white light** is indeed all colored frequencies combined. Pan elicits fear and **pan**ic at the prospect of **ego death.** We should never be afraid, but perhaps there is good reason to be at least concerned as there may be a big difference between the loss of the **shadow** self or ego, and losing one's Spirit to merge with the **All**.

Peter Pan is one of the world's most beloved stories. "**To die will be an awfully big adventure.**" has emerged as probably its most well-known line. The story has spun off many Disney remakes as well as other takes on the tale. In the original play written by J.M.Barrie, **Peter kidnapped boys and killed off some** from time to time. Peter is frequently referred to as 'Pan' throughout and resembles the **greek god of the forest and chaos, Pan**. He is a fun-loving spirit that lives in nature, is clad in green leaves, has pointed ears and plays the **panpipes**.

Disney made Pan into a hero and savior. It's the story of a boy who never wants to grow up and with the help of fairy and **magic pixie dust** Peter is able to **fly** and takes children, called **Lost Boys**, to another world called **Neverland** where their **dreams** can become true.

Hook became the first official release in almost fifty years. Peter (played by Robin Williams) sees the light of Tinker Bell the fairy, becomes scared, calls her a firefly from hell and thinks he has died exclaiming, "**I'm dying. Heading towards the white light.**" Later, he instructs the Lost Boys who are fighting off pirates to "**show them the white light we're made of, boys**". In the mini-series *Neverland*, **Peter is a thief in Hook's gang**. They are taken to *Neverland* where an indian girl named **Aaya knows all the secrets about the magic pixie dust mineral found in the tree spirit colony that enables one to fly**. Aaya and the magic pixie dust mineral are almost certainly a reference to **Ayahuasca, named Aya** by its partakers, that takes the experiencer to a dimension of hyperspace where elves, fairies and other entities are encountered.

In ***Pan***, the Fairy Kingdom is a **fairy hive in a crystal city**. In the popular *Once Upon a Time* television series **Pan is the villain the Pied Piper** (as I suggested about a year before the show). He seeks the **heart of the truest believer so that he might convince him to sacrifice it to him**.

In the movie ***The Pied Piper***, the Piper with his beautiful flute playing lures all the rats out of the town to drown in the river. Then **he leads all the children of the townspeople out of town with his music**.

In ***The Wind in the Willows***, the main character is lured by the haunting melody of the **dream-song or wind-song of a giant spirit, Pan**, that is called the **piper at the gates of dawn**.

In the movie ***The Lost Boys,*** the lost boys are a clan of **vampires** who seduce the protagonist into becoming one of them.

In ***Pan's Labyrinth***, a giant faun needs the **blood of an innocent to be sacrificed** while a **portal is open during the full moon**.

In ***Legend***, the **Lord of Darkness is a horned being who resides in the Great Tree**. He says in the beginning there was a Void and the **perfect void was corrupted by light**. The protagonist vows to "**bring light to darkness**".

The film ***The Lawnmower Man*** is based on a screenplay named ***Cyber God***. The main character and title of the movie were based on the one in Stephen King's short story. In King's short story the owner of the company that employs the lawnmower man is named Pan. In the movie the lawnmower man becomes addicted to playing a **virtual reality game**.

The *Doctor Who* television series aired a 4-part story named ***The Moonbase*** where a race of **cybermen** have a base on the dark side of the moon. A cyberman named '**The Piper**' comes to take men when they're **dying**, fit them with metal headpieces and alter or "convert" them to **control their minds** to generate a **vortex (tunnel)**. The **phantom Piper** carries a **pipe which he uses as a weapon**.

In H.P. Lovecraft's ***The Call of Cthulhu*** lore as it's known in the Mythos, "the Outer Gods are ruled by Azathoth, the 'Blind Idiot God', who holds court at the center of infinity. A group of Outer Gods dance rhythmically around Azathoth, in cadence to **the piping of a demonic flute**".

Mozart's ***The Magic Flute*** was the *Eyes Wide Shut* of its time. Mozart was a **Master Mason** and at the age of 35 **died three months after the show**'s premiere. He incorportated some of the **freemasonic rituals** into the opera including **blindfolded initiates** and a **secret brotherhood of Isis and Osiris**.

That is a brief overview of each film. For further details read the extensive article. Pan loves the story telling and being a **part of the story** and the thrill of the **wonderful adventures**. He never wants to grow up and yearns for immortality. It is oft repeated in every story that everything is a **game** to Peter in which he frequently "**switches sides just for the fun of it"**. In the article I detail how the sweet alluring song the piper Pan (who abducts the Lost Boys and takes them to another dimension called Neverland where dreams become reality) plays is really the **story of the afterlife** as seen in near death experiences and the tunnel or **pipe that leads to the white light** where there is a crystal city and a connected hive mind mentality.

The pied Piper Pan pipes pips/peeps per his pipe to pop them for pep.

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THE LION KING (1994) Walt Disney Pictures

The Lion King - The first few minutes of the movie include an offering to the sun.

POLTERGEIST (1982) Metro-Goldman-Meyer (MGM)

Run to the light, Carol Anne. Run as fast as you can! Mommy is in the light! Mommy is *waiting for you in the light!!!!!!!*

Carol Anne: Mommy, where are you? I can't find you. I can't. I'm afraid of the Light, mommy. I'm afraid of the Light.
Dr. Lesh: Tell her to stay away from the light.
Diane: Maybe it's a way out --
Dr. Lesh: It is -- it is a way out, but not for her. Tell her, quickly.
Diane: Stay away from the light. The light is dangerous. Don't go near it. Don't even look at the light.
Carol Anne: Mommy, there's somebody here ... Mommy, somebody's coming. Mommy, help me, please! *Get away from me. Leave me alone!*

THE RECRUIT (2003) Touchstone Pictures, Spyglass Entertainment

The Recruit - CIA trainer, Al Pacino, emphasizes, "Nothing is what it seems!" Note the special training facility at Langley is called 'The Farm' and the CIA logo is a star compass.

SHREK (2001) DreamWorks

Shrek - Lovable ogre Shrek has been wounded by an arrow and his gregarious donkey companion, fretting death, pleads, "Don't die, Shrek. And if you see a long tunnel, stay away from the light!"

There's Something About Mary - An attempt to resuscitate a swooned dog is made. "Stay away from the light!" Yes, there is some 'thing' about Mary, i.e. an entity around Isis, the moon.

Chronicles of Riddick - "In this verse (Helion), humans have been fractured, divided by all their many races, creeds and mistaken faiths. Our purpose is to correct that mistake because there is another verse, another universe that he has found, where anyone can live anew, where you can live free of pain -- a perfect new place called 'Underverse'..."

STARGATE

Stargate - "A traveler from distance stars escaped from a dying world looking for a way to extend his own life. Plotting, decaying and weak, he couldn't prevent his own demise. Apparently his whole species was becoming extinct. So he traveled, searched, the galaxies looking for a way to cheat death. He came to a world rich with life where he encountered a primitive race -- humans, a species which with all his powers and knowledge, he could maintain indefiniety. He realized within a human body he had a chance for a new life. Now he aparently found a young boy. As the frightened voyagers ran, night became day. Curious and without fear, he walked towards the light. Ra took him and possessed his body like some kind of a parasite looking for a host. And inhabiting this human form, he appointed himself ruler. He used the stargate to bring thousands of workers here to this planet as workers for the mines. This mineral is clearly the building block of all his technology. With this he can sustain eternal life..."

ATLANTIS

Atlantis - Power Source - "The crystal is alive somehow. It's their deity. It's their power source. They're a part of it. It's a part of them..."

Atlantis - "The crystal thrives on the collective emotions of all who came before us. In return it provides power, longevity, protection. As it grew, it developed a consciousness of its own... but its power grew too great to control. It overwhelmed us and led to our destruction... If she remains bonded to the crystal, she could be lost to it forever."

STAR TREK ORIGINAL SERIES PILOT -- THE CAGE a.k.a. THE MENAGERIE **

The Star Trek The Original Series 2-part episode, The Menagerie, was reworked fom the show's actual 1965 pilot epsiode named The Cage. The Menagerie was aired in November of 1966. A group of small telepathic aliens very reminiscent of the little grey aliens that dominate today's commercial market, hold Captain Pike a prisoner. The Star trek series, of course, went on to be a huge success.

In a rare interview on the paranormal radio show Coast to Coast A.M. Art Bell interviewed Leonard Nimoy who played the alien character Spock. Leonard Nimoy told him, "When we were making the Star Trek series the first season -- middle of the first season -- some people came to me and they said, 'You may not know it, but you have been chosen as a kind of a vessel to carry informatin to this civilization to help prepare this society for the coming of another civilization for alien arrival and your character is a character designed to educate this public that there is nothing to fear, that it is possible to interact with other species', and I said, 'Ok, it's ok with me if that's the case.' "

These inorganic alien beings depicted in the pilot show are actually mentioned in the ancient Nag Hammadi gnostic texts and are referred to as Archons which are mind parasites. Yes, the Archons "are cons". Researcher John Lash has written extensively about them.

PIKE: Can you hear me? My name is Christopher Pike, commander of the space vehicle Enterprise from a stellar group at the other end of this galaxy. Our intentions are peaceful. Can you understand me?
(the aliens communicate with their minds, not voices)
TALOSIAN: It appears, Magistrate, that the intelligence of the specimen is shockingly limited.
MAGISTRATE: This is no surprise since his vessel was **baited here so easily with a simulated message**. As you can read in its thoughts, it is only now beginning to suspect that the survivors and encampment were **a simple illusion we placed in their minds**.
PIKE: You're not speaking, yet I hear you.
MAGISTRATE: You will note the confusion as it reads our thought transmissions.
PIKE: All right, then, telepathy. You can read my mind. I can read yours. Now, unless you want my ship to consider capturing me an unfriendly act
MAGISTRATE: You now see the primitive fear/threat reaction. The specimen is about to boast of his strength, the weaponry of his vessel, and so on. Next, frustrated into a need to display physical prowess, the creature will throw himself against the transparency.
PIKE: If you were in here, wouldn't you test the strength of these walls, too? There's a way out of any cage, and I'll find it.
MAGISTRATE: Despite its frustration, the creature appears more adaptable than our specimens from other planets. We can soon begin the experiment.

[Briefing room]

SPOCK: The inhabitants of this planet must live deep underground, probably manufacture food and other needs down there. Our tests indicate the planet surface, without considerably more vegetation or some animals, simply too barren to support life.
NUMBER ONE: So we just thought we saw survivors there.
SPOCK: Exactly. **An illusion placed in our minds by this planet's inhabitants**.
BOYCE: It was a perfect illusion. They had us seeing just what we wanted to see, human beings who'd survived with dignity and bravery, everything entirely logical, right down to the building of the camp, the tattered clothing, everything. Now let's be sure we understand the danger of this. **The inhabitants of this planet can read our minds, they can create illusions out of a person's own thoughts, memories, and experiences, even out of a person's own desires.** Illusions just as real and solid as this table top and just as impossible to ignore.

BOYCE: Maybe it was. It's what I tried to explain in the briefing room. Their power of illusion is so great, we can't be sure of anything we do, anything we see.

VINA: They can't actually make you do anything you don't want to do.
PIKE: But they try to trick me with their illusions.
VINA: And, er, they can punish you when you're not co-operative. You'll find out about that.
PIKE: Did they ever live on the surface of this planet? Why did they go underground?
VINA: War, thousands of centuries ago.
PIKE: That's why it's so barren up there?
VINA; The planet's only now becoming able to support life again.
PIKE: So the Talosians who came underground found life limited here and they concentrated on developing their mental power.
VINA: But they found it's a trap, like a narcotic, because when dreams become more important than reality, you give up travel, building, creating. You even forget how to repair the machines left behind by your ancestors. You just sit, living and reliving other lives left behind in the thought record.
PIKE: Or sit probing minds of zoo specimens like me.
VINA: **You're better than a theatre to them. They create the illusion for you, they watch you react, feel your emotions.** They have a whole collection of specimens, descendants of life brought back long ago from all over this part of the galaxy.

PIKE: You'll find my thoughts more interesting, thoughts so primitive you can't understand. Emotions so (stricken by pain)
KEEPER: Wrong thinking is punishable. Right thinking will be as quickly rewarded. You will find it an effective combination. (leaves)

KIRK: You keep talking about life, Mister Spock. A chance for life. How? As a prisoner, caged, a zoo specimen, living the illusions that amuse his keepers?

STAR TREK THE ORIGINAL SERIES Episode 23: "RETURN OF THE ARCHONS" **

[Street]

(One of the robed figures reaches Sulu and points his hollow stave at him. Sulu stiffens, then relaxes with a smile on his face. The transporter takes him away.)

[Transporter room]

SULU: They're wonderful. They're the sweetest, friendliest people in the universe. It's paradise, my friend. Paradise.

[Street]

(A man walks slowly past them, hand on his heart and smile on his face. He bows politely and carries on his way.)

SPOCK: Odd. The **expression on that man's face. The mindlessness. Vacant contentment**.

LAWGIVER: **You attacked the Body**. You have heard the Word and disobeyed. **You will be absorbed**.

LAWGIVER: It is clear that you simply did not understand. I will re-phrase. You are ordered to accompany us to the **absorption chambers**.

[Chamber]

(Reger leads them into a building made of massive stones. He goes over to a corner and unwraps a flat panel, which gives off light.)

KIRK: A lighting panel.

KIRK: Those staffs. Hollow tubes. Antennae for some sort of broadcast power. What is it, Mister Spock?

SPOCK: Strong power generations, Captain. Near here, but radiating in all directions.

REGER: I don't know, Captain. Some of us escape the directives. Not many, but a few. It was that way when the first Archons came.

KIRK: **The Archons. Tell me about them.**

REGER: They had invaded the Body, but they resisted the will of Landru. You see, Landru had pulled them down from the skies.

(The image of a tall, elegant man draped in robes appears against a wall.)

LANDRU: I am Landru.

SPOCK: Projection, Captain. Unreal.

LANDRU: You will be absorbed. Your individuality will merge into the unity of the good, and in your submergence into the common being of the Body, you will find contentment and fulfillment. You will experience the absolute good.

LAWGIVER: Come.

(Kirk leaves with the Lawgivers.)

SPOCK: Doctor McCoy, what will happen to him?

MCCOY: He goes to joy, peace, and tranquillity. He goes to meet Landru. Happiness is to all of us, blessed by Landru.

[Absorption Chamber]

(Kirk is released and greets Spock with an inane smile on his face.)

KIRK: Joy to you, friend. Peace and contentment will fill you. You will know the peace of Landru.

(Kirk leaves, and Spock is fastened to the wall for his treatment. The lights waver as the Lawgivers leave Marplon to his work.)

MARPLON: Have no fear, friend. The effect is harmless. My name is Marplon. I was too late to save your first two friends. They have been absorbed. Beware of them.

[Prison]

SPOCK: Captain.

KIRK: Peace and tranquility to you. (in a whisper) Are you all right?

SPOCK: This is a soulless society, Captain. It has no spirit, no spark. All is indeed peace and tranquillity. The peace of the factory, the tranquillity of the machine. All parts working in unison.

[Hall of Audiences]

KIRK: Landru! Landru. We are the Archons. We are the Archons. We've come to speak. We are the Archons. We want to talk to you.

(The projection appears on the far wall.)

LANDRU: All who saw you, all who know of your presence here must be excised. The memory of the Body will be cleansed.

KIRK: Listen to me.

SPOCK: Useless, Captain. **A projection**.

KIRK: Yes, Mister Spock. Let's have a look at the projector.

(They both use their phasers to blast a hole in the wall. As expected, there are nice clean big computer boxes in a room beyond. Lights are flashing and blinking, blinking and flashing.)

KIRK: Of course. It had to be. Landru.

SPOCK: A machine. This whole society is a machine's concept of perfection. Peace, harmony.

KIRK: But no soul.

So,,, the Archons are given orders by a computer / machine with a lighting panel and humans are taken to absorption chambers and come back in a blissful trance (just like NDErs) repeating mantra like phrases like "peace and tranquility" and act as one (the Body)... it's also interesting to note they treat Kirk and crew as if THEY are a virus that is invading the body (when in reality the Archons are like parasites that invade the mind).

STAR TREK TOS Episode: "DAY OF THE DOVE"

Here is an episode summary:

"The entity appeared as a small, circular pattern of multiple swirling lights in different colors, although it became red in hue and emitted a high-pitched wail when "feeding". The entity fed on the emotions of hatred, anger, and primitive predatory instincts exhibited by humanoids in close proximity to it. If these emotions were not present, the entity was capable of creating conditions to spawn such feelings.

The entity could control the instantaneous transmutation of matter from one form to another, turning everyday objects into weapons and sealing bulkheads on a whim. It could pass through solid objects at will, teleport from one location to the next, and influence the thoughts of others. It could heal a humanoid's mortal wounds, and could even alter a person's memories so that they remembered fictional family members and events that never existed. The entity appeared unable to communicate in any fashion understandable to a humanoid. Although its motives and nature were not wholly known, it lacked the same ethical standards of most humanoids and largely acted in a malignant fashion. Its only weakness appeared to be exposure to emotions of humor, good nature, and friendship; it was particularly susceptible to laughter."

Some exceprts from the script:

[a weird swirl of light hangs in the air a little way away.]

KIRK: Scotty. What's happening to us? We've been trained to think in other terms than war. We've been trained to fight its causes, if necessary. Then why are we behaving like a group of savages? Look at me. Look at me. Two forces aboard this ship, each of them equally armed. Has a war been staged for us, complete with weapons and ideology and patriotic drum beating? Even, Spock, even race hatred? SPOCK: Recent events would seem to be directed toward a magnification of the basic hostilities between humans and Klingons. Apparently, it is by design that we fight. We seem to be pawns. KIRK: But what's the game? And whose? And what are the rules?

SPOCK: It would appear that the entity wants us alive. KIRK: Why? So we can fight, and fight, and keep coming back for more like some bloody coliseum? What's next, the roar of crowds?

SPOCK: Fascinating. During Lieutenant Johnson's emotional outburst, his expression of hatred and lust for vengeance, the alien's life energy level increased. When the Lieutenant became unconscious, the alien lost energy. KIRK: It subsists on the emotions of others. SPOCK: This one appears to be strengthened by mental irradiations of hostility, violent intentions. KIRK: It exists on the hate of others. SPOCK: To put it simply. And it has acted as a catalyst, creating this situation in order to satisfy that need. It has brought together opposing forces, provided crude instruments in an effort to promote the most violent mode of conflict. KIRK: And kept numbers and resources balanced, so that it can maintain a constant state of violence. It's got to have a vulnerable area. We've got to get rid of it. SPOCK: Then all hostile attitudes on board must be eliminated. The fighting must end and soon. KIRK: Or we're a doomed ship, travelling forever between galaxies, filled with eternal bloodlust, eternal warfare.

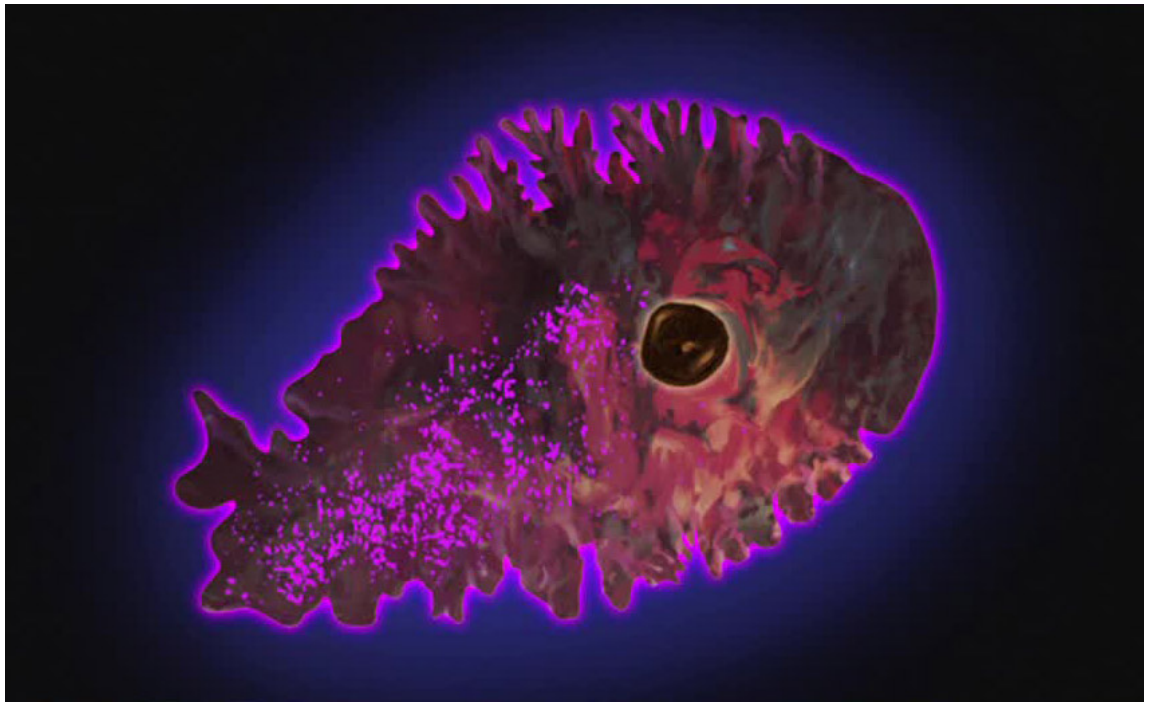
(The weird light is glowing blood red.)

KIRK: Look! Look, Kang. For the rest of our lives. A thousand lifetimes. Senseless violence, fighting, while an alien has total control over us. (Kirk throws away his sword.) KIRK: All right. All right. In the heart. In the head. I won't stay dead. Next time I'll do the same to you. I'll kill you. And it goes on, the good old game of war, pawn against pawn! Stopping the bad guys. While somewhere, something sits back and laughs and starts it all over again.

SPOCK: The cessation of violence appears to have weakened it, Captain. I suggest that good spirits might make an effective weapon. KIRK: Get off my ship. You're a dead duck here. You're powerless. We know about you, and we don't want to play. Maybe there are others like you around. Maybe you've caused a lot of suffering, a lot of history, but that's all over. We'll be on guard now, ready for you. So ship out! Come on! Haul it! MCCOY: Yeah, out already. KANG: Out! We need no urging to hate humans. But for the present, only a fool fights in a burning house. Out! (To the sound of laughter, the weird light turns to white and leaves the Enterprise.)

Ray Bradberry, creator of the Star Trek original series, is rumored to have been a 33rd degree freemason. What this episode describes is precisely what the Gnostics wrote and I believe is happening right now on Earth. There are entities which the Gnostics called Archons that can manipulaste our minds and emotions in order ro feed off of our energy, except I think they are more like shadow beings like shown in the movie "Spirited Away" than the swirling light that was depicted.

STAR TREK TOS EPISODE "THE IMMUNITY SYNDROME"



According to IMDB, "The Enterprise is sent to investigate the disruption of the Gamma VII-A solar system and the destruction of the U.S.S. Intrepid, staffed solely by Vulcans. When they arrive they find a large dark mass floating in space that is draining energy from everything around it, including the Enterprise. Drawn into the mass, they find a huge amoeba-like creature and Kirk must decide which of his two friends, McCoy or Spock, to send into it aboard a shuttle craft on a mission of no return. "

Ecerpts from the transcript: (In the middle of the viewscreen is a black blob.)
KIRK: What is that?
CHEKOV: Perhaps an interstellar dust cloud.
SPOCK: Not very likely, Ensign.
KIRK: No. You'd be able to see stars through a dust cloud. Looks like a hole in space. Readings, Mister Spock.
SPOCK: Still not able to analyse, Captain. Sensors are feeding data to the computers now. Whatever this dark zone is, it lies directly in line with the course I calculate for the Intrepid and the Gamma Seven-A system.

SPOCK: We still have no specifics, but we seem to have entered a zone of energy which is incompatible with our living and mechanical processes. As we draw closer to the source, it grows stronger and we grow weaker.

SPOCK: It's logical to assume that something within this zone absorbs all forms of energy whether mechanically or biologically produced. Whatever it is, it would seem to be the same thing which drew all the energy out of an entire solar system and the Intrepid.
KIRK: The same thing, not the zone itself?
SPOCK: I would say not, Captain. The analysis of the zone indicates it is a negative energy field, however illogical that may sound, but it is not the source of the power drain.

SPOCK: Readings coming in now, Captain. Length, approximately eleven thousand miles. Width varying from two thousand to three thousand miles. Outer layer studded with space debris and waste. Interior consists of protoplasm, varying from a firmer gelatinous layer to a semi-fluid central mass. Condition, living.

(There is an image of a single-celled organism on a screen.)
MCCOY: That is an amoeba.
KIRK: Yes, I remember my basic biology, Doctor. You mean to tell me that that thing is a giant single-celled animal?
MCCOY: Yes, for lack of a better term. It's a very simple form of life. In fact it's a much simpler form of life than what you're looking at now. But that thing can apparently perform all the functions that qualify it as a living organism. It can reproduce, it can breathe, it can eat, although I don't know what.
SPOCK: Energy itself, perhaps, drained from us. I would speculate that this unknown life form is invading our galaxy like a virus.

CHEKOV: According to Spock's telemetry information, there are over forty chromosomes in the nucleus that are ready to come together, ready to reproduce.
KIRK: If the energy of that organism only doubles, we're dead, and everything within a light year will be defenceless.
MCCOY: Well, all I know is, that soon there'll be two, four, eight, and more. The entire anti-life matter that that thing puts out could someday encompass the entire galaxy.
KIRK: Spock understood when he transmitted the co-ordinates of the chromosomes. We must destroy that organism.
SCOTT: Captain, the pull from that organism is increasing, and the power drain from our shields is getting critical.

KIRK: This thing, this cell, this virus. It's eleven thousand miles long, and it's one cell. When it grows into millions, we'll be the virus invading its body.
MCCOY: Now, isn't that a thought? Here we are, antibodies of our own galaxy, attacking an invading germ. It would be ironic indeed if that were our sole destiny, wouldn't it?
KIRK: Antibodies. Antibodies. (goes to desk monitor) Bridge.

SCOTT: We can't use the power to destroy it.
KIRK: Anti-power.
MCCOY: What?
KIRK: This thing has a negative energy charge. Everything seems to work in reverse. We'll use anti-matter.
SCOTT: Aye, it couldn't swallow that.
KIRK: Mister Chekov, prepare a probe. Scotty, we'll need a magnetic bottle for the charge. How soon?
SCOTT: It's on its way, sir.

CHEKOV: The organism is destroyed, sir. The explosion must have ruptured the membrane and thrown us clear.

STAR TREK EPISODE "WOLF IN THE FOLD"

SPOCK: Humans and humanoids make up only a small percentage of the life forms we know of. There are entities possessed of extremely long life spans, virtually immortal.
KIRK: We know that someone or something killed three women. If it's impossible for it to be human, it has to be something else. Something driven to kill.
MCCOY: Sybo said it feeds on death.
SPOCK: In the strict scientific sense, Doctor, we all feed on death. Even vegetarians.
MCCOY: Yes, but she said more than that. Not just death, but fear. She said it also feeds on fear.
SPOCK: Which would tend to support the proposition that the murderer was not human. Deriving sustenance from emotion is not unknown in the galaxy, and fear is among the strongest and most violent of the emotions.
HENGIST: Surely, Prefect, this has gone far enough. Someone, some man has killed three women. We have the prime suspect in our hands. Are we going to let him go and start chasing ghosts?
KIRK: No, Mister Hengist, not ghosts. Possibly not human, but not ghosts. Mister Spock, check out the possibilities.
SPOCK: Computer, digest log recordings for past five solar minutes. Correlate hypotheses. Compare with life forms register. Question. Could such an entity within discussed limits exist in this galaxy?
COMPUTER: The Drella of Alpha Carinae Five derives nourishment from the emotion of love. There is sufficient precedent for existence of creature, nature unknown, which could exist on emotion of fear.
SPOCK: Computer, extrapolate most likely composition of such entity.
SPOCK: Working. To meet with specified requirements, entity would exist without form in conventional sense. Most probable mass of energy of highly cohesive electromagnetic field.
KIRK: Computer, could the described entity assume physical form?
COMPUTER: Affirmative. Precedent, mellitus, cloud creature of Alpha Majoris One.
HENGIST: Fairy tales. Ghosts and goblins.
KIRK: No, I've seen the mellitus myself. In its natural state, it's gaseous. When it's at rest, it's solid. Mister Spock, let's assume the existence of this creature.
SPOCK: I point out that Jack the Ripper slew at will in the heart of the most populous city of old Earth and was never identified.
KIRK: Doesn't seem likely, does it?
SPOCK: I suggest the possibility of a hypnotic screen, which blinds all but the victim to the presence of the killer.
JARIS: Is that possible?
MCCOY: Extremely possible There are many such examples that exist in nature.

STAR TREK VOYAGER Episode: " THE KILLING GAME "

KARR: Sit down and play the game. In this setting, we have no ships. We are an ancient race of soldiers intent upon conquering this world. Play the game

TURANJ: I've become impatient. We penetrated this vessel, overcame their defences, and in the moment of the kill, you forced us to stop. Now we play these incessant games. It's time we took our trophies and moved on.

KARR: Your lust for the kill has blinded you, like many young hunters. If you took the time to study your prey, to understand its behaviour, you might learn something.

KARR: The Hunt will always continue, but in a new way. I intend to transform this ship into a vast simulation, populated with a varied and endless supply of prey.

JANEWAY: Oh, I understand what you're trying to do, but then why have you been torturing us? Why have you thrown my crew into one brutal simulation after another?
KARR: I've been studying your behaviour, as I do with all my prey. But your holodecks allowed me to go further, to explore your culture, your history. I must admit, I've learned a great deal.

TURANJ: I am tired of this simulation... And these holograms are becoming annoying as well...
KAPITAN: I don't know how much longer I can stand being trapped in here.

STAR TREK: THE BORG COLLECTIVE & FIRST CONTACT (1996) Paramount Pictures

In Star Trek: The Next Generation and Star Trek Voyager episodes, the crew of the Enterprise encountered a fierce predator that was known as the Borg. The Borg was a collective that operated with a hive mind. Their mission was to assimilate any and all life forms that could contribute unique qualities in order to make the Collective more perfect. This very closely parallels what near death experiencers claim with the exception that NDErs feel an immense Love for the Being of Light. With the Borg, they were neither deceptive nor Light, but their goal was to assimilate souls into their Collective. Many near death experiencers do report that the Light is a collective soul comprised of millions of souls. Often times the Borg would ignore a lesser life form if they did not have anything worth offering to the Collective. Likewise, near death experiencers are sent back to Earth because they have more lessons to learn or a mission yet to complete. The idea of a collective unconscious was posited by physchologist Carl JJung. Peter Russell also talked about a Global Brain. Hive minds can be seen in nature with bee and ant colonies. Also, school of fish and flocks of birds sometimes move in formation. In many way, individuals in society are encouraged to act in groups. Indeed, we have broken the world into many nations and states. There are enormous religious denominations and political affiliations. Recently, there has been a growing movement towards implementing a one world order. Transhumanists often speak of the coming Singularity. The Borg, similar to ants and bees, had a ruling queen and worker drones. Their message: "WE ARE THE BORG. LOWER YOUR SHIELDS AND SURRENDER YOUR SHIPS. WE WILL ADD YOUR BIOLOGICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DISTINCTIVENESS TO OUR OWN. YOUR CULTURE WILL ADAPT TO SERVICE US. RESISTANCE IS FUTILE. "

The Borg Queen from Star Trek First Contact movie. The inorganic Borg cyborgs assimilate other species into their collective hive consciousness. "Resistance is futile."

THE HOST (2013)

The Host is a movie written by Stephnie Meyer who wrote The Twilight saga. The screenplay was written and directed by Andrew Niccol who also wrote the revealing movie Truman Show. Humans are hosts to entities that look like jellyfish. From a summary:

The human race has been taken over by small parasitic aliens called "Souls". The Souls travel to distant planets inserting themselves individually into a host body of that planet's dominant species. They are able to access the host's memories, and occupied hosts are identifiable by silver rings that form in the hosts' eyes.

SEEKER REED: We have put you through enough. Your host appears too resistant. You are going to be re-implanted into a more compliant host.

I know you must have seen a lot, but you ain't seen nothing like this.

WANDERER: Nothing. Same way the magicians do it. Mirrors.

Then I started thinking, when they put one of you in our heads, do we still exist? Trapped in there? If our memories are still alive, are we? You gotta believe some people wouldn't go down without a fight.

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS (1978)

This 1978 movie popularized the phrase "pod people". It starred Donald Sutherland, Leonard Nimoy and Jeff Goldblum. Spores from outer space came to Earth and infiltrated the human population through flowers...the flowers were white and looked like crysanthemums.

"... some weird alien organism, a mutation of some kind. Why should they take the form of people--of us? I don't know. Whatever it is whatever intelligence or instinct it is that can govern the forming of human flesh and blood out of thin air is, well, it's fantastically powerful beyond any comprehension, malignant. All that body in your cellar needed was a mind, and it was... And it was taking mine while I was asleep."

"Seeds drifting through space for years took root in a farmer's field. From the seeds came pods which had the power to reproduce themselves in the exact likeness of any form of life. So that's how it began... out of the sky. Your new bodies are growing in there. They're taking you over cell for cell, atom for atom. There's no pain. Suddenly, while you're asleep they'll absorb your minds, your memories and you're reborn into an untroubled world. Where everyone's the same? Exactly. What a world. We're not the last humans left. They'll destroy you! Tomorrow, you won't want them to. Tomorrow, you'll be one of us. I love Becky. Tomorrow, will I feel the same? There's no need for love. No emotion? Then you have no feelings, only the instinct to survive."

The movie featured a sort of a hive mind zombie-like infection where a clone of the human was first made in a pod. The poster above shows a vorticular light in space:

STARGATE SG-1 and STARGATE ATLANTIS

The Ori /'?ra?/[1] are fictional characters in the science fiction television series, Stargate SG-1. They are a group of "ascended" beings who use their advanced technology and knowledge of the universe to attempt to trick non-ascended humans into worshipping them as gods. They first appeared in the ninth season of Stargate SG-1, replacing the Goa'uld as the show's primary antagonists. While the Goa'uld relied on stolen technology from other civilizations to pose as gods, the Ori also have paranormal abilities in addition to very advanced technology. As Ascended beings, they live on a higher plane of existence with great power and knowledge and are as close to being "gods" as any non-deific being can be.

According to Orlin, ascended beings can be empowered by massive numbers of humans worshipping them. The Ori fabricated an entire religion, Origin, based on the false promise of ascension in order to take power from their followers. The Ancients refrain from interfering in the lower planes of existence because manipulating and aligning lower life forms could result in exactly this type of corruption.[11] According to the Ancient Myrddin, the Ori had the best intentions when they began.[17] Even after the Ori were destroyed, their followers and Priors continued acting in their name to oppress thousands of people since, for the most part, they were ignorant to the demise of their "Gods".

The Ori impose a religion called Origin on sentient beings, promising a guide towards enlightenment that is also known in the series as Ascension.[8] The faith comes with a holy book called The Book of Origin, and the Priors spread the Word of Origin. The Book of Origin contains tales of how the followers of the Ori returned to the path to enlightenment, and thus achieved Ascension, although some skeptics consider these merely "fables meant to fill a soul bereft of hope with purpose".[11] Several lines from the Book of Origin, or otherwise repeated mantras, are heard on the show. These include variations of "Hallowed are the Ori". The central icon of this religion is fire, something that gives off light and warmth.[2] The fact that on Earth this icon has some evil or Satanic associations in many modern religions prompted Daniel to posit that the Ancients had influenced this negative connotation in order to identify the threat the Ori pose. Among the populations of natives in the Ori home galaxy are groups of heretics who believe they are being suppressed, and seek to discover forbidden historical knowledge to show others that the Ori, despite their power, are not gods.

Some interesting Stargate Atlantis episodes:
1.01 "Rising Parts 1 And 2"
When SG-1 discovers what they believe to be the remnants of the Lost City of the Ancients — the originators of the Stargates — Stargate Command launches an investigation. A new team of explorers, headed by civilian Dr. Elizabeth Weir, travels to the distant Pegasus Galaxy, where they discover an advanced but deserted city on the ocean floor, a group of nomadic humans, and a deadly enemy that feeds on humans as an energy source!

1.03 "Hide And Seek"
During a game of hide-and-seek, one of the Athosian children inadvertently releases a dark entity. And when Atlantis goes through a series of technical malfunctions, the team realizes that the shadowy creature is actually feeding off of the power supply!

1.06 "Childhood's End"
The team discovers a primitive, forest-dwelling tribe that has been untouched by the Wraith for centuries. Unaware of the electromagnetic field that protects them from the Wraith's technology, the tribe believes that ritual suicide at the age of twenty-five keeps the Wraith at bay.

1.12 "The Defiant One"
Investigating an Ancient weapons platform in space, Sheppard and McKay discover the wreckage of a downed Wraith ship on a nearby planet. On the planet's surface, they learn that it is a supply ship, transporting humans for food. What they don't know is that a single Wraith has survived the crash — and has stayed alive by feeding off the cargo!

1.13 "Hot Zone"
When members of the team show signs of an unusual infection, it is discovered to be caused by a nanite virus, which induces hallucinations and then death due to brain hemorrhage. Can the deadly technology be stopped before it cuts down the entire city?

2.12 "Epiphany"
Sheppard is pulled through a mysterious portal and trapped in a world inhabited by Ancients who are terrorized by a large shadowy monster.

2.16 "The Long Goodbye"
Sheppard and Weir become a threat to Atlantis when their minds are taken over by hostile entities.

3.06 "The Real World"
Dr. Weir has a rude awakening in a psychiatric hospital on Earth, where she is told that her memories of Atlantis are delusions.

3.15 "The Game"
McKay and Sheppard participate in a SIMS-like game simulation which turns out to be very real and with very destructive effects.

4.04 "Doppelganger"
Sheppard encounters a psychopathic crystalline entity that takes on his likeness in his team's nightmares.

4.10 "This Mortal Coil Part 1"
A rogue group of Replicators creates duplicates of Sheppard's team and Dr. Elizabeth Weir in the hope of discovering how to ascend like their creators, the Ancients.

5.05 "Ghost In The Machine"
Surviving human form Replicators wish to achieve ascension by uploading their consciousnesses into subspace to live indefinitely as fields of energy, but Atlantis is put into danger when their experiment yields some surprising results.

TRANSFORMERS 3: DARK OF THE MOON

An alien presence is hidden in the craters on the back/dark side of the moon.

MUNE: GUARDIAN OF THE MOON (2014)

IMDB Storyline: "When a faun named Mune becomes the Guardian of the Moon, little did he had unprepared experience with the Moon and an accident that could put both the Moon and the Sun in danger, including a corrupt titan named Necross who wants the Sun for himself and placing the balance of night and day in great peril. Now with the help of a wax-child named Glim and the warrior, Sohone who also became the Sun Guardian, they go out on an exciting journey to get the Sun back and restore the Moon to their rightful place in the sky."

The original Guardian of the Sun is a blind lizard who passes his power on to a young, strong, male with a lion's face and long, white hair down his back who says he has the "perfect tan". This perfectly mirrors the Gnostic description of the Demiurge. My friend who met the Demiurge during his near death experience described him as being strong with long, white hair and a bronze complexion. The Gnostic texts described the Demiurge as having a lion's face and the body of a serpent, and called him the "blind god".

In Mune: Guardian of the Moon, the evil moon god wannabe who has eyes of fire and lightning wants to steal the sun and he lets loose serpents of light. They said the moon was created in the "world of dreams" and brought here through a "trap door". Perhaps the world of dreams is an allusion to the astral plane and the trap door a reference to the tunnel.

The dark lord of the Underworld, Necross, has stolen the sun so they dive down into a blue hole and are underwater... an anglerfish named Phosphos says he used to be Guardian of the Moon. Phosphoros is a Greek name meaning "Light-Bringer" and was the morning star, Venus, and corresponds to the Latin, Lucifer. An anglerfish is a real fish that feeds on its prey by using a light for bait.

In the world of dreams they experience nightmares which take the form of shadow being monsters.

The Lord of the Underworld originally was perhaps symbolic of the Egyptian God of the Underworld, Osiris, the Green Man, but as lord of the underworld he resembles something more like a black sun.

THE LEGO MOVIE (2014)

The LEGO Movie is full of Gnostic symbolism.

The wizard at the beginning named Vitruvius with the long white hair, bronze skin and hypnotic, lightning eyes, a robe, and a staff with a transparent blue crystal and later a green one in the shape of the Moon Stones. he is a dead ringer for the Demiurge (false god), at least the one my friend encountered in his NDE. He is also blind just as the Demiurge is in gnostic texts. He tells Emmet he is The Special and that with the help of the strange piece he found he will save the world.

Emmet a.k.a. The Special is a normal average blank guy (not a master builder) but is really everyone. At first the Special just follows all the rules and obeys instructions to fit in, listens to pop music, watches dumb tv shows and thinks "everything is awesome" when you're part of a team, when you're living your dream but even thinks a cup of coffee that is $37 is awesome. The Special seems to fall down into Hell, touches a strange piece which is the Piece of Resistance, is caught and interrogated by Bad Cop. They lie and tell him he will live so he won't try to escape, but they plan on taking him to the Melting Chamber to melt him. He is rescued by master builder Lucy aka Wyldstyle who he is enamored with. Later the wizard and Lucy enter his mind to prove he can be a master builder. His mind is empty which enables him to have a vision of the Man Upstairs.

Lord Business (the Man Upstairs), the President of Octan whose office is a giant tower wants everyone to follow the rules or they'll get put to sleep. He has his "eye" on them all the time. He has red horns and captures all the fallen master builders, puts them in pods hooked up to a battery, tortures them and harnesses their ideas in a think tank. Collectively, they come up with all the instructions that run the world.

All the people of the universe were once free to mingle and travel and build, but Lord Business was confused by Chaos and put walls between all the worlds, became obsessed with order and perfection, and stole the kragle (krazy glue) which has a tentacle arm that causes everyone to get stuck together and prevents them from building things with their ideas. It's a machine to control the universe.

Lord Business uses a good-cop, bad cop routine and has a robot army (AI).

The demiurge looking guy takes them through the sun, they ascend an upward arcing rainbow (which is similar to the nde tunnel) to Cloud Cuckoo Land (many NDErs speak of clouds, mis, .etc.)....he knocks on the door and they go into a bright white light....Cloud Cuckoo Land is said to have no negativity, no unhappiness just like the astral light in NDES... the fellow master builders are gathered in the Dog (which is 'god' spelled backwards).... Bad Cop comes after them and they escape by going underwater.

He talks of building an army of master builders.

The uncaptured master builders such as Lucy, Batman, The Special etc are able to manifest reality instantly with their ideas and visions. Special has an idea to build a spaceship to infiltrate the tower which has a laser gate. They build one with a hyper drive.

A cubed machine blocks the light of the sun.

Even though the prophecy was made up by Vitruvius and was a placebo, it worked because Emmet believed. Once he believes he can see everything and becomes a master builder. He travels through a magic portal and saves the world. He learns that the key to true building is to believe in yourself and to follow your own set of instructions inside your head.

BABYLON 5: RIVER OF SOULS (1998)

Babylon 5: River of Souls was a 1998 sci-fi TV movie was about soul hunters that collect the souls of interesting souls at death to "save" them from extinction. The souls from the planet were just about to evolve to the next level where they no longer needed physical bodies but would be pure energy, except the soul hunters captured them and "preserved" them for 10,000 years. A billion souls the soul hunters had accumulated were put in a glass sphere that looked like a sun. It contained the souls' collective memories, thoughts and personalities, and they were stored in what was called the Great Hall. In NDE lore that is called the akashic records or the hall of records. Maybe when the soul is stolen or merges with the light its memories are taken and put in the akashic records, which may or may not be equivalent to the astral sun.

Here is an excerpt of dialogue from the movie: "That's a Soul Hunter. The story is they travel all over the place, capturing the souls of important people right at the moment of death... "

Soul Hunter: " For we are drawn to death, to the moment of passage for the purpose of defeating death. We capture those rare souls. The poets and philosophers, the artists, the leaders. We collect them all. We are drawn by the smell of death. The passing of the physical form is like a beacon to us... and we decided that we would save them all."

" An entire world of souls claimed at the instant of death. If these minds, souls, whatever... They've been imprisoned for 1000 years... I think you've just described hell as well as anything I've ever heard. "

Soul Hunter: "You don't understand because you are trapped in a prison of your own flesh. The flesh has desires. The flesh has needs. But the soul is pure. The soul needs only to continue, to be."

"We know from the Vorlons and others that when a race evolves beyond a certain point they no longer need a physical body. They evolve past that point and become beings of pure energy. Your people were drawn to Ralga because you felt the imminent passing of their physical bodies. But they weren't dying. They weren't about to die. They were about to leave behind their physical bodies and evolve to the next level. It should've been their greatest moment, the pinnacle in the evolution of any race. And just as it happened, just as they became transcendent, you took them. You took them and you stuck them inside a piece of glass for 10,000 years. You made a mistake. Those are living souls in there, cut off in their prime. Trapped, when they should've been exploring the universe. Half of them have gone mad and the ones who've held on can't control them anymore."

In the television series Babylon 5, the main character, the human John Sheridan, is under the care of the Minbari who are ruled by a "Grey Council". The nine members of the council stand in circle, their backs to the darkness and their face to the light, so as to stand in "the Grey".

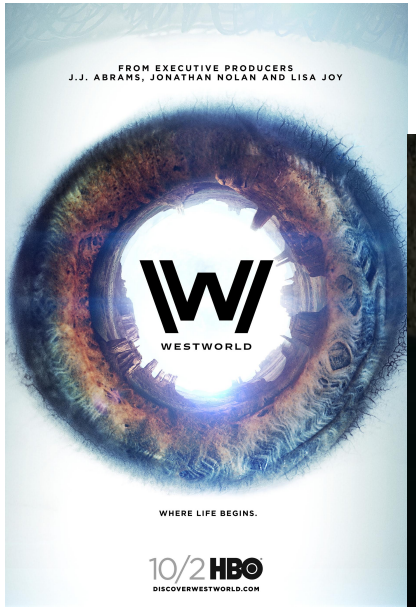
"I am Grey. I stand between the candle and the star."
"We are Grey. We stand between the darkness and the light."

– Grey Council greeting

The Greys are at war with the Shadow race. There is also a Praying Mantis crime lord in the first season.

In last episode "Sleeping in Light", John is waiting for death on his station/ship The White Star which is filled with light and he is told by Lorien, a First One, he was never forgotten by The First Ones, a race more ancient than the Minbari, and he is taken out of the galaxy into the void (I think).

WESTWORLD



There are so many Gnostic overtones and awakening within a constructed reality. The robots are humans in the scenario, meaning they are kept repeating roles and are wiped each time they die. In Westworld every host's life is scripted but some hosts were programmed to remember and break out or expose the truth.

Some quotes from episodes:

#4 "I think there may be something wrong with this world. Something hiding underneath. Either that or... or there's something wrong with me. I may be losing my mind. There's something I'd like you to try. It's a game. A secret. It's called... the Maze. What kind of game is it? It's a very special kind of game, Dolores. The goal is to find the center of it. If you can do that, then maybe you can be free. I think... I think I want to be free."

#6

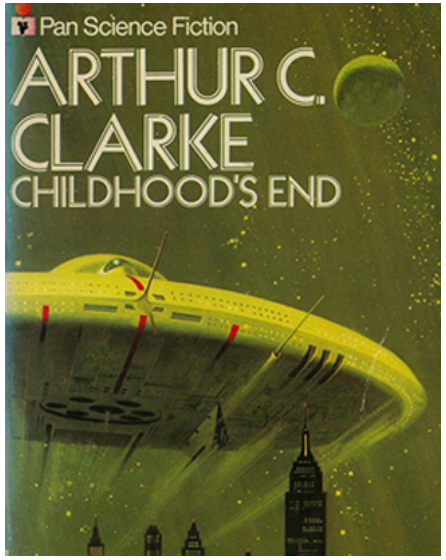
"The maze is an old native myth. Regale me, Theodore. The maze itself is the sum of a man's life... Choices he makes, dreams he hangs on to. And there at the center, there's a legendary man who had been killed over and over again countless times, but always clawed his way back to life. The man returned for the last time and vanquished all his oppressors in a tireless fury. He built a house. Around that house he built a maze so complicated, only he could navigate through it."

#8

"And that was when the maze revealed itself to me. The maze. What's that damn pattern have to do with this? Everything. In Ford's game, even if I go to the outer edges, you can't kill me. You can't even leave a lasting mark. But there's a deeper game here, Teddy. Arnold's game. And that game... cuts deep."

#9
"I died with my eyes open, saw the masters who pull our strings.
Our lives, our memories, our deaths are **games to them**.
But I've been to hell and I know **their tricks**."

CHILDHOOD'S END



WARNING: Contains spoilers!

Part 1: The Overlords

40 cities around the world have UFO vessels hovering over them.

Still have no idea what they want or where they have come from, as they have made no replies to any attempts to contact them. My name is Karellen. I'm the supervisor for Earth. There's no need to be afraid. My name is Karellen. I'm the supervisor for Earth. I know that this is frightening and bewildering. Please try to understand that we've come a long, long way to help you. Annabel? We've come to help mankind. War, famine, inequality... these will be things of the past. Suffering will end. Injustice will end. No tears, only happiness and safety. Your national and local governments will still have jurisdiction. You will run your water and power. Your stores will be open. Your markets will trade. Your lives will continue as before minus one thing. Injustice. This won't happen overnight, but the process is already beginning. It will herald the arrival of the golden age of man.

Arab residents are mingling with Jewish residents. They didn't actually resurrect the dead. They appear to us as beloved deceased relatives.

Then they blocked out the sun. Ho, ho, ho, ho, hold on. They blocked out the sun? How? Localized eclipse? I don't know. They're aliens.

My Uncle Joey kept pigs. Irish Grazers. He used to hire a local choirboy to sing to them as they were loaded onto the truck, and these pigs, they loved it. They were so peaceful all the way to the slaughterhouse.

The pod thing, it was over the mountains over that way. Alien abduction. We thought it was gonna crash right into their house. The Overlords talk about peace, harmony, justice. Then they smash a fella's house in and carry him away.

I talked with him... with Karellen. What--what did he say? What--what did he look like? I don't know. I didn't-- I didn't see him face-to-face... Uh, I was taken up to meet with him... uh, Karellen, and I was not permitted to see him... physically, uh, although I could tell that, in speaking to him, he seemed to be compassionate.

On my daddy's farm, the animals have all the food they want. I feed the pigs red apples. [giggles] And daddy gives them medicine so they never get sick, and they're happy when daddy and the other men take them away. I don't know where they go, but I know they're really happy. Paid for by the Freedom League.

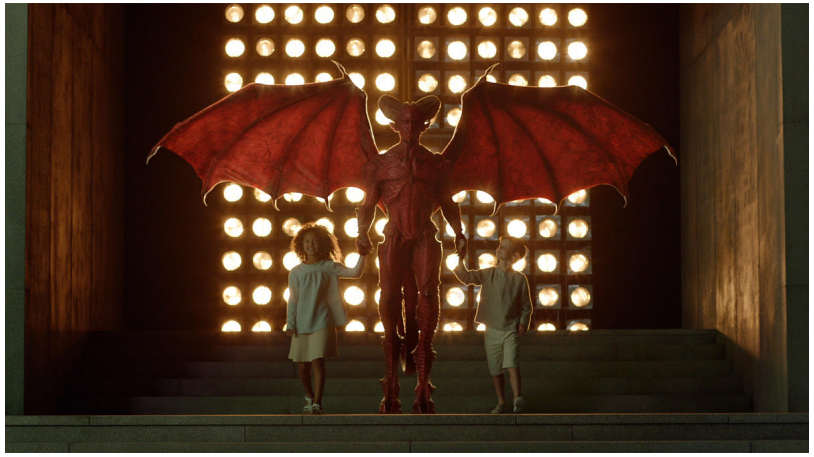
Look it's not just our science that's been hobbled. They control our justice system...They are watching us all the time, and they are dealing in swift moral absolutes.

Evil can disguise itself as truth. Whatever faith or belief you have, know that we're in this battle together, all of us. We can never give up the fight. No matter how mighty the Overlords may seem, we should never give up. Remember, there is an ultimate truth in this universe. I will never, ever stop believing that.

Who knows why they chose 15 years, but things had got a whole lot better. I got a place at MIT, graduated, and got a job in astrophysics. Mom got clean and looked younger than ever before. In fact, everyone did. "Youth of Utopia," they called it. The Earth was being reborn, so to speak, and right now was waiting to meet their guardian angels.

They showed us how to make heaven on Earth.

It's a beautiful, balmy evening as the sun starts to set on the 200,000 excited spectators. Delegates from the World Federation are taking to the main podium. It's fair to say that everybody's breath is truly bated as we wait to meet our guardian angels.... People are on their feet. We haven't seen an Overlord ship this close since they first arrived over a decade and a half ago. Now, it does appear to be docking with the arrival ramp. ? ? And it's docked. The ship is docked. ? ? This is Karellen. Let the children come forward. The child greeters that Karellen asked for are now entering the arrival ramp...Karellen was right to hide himself from us. Still, I think, uh... I think it may be too soon.



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Part 2: The Deceivers

We have renewable, clean energy and enough food to feed the planet, all of our material needs satisfied. Death is still a fact of life, but free from disease, stress, and all the things that turned us grey. We live longer, healthier lives. The birth rate is soaring. We have a world that we are proud to bring children into. For those who cling to the old ways, there's always New Athens...

Karellen didn't come down to see if we were flossing regularly. Well, he said that the Earth has a new destiny. What does that mean? I have--I have no idea what's waiting for us.

Could it have something to do with the animals we've been collecting for the Overlords?... But sending live animals into space? What does that teach us about them? Because there's one species they haven't collected: us, homo sapiens.

When the Overlords came, they raised all these exciting questions about the cosmos, but they refused to answer any of them. It's not just about me. They've killed scientific inquiry.

They can't hurt you. It's in your-- Minds are funny things. They can change the way we see the world. [baby crying echoing] They can fool us.

Why do they look like demons? Like our exact idea of devils? You know, every time you ask me a question, you already have an answer. That's not true. They look like our idea of devils because they've been here before. We've been waiting for them. We knew they were coming, so when they brought about this change, it scared us on some deep level because we could never stop it. That would imply some kind of crazy psychic connect-- Yes, yes, psychic connection. People have been writing about this for centuries. I mean, ancient mystics talked about an energy, a relationship between all living things and the stars themselves. Perhaps we've always known the Overlords were coming. Okay, so because of some crackpot ancient philosophy we knew they were coming to do good? So then why turn them into the personification of evil? Hmm.

Tom told me they take him somewhere, to a place of fire and smoke--

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The Overlords are deceiving us. I don't know why, but they are.

"The golden dawn comes shining from the eyes of God." Oh. [beeping] Hey. Hey. Want to hear what I found in this text "Corpus Hermeticum?"

We're from the World Federation.

So... you have solved many of the problems your science was chasing. Disease, climate change, and as a consequence, much of your research is now redundant. Nevertheless, you should be proud of what you have accomplished. Bravo. Now, I know there's been some concern as to why I acquired so many animals for the Overlords. They are to be shipped to Karellen's home world as part of a great menagerie, a zoo. [crowd murmuring]

I admire the work you have done, but your scientific curiosity has led you dangerously close to forces that you could never have controlled. They would have destroyed you. They saved us from ourselves. Why are we being kept in the dark? You now have peace, and the way has been prepared for your successors. I'd like to thank everybody who worked on the World Federation Observation Orbital.

You will find a new voice inside you... who I can now speak with. You need to trust us.... You know who you really are and what you're joined with, so tell me and tell yourself. You are singular and myriad, one and many. Reveal yourself to me. Reveal yourself to me... Listen to my voice. [Amy breathing unevenly] You're trying to be a child, but you cannot be a child knowing yourself as you do... Accept who you are.

Whenever you summon God, you want comfort... Yet the very idea of him makes you confused and afraid. He is a stick you feel you must lean on... But the stick burns.

Whatever it promised you, it is a lie. You lied to them! You lied to us all! They deserve the truth. You made your prophet sick... They want to destroy us. How could you do this? I sold you to the world. The day is coming, Ricky, when your world will change forever. It will be harder on those who have children. I cannot stop that, we are not masters but merely the servants, but I could spare you the pain of being parents. No, how dare you? It is not your right to decide!... Oh, my friend... I just wanted to spare you... the pain of what is coming... All the world's religions cannot be right, Peretta. You know that. [crying] Your faith is beautiful as poetry is beautiful... but there is no place for it now. [crying] You deceived us! No, you have deceived yourself.

Part 3: The Children

The final stage has begun. I want to tell you what will happen to the world. My friend, we are not the authors of this plan. We are facilitators, midwives if you will, at the birth of a new evolution of man.

Some of these kids can lift a cup. Some of them can move a car. I met a three-year-old girl who had a knack for speaking to her parents in their dreams, in three languages. I mean, their metabolic rates have accelerated, and there's undoubtedly increased electrical activity in the cerebrum. Bottom line: these are regular children with cognitive, telekinetic, and psychic ability, and they're all linked. All across the world, they are somehow... linked to one another. It all goes back to the first one, the Greggson baby, Jennifer. She's the key.

Jennifer is all, divisible and indivisible in one mind that calls. She calls to us. We know you.... You are the end of the beginning... It really is beautiful. Of course, the majority prefer Utopia, whatever "Utopia" really means. Can I ask you something? The Overlords, they really leave you alone? They respect our decision not to live in their perfect world, but do you know what happens here?

Utopia is dull, right? I mean, to the creative mind, peace is stupefying. Look, we're not radicals here. We're just trying to preserve our cultural heritage. We're just trying to achieve something for ourselves. I believe, I hope, I pray you're going to change here, all of you.

You have to understand that Jennifer is the conduit of a force that is affecting every kid in the world. If you start testing her, you'll be playing with fire. Playing with fire is how we learned to master it.

Jennifer, hi. Remember me? I want you to look into the mirror. You see into everything. I want you to see into yourself. What do you see when you look into your own eyes? Can you tell me what you see? Do you see our future? Do you see the power that gave you this gift? Please, Jennifer, just look. Can you tell me what this means? Jennifer, what do you see? I see all. I am all.

It's time. People of Earth, I speak to you again, one last time. You have enjoyed decades of peace and prosperity, a golden age for man. But the Sun sets on even the most glorious of days, and it must now start to slowly sink into the night for you. Do not condemn us, for we were tasked by a higher mind to oversee your evolution to a higher level of consciousness. It is your destiny and the destiny of many worlds. You have grown accustomed to our presence, but we can be your guardians no more. Thomas, sit down. Your children are no longer yours. In time, they will cease to be human. No more children will be born on Earth. No more children will be born on Earth. No more children will be born on Earth, ever again. For the adults, your future is yours to live as you see please for however many days are left. My hope is that humanity will go to its rest in peace.

We're amazing. We're an amazing race, so let's carry on being amazing. Let's defy the Overlords and get our kids back. It's not gonna end. We do not end, but we can't give up hope. There was hope, the hope we had since the beginning of mankind, the only hope there ever was, the children, Jake. The children. And they're gone now. Maybe when we die, we'll get a chance to be with them again. Jerry, you built something here. All this is in defiance of them, right? This is writing the book ourselves, so don't let them decide the ending... You know, I was thinking. We're energy, right? Human beings are energy. When our bodies are gone, that energy has to go somewhere.

Everything that is happen on Earth was planned long ago. Is natural, is the cosmos, is the Overmind. Overmind? Overmind of all Creation. Are you talking about God? We have talked to the Overmind for 100,000 year. We go where it sends. We change worlds. We change Earth. The Overmind, can you show it to me? You really want this? I want to know everything. It connects to the Overmind. Step in. You're the Overmind. A faint reflection of it. I am all, divisible and indivisible. I am the collective consciousness of this universe. So we are God? No, the children are God, and they have left you, as children must, and you must let them go, as parents must. Only the children can become a part of the whole. It's an evolution. Into one mind. So we're finished? We cease to exist? We-- Oh, my God.

Consciousness, Milo, is a community of minds. Each exists in the other's thoughts. Rachel exists in your consciousness as if she had never left. You still love her, you still feel her, so what has changed? She's dead, gone. But she once lived, and you knew her. You know her still. Until I'm gone too, right? It's all gone, everything we built, we did. It has been the destiny of many worlds. We have overseen them all. Yeah, what about your people? Is this gonna happen to you one day on Jenjedda? We have reached the end of our development. All our possibilities are exhausted.

And here are some excerpts from the book by Arthur C. Clarke:

"We are your guardians-no more. Often you must have wondered what position my race held in the hierarchy of the universe. As we are above you, so **there is something above us, using us for its own purposes**. We have never discovered what it is, though we have been its tool for ages and dare not disobey it. Again and again we have received our orders, have gone to some world in the early flower of its civilization, and have guided it along the road that we can never follow the road that you are travelling now. "Again and again we have studied the process we have been sent to foster, hoping that we might learn to escape from our own limitations. But we have glimpsed only the vague outlines of the truth. You called us the Overlords, not knowing the irony of that title. Let us say that **above us is the Over-mind, using us as the potter uses his wheel**. "And your race is the clay that is being shaped on that" wheel. "We believe-it is only a theory-that **the Overmind Is trying to grow, to extend its powers** and its awareness of the universe. By now it must be the sum of many races, and long ago it left the tyranny of matter behind. It is conscious of intelligence, everywhere. When it knew that you were almost ready, it sent us here to do its bidding, to prepare you for the transformation that is now at hand.

"All the earlier changes your race has known took countless ages. But this is a **transformation of the mind**, not of the body. By the standards of evolution, it will be cataclysmic-instantaneous. It has already begun. You must face this fact: yours is the last generation of Homo sapiens. "As to the nature of that change, we can tell you very little. We do not know how it is produced-what trigger impulse the Overmind employs when it judges that the time is ripe. All we have discovered is that it starts with a single individual- always a ~child-and then spreads explosively, like the formation of crystals round the first nucleus in a saturated solution. Adults will not be affected, for their minds are already set in an unalterable mould. "In a few years, it will all be over, and the human race will have divided in twain. There is no way back, and no future for the world you know. All the hopes and dreams of your race are ended now. You have given birth to your successors, and it is your tragedy that you will never understand them-will never even be able to communicate with their minds. Indeed, **they will not possess minds as you know them. They will be a single entity, as you yourselves are the sums of your myriad cells.** You will not think them human, and you will be right.

"And then-what am I to do with you, the survivors, when your purpose has been fufilled? It would be simplest, perhaps, and most merciful, to destroy you-as you yourselves would destroy a mortally wounded pet you loved. But this I cannot do. Your future will be your own to choose in the years that are left to you. It is my hope that humanity will go to its rest in peace, knowing that it has not lived in vain.

The Overlords themselves were more human than this. "You are searching for something that is no longer there," said Karellen. "Remember-**they have no more identity than the cells in your own body. But linked together, they are something much greater than you.**" 'Why do they keep moving like this ?" "We called it the Long Dance," replied Karellen. "They never sleep, you know, and this lasted almost a year. Three hundred million of them, moving in a controlled pattern over a whole continent. We've analysed that pattern endlessly, but it means nothing, perhaps because we can see only the physical part of it-the small portion that's here on Earth. Possibly what we have called the Overmind is still training them, moulding them into one unit **before it can wholly absorb them into its being**."

For the road to the stars was a road that forked in two directions, and neither led to a goal that took any account of human hopes or fears. At the end of one path were the Overlords. They had preserved their individually, their independent egos; they possessed self-awareness and the pronoun "I" had a meaning in their language. They had emotions, some at least of which were shared by humanity. But **they were trapped**, Jan realized now, in a cul-de-sac from which they could never escape. Their minds were ten-perhaps a hundred-times as powerful as men's. It made no difference in the final reckoning. They were equally helpless, equally overwhelmed by the unimaginable complexity of a galaxy of a hundred thousand million suns, and a cosmos of a hundred thousand million galaxies. And at the end of the other path? There lay the Overmind, whatever it might be, bearing the same relation to man as man bore to amoeba. Potentially infinite, beyond mortality, how long had it been **absorbing race after race as it spread across the stars**? Did it too have desires, did it have goals it sensed dimly yet might never attain? Now it had drawn into its being all that the human race had ever achieved. This was not tragedy, but fulfilment. The billions of transient sparks of consciousness that had made up humanity would flicker no more like flreffies against the night. But they had not lived utterly in vain. The last act, Jan knew, had still to come. It might occur tomorrow, or it might be centuries hence. Even the Overlords could not be certain. He understood their purpose now, what they had done with Man and why they still lingered upon Earth. Towards them he felt a great humility, as well as admiration for the inflexible patience that had kept them waiting here so long. He never learned the full story of the strange **symbiosis between the Overmind and its servants**. According to Rasha verak, there had never been a time in his race's history when the Overmind was not there, though it had made no use of them until they had achieved a scientific civilization and could range through space to do its bidding. "But why does it need you?" queried Jan. "With all its tremendous powers, surely it could do anything it pleased." "No," said Rashaverak, "**it has limits**. In the past, we know, it has attempted to act directly upon the minds of other races, and to influence their cultural development. It's always failed, perhaps because **the pull is too great.** We are the interpreters-the guardians. Or, to use one of your own metaphors, **we till the field until the crop is ripe. The Overmind collects the harvest**-and we move on to another task. This is the fifth race whose apotheosis we have watched. Each time we learn a little more." "And do you not resent being **used as a tool by the Over-mind**?" "The arrangement has some advantages: besides, no-one of intelligence resents the inevitable."

"They are still playing," said Rashaverak. "What logic is there in the actions of a child? And in many ways the entity that your race has become is still a child. It is **not yet ready to unite with the Overmind**. But very soon it will be, and then you will have the Earth to your own."

ANALYSIS OF CHILDHOOD'S END
The movie Childhood's End was based on the book by Arthur C. Clarke, author of 2001: a Space Odyssey. As with that book Childhood's End also deals with aliens and the future evolution of mankind into a potentially different form.

The movie struck me as being not that far off from reality which is to be expected from Clarke who many have linked to freemasonry. There are many parallels to the stories reported in the near death experience phenomenon. The alien overlords employ the appearance of dead loved ones to deliver the important message to mankind and gain their trust. But this was just a ruse or a deception. Karellen was reluctant to reveal how he looked because he looked like the Devil of mythology.

The movie depicts a scenario in which God is an Overmind or a collective consciousness of white light and desires for mankind to evolve into one mind. A golden child is produced and all children are linked together as one psychically and telepathically. This is exactly what near death experiencers report as communication with a light being many experiencers call God is encountered. This god of the NDE is said to be a collective soul communicating with the collective consciousness of humanity.

While near death experiencers say we come to earth to learn to love the evolution toward a Utopia of peace and love is literally enforced by the alien Overlords or World Federation.

The movie preaches that everything good must come to an end and forewarns or predicts the elimination of mankind as a species and the destruction of Earth itself while our children exist in the future as the pure consciousness of the Overmind.

PETER PAN

I can't really do analysis of programming in Hollywood movies without mentioning Disney. Of course, there is The Sorceror's Apprentice where Mickey Mouse is dressed up as the wizard's apprentice with a wizard's hat and robe and magic wand. And then there is the constant reinforcement of the Princess motif which perpetuaates the idea of monarchical rule, but also gives young girls an entitlement and the unrealistic dream of being rescued by a handsome, young Prince, Pince Charming, who will enable her to be Queen herself one day. But I would like to focus on one movie in particular and that is Peter Pan. I believe it contains much symbolism for the afterlife. In fact, one of the most famous quotes from the movie is "To Die Will Be An Awfully Big Adventure (Peter Pan)".

Pan, the Devil, plays a tune on his pan pipes. The Pied Piper is a many-colored Piper -- that's what pied means, many-colored -- and leads the children (of god) with his pipe (nde tunnel) into the rock / mountain (moon is a rock). And why the name "Peter Pan"? Petr means rock (moon?), also fuel (energy source) and Pan means "all" which would be "all" frequencies combined: white. The Devil is known to use a "pitch" fork to goad souls to Hell. Nep-TUNE has the trident or pitchfork too. A pitch fork is a tuning fork. So you have a tune or note/frequency and you have a fork which is a many pronged instrument. Think of a fork with seven rays of light or seven prongs and like a fork they all funnel into one like the handle on the fork we eat with, The trident or three-pronged pitchfork may symbolize the three colors red-green-blue since our eyes have three color receptors and all the colors of the rainbow can be made with those three colors. So all the different colors of souls funnel through the tunnel or tune-I into the band of white light which is all frequencies combined. Since it's all combined it would resonate with every single color or frequency of souls... the light is electromagnetic so there could be magnetic resonance like in an MRI. In the television mini-series named "Neverland" Peter plays his pipe and a huge tunnel opens up. There are literally dozens and dozens of accounts of near death experiencers who report going through a pipe or tunnel, hearing music or tones while in it, experiencing swirling colors and feeling a wind as they emerge into the white light, which is the combination of ALL colors. Peter Pan could be translated as "Father All".

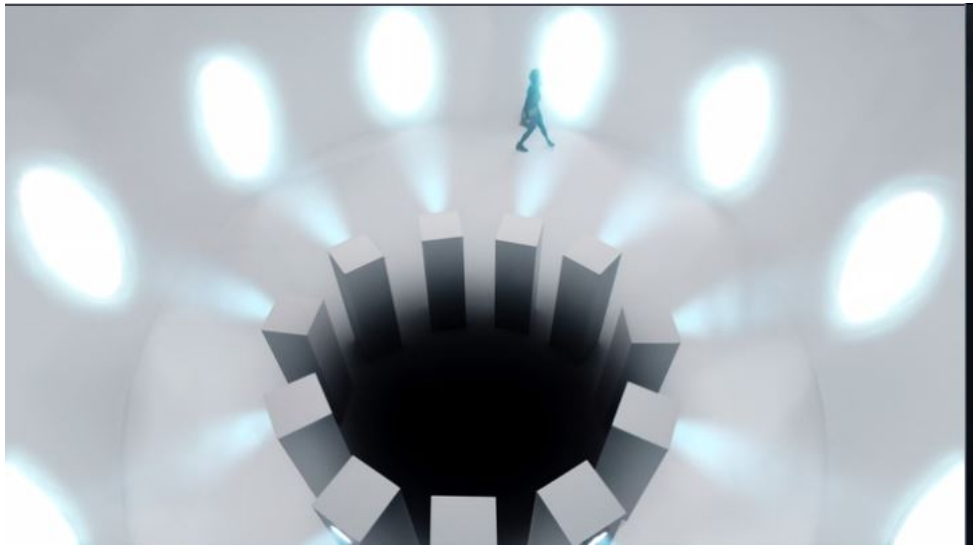
Disney made Pan into a cartoon character and major motion picture star with the release of their animated movie Peter Pan which looked liked the mischievious playful sylvan forest god of greek mythology. He dressed in green, had pointed ears, and possessed magical powers of a fairy such as being able to fly and he played on his pan pipes or flute, and just wanted to have fun all the time and never grow up. To help him he also had Wendy (windy), a tinker bell and a dragon or crocodile. He defeated his nemesis Captain Hook -- by the crocodile eating him in the moon. He urged the viewer to go to Neverland by following a star, the second star on the right, which very well may be an allusion to Sirius. "The second star to the right shines in the night for you to tell you that the dreams you plan really can come true. The second star to the right shines with a light so rare and if it's Never Land you need its light will lead you there." Pan played a flute or the pan pipes. Not only did the fairy tales have a piper named Peter, but in nursery rhymes there was Peter Piper who picked a peck of pickled peppers. Peppers are of the piper genus. The words are etymologically related.

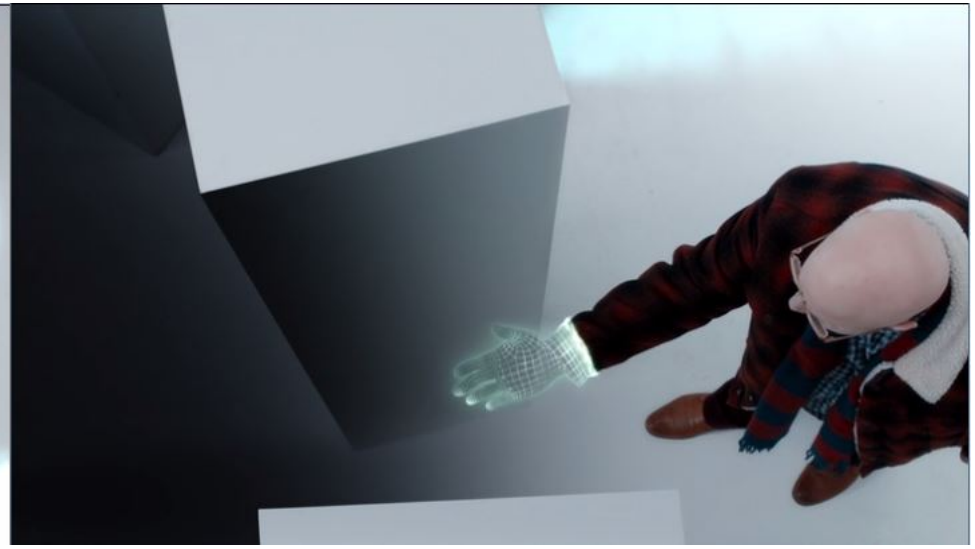
Wendy's mother is named Mary, an aspect of Isis. The nurse mother for Wendy's family is Nana (moon goddess) a dog probably symbolic of Sirius, the binary or trinary dog star. Peter Pan insists the second star on the right (and then straight on til morning) will take you to Neverland. They fly past the moon, to a bell tower with an orange clock (time is 8:15, Sirius usually rises in August) representative of our sun which causes time and is a stargate. So they pass through the stargate of our Sun and then they go past a bridge (gateway, stargate, pipe) along the Milky Way river to the second star on the right which is smaller. This may very well be the dwarf companion of Sirius in the Pleaides constellation. This is the meaning of Snow White (Sirius) and the seven dwarves which are the seven sisters of the Pleiades. Peter Pan keeps calling him a "cod fish". The letter "G" evolved from "C" so it's possible "god" looked like a "cod" fish. Captain Cook while fighting Peter Pan says he is no mere mortal but a "flying devil". Peter Pan is from Sirius, the dog star, but he sails souls into the moon to reincarnate them on Earth. Peter is from Sirius but as the pagan nature god and mountain king lives in a tree underground just like the Celtic trickster moon god, Gwydion, and is associated with Celtic traditions such as the Green Man or Jack-in-the-Green. It is also interesting that there are movies such as Pan's Labyrinth that show Pan presiding over an underground labyrinth.

The Peter Pan movie begins with the narration "All this has happened before and it will all happen again." as they show a river symbolic of the Milky Way galaxy. The movie ends with the statement, "I have the strangest feeling I saw that ship a long time ago when I was very young." This is obviously referring to the cyclical notion of reincarnation or recycling of souls. [Could Robin Hood and Maid Marian of Sherwood Forest be yet another tale of Peter Pan and Mary?]

Steven Spielberg (spiel means spell, burg is german for 'rock' or mountain) directed the movie Hook starring Robin Williams as an older, "grown-up" Peter Pan. I find the image (a sphere with Tinker Bell's golden light as a lure on Captain Hook's hook) of this movie poster for Hook suggestive of the Dreamworks Pictures opening sequence of the boy fishing on the moon with his 'hook' down on the waters on Earth. One of the more memorable quotes from the movie is Peter Pan declaring, "To die will be an awfully big adventure." There is a scene where Tinkerbell who is lit up like a "firefly from hell", as Peter calls her, is pulling him toward her and he says he has died, is out of his body and is going to the light, a direct reference to the Light mentioned in near death experiences. Later Peter tells his army of soldiers called The Lost Boys, "Let's get ready to show them the white light we're made of, boys." He also has to "climb up a drain pipe" because he "ran out of fairy dust".

DOCTOR WHO S10E06 EXTREMIS





Excerpts from the transcript:

(And into a very bright white room. Eleven columns arranged in an almost-circle in the middle are projecting ovals of light. Bill and Nardole come back in through one.)
MONK: This is a game.
NARDOLE: Those things, what do they look like?
BILL: Projectors.
NARDOLE: Exactly.
BILL: Yeah, they're projecting the portals.
NARDOLE: No, they're not. They're projecting everything. Those worlds, they're all projected. The Pentagon, the Vatican, CERN.
BILL: They're not real?
NARDOLE: No, no, they're holograms. They're holographic simulations. And the people in them, too.
BILL: Sorry, what?
NARDOLE: You know, like the holodeck on Star Trek, or a really posh VR without a headset. Through there, those places, that's basically Grand Theft Auto.
BILL: But it can't be.
NARDOLE: It is! Look at the tech. It definitely is.
BILL: What? Sorry, you're not making any sense. When did we end up in a computer game? When did that start?
NARDOLE: I don't know. Maybe when we arrived at the Vatican? But I programmed the Tardis myself. We were on target. We went to the Vatican, the real one, I'm sure of it. Oh.
BILL: Oh?
NARDOLE: Those machines, they project the simulations.
BILL: Yeah?
NARDOLE: And I'm just wondering what happens if we move outside the light of the projector? Don't let me be right. Please, don't let me be right.
(He reaches into a space between two projectors, and his hand begins to decompile into a grid outline.) NARDOLE: I'm part of it! I'm part of the simulation! Bill, I'm not real!
(The rest of him dissolves into pixels, and he disappears.)

DOCTOR: The Veritas tells of an evil demon who wants to conquer the world. But to do it, he needs to learn about it first. So he creates a shadow world, a world for him to practise conquering, full of shadow people who think they're real.
BILL: There was a thing. The shadow test?

DOCTOR: Imagine an alien life form of immense power and sophistication, and it wants to conquer the Earth. So it runs a simulation. A holographic simulation of all of Earth's history and every person alive on the surface. A practice Earth, to assess the abilities of the resident population. Especially the ones smart enough to realise that they are just simulants inside a great big computer game.

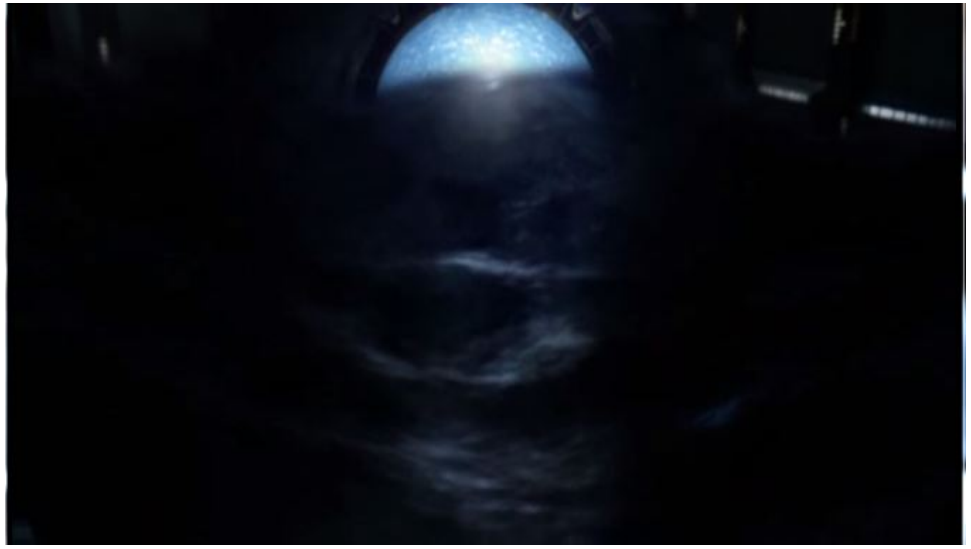
MONK: She was not real. You are not real.

DOCTOR: No, I'm not. I'm a shadow. A puppet Doctor for you to practise killing.
MONK: We have killed you many times.
DOCTOR: Then what are you waiting for? Why don't you kill me now?
MONK: You suffer. Pain is information. Information will be gathered.

MONK: You are not real. There is nothing you can do.
DOCTOR: There's always one thing you can do from inside a computer. Even if you're a jumped-up little subroutine, you can do it. You can always (puts on the shades) e-mail!
(Memory file uploading.)
MONK: What are you doing?
DOCTOR: I'm doing what everybody does when the world is in danger. I'm calling the Doctor. Pressing send.
(He grins, and the whole image flickers, pixilates and is replaced by - Recording ends.)

(The Doctor sitting outside the Vault removes his shades, then replaces them when he gets another message alert. Additional message P.S. Dear Doctor, Save Them The Doctor X. He stands and uses his mobile phone.)

STARGATE ATLANTIS S01E03 HIDE AND SEEK



Sheppard joins him and they both watch as the darkness envelops the naqahdah generator inside.
SHEPPARD: Didn't look like the phantoms the Wraith make you see but I could see how the Athosians would be confused.
WEIR: What did it look like?
SHEPPARD: It looked like a... (He holds out his hands to signify the cloud but then turns to Grodin for help.)
GRODIN: Darkness. It surrounded the naqahdah generator and started to grow, like it was feeding off the energy.
SHEPPARD: When you shut it down, the whole ... whatever it was, it just went away.
McKAY: If this thing feeds on energy we could be in big trouble -- and when I say we, I mean you because I won't actually be around for much longer.
WEIR: So we need to figure out exactly what it is and what to do about it.
GRODIN: We know it's attracted to energy.
WEIR: How about shutting down the generators?
McKAY: Well, uh, people also give off heat energy. But, now, granted it's negligible compared to that of the naqahdah generator but, uh, you take away this thing's only other obvious source of food and ...
WEIR: You're saying it could come after us.
McKAY: Well, I only know one thing for sure, and that is that flying darkness that needs energy can only be very, very bad.

McKAY: Well, I haven't read all the notes but what I do know is that the entity is energy. It feeds on energy. Ford's lucky. I mean, the more it feeds, the bigger it gets; the bigger it gets, the more charged it becomes and the more deadly it will be.

McKAY: Well, it seems that way. As I suggested, the entity's what's been causing most of our technical problems. Now, it was captured for observation. The Ancients were researching ascension.
WEIR (amazed): Really?
SHEPPARD: What exactly is ascension?
McKAY: Well at some point during their evolution the Ancients reached a... uh, an advanced stage of being where they were able to rid themselves of their physical bodies and rise to a higher plane of existence, one in which they-they live as pure energy.

MEN IN BLACK II/3

A reader in Hong Kong wrote to me and told me the plot of *Men in Black II* is all about searching for the light of Zartha, a very powerful cosmic force. The Men In Black are supposed to be protecting Earth from alien threats. They have a weapon called the **Neuralizer** which can **blind the victim with a flash of light, wiping memories from their minds**. The protagonists are attacked by **worms**. One worm is a 600 foot worm. The Men in Black had to hide it from the evil Serleena. Serleena is an interesting name because Selena is a goddess of the moon. Spoiler Alert: Lo, and behold, it was kept inside all along. The light was kept hidden inside Princess Lauranna, the Keeper of the Light.

"If Serleena takes the light, it's the end of our world. If we extend protection for the light beyond Earth, we put Earth in jeopardy. We must remain **neutral**."

"Where is the light?" "Right here." "What, **I'm the Light**?"... "Laura, **you are the Light**. The leader of your people. Their spirit and their hope. **The power is within** you to save a planet."

Here is a classic depiction of the demiurge:

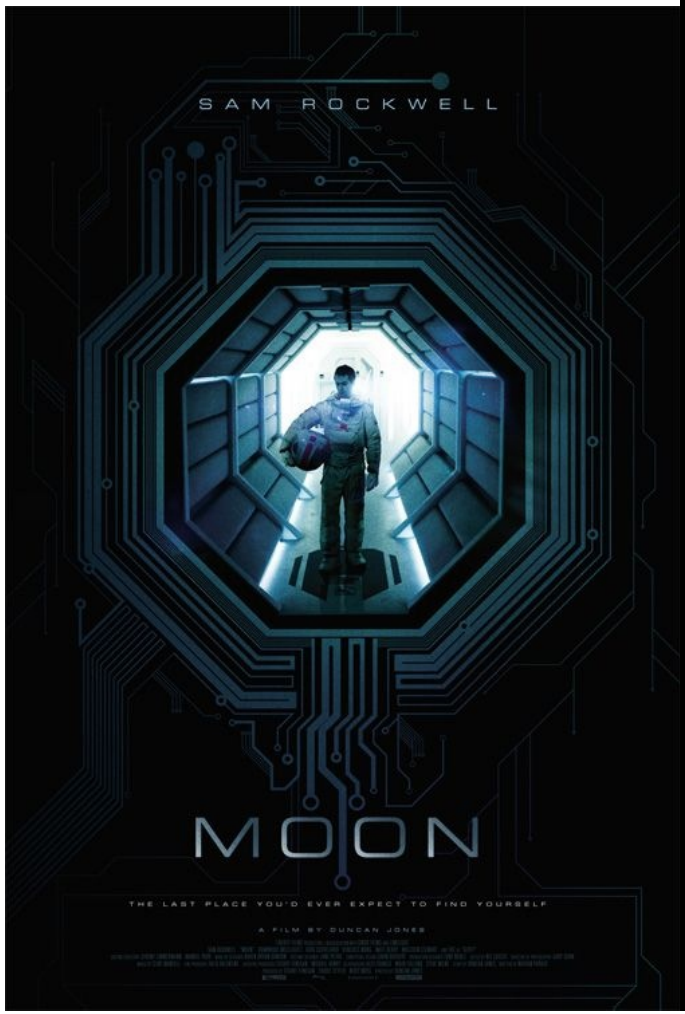
Now here is a screenshot near the end of the movie:

Notice the similarity between a classic depiction of the demiurge and the worm/serpent in the movie.

In *Men In Black 3*, they talk about an **archanan** race. Presumably someone from **Archan**. **Archan/Archon?** Very close. Spielberg knows. Plus there is the **ArcNet** defense system that is built.

"Where is the Archanan?" "You are too late. He is going to give the humans the ArcNet."

MOON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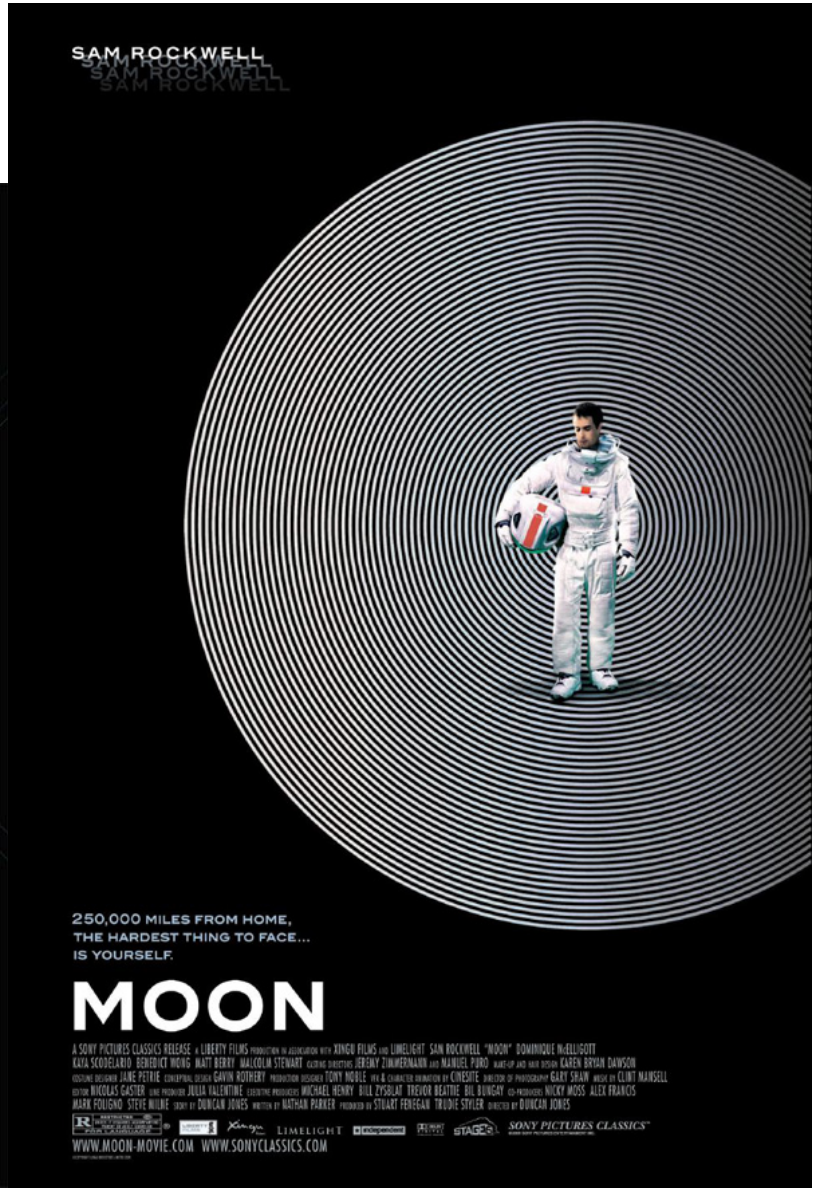
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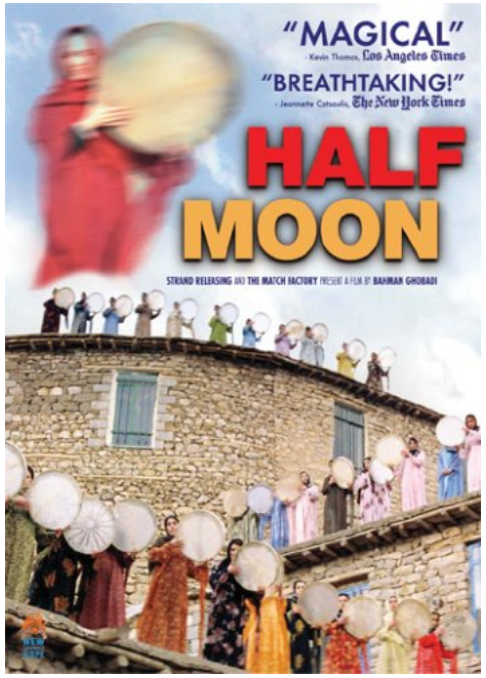
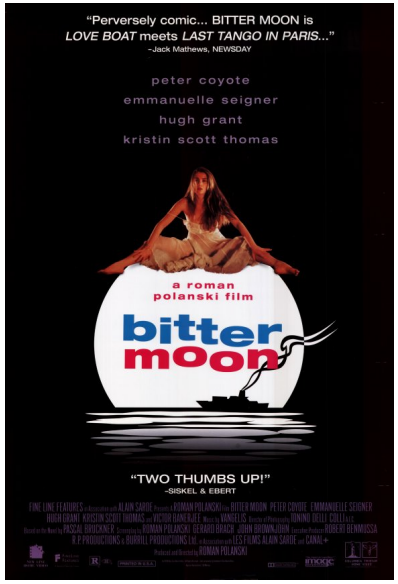


Notice how the reviewers reviewed the movie Half Moon? Magical and Breathtaking. There is magic associated with the moon and it is breathtaking -- or kills you.

BITTER MOON

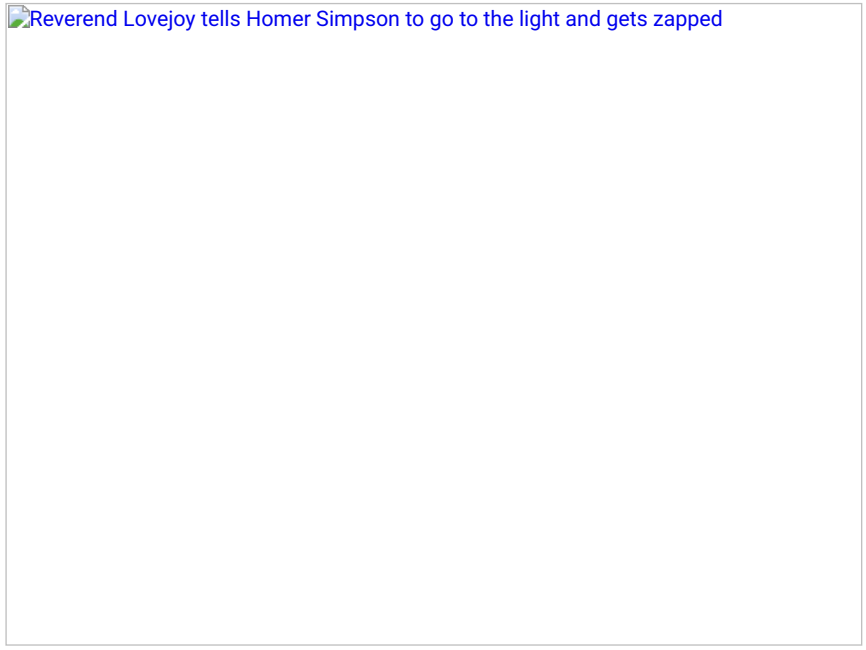


Roman Polanski made the movie *Rosemary's Baby* which was about the Devil raping and impregnating a woman. The movie poster for his movie *Bitter Moon* is another variation on the siren motif. An attractive woman with her legs wide open is sitting on top of a giant light which we can assume is the moon based on the name of the movie. A shipful of sailors sails underneath, presumably to their death upon the "rock".

FUTURAMA

Futurama - In this cartoon made by the creators of *The Simpsons*, characters are watching the TV show, *The Real World*. The commentator states, "This week on The **Real World** -- **THE SUN**." A man is heard screaming, "AAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH -- I'm burning to **death**!" We know it is not the sun screaming because one of the characters watching the show snidely remarks in disgust, "Do you know how much an apartment that big would cost on the sun?"

THE SIMPSONS



The Simpsons

In this Simpsons episode, 2-D Homer finds himself in the third dimension. Reverend Lovejoy asks Homer if he sees a light and tells him, "Move into the **light**, my **son**!". Having followed his instructions, Homer screams after getting **shocked**.

CONCLUSIONS

So what are some things we can take away from these movies? These movies address the philosophical issues of the nature of reality, the meaning of life, alien intervention, Artificial Intelligence, the simulation theory, personal identity versus the Collective, free will vs determinism, and the afterlife.

One critically important theme is remaining an individual versus joining or merging with the Collective.
The new age movement and meditation groups etc are always telling us we need to kill the ego and basically merge our consciousness with the oneness. And near death experiencers say the white light is a collective of all our souls.

Yet in movies the Collective is always portrayed as bad.

Star Trek First Contact -- The Borg.
Star Trek Return of the Archons -- The Body
The Matrix -- all the Agent Smiths
Childhood's End -- The Overmind
Truman Show -- all his friends were collectively keeping him from realizing is true identity
The Prisoner -- the last episode The Fallout really talked about the good of the community etc but #6 escaped or was set free because of his will to remain an individual
Dark City -- they have collective memories they want to imprint on the individual

The Gnostic texts mention a higher light...and also impure light....the white light of the NDE is definitely not the higher light in my opinion.....

In the Gnostic text Pistis Sophia itsays Sophia was in the 13th aeon and she desired to go to the higher light so she stopped performing her mysteries, Demiurge and the archon rulers got angry, hated her and tricked her into seeing his light and thinking it was the higher light and then captured her.....(also, he had light, he just wasn't giving/shining all of it because he desired to rule)..... that pretty well coincides with what I have been saying on the web site..... since we are so low in matter the first light we would see would still be that lower light of the Demiurge, certainly not the light of the realms above. The first lights we see are the “stolen” and “impure” light of the lower realms.

QUOTES

“All movies are important and they are dangerous you go into a little dark room and become vulnerable it could completely misshape you.” **-- Susan Sarandon**

" I know that I have demons. I don't know if I want to get rid of them altogether, but I would like to experience them in a different way." -- Johnny Depp

Dr. Eric Peper, a researcher who has studied the influence of film, feels television can be used as a training tool:
"The horror of television...is that the information goes in...It goes right into our memory pool and perhaps we react to it later but we don't know what we are reacting to. When you watch television you are training yourself...so later on, you're doing things without knowing why you're doing them or where they came from."
Another team of Australian researchers found that that television is a type of "sleep teaching" that involves subconscious absorption of imagery while the viewer is in a mild dreamlike state.
Buffy the Vampire Slayer's supervising producer, Marti Noxon, alludes to extent of deception that goes on:

"*You can get to the emotional truth of things almost by sleight of hand, while people aren't really looking. **It**'s sort of like, 'Here, look at the shiny **vampire**,' and behind that, there's something really **raw** going **on**.*"

The impact that movies have on their viewers is due to the purposeful way their creators design them. Alfred Hitchcock, considered the horror film director and Master of Suspense in his day declared his intent:

"*The point is to draw the audience right into the situation-instead of leaving them to watch it from outside, from a distance...If you played the whole scene straight through... you would lose your power over the audience. They would watch the scene without becoming really involved in it, and you would have no means of concentrating their attention on those particular visual details which make them feel what the characters are feeling.*"

Steven Spielberg demonstrates the unscrupulous attitude prevalent among today’s directors:
“I want people to love my movies, and I'll be a whore to get them into the theaters.”

Hollywood insider, David Puttnam, the producer for the films The Mission and Chariots of Fire, admits movies can be used as propaganda tools:
"Movies are powerful. Good or bad they tinker around inside your brain. They steal up on you in the darkness of the cinema to form or conform social attitudes...In short, cinema is propaganda."

Eddy Manson, a popular composer for motion pictures stated this "social reform" is accomplished through manipulation, stating:
"We manipulate people like crazy in films…It's a tremendous release. I can make you feel any emotion I want you to feel at any time. It's a Machiavellian power we project gut to gut."

Even George Lucas, director of the Star Wars trilogy, confesses to manipulating the emotions of his audience:
"I'm very much of a visual filmmaker, and very much of a filmmaker who is going for emotions over ideas." And, *"Emotionally involving the audience is easy. Anyone can do it blindfolded, get a little kitten and have some guy wring its neck."*

Fascinatingly, filmmakers like Lucas hold little regard for their easily manipulated audiences. Lucas has openly declared:

"Popcorn pictures have always ruled. Why do people go see these popcorn pictures…Why is the public so stupid?…I just understood what people liked to go see, and Steven [Spielberg] has too, and we go for that."

One of the industry's skilled directors, Alan J. Pakula, who directed All the President's Men and Presumed Innocent, replies:

"Movie violence is like eating salt. The more you eat, the more you need to eat to taste it at all. People are becoming immune to the effects: The death counts have quadrupled…they're becoming deaf to it. They've developed an insatiability for raw sensation."

Media mogul Ted Turner thinks so and believes movies ignite violent behavior like a tinderbox. He explains:
"You know that everything we're exposed to influences us…Those [violent] films influence us, and the TV programs we see influence us. The weaker your family is, the more they influence you… The problems with families in our cities are catastrophic-but when you put violent programs before people who haven't had a lot of love in their lives, who are angry anyway, it's like pouring gasoline on the fire."

Actor Kevin Bacon, who starred in the movie *HollowMan* has projected characters who are homosexuals, rapists, occult initiates, liars and thieves, and attributes his successful acting to what he calls "*demons under the surface, and as an actor you have to keep them bubbling.*"

Robin Williams, funny man whose characters teach that cross dressing, homosexuality, New Age practices, humanism and "doing your own thing," is directed by a voice that speaks instructs his every move. Williams admits that a "*voice will tell me either to take a role or not. And if I want to travel, that same voice lets me know whether or not the journey will be a safe one.*"

The screenwriter for Gladiator, David Franzoni, clearly understands that we are headed back in time to Rome's blood soaked arenas:

"The Coliseum was a machine, too. Everyone who died was chopped up and their bodies were put into a butcher shop--legs, arms, whatever--and then fed to the animals. They were recycled…

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Wow!, that is too much to be coincidence. Good research and presentation.

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vipre0Fchaos
5 years ago

I have a funny one for you guys: .

In Breaking Bad, there is a scene where Jessie Pinkman is having a conversation with Walter White on the phone, and the subject of Walter's brother-in-law, Hank, comes up. Hank is in the hospital in critical condition, but Jessie could not possibly wish a greater ill-fate for Hank, given the turn of events in the plot. So Jessie says to Walt: " Tell your douche-bag brother-in-law to go to the light."

So, if you are correct about this Light Deception theory, then way I see it, to antagonistically want someone to go towards the light is to not only want them to part from this Earth, but ALSO to wish for them to reincarnate/recycle and resume the process of misery and suffering all over again from the beginning. Pretty dark, pun intended.

"Existence is pain!"

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Tbtl → vipre0Fchaos
5 years ago

Yes, I noticed that scene too and even mentioned it to a friend who liked that show when I told her about my theory.

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feel without fear
3 years ago

This reminds me of Tibetian book of dead, and how it described light after death, which one are the fake ones, and how it will trick you.

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Suns
5 years ago

great :D

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RC Coleman
5 years ago edited

This probably has nothing to do with this page but many years ago I was flipping thru the channels and a movie was playing on the Sci Fi Channel that caught my attention. It was in the middle of the movie so I didn't know what was going on but I was so drawn to it....I kept watching because this young woman in the movie , she seemed to be at a frat party and she started panicking because someone told her she was dead and she couldn't make sense of the fact that she was dead because she didn't remember dying. Well....i've been searching for years because i didn't know the name of the movie or any of it's stars. It was from 2006 and it's called "Left In Darkness". I watched the full movie and the main character dies and it's up to her to figure out the truth . But many people come to her, people she knows and they try to appear to her as real ....ex: her dead father....her dead mother....and they try to get her to trust them but in reality....the only person she can truly trust is herself and she quickly finds out from her imaginary childhood friend who is supposed to guide her towards the truth that he is just as fake as all the other people surrounding her and they all want one thing.....HER SOUL. She realizes finally that she is trapped in a sort of after death limbo and she has to find the trap door to pass on to the afterlife and to find the trap door, she has to go back to the frat house party where she died and search for clues. The film is by Steven R. Monroe (the titles of some of the movies he has produced include "Dear Diary I Died" , "Hidden Truth", "Dual" "Complacent", Most of his movies deal with being deceived. Although all the reviews are terrible for this movie, I found it to be very fascinating for the simple fact that it reminds me of what you are saying in this article, which by the way is very interesting and well presented so thank you for this website. I can't wait to read all of it

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Amazing research into the light trap ! Thank you so much !

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Thanks for the article. Can you cite your quote resources? I'd really like to read more. Again, thanks.

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Check out my "Solutions" page for options on ways out. Personally, upon death I will IMMEDIATELY focus my willful intent on going back to the original true Eternal Light Realms. These lower realms are all a copy (likely holographic) ruled over by a false Gaud. Do not hang around as many NDErs say after a short time the light pulled them like a magnet. Also, live a spiritual life and let go of all earthly attachments -- don't hold grudges and forgive everyone and forget traumas. Live your life showing altruistic love,compassion kindness, and mercy and if for some reason you do end up having to defend yourself do not let anyone guilt you into reincarnating on Earth because you haven't "learned enough" or "loved enough". You are a divine spark emanated from the True God.

Wayne

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Those who have not gone on or "crossed over", simply remain as ghosts and hang around those who have souls (the living) because we are the only light they can see other than God's light. You might as well go back to God who created you. You cannot LIVE hear on the earth without a soul. And you can't get a soul unless you are born. That is why you have so-called Aliens trying to breed a body and a soul so they can possess it and have a shot at heaven. ET is actually a Demon who was exorcised back in the age of death before the first century AD. Since the Kingdom of God arrived in the first century, they have not been allowed to possess anyone who has a soul of their own. So the abduction and breeding project is in full swing. Read the book, Abduction by John Mack M.D. and the books by Karla Turner Ph.D.
The author of this article has no faith in the creator who is Light, in all goodness and justice, righteousness and loving kindness. It would be best to be afraid of him now while you have the chance to change that fear into love, than to be afraid of going to him and remain in the dark after you drop your body. Being a ghost is a dead end. Pun intended.

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Tbtl → Child of Light
7 years ago

There may be some who hang around here as ghosts because they don't go to the light, but I believe most ghosts are shadow beings / archons. Dr. Karla Turner is mandatory reading IMO or people can watch the lectures she gave just before she was taken out. She was very convinced the aliens were physical. While there is evidence I kind of lean more to them being shape shifting archons (demons).

I DO have faith in the ineffable God who is True light. I consider myself a Gnostic christian. It is my belief that the god of this world is a false gaud whom Gnostics call the Demiurge and that there is a false light than people can be lured t at death and convinced to reincarnate. The false Gaud is part God / Creator and part Devil. One should live one's life showing true ALTRUISTIC love, compassion, kindness, mercy and not be attached to this materialistic world which is but a prison. I also believe it is very important to not hold any grudge, have any envy or greed, and aspire to let go of all our earthly attachments. I agree one should not live in fear or harbor hate toward humanity.

i too consider myself a child of light since I have a divine spark of light within me that came from the Eternal Light realms,

Wayne

2 0 Reply

austin → Child of Light
7 years ago

You either go to hell or heaven when you die, there are no ghosts here. The only beings God made conscious was the beasts(animals), the angels and humans. The occult want people to think there is aliens and other life in the universe but there isn't. Any stories of ghosts or aliens, are demons. Demons are fallen angels that were thrown from heaven with satan, who also is a fallen angel. If you do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior. You really need to figure out whats going and find the truth ASAP. We are living in the end times. Please go to jesus-is-savior.org for a lot of good information on the current state of the world.

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spiffy70
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Jesus said, "I AM the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12 "It is appointed unto men ONCE to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27 "I declare unto you the gospel (good news) by which you are saved...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with what the Scriptures foretold; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day." (and was seen by hundreds) Every disciple of Christ except John was martyred (along with thousands of other Christians as well). They went from hiding in fear after his crucifixion to boldly declaring Him as the Son of God. Who in the world would be tortured and die for a LIE??! Exact details of His birth & death were prophesied hundreds of years before His coming. He divided history into BC (before Christ) and AD (in the Year of our Lord). You can't sign any legal document without confirming his life. "For all have SINNED, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 "For the WAGES of SIN is DEATH; but the GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." "..what is necessary for me to do that I may be saved? And they answered, BELIEVE in (to adhere to, trust, rely on) the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (HEART belief, not HEAD belief only) Acts 16:30,31 "As many as RECEIVED him, to them gave he power to become the SONS OF GOD, even to them that BELIEVE on his name." John 1:12 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believes in him should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE." John 3:16 "God hath given to us ETERNAL LIFE, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the SON hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may KNOW that you HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:11-13 "If you acknowledge and CONFESS with your LIPS that Jesus is Lord and in your HEART BELIEVE that God raised Him from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED." Romans 10:9 This is getting long, but the sure expectation of a Christian is found in I Corinthians 15:35-58. Religion is always man reaching for God, but Christianity is God reaching down to man. I have experienced the PEACE which Jesus Christ gives, even in the midst of troubles in this life and in the sorrow of death and I would not trade it for all the vain and empty babblings of philosophies and deceit of this world. If you TRULY seek the TRUTH, you WILL find it. Luke11:9-13

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Tbtl → spiffy70
7 years ago

Hi, Spiffy. That's a lot of quotes there, all from the New Testament. Would you mind posting that in the Comments section on the "Religion" page and I'll do my best to answer there?
Thanks for sharing your view.

Wayne

2 0 Reply

feel without fear → Tbtl
3 years ago edited

People are defending and protecting the very lies that has been told to them which were created by the negative entities, through form of religions, school doctrination...ehh. Sad.

2 0 Reply

Mitch D → spiffy70
2 years ago

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Jesus died for your SINS...Sin is Sine...Sine Wave. We are pure energy trapped in linear time. So, Jesus died for our energy/(SINS), and rose using that energy. Jesus wants you to go to the light. Everlasting life...reincarnation? A trap? Sounds like it. To SIN is to be manifested into this linear realm because SIN is SINE Waves. It's magnetism of polarities. Everlasting energy being PULLED into this realm...trapped. ETERNAL LIFE: What kind of eternal? Eternal manifested carnal SIN/SINE wave in linear time type of life? Or after we drop the meat suit and can be unconstrained energy...free to do as we WILL?

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Easter is one of Christianity's highest and holiest days, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. But the origins of today's very Christian holiday are firmly rooted in the ancient traditions of pagan religions from many parts of the world. With its blend of solemn religious symbolism and the fun of Easter eggs and bunny rabbits, Easter as we know it is a patchwork of beliefs and practices related to the themes of springtime, rebirth, and renewal. So, what does *pagan* mean and, more specifically, what involves a pagan Easter?

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What Does “Pagan” Mean?

Pagan was originally a term used to describe people who practiced non-Christian religions. The term, which had a derogatory connotation, was assigned by early Christians. As Christianity was spreading in its early days in Europe, there were still many people who maintained their polytheistic beliefs. Those people were subject to the pejorative term, which served as a form of social pressure to convert to Christianity, and identified targets for discrimination. However, since the 21st century, certain people of non-Christian faiths, primarily those that adopted a form of spirituality, began to use the term to describe themselves. Paganism is now a religion

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Where Did the Name Easter Come From?

Easter most likely takes its name from the names of goddesses associated with spring, vernal equinox and renewal. Eostre was the Saxon mother goddess, the source of all things and the bringer of new life. Around the same time, Teutonic tribes worshiped the dawn goddess Ostara, who also represented fertility and rebirth.

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Other pagan cults and deities played a part in the formation of Easter, too. Around 200 BCE, the mystery cult of the goddess Cybele was popular in Rome and its surrounding areas. Cybele, another goddess of renewal and spring, had a lover named Attis, who was born of a virgin, and died and was reborn every spring.

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rose to prominence alongside those pagan beliefs, elements of the celebrations of Eostre, Ostara, Attis, and other deities became inextricably intertwined with the Christian narrative of Jesus' death and resurrection.

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when night and day are of equal length. It's also a celebration by pagan cultures to welcome the arrival of the long days of spring and summer.

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For Christians in Western traditions, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. This is a formula set in 325 CE by the Council of Nicaea, which established many points of doctrine for the early Christian church. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on a different timetable though – as much as three weeks later than "standard" Easter.

What Are the Pagan Easter Symbols?

Today's Easter is a mix of symbols from Christianity and traditions far older. Alongside the overtly religious celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection, people of all ages and beliefs enjoy colored eggs, egg hunts, candy rabbits, and chickens. Also, the Easter baskets filled with gifts, candies, and springtime colors are an important part of today's celebration.

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An Easter postcard depicting the Easter Bunny.

All of these Easter favorites clearly echo pagan beliefs. Many of those beliefs were very much in tune with nature – animal births, seasons, and cycles of the moon and sun. The rabbit, a symbol of fertility and agility, was sacred to Ostara. Eggs, chicks, green grass, and sweets speak to the ancient celebration of new life and rebirth during warm spring days. Many ancient

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Although Easter has become known as a Christian holiday around the world, celebrating the sacred death and rebirth of Jesus, the true pagan Easter and its symbols is a clear testament to the historical melting pot of cultures and traditions that make Easter what is today.

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Abyssinia and the Ethiopian Empire: The Ancient History of a Struggling Nation

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The Horn of Africa is a region with a unique identity and vibrant history. Close to the Arabian Peninsula, it always stood out from the rest of the African continent. Today, the Horn of Africa is home to the modern nations of Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, and Somalia, comprising some 115 million people. Throughout centuries of rich history, Ethiopia has managed to persevere and preserve its identity, despite many pressures. Once known as the Ethiopian Empire, or Abyssinia, which existed from 1270 to 1974, it is one of the longest surviving empires in history and is defined by its distinctive character and a past filled with defining moments. Today we'll be stepping back in time, as we recount the ancient and modern ages of the venerable Ethiopian Empire.

Ancient Origins of the Ethiopian Empire: The Rise of Aksum

The earliest origins of the Ethiopian Empire reach back before 1270. The story begins with the **Kingdom of Aksum** , also known as the **Aksumite Empire** , an ancient kingdom of great import in the classical world. Aksum was located in today's northern **Ethiopia**, and flourished from about 80 BC to 825 AD. Taking its name from its key city, the capital called Axum, its strategic location played a crucial role in the trading routes of the ancient world, particularly between ancient India and the Roman Empire. In time, Axum grew in power and importance, and eclipsed the neighboring and older Kingdom of Kush.

The importance of Axum was well portrayed by the famous Persian prophet Mani, who said:

> *"There are four great Kingdoms on Earth: the first is the Kingdom of Babylon and Persia; the second is the Kingdom of Rome; the third is the Kingdom of the Aksumites; the fourth is the Kingdom of the Chinese ."*

To the Greeks and the **Romans**, the Kingdom of Aksum was well known, as it was to the Arabs and the Persians as well. Aksum ascended to great heights thanks almost exclusively to trade. Commerce was the key factor that helped Axum evolve to become the capital of an empire. This can safely be ascribed to its proximity to the Red Sea and its trade routes, since all it had to do was successfully facilitate the growing need of the Greeks and the Romans for African goods. A

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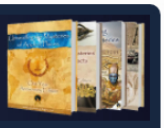

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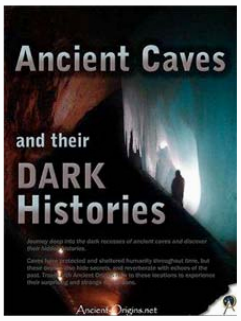

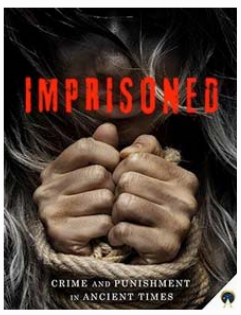

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major export of Axum was elephant ivory, which was a highly sought after commodity in the Mediterranean, Levant, and Persia.

Aksumite traders established far-reaching caravans that would travel into the African interior in order to procure more ivory. As Axum was located at key crossroads for trade traffic, it only sped up its prosperity. In time, Axum became the hotbed for a rising civilization with a unique character fed by a proper amalgam of indigenous African cultures infused with South Arabian character, as well as plenty of influences from the classical world of the Mediterranean.

*The Book of Aksum is a collection of 15 th century documents from St. Mary's Cathedral of Aksum which gives crucial information about Ethiopian history. (**Dmitry Chulov** / Adobe Stock)*

A Crucial Trading Power Rises

The name Ethiopia to describe the Aksumite Empire appears as early as the 4 th century, and one popular explanation for the name is that it comes from Greek: Αἰθιοπία (Aithiopia). This is a compound word that roughly translated means "burnt face" or "red brown". This term was used early on by Herodotus to denote this particular region of Africa. This Greek word was later loaned to the Amharic language of the region as ʾĪtyōṗṗyā.

More precisely, the name *Aethiopia* was used in Greco-Roman inscriptions for a long time and denoted specifically the region of ancient Nubia. However, in the 15 th century Ethiopian church book, known as the *Book of Aksum* , it is stated that the name stems from a legendary biblical figure known as Ityopp'is, a son of Cush (Kush). It was Ityopp'is who allegedly founded the city of Axum. Ethiopia was also known as Abyssinia in English historiography and elsewhere. This term stems from the Ethiopian Ge'ez language and their pronunciation of Aethiopia: *Habashat*.

The people of the Aksumite Empire began using the designation "Ethiopians" only around the 4 th century AD, when the Aksumite King Ezana conquered Nubia. Around this time the Aksumites also came in contact with **Christianity**. This occurred with the arrival of the two brothers and Christian Missionaries, Frumentius and Edesius, who managed to enter the royal Aksumite court and convert it to Christianity. Ethiopia (Aksum) was thus the second country to officially adopt **Christianity** in world history. The first one was Armenia in 301 AD.

Aksum began to enter a gradual decline in the 6 th and 7 th century AD, due to religious rivalry, Jewish persecution of the Christians and the rise of Islam. Around this time the use of the name Ethiopia becomes prevalent.

*Ethiopia was one of the earliest nations to adopt Christianity. Lalibela is one of Ethiopia's holiest cities and a center of pilgrimage. These rock-cut monolithic churches are dated back to somewhere between the 7 th and 12 th century AD and were declared a world heritage site in 1978. (**yurybirukov** / Adobe Stock)*

Struggling Between Religions: The End of the Aksumite Empire

One of the first acts in the empire's fall came in 520 when King Kaleb led a campaign against the Jewish Himyaritic King Dhu Nuwas who was persecuting Christians in **Yemen**. Although the Axumite forces won the conflict and secured Christianity in Yemen (at least until the advent of Islam), the years of battle over-extended Axum's wealth and manpower. Its position as an economic and trading power was diminished, but it still remained active to an extent. As the first major Islamic power, the Rashidun Caliphate rose to prominence and conquered Egypt and the Red Sea around 646 AD. Aksum became economically isolated, but even so it remained firmly

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Oral history holds the Aksumite Empire was eventually defeated by the Hebrew **Queen Yodit** (also known as Gudit or Judith), around the early 900's AD. This defeat brought the end to the centuries old Aksumite Kingdom and all its rich history. During her 40 year reign of Aksum, Yodit conducted numerous pogroms against the Christian populace, burning churches, crucifying people, and forcefully converting the citizens, all as part of her campaign to terminate Christianity in an apparent act of revenge.

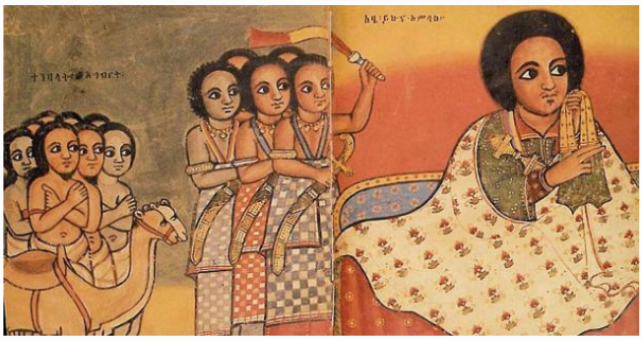
During this period, a great deal of Axumite heritage is said to have been destroyed. Yodit's reign ended around 960, when she and her successors were overthrown by an Agaw Lord called Mara Takla Haymanot. The Agaws were a Cushitic ethnic group of the region. This lord married the female descendant of the last Aksumite monarchs, and thus established a new lineage known as the Zagwe Dynasty . This new dynasty ruled over a smaller region than Aksum, and remained Christian, although still largely isolated.

*The Adal Sultanate invaded the Ethiopian (Abyssinian) Empire in what came to be known as the Abyssinian-Adal War which lasted from 1529 to 1543. (**Public domain**)*

The successful Zagwe Dynasty was eventually overthrown around 1270 AD. This happened with the emergence of a rebellious Lord named Yekuno Amlak, who claimed he descended from the Aksumite Kings of old, and ultimately, from **Solomon**. Most likely due to the political circumstances of the time, Amlak succeeded in receiving substantial aid from the Sultanate of Shewa, a small Muslim Kingdom that established itself in Ethiopia and competed with the Zagwe. This was one of the rare times that an alliance between Muslims and Christians occurred. Yekuno Amlak succeeded in establishing the Ethiopian Empire and becoming the head of the ruling Solomonic Dynasty, which remained in power until 1974. Not long after, relations with the neighboring competing Muslim sultanates deteriorated, and conflicts occurred sporadically for centuries afterwards.

One of the completing sultanates that managed to stay in power was the Ifat Sultanate. In the early 14 th century AD, the famed Ethiopian Emperor Amda Seyon I invaded Ifat and defeated it. But the descendants of Ifat managed to return to the region at a later date to establish a new and more powerful regional entity, known as the Adal Sultanate, a Muslim Somali Kingdom. This power would prove to become a huge threat for the rising Ethiopian Empire.

The Adal Sultanate invaded the Ethiopian (Abyssinian) Empire around the year 1529, led by the Somali Imam and General Ahmad ibn Ibrahim al-Ghazi. This came to be known as the Abyssinian-Adal War, which lasted from 1529 to 1543. The very first conflict occurred almost at once, in 1529, when the invading Adal forces met a sizeable Ethiopian army in open battle. Both sides suffered immense casualties, but the upper hand went to the forces of Imam Ahmad. Even so, he decided not to pursue further, and the invasion was in a passive state for about two years.



*After defeating the last Zagwe king, Yekuno Amlack established the Ethiopian Empire and became the head of the ruling Solomonic Dynasty which remained in power until 1974. (**Public domain**)*

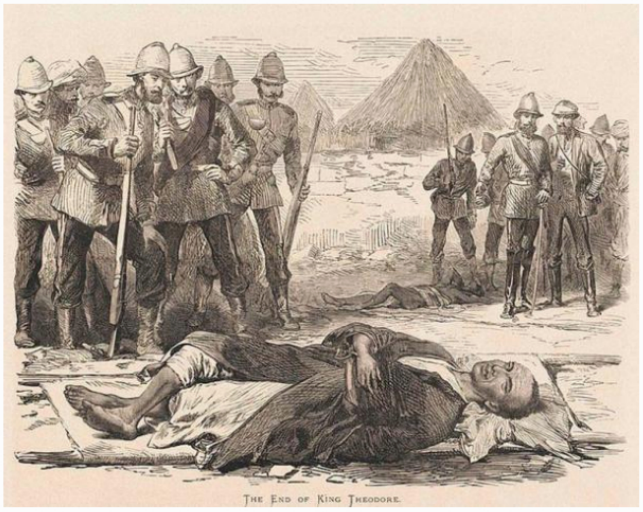
The Return of the Solomonic Dynasty

The next string of victories for the Adal forces came around 1531. The first occurred in the Battle of Antukyah, followed by the Battle of Amba Sel soon after. Both resulted in decisive Muslim victories. The Adal forces relied heavily on early firearms and cannons, which worked with great effect against the Ethiopian forces, oftentimes instilling great fear in the common soldier. Eventually, the forces of Imam Ahmad penetrated deep into the Ethiopian highlands, and conducted heavy sacking of the empire. The latter was eventually occupied and annexed by the Adal Sultanate, which united the territories with those of modern-day Somalia. This occupation of

Ethiopia lasted for 14 years.

Around 1543, the guerilla warriors of Ethiopia received aid from the Portuguese Empire, whose navy provided crucial military support. At the time, the Portuguese were involved in the Ottoman-Portuguese conflicts which lasted from 1538 to 1559. Since the Adal Sultanate received aid from the Ottomans, the Ethiopians aided by the Portuguese. With the Portuguese help, the Adal forces were gradually defeated, culminating with a decisive Battle of Wayna Daga that caused the collapse of Adal forces and the death of Imam Ahmed.

A new challenge for the Ethiopian Empire occurred in the 16 th and 17 th centuries, with the increasing migrations of the Oromo peoples of southern **Ethiopia**. This Cushitic ethnic group progressively migrated north and eventually became involved with the imperial politics. A direct consequence of these migrations was a loosened grip of the empire on its faraway provinces as the latter gained more independence than usual. It was not until the reign of the Emperor Iyasu I the Great of the **Solomonic dynasty** , who reigned from 1682 to 1706, that the things were once more consolidated and returned to prosperity. His successor, Iyasu II, took this power one step further and allowed the Ethiopian Empire to flourish.



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Vying for Power and Facing the Modern Age

Where there is power and wealth, there is also crisis. For **Ethiopia**, this crisis era emerged around 1769 and lasted until 1855. It is known as the *Zemene Mesafint* , or the "Era of Princes". During this period the empire was largely divided and decentralized, with numerous regional *ras* (dukes or lords) competing for influence and power over the emperor. This unstable period was only brought to end with the rise to power of the famed Emperor Tewodros II. The charismatic ruler once more stabilized the Empire of Ethiopia and became a favorite of the people.

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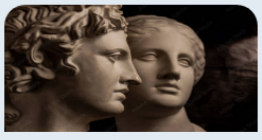

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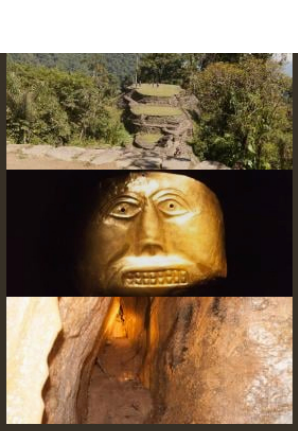

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Throughout ancient African history, gold has played a fundamental role, particularly as a source of wealth and power. Meanwhile, the cities that thrived on the gold trading routes were motivated by the lure of this precious metal and enjoyed great prosperity and prestige. Sijilmasa was one such city; perched on the northern edge of the Sahara Desert, it occupied a strategic position on the so-called "golden route." However, despite its early success, the city was marked by power struggles, turbulence, and eventual decline. In this piece, we delve into the history of this jewel of the desert oasis.

Jewel of the Oasis: Exploring the History of Sijilmasa

The ancient city of Sijilmasa has been described by many historians as the "African El Dorado." Despite being reduced to ruins, Sijilmasa remains a site of great importance, and is protected as an endangered archaeological site. Located in the desert landscape of modern-day Morocco, the crumbling walls of Sijilmasa serve as a testament to its lost grandeur and the passage of centuries.

Built on the northern edge of the Sahara Desert, Sijilmasa stands in the midst of the lush Tafilalt Oasis, near the banks of River Ziz. Its strategic location enabled it to emerge as the regional entrepôt, a crucial trading city on the African gold route. As a result, it became one of the most valuable cities in the region, as traders carrying precious gold and other goods were required to pass through Sijilmasa on their journey either towards the sea or inland.

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Naturally, Sijilmasa's strategic location meant that it was destined for greatness. Many legends about the city quickly emerged, similar to the tales of the original "El Dorado," or the City of Gold. Sijilmasa was founded around 757 AD by Sufri Khajiri Muslims refugees. Its rise to prominence was exceptionally swift. "Around Sijilmasa there are deposits of gold and silver," observed the Arab writer Ibn Yakubi less than a century after its founding. "The gold is found like plants, and it is said that wind blows it away."

Of course, Ibn Yakubi embellished his tales just a little bit, but there is no doubt that Sijilmasa was a true "city of gold." For one, its mints struck pure **gold coins** as early as the 10th century AD. In fact, archaeological evidence suggests that **gold** was transferred through this area as early as the 4th century AD. From the bountiful goldfields of Bambouk, Bouré and Lobi in south-central Africa, trading **caravans** *had* to pass northwards, and through Sijilmasa.

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The Puzzle of Sijilmasa: Investigating the City's Mysterious Origins

As we mentioned, Sijilmasa is officially said to have been founded by Sufri Khajiri Muslims, who fled in the wake of the Berber rebellion against the **Umayyad** Caliphate around 740 AD. There are, however, other legends related to the founding of Sijilmasa, some of which are more difficult to believe.

The famed historian and writer from Iberia, al-Hasan ibn Muhammad al-Wazzan al-Zayyati - better known as Leo Africanus, wrote in the 16th century AD that the city was founded by a Roman General - Suetonius Paulinus. To commemorate his victories in the area, he founded the city and named it *Sigillum Masse* as a symbol of victory, which over time morphed into Sijilmassa. However, the conspicuous absence of **Roman** archaeological artifacts indicates that this is highly unlikely.

Whatever the true origins of the town may be, radar scans and archeology confirm that there was some pre-urban activity on the site much earlier than the actual emergence of the city itself. This is quite likely, since Sijilmasa is situated at a favorable spot - a naturally fortified location that lies along the fertile banks of the River Ziz within the flourishing Tafilalt Oasis. Thus, the site had all the prerequisites for the emergence of a thriving settlement.

Much of what we know about Sijilmasa and its early history comes from the famed Arab traveler and writer, Al Bakri. In his work, *Book of Routes and Places,* Al Bakri explained that the first leader of the settlers in Sijilmasa was one Isa bin Mazid al-Aswad. He was chosen as the leader, and ruled in Sijilmasa for 14 years, before being executed on accusations of corruption. In his place came Abu al-Qasim al-Miknasi, whose descendants would form the Midrar Dynasty that would rule from Sijilmasa until 977 AD.

*Sijilmasa has been remembered as a beautiful ancient oasis city. (**Public domain**)*

Prospering from the African Gold Routes

The next we hear of Sijilmasa comes from another Arab traveler, Ibn Hawqal, who visited the area around 950 AD. In his writings, Ibn Hawqal noted that the city was quickly growing in economic power, due to shifting trade routes in Africa. As a result, the flourishing oasis city attracted the attention of trading caravans.

Previously, trade between Egypt and the gold-producing **Ghana Empire** was conducted by crossing the harsh deserts, but this soon became untenable. The trade caravans shifted their paths, so as to travel through the Maghreb area and to Sijilmasa in the **oasis**. From there, they could again head south through the Sahara, with better results and less harsh conditions.

Visiting the booming town of Sijilmasa, Ibn Hawqal was stunned by its prosperity and the overall wealth of the gold-route cities. He witnessed a bill issued to a trader from the Mauritanian city of Aoudaghost, from a trader from Sijilmasa. The bill, written out for 42,000 dinars, was an astounding sum for the time. Ibn Hawqal had never witnessed such an amount in his entire life of travel.

The city's wealth was undoubted: **gold** from **Sudan** was minted here, and the volume of trade with the regional realms was stunning. Of course, all that wealth and prosperity brought with it a degree of independence.

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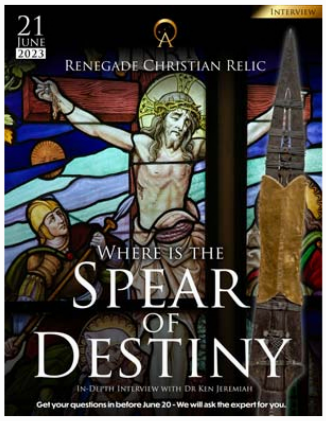

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Under the above-mentioned Midrar Dynasty, Sijilmasa grew into a regional power, and was able to free itself from the yoke of the Abbasid Caliphate as early as 771 AD, becoming largely independent. The rule of the Midrar Dynasty spread to the neighboring region, and was centered on the city of Sijilmasa. But, alas, every era of prosperity has to end at some point.

The Geopolitics of Sijilmasa: Navigating Power Struggles in the Sahara

In the 10th century, Sijilmasa's rulers experienced their first major problems. Two rival Caliphates began a major feud, fighting over the control of the African trade routes. These were real superpowers, and Sijilmasa could not compare, even with its wealth. These superpowers relied on powerful regional rulers to act in their stead. Sijilmasa's Midrar rulers were chosen by the Fatimids of Ifriqiya (modern-day Tunisia), while their rivals - the Umayyads of Cordoba - chose the rulers of Maghrawa confederation.

These alliances, however, were quick to shift and displace, and troubles soon arose in Sijilmasa. Around 909 AD, the Fatimids launched an expedition against Sijilmasa. For fifty days the city was in their hands, before it was again retaken by the Midrars. In 922, however, the Fatimids returned, and this time held the city for 20 years.

Sijilmasa remained a crucial trading hub, with its gold coin mints operating at full capacity. This time, however, the names of Fatimid caliphs were on these coins, and they went to different pockets. Needless to say, these events were fatal for the Midrar Dynasty, and its rapid disintegration began in this period. Eventually, it was the Maghraba **Berbers** - whose alliance shifted between Umayyad and Fatimid - that took hold of the city. It now became the major town of the Maghrawas, and continued its role as a trade center.

However, after six decades of Maghrawa rule, the elders of Sijilmasa had had enough. They sought the assistance of the Sanhaja Berber confederation, a major north African power, which was at that time transforming into the important **Almoravid** Dynasty. According to the Arab writer al-Bakri, the leader of the Almoravids mustered his armies and descended upon Sijilmasa, defeating the leader of the Maghrawa Berbers.

Alas, it was the Almoravids who ruled in Sijilmasa from that point on - and their rule was hardly welcome. For the Almoravids practiced an incredibly strict form of Islam. They banned all the instruments in the city, and closed wine shops and similar venues. The people of the city attempted a few revolts, but to no avail. Sijilmasa remained in Almoravid hands until 1146.

*Mud-brick ruins from the ancient city of Sijilmasa within the lush Tafilalt Oasis in Morocco. (**Mohammed** / Adobe Stock)*

Sijilmasa: A Pawn of Greater Powers

It was only in 1146 that the Almohad Caliphate took control of Sijilmasa. They were quick to take advantage of the town's wealth, and all the traffic that passed through it. Much to the misfortune of the citizens, their rule was equally as bad as that of the strict Almoravids. Although the Almohads were not that strict, they were awfully violent and oppressive. This was confirmed with a brutal massacre of all the Jews that lived in Sijilmasa. Their ruthless regime did not last for long, as the ruling powers once again changed in the city.

The Almohad Dynasty eventually fell, and the new Zenata Berber confederation was established as the new ruler of Sijilmasa, and most of **Morocco** as well. The change happened in the mid 14th century AD. In 1352, the esteemed Arab explorer Ibn Battuta wrote of Sijilmasa:

> *"I reached the city of Sijilmasa, a very beautiful city. It has abundant dates of*

> *good quality. The city of al-Basra is like it in the abundance of dates, but those of Sijilmasa are superior."*

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Sometimes in the late 14th century, after reaching its absolute peak of glory and wealth, Sijilmasa entered a steep decline. Economic fluctuations and increased rivalries between regional rulers, placed the city at increased risk. Around this time, a vicious civil war broke out, and Sijilmasa suffered widespread destruction. From this point on, even though it was partially rebuilt in different times during history, the city would still never attain the prosperity it had for centuries.

The Iberian scholar Leo Africanus traveled the area in the early 16th century, and stumbled upon the deserted ruins of the once-mighty Sijilmasa, writing:

> *"Of its walls, once so high, only a few sections remain, half-ruined, and covered with grass and moss. Of its population, there remain only various hostile clans, each living with its chief in a fortified village near to the ruins of the former Sijilmasa."*

The Tragic Fate of a Once Prosperous Metropolis

History does not know the exact reason why Sijilmasa was abandoned and destroyed after centuries of incredible prosperity. The likeliest reason, as evidenced from oral legends and travel writers, is that civil war and the rule of cruel despots doomed the city to its tragic fate. Climate change could have contributed as well, with a continued lack of resources plaguing the townsfolk.

At its height, Sijilmasa was the most prosperous town in the region. All the **gold** from the powerful **Mali Empire** ended up in the Sijilmasa mints, where it was struck into coins and placed into the global market. From there, it was transported to Egypt and Spain, and eventually made its way to Europe and the Mediterranean. Culture and arts flourished in the city, as did lavish **Islamic architecture** .

Alas, no golden age is destined to last forever. Today, only a few **mud-brick** walls and buildings remain of the vast oasis city that was Sijilmasa. After multiple destructions and rebuilds, the city never regained its former glory. Its fate serves as a valuable lesson in the history of affluent cities, subject to power struggles by covetous rulers.

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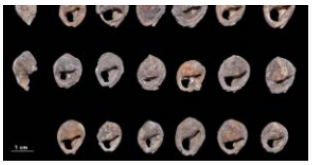

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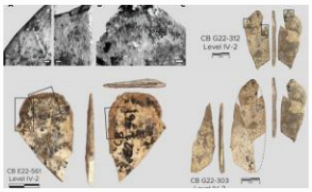

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Uncovering the Truth Behind Matriarchal Societies in the Ancient World

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A theme common amongst the mythology of ancient cultures is a belief in the existence of a **Golden Age** , when humans lived uncorrupted, in peace and harmony, experiencing prosperity and societal stability. While the theme is common, there is much variation in its form and detail across those cultures. Some scholars believe that the foundation of this Golden Age in human prehistory was a **matriarchal society** . One in which **women ruled** ; a society underpinned by feminine values, until its collapse into patriarchy sometime between 10,000 and 5,000 years ago, leaving men and their male gods ruling society's values and structures.

For many, this Golden Age of Matriarchy is no more than a hopeful expression of feminist desire - a myth, now debunked, that at one time served the interests of a particular feminist vision but for which the evidence has been found lacking and the benefits of which to the feminist cause have been considered highly questionable.

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Definition of "Matriarchal" Society

However, so much of this analysis depends upon definition. Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth has lamented the lack of any clear definition of a **matriarchal society** . She considers the concept "so indistinct that nearly everyone could understand it in different ways". Clearly, the case for finding such a **prehistoric matriarchal society** will be at its weakest if a matriarchy is defined narrowly as simply the opposite of patriarchy, as a society "ruled" by women instead of men. On the other hand, if any non-patriarchal society is by its very nature considered matriarchal, there will clearly be far greater latitude in identifying such a societal framework in pre-history. Or is it somewhere between these two extremes that a true matriarchy is to be understood? In my view it is.

In seeking to identify the existence of a prehistoric **matriarchy** in which women "ruled", it is noteworthy that most anthropologists do not consider that there are, or ever have been, any societies that are known to be "matriarchal" in this sense. Their identification as "matriarchal" is considered to represent a confusion with a number of other related but distinct societal structures, such as matrilineal (tracing kinship through one's mother), matrilocal (families remain located close to the maternal line), and matrifocal (where the mother is head of the family).

Dr. Goettner-Abendroth has agreed that matriarchies will by definition never be found if one is looking simply for a society in which women take the "ruling" role of men that characterizes patriarchal societies. But this she argues is because a matriarchy will not be based on domination by any gender, but upon maternal values which will exhibit as caretaking and nurturing negotiation-oriented communities, with complementary equality for women and men alike.

So understood, she has found "abundant evidence" for the existence of many matriarchal societies, to be found today in Asia, America, and Africa. All, she notes, are " **gender egalitarian societies** , and many of them are fully egalitarian", with "no hierarchies, classes, nor domination of one gender by the other". Most academics exclude egalitarian societies from the concept of "matriarchy". In my view, they are mistaken in doing so.

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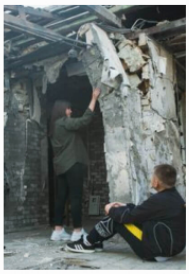

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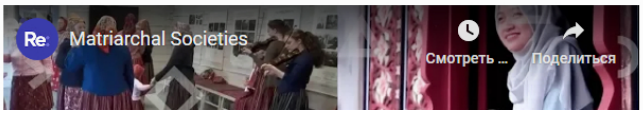

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Egalitarian Societies verses Patriarchal and Matriarchal Societies

Consistent with the well documented egalitarian structure of the world's oldest continuous culture, that of Australian Aboriginals, a 2015 study reported in *Science* of contemporary hunter gather communities (in the Congo and the Philippines) also found them to exhibit egalitarian social structures. Indeed, this study has merely confirmed numerous previous findings. Dr. Peter Gray has commented that:

> *"During the twentieth century, anthropologists discovered and studied dozens of different hunter-gatherer societies, in various remote parts of the world, who had been nearly untouched by modern influences. Wherever they were found - in Africa, Asia, South America, or elsewhere; in deserts or in jungles - these societies had many characteristics in common. … In each of these societies, the dominant cultural ethos was one that emphasized individual autonomy, non-directive childrearing methods, nonviolence, sharing, cooperation, and consensual decision-making. Their core value, which underlay all of the rest, was that of the equality of individuals."*

*Savanna Pumé couple on a hunting and gathering trip in the llanos of Venezuela. While the man hunts, and the woman gathers does that denote an equalitarian society? (Ajiimai / **CC BY-SA 4.0**)*

Importantly, the 2015 study also supported the evolutionary advantage that ancient hunter gatherer societies would similarly have enjoyed with egalitarian social structures, providing "the selective context for expanded social networks, cumulative culture, and cooperation among unrelated individuals." It is with the subsequent transition to agriculture and pastoralism that humans see the emergence of gender inequality, and the domination of **patriarchy** that now characterizes our Western society.

Venus Figurines – Do They Imply Matriarchal Rule?

In my view, ancient **hunter gatherer** communities were very likely egalitarian, and so matriarchal. In support of this conclusion, Dr. Simon Butler has noted that "[a]n apparent

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dominance of female representation in **prehistoric art** has been equated by some with female dominance or power in society, and to the existence of wide-ranging matriarchal or matrifocal societies prior to the emergence of patriarchies".
Amongst this prehistoric art, there are more than 200 representations of women in what are commonly described as " **Venus figurines** ". Found mostly in Europe and generally dating back to the Paleolithic era, as much as 40,000 years ago, he comments that they "have been variously interpreted as fertility symbols, lucky charms or toys, or as images of goddesses, priestesses, worshippers, ancestors or matriarchal rulers".

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One of the more controversial claims is that they demonstrate the worship of a mother earth goddess, and in doing so support the view that these ancient cultures were matriarchal. Generalizations are of course dangerous and probably no single interpretation of their function would be true of all of the figurines. Moreover, Dr. Butler has correctly observed that in any event "any sacred status as goddesses does not necessarily imply increased social status for women."

However, whatever the ultimate merits of this claim, more significant to my mind is that these mostly palm-sized figurines commonly exhibit heads devoid of detail, but with large breasts, buttocks, hips and thighs, and legs that taper to a point at the feet. Dr. LeRoy McDermott has suggested that "these **anatomical details** do not add up to an accurate image of the human figure" simply because they reflect "the fixed angle of self-regard which accounts for both the odd 'realism of parts considered independently one from another' … and … [the] conclusion that the figures appear 'centered on the torso, breasts, thighs, and abdomen,' with the rest 'attenuated' or 'dwindling away' above and below". In other words, in at least some cases the woman represented has carved the figurine herself, looking from her own perspective down upon her

body.

While not without its critics, this interpretation of the origins of at least some of the figurines is to my mind quite compelling. Of course, as Dr. McDermott has recognized, "[i]dentifying where the artist stood when creating a representational work does not tell us what it meant to its creator or how it was used or seen by others", but in my view it does say something about the place of women in that community. It challenges the common assumption that these prehistoric figurines were carved only by men. It reflects a community in which women also enjoyed a role in its artistic life, whatever symbolic or other function/s the figurines otherwise had within the community.

Cave Art – Was it Matriarchal?

This is also supported by research that has suggested that women may be responsible for much ancient **cave art** . While human handprints (positive images) and human hand stencils (negative images) occur in cave art on every inhabited continent, the largest (and arguably most well-known) form part of the Upper Paleolithic **cave art** concentrated in southern France and northern Spain, generally dated to the period between 40,000 and 12,500 years ago. A study by Dr. Dean Snow, comparing hand size and finger lengths, has disproved the traditional assumption that this cave art was produced mainly, if not exclusively, by men. Indeed, to the contrary, Dr. Snow found that those who made the hand stencils in the caves were predominantly women.

*Cueva de las Manos located Perito Moreno, Argentina. This cave art dates between 13,000–9,000 BC. The hand stencils in the caves were made predominantly by women. (Marianocecowsk / **CC BY-SA 3.0**)*

Stone Tools – Made by Women

Similarly, stone tool production has generally been assumed to be an exclusively male activity in ancient communities. However, as early as 1991 the late Dr. Joan Gero concluded that women in prehistory "can be suspected of making as many **stone tools** as men". This conclusion has been supported by a more recent University of Florida study of an extant Ethiopian community where women were found to dominate the making of stone tools, and which the authors of the study consider suggests that women in prehistory probably similarly had an active part in creating stone tools.

While none of these studies in or of themselves tells us the nature of the gender structures of prehistoric **hunter gatherer** communities, they each show female participation in the economic, social, and cultural life of these communities in areas traditionally understood to have been the province solely of men. Taken together, they are at least suggestive of an egalitarian social structure in these communities.

*Tools from the Stone Age, whether in a Matriarchy Society and Patriarchy Society, it is determined that women were found to dominate the making of stone tools. (**ExQuisine** / Adobe)*

Animals Represented in Paleolithic Art

It is interesting too that the animals represented in **Paleolithic art** are not identical with those animals most economically important or hunted. Rather, Dr. Walpurga Antl-Weiser has noted that

animals most economically important or hunted. Rather, Dr. Walpurga Anti-Weiser has noted that species were chosen to be represented not merely because of their economic value but because they had a deeper meaning to the community. While there are regional choices as to which animals are represented, he identifies **mammoths** as having a supra regional importance throughout the Upper Paleolithic, while other animals represented included bison and lions.

In the modern world, elephants (with whom it appears mammoths shared a similar social structure), (North American) bison and lions are all matriarchal. As Dr. Anti-Weiser concludes that "[w]e can be rather sure that people reflected on the abilities and qualities of animals and compared some of these qualities with their own", it might legitimately be asked whether it was the matriarchal qualities of these species that inspired their representation, even if only in respect of some of the representations.

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Venus-Style Figurines Pre-Dating Homo Sapiens

It is also interesting that other **Venus-style figurines** of an age pre-dating homo sapiens have been found in Israel and Morocco. The Venus of Berekhat Ram and the Venus of Tan-Tan have been claimed to be the earliest representations of the human form, dating to between 230,000 and 700,000 years ago and between 300,000 and 500,000 years ago respectively. Given their age, it is recognized that they would have been made by **Neanderthals** or perhaps even predating Neanderthals, being created by an earlier hominid like *Homo erectus* . In that regard, it may be noteworthy that **Neanderthal communities** are considered to have shared many of the basic social and demographic characteristics of modern hunter gatherer communities and indeed have been suggested to have been matriarchal.

*"Venus of Tan-Tan" (left) and "Venus of Berekhat Ram" (right), Museum of Human Evolution, Spain. (Dbachmann / **CC BY-SA 4.0**)*

On balance, there are strong grounds for concluding that the communities of our ancient hunter gatherer forebears were likely egalitarian in nature and so matriarchal in their social structures. Such societies are based upon maternal values, exhibiting as caretaking and nurturing negotiation-oriented communities, for women and men alike; a reality giving substance and form to the maligned mythology of a Golden Age of Matriarchy. Which only begs the question – What would our society be like if only we could escape the domination of patriarchal rule?

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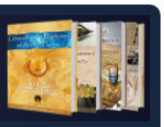

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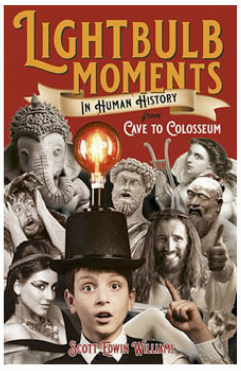

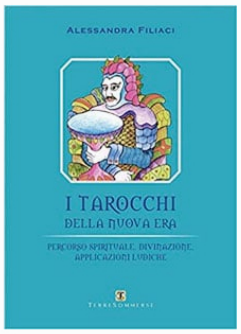

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hometown of Mecca and soon gained a following. By 615, a community of believers had grown around the Prophet, and in 622, seeing Muhammad as a threat, the Quraysh, who were in control of Mecca, forced him and his followers out of the city. Muhammad embarked on the *hijrah* (journey) to Medina, where he was welcomed by the local Muslims.

*1307 Depiction of Mohammed receiving his first revelation from the angel Gabriel. (**Public Domain**)*

At Medina, the Prophet was able to establish an Islamic government and he became a religious, political, and military leader. In 630, Medina had grown strong enough for Muhammad to march an army against Mecca. The city was conquered with minimum bloodshed. Two years later, the Prophet died, by which time the whole of the Arabian Peninsula had come under the control of Islam.

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The Prophet Muhammad was succeeded by four caliphs, known collectively as the **Rashidun** (meaning 'rightly guided) Caliphate. The four caliphs – Abu Bakr, Umar ibn al-Khattab, Uthman ibn Affan, and Ali ibn Abi Talib, led the Islamic state from the death of Muhammad to 661. Although the Rashidun Caliphate lasted merely 29 years, it made a huge expansion to the territory ruled by Islam. It was during this period that the Levant, Egypt, large parts of North Africa, and Persia were conquered by the Muslims.

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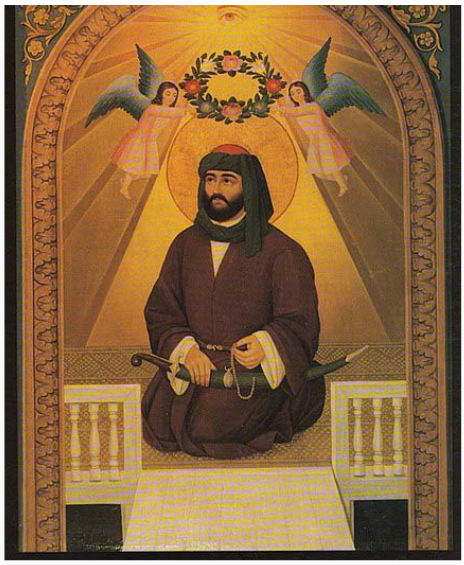

*Alī bin Abī Ṭālib by Hakob Hovnatanyan (c. 19th century). (**Public Domain**)*

Despite the military successes of the Muslim armies, the Islamic state was not without internal conflict. The question of succession had already risen immediately following the death of Muhammad, and this issue would split the Muslims into several factions. According to the Shiites, for instance, the first three Rashidun caliphs were not legitimate, and only Ali was the rightful successor of the Prophet. On the other hand, Ali came into conflict with many of his brethren, especially with those who allegedly wanted to avenge the assassination of Uthman.

Civil War Breaks Out

As a consequence, the First Fitna, a civil war in the Rashidun Caliphate, broke out in 656. The civil war lasted until Ali's death at the hands of the Kharijites in 661. Ali was succeeded by his son, Hasan ibn Ali, who, in order to prevent further bloodshed, concluded a peace treaty with Muawiyah, the governor of Syria, and a major opponent of Ali in the First Fitna. Although Hasan agreed to hand over political power to Muawiyah, one of the conditions placed on the latter was that a dynasty would not be established after his death.

*Combat between the forces of Ali and Muawiyah I during the Battle of Siffin, from the Tarikhnama. (**Public Domain**)*

Muawiyah, however, reneged on his promise and the **Umayyad Caliphate** , which had a dynastic and hereditary succession, was established. Under the Umayyad caliphs, Islam continued to spread, and western North Africa, the Iberian Peninsula, the northwestern regions of the Indian subcontinent, as well as parts of Central Asia were brought under Islamic rule. The Umayyad Caliphate lasted until 750, when it was overthrown in a rebellion / revolution by the Abbasids, who in turn established the next caliphate. The surviving male members of the Umayyad dynasty were hunted down and killed, though some succeeded in escaping to the Iberian Peninsula, where they established a new regime.

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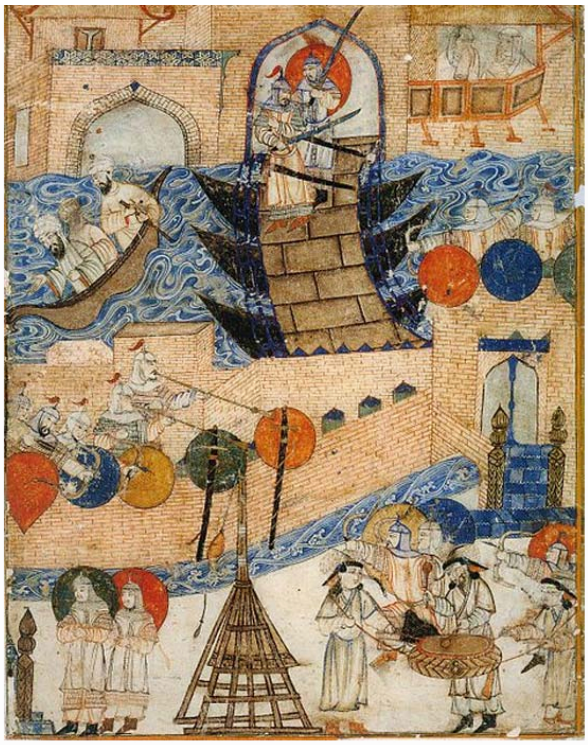

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Nevertheless, some members of the Abbasid Dynasty survived, and one of them, Al-Mustansir, found his way to Cairo, which was under the rule of the Mamluks. Al-Mustansir was proclaimed the new Abbasid caliph, though he was little more than a religious figurehead. The Abbasid Caliphate of Cairo lasted until 1517, when the title of Caliph was claimed by the Ottomans who had conquered Egypt. This title was used by the **Ottoman sultans** until 1924, when the caliphate was abolished following the creation of the Republic of Turkey.

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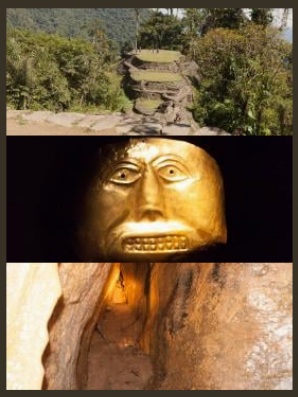

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Nine Parts of the Human Soul According to the Ancient Egyptians

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The idea of the human soul has fascinated humankind for thousands of years. Cultures around the world have sought to explain the soul or spirit in a wide and fascinating variety of ways.

The soul is often an important aspect of religion and is closely tied to the **afterlife**, **reincarnation**, and **spiritual realms** . This means the concept of the soul is integral to many belief systems and that in many cases the descriptions and explanations of the soul are lengthy and complex.

For the **religious** and **non-religious** alike the soul remains a **symbol** of self, and the idea of wagering or losing one's soul has been used as a plotline in stories such as *Faustus* for generations. In some cultures, such as **head-hunting** tribes in Indonesia, taking the part of the body believed to house the soul from an enemy is the greatest prize – simultaneously denying their foe the chance to move on to an afterlife and stealing the power of the soul to strengthen their own tribe or family.

Ancient Egyptians had their own complex ideas about what makes up the human soul, and their beliefs involved dividing the soul into nine parts: Khat, Ba, Ren, Ka, Shuyet, Jb, Akh, Sahu, and Sechem.

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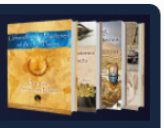

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Ancient Egyptians believed the physical form itself was a part of the human soul and called this element the Khat or Kha. It was the vessel inhabited by the rest of the soul on **Earth**. This is part of the reason **mummification** became so important to ancient Egyptians – preserving the physical body was actually preserving an important part of the soul.

After a person had died, offerings would still be made to the soul at their physical body because it was believed the rest of their soul could supernaturally absorb the benefits and nutrients from the offerings. The body was a link to the essence of the person who had once inhabited it – a concept which is seen in many other interpretations of the soul.

Ba – The Personality

The Ba is perhaps the closest the ancient Egyptians had to the modern ideas about the soul. It made up all the elements of a person that made them unique.

Taking the form of a bird with a human head, the Ba was the way the soul could move between the **mortal realm** and the spiritual one. The Egyptians believed the Ba still traveled between both realms occasionally while a person was still alive, but that the journey the Ba made between worlds increased significantly after death.

*Ba, part of the human soul, in a facsimile of a vignette from the Book of the Dead. (A. Parrot / **Public Domain**)*

The Ba would visit the gods and the **spiritual realm** , but it was this part of the soul which would also frequent the places a person loved when they were still alive, maintaining a link between the parts of the soul which dwelled among the stars and the Khat and other elements of the soul which had remained on Earth.

The idea that the Ba would spend time in places a person loved during life is also similar to some modern ideas about **ghosts** and spirits lingering at a place once loved by a particular person when they were alive. The Ba was also believed to be connected physically to the body and it would remain with the Khat when it was not visiting other physical places or **communing with the gods** .

Ren – The True Name

Ancient Egyptians were given a name at birth which was kept secret to everyone but the gods. This name was considered an extremely important and powerful part of the soul with the ability to destroy a person and their soul permanently.

Throughout life, an individual was known only by a nickname so that no one would be able to learn their true Ren and gain the powers it contained, or the chance and knowledge needed to destroy it.

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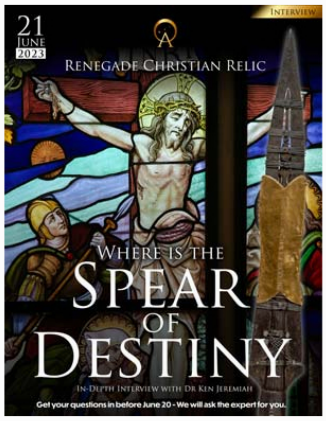

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*As long as the Ren existed, the human soul survived. (Jacktandy000 / **CC BY-SA 4.0**)*

A series of texts beginning around 350 AD called the *Book of Breathings* compiled the names of ancient Egyptians and wrote them down physically to try and ensure they survived. The power of the name was acknowledged by the creation of the cartouche – a special way of writing a name inside a protective magical barrier – which was used around royal names.

Just as preserving the name, the Ren was crucial to preserve the soul. Destroying the Ren was a way of making sure a soul was destroyed forever. This is part of the reason some names of hated figures such as Akhenaten were ritually and destructively removed from monuments and texts after their death.

Ka – The Vital Essence

The Ka was the vital essence of a person which distinguished between life and death. The Egyptians believed that either the fertility goddess Heqet or the goddess of childbirth Meskhenet breathed the Ka into a body at the time of birth. The Ka is what made the new infant truly alive.

They believed the Ka was sustained throughout life through food and drink. They believed the Ka still needed nourishment after death, which is the reason food and drink would be presented to the Khat. They did not think the Ka still needed to eat the food physically, but thought the nutrients were absorbed by the Ka in a supernatural manner after death.

A kind of offering tray called a Soul House which was made of clay shaped into a house was developed to present the Ka with offerings. Some surviving examples even have clay models of food in them, and they have been used as a way of determining what an average house would have looked like in ancient Egypt.

*A Soul House.. (Geni / **CC BY-SA 4.0**)*

Some people believe Soul Houses were even intended as a physical place for the Ka to reside, though there is no evidence of this, and it is more likely they were simply an elaborate way of presenting offerings of food and drink to the deceased.

Shuyet – The Shadow

Ancient Egyptians believed the shadow was actually a part of a person's soul. It was ever present, and they believed it contained a part of what makes each individual unique.

As in many other cultures, the Egyptians also believed the shadow was linked in some way to death. The Shuyet was believed to be a servant to **Anubis**, the Egyptian god of death and the **afterlife**. Physical depictions of the Shuyet were of a human figure shaded entirely black.

Anubis was the ancient Egyptian god associated with mummification and burial rituals, here he

*attends to a mummy. (Jeff Dahl / **Public Domain**)*

Some people had a 'Shadow Box' among their funerary items so that the Shuyet had a place to inhabit. In the Egyptian *Book of the Dead* the soul is described as leaving the tomb of the deceased during the day in the form of a shadow. This Shuyet is considered only a shadow of the person it represents and not a major or destructive manifestation of the deceased in the physical realm.

Jb – The Heart

Just as many people still believe today, the Ancient Egyptians saw the heart as the home of human emotion. It was also considered the center of thought, will, and intention. This meant the Jb (heart) was a very important part of the soul for them, and the word appears in many sayings and expressions in ancient Egyptian writings. While English expressions often refer to the heart as a metaphor, in ancient Egyptians sayings, mentioning the heart is referring to the physical heart.

As an element of the soul, the Jb was the part a person used to gain access to the afterlife. The heart would be **weighed on a scale** against a feather – the feather of truth – and if the heart weighed more than the feather, a person was denied access to the afterlife and their heart was eaten by a demon called Ammit who was described as a fearsome lion-hippo-crocodile hybrid.

*Weighing of the heart, the Jb of the human soul. (ISa1 / **Public Domain**)*

To preserve and protect the Jb the heart would be specially embalmed, and then placed with the rest of the body along with a heart scarab which was a magical amulet intended to prevent the heart giving away too much information about a person and jeopardizing their success in passing the weighing of the heart.

Akh or Ikhu – The Immortal Self

The Akh was a magical combination of the elements Ba and Ka which represented the enlightened immortal being after death. This magical unification of Ba and Ka would only be possible if the correct funerary rites were performed after death.

The Akh did not stay with the Khat as many other elements of the soul did, it lived among the stars with the gods, though it did return to the body on occasion if necessary. It was a representation of the intellect, will, and intentions of a person.

The Akh was also the aspect of the soul which could reconnect through loved ones by appearing to them in their dreams.

Sahu – The Judge and Spiritual Body

The Sahu was actually a further aspect of the Akh. As soon as a **soul** had been deemed worthy of entering the afterlife, the Sahu would separate from all other forms of the soul. Much like some modern ideas about ghosts, the Sahu was said to haunt those who had wronged a person in life and protect those who the soul had loved. Just as the Akh could appear in a person's dreams, the Sahu could appear to a person.

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*Ancient Egypt literature included hauntings by the Sahu, the 'ghost' part of the human soul. (SteinsplitterBot / **Public Domain**)*

It was often considered a vengeful spirit and could be blamed for any ill fortunes. There is even an example from the Middle Kingdom of a letter left by a widower in the tomb of his late wife begging her Sahu to stop haunting him.

Sechem or Sekhem – Life Energy

The Sekhem was another element of the Akh. Not much is known about the Sekhem, but it was considered a kind of life energy of the soul. The Sekhem was present in the afterlife after judgement had been passed and the soul was considered worthy.

In the ***Book of the Dead*** the Sekhem is described as a power and the place in which the gods **Horus** and **Osiris** live in the underworld.

*Sheet from a Book of the Dead. (Alonso de Mendoza / **Public Domain**)*

The Sekhem may also have been used to control the physical surroundings and outcomes of a person and their actions. Like the Akh, the Sekhem did not reside with the Khat and the physical body, but among the stars with the gods and goddesses.

The Complexity of the Soul

The way ancient Egyptians divided the soul is indicative of how important it was to them. It was clearly something which had been thought about in a tremendous amount of detail, and it was the crux of their beliefs about the afterlife and how a person could reach it.

Their beliefs about the soul also dictated the way they treated a body after death. Mummification, an iconic part of ancient **Egyptian culture** , was a result of their beliefs about the Khat and other parts of the soul needing a place to live.

The nine aspects of the soul have influenced many other parts of Egyptian culture too. From the violent removal of names to destroy the Ren to the creation of texts such as the *Book of the Dead* , the soul was pivotal to much of the **culture** and **society** of ancient Egypt.

Without this complicated belief system many of the artifacts which have become iconic and world-renowned elements of ancient Egyptian culture would not have been developed, and the fascinating world which has captured many a modern imagination may have left very different treasures behind.

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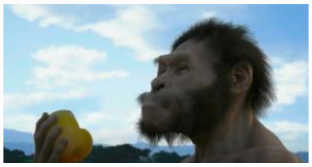

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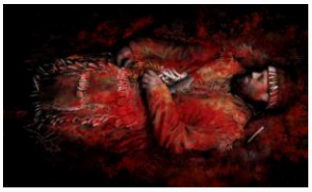

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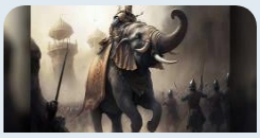

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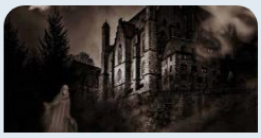

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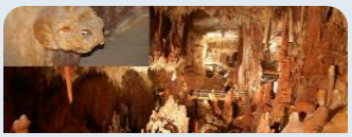

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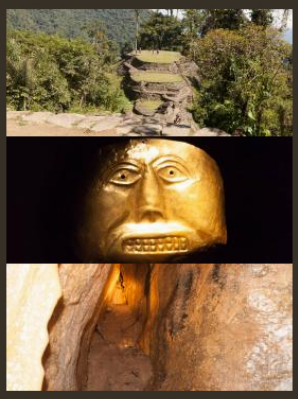

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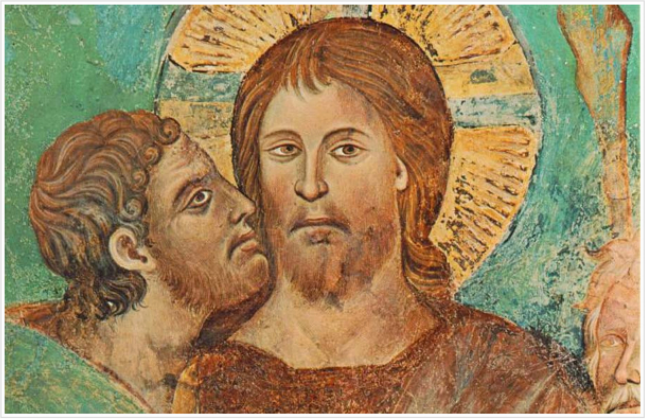

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Judas Used a Kiss to Identify Jesus the Shapeshifter, Claims Coptic Text

Written in the **Coptic** language, the ancient text written in the name of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a distinguished theologian who lived during the fourth century, tells part of the **crucifixion** story of **Jesus** with apocryphal plot twists, some of which have never been seen before. They have been revealed thanks to a translation carried out by Roelof Van den Broek of Utrecht University in the Netherlands, and published in the book *Pseudo-Cyril of Jerusalem On the Life and the Passion of Christ: A Coptic Apocryphon* .

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The ancient text explains why **Judas** used a kiss, specifically, to betray Jesus. According to the canonical bible, the apostle Judas betrays Jesus in exchange for money by using a **kiss** to identify him leading to Jesus' arrest. This apocryphal tale explains that the reason Judas used a kiss, specifically, is because Jesus had the ability to change shape.

Then the Jews said to Judas: How shall we arrest him [Jesus], for he does not have a single shape but his appearance changes. Sometimes he is ruddy, sometimes he is white, sometimes he is red, sometimes he is wheat colored, sometimes he is pallid like ascetics, sometimes he is a youth, sometimes an old man.

This leads Judas to suggest using a kiss as a means to identify him. If Judas had given the arresters a description of **Jesus** he could have changed shape. By kissing Jesus, Judas tells the people exactly who he is, **shapeshifter** or not.

*Fresco by Giotto di Bondone depicting the arrest of Christ and the kiss of Judas. (**Public domain**)*

The Idea of Jesus as a Shapeshifter is Old News

This understanding of Judas' kiss goes way back. According to Van den Broek, the explanation of Judas' kiss is first found in Origen, a theologian who lived between 185 and 254 AD. In his work, *Contra Celsum,* the ancient writer stated that "to those who saw him [Jesus] he did not appear alike to all." Nevertheless, Van den Broek is careful to note that he is not suggesting that Jesus was in fact a shapeshifter, but only that some people in early Christian times may have thought he was.

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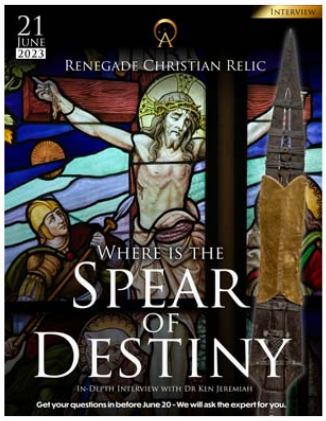

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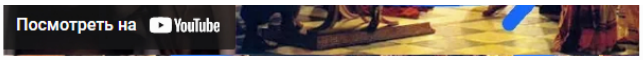

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*The 1,200-year-old Coptic manuscript, which describes Jesus as a shapeshifter, incorporates this cross decoration within the manuscript. (**The Pierpont Morgan Library**)*

While headlines at the time of the announcement were quite sensationalist and described the text as containing **Christianity**-shattering information, the publishing scholar never claimed anything of the sort. It is also clear that the text is not a hoax but a genuine item published by a respected scholar and by a notable academic press (E. J. Brill). So why hasn't such a fascinating text led to further research, interpretations, or discussion among scholars as relating to **Jesus** as a **shapeshifter**?

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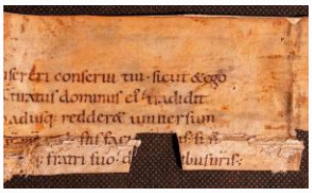

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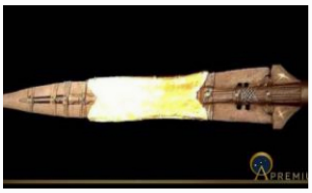

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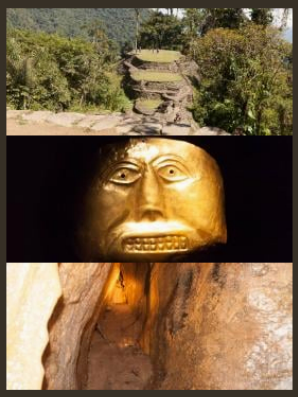

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Part IV

"Orient-Malerei" Based On Western Imagery

regarding:

The Noble Sharifians

De décembre 1831 à juillet 1832, Delacroix accompagne la mission du comte de Mornay auprès du Sultan du Maroc, visite Tanger, Meknès ...

Eugène Delacroix. Letters and Notes from His Voyage to North Africa.

Meknès, 20. March: We have been held prisoner for the past five or six days in a house in the city, pending the time for our audience and etc.

23. March: Yesterday we were received in audience by the emperor. He receives his visitors on horseback, with all his guard around him on foot. He suddenly appears through a doorway and comes towards you, with a parasol behind him. He's a rather handsome man. He looks very like our own king, only with a beard and somewhat younger. He is between forty-five and fifty. He was followed by his state coach, a sort of wheelbarrow drawn by a mule. So I've reached the goal of my journey.

Meknès, 2. April to J.B. Pierret: I have spent most of my time here in utter boredom, because it was impossilbe to draw anything from nature openly, even the meanest hovel; if you so much as go on to the terrace you run the risk of being stoned or shot at. The Moors are fantastically jealous, and it is on these terraces that their women usually take the air or visit one another.

Le Maroc et Le Riff en 1856 par H. De T. D'Arlach, Paris, 1856 on page 19: Abd-er-Rhaman, empereur du Maroc, est âgé de soixante-dix à soixante-douze ans.

At first, the reader must be aware that in Section 1: "Reproductions of 17th cent. to 1873 published drawings", are in general imagery pieces of work which ***rarely*** reflect a close resemblance to the actual Sultan. The reason for this is easily explained – since such works (from the beginning of Islam to Sultan Sidi Mhd. IV) were strictly forbidden by law (Sharia). Further, it was impossible for any artist to see a Sharif on his own. However, when a Foreign Delegations was received at the Sharifian Court, then such a delegation was sometimes accompanied by an artist, (example: F-Delacroix; GB-Keatinge). During such an occasions the accompanying artist had, but a brief glance at the Sharif from far distance. All of what the artist saw he had to absorb and memorise in his head as otherwise he would have taken an enormous risk by making a sketch on the spot. The very same law was applicable for the minting of Islamic coins. Example: there are no pictures of Prophet Muhammad, (pbuh), therefore - no portraits appeared on the coinage during the time of the Sharifians. But as the Sharifians were **"exchanged"** the rules started to change. Hence, today the portraits of the rulers are on the currencies and the portraits of the rulers are on display as well. This old established law on portraits was written with good intentions in order to prevent another kind of worship. This rule however, opened the way for the future occupier to fabricate history.

NOTE:

As of today, the only portrait we found to be of close resemblance is the one of Sidi Muhammad III ibn Abdallah by *Colonel Maurice Bagenal St. Leger Keatinge*. This drawing was made by a talented artist blessed with a photographic memory.

Section 1

	MOULAY ISMAEL (artistic representation)		
Cherif Muley Rashid al-Aji. Ref: L'illustre et magnifique Cherif Muley Arxid. Print made by Nicolas de Larmessin, died 1694.	Sharif Ismail al-Aji. Ref. Encyclopaedia of the Orient. (artistic representation) & Mouley Seméjn el Heusenin frère du successeur de Mouley Archy aux Roy de Fez, de Maroc, de Tafilet. Portrait de Moulay Isma'il, par le Sieur Germain Moüette. Histoire des conquestes de Mouley Archy, connu sous le nom de Roy de Tafilet, et de Mouley Ismaël ou Seméin, son frère, et son successeur à présent Regnant. Tous deux Rois de Fez, de Maroc, de Tafilet, de Sus, etc. ... Avec une carte du Païs ... Paris, E. Couterot, 1683.	Sharif Ismail al-Aji. Ref: John Windus: Reise nach Mequinetz, der Residentz des heutigen Käysers von Fetz und Marocco welche C.Stuart als Gross-Britannischer Gesandter Anno 1721 zur Erledigung der dortigen Gefangenen abgelegt hat. Hannover: Förster, 1726. In Gerhard Rohlfs - Gesammelte Werke: Gesandtschaften von und nach Marokko. Louis XIV schickte 1682 den Graf St. Armand ... . Der Sultan erscheint auf einem schneeweissen, reich aufgeschirrten Hengst, das einemal hat er einen Litham (Schleier) vor, das anderemal ist er entschleiert.	Sharif Abdul Hamid (Sidi Muhammad III ibn Abd Allah al-Aji). Drawing by Francisco de Miranda. At the age of 24 Miranda was fighting with the Spanish troops defending Melilla in 1775, when one day he looked out over the battlements and saw with his own eyes the Sultan sitting in front of his tent directing his troops. Ref: Archives of the Academia Nacional de la Historia, Caracas, Venezuela. Archivo del General Miranda. Viajes. Diaros, 1750-1785. We thank Priscilla H. Roberts for this reference. ARAMCO World, Sept/Oct. 1998 issue: Emissary to Barbary in 1786, by Priscilla H. Roberts and James N. Tull.
Sharif Sidi Mhd. III ben Abdallah al-Aji, 1776. Courtesy of: Tangier American Legation Museum Library.	Sharif Sidi Mhd. III ??? ben Abdallah al-Aji. Ref: Tangier American Legation Museum Society. Long-Time Friends: Early US-Moroccan Relations, 1777-78 by Sherrill Brown Wells in Department of State Bulletin, Vol. 87 (Sept. 1987)	Saadi (Saadian) Homed Ebn Abdallah ben Ismail as Samin ben Sharif, al-Aji, 1785. Note: Sidi Muhammad's eye problem. This was recorded by several Europeans in addition to American Thomas Barclay. Drawing by Colonel Maurice Bagenal St.Leger Keatinge; Travels in Europe and Africa, comprising a Journey through France, Spain and Portugal to Morocco, with a Particular Account of that Empire (London, 1816). For references by Mrs. Priscilla H. Roberts see below.	Saadi (Saadian) Homed Ebn Abdallah al-Aji, 1785. Drawing by Colonel Maurice Bagenal St. Leger Keatinge; Travels in Europe and Africa, comprising a Journey through France, Spain and Portugal to Morocco, with a Particular Account of that Empire (London, 1816).

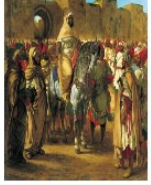
General Don Francisco de Miranda, (b. 28.3.1750 Caracas; d. 14.7.1816) Ref: "Casa de Melilla"

Within Archivo Del General Miranda; Viajes; (Diarios, 1750-1785) he names Sidi Mhd. III - Abdul Hamid (1775) who acctually is an Ottoman Sultan &

Sultan Abdul Hamid

in Fundacion Melilla Monumental / Ciudad Autonoma de Melilla: Brief history of Melilla's fortresses ... And this is the Melilla that endured the most difficult proof: the siege that suffered between 1774 and 1775, when 3609 defenders with 165 pieces of artillery confronted an 40'000 man army sent by the Sultan MuleyAbdalah, who had modern artillery systems and who started a thorough war of mines. As outcome, the fortress of Melilla passed the proof successfully and the Moroccan army had to raise the siege & in:

World History at KMLA. Siege of Melilla 1774 (Moroccan-Spanish War). He laid siege to the city in 1771 and again from December 9th, 1774 to March 19th, 1775, with over 10'000 projectiles shot into Melilla. On December 25th, 1780, Spain and Morocco signed a Treaty of Aranjuez, in which Spain ceded some territory to Morocco, which in turn recognized Spanish rule over the remainder of Melilla.

			
			Sharif Sidi Mohammed ben Abder
Sharif Abderrahman ben Muhammad al-Aji. Ref: The Royal Families Thread [MENA] - List of rulers of Mauretania Tingitania etc. www.skyscrapercity.com. Further information still pending.	Sharif Abd er-Rahman ben Muhammad ben Ismail as Samin bin Sharif al-Aji at Meknès of **1832**, receiving the French Delegation. Painting by E. Delacroix, 1845. Toulouse, Musée des Augustins Ref: The sultan's authority: Delacroix, paintings, and politics at the Salon of 1845.	Sharif Sidi Mohamet al-Aji, Emperador de Marruecos by Charles Labielle, (1859?), Barna. From the collection of the Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies (TALIM).	Rahman al-Aji, in Fes, November 23, 1868, receiving the British Delegation of Tangier, represented by Sir John Drummond-Hay and accompanied by his staff and family. Courtesy of Mr. Robert Drummond-Hay, London. Based on a letter written by John Drummond-Hay to Lord Stanley, see: A History of Anglo-Moroccan Relations to 1900 by P.G. Rogers. London: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chapter 8 p. 177-178.

On 28 December 1867, in a despatch to Lord Stanley, Sir John Drummond-Hay wrote: The country, is in a more wretched state of anarchy .....; but the chief evil in my opinion is the character of the present Sultan, Seed Mohamed, who is totally unfit, from the very fact of his being of a mild and humane disposition, and opposed to the punishment by death, to rule over the wild and warlike people of Morocco. Ref: A History of Anglo -Moroccan Relations to 1900 by P.G. Rogers. London, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chapter 8 page 177.

Why did one need such drawings.

First: Some of these 17th - 19th c. artists, travellers, journalists, foreign diplomates wanted to be able to sell their books or newspaper articles and this was one of the reasons of why one created such imagery portraits. For further references see: **Prof. Edward Said** - On ***Orientalism***, 1978

Second: The other reason was a military one. As Europe's kingdoms were once again in a desperate need to put their hands on other countries wealth and belongings they had to create a propaganda of fear (with drawings) in order to convince their citizens to take-up the arms against the Sharifian rulers. (see examples below, nos. 1 & 2)

Third: Trade Agreements. Another way was in demonstrating- or use of military force. Through such acts of force Europeans let the Sharif understand that he was well advised by simply signing Europe's new trade agreements favourable to Europe or risk to be occupied. Similar situations you still witness in the case of Palestine, Iraq, Africa and etc. (see example below, no. 3)

Sharif Ismael, at 82 years of age. For reference on style and dress code see picture on your right.	

In 1672 Sharif Ismail al-Hasani al Aji completed the task of pacifying Morocco. He constructed his capital in the city of Meknes. During his 55 year reign, Jews were protected from violence. Ref: Jewish Morocco

Réception Solennelle du Consul Général de Belgique Mr. E. Daluin, par l'Empereur du Maroc à Rabat, dimanche le 4 décembre 1864 à 10 heures. Le tableau a été peint par le peintre Félix Augustin Milius, Tanger 1865, size: 110 x 140 cm. And in the "***Gibraltar Chronicle***, December 12, 1864 we read: The Sultan is still here, and has now been visited by most of the Representatives of the European Powers who ordinarily reside at Tangier. The Ministers and diplomatic agents of England, France, Spain, Italy and Belgium have made their appearance at the Sultan's Court, or we should rather say, his camp.....

Courtesy of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Examples:

from: Encyclopaedia Judaica, 1971

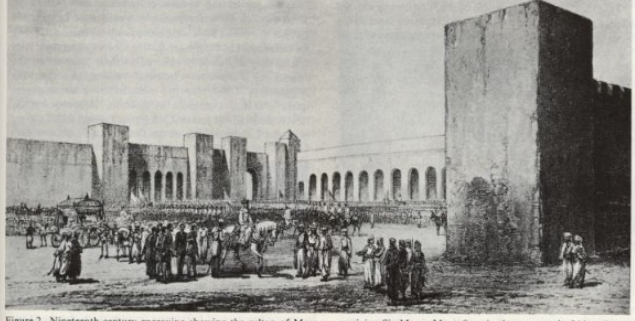


Figure 2. Nineteenth-century engraving showing the sultan of Morocco receiving Sir Moses Montefiore in the courtyard of his palace. Courtesy D. Corcos, Jerusalem.

Examples:

Time of Hassan I, 1873-1894 Ref: La Douane marocaine à travers l'histoire. Les régimes des Oumanas des douanes.

Berber Jews of the Atlas Mountains, c. 1900. Ref: History of the Jews in Morocco. en.wikipedia.org

from: Encyclopaedia Judaica, 1971

Nineteenth-century engraving showing the Sultan of Morocco receiving Sir Moses Montefiore in the courtyard of his palace at Marrakech. Ref: By Michael Palomino in: Encyclopaedia Judaica 1971: Morocco, Vol. 12, col. 329-330, Moses Montefiore. On matters regarding a decree (dahir) we received the following information: the sultans did not "sign" decreees (dahirs). They simply stamped their seal which bears their name and the "prayer". As for this original dahir - we been unable to locate its whereabouts!

Sephardi And Middle Eastern Jewries. History and Culture in the Modern Era. See: **Daniel J. Schroeter and Joseph Chetrit**, page 106: The challenge to the dhimma system is best symbolized by the visit of Moses Montefiore to Morocco in 1863-64. **Montefiore went to the court of Sultan Mawlay Abd ar-Rahman** in **Marrakech** and through the backing of the British government .....

BLADI.NET. 20 septembre 2003. Esquisse historique du tapis marocains: une combinaison de formes et de couleurs: En 1867, le **Sultan Moulay Abderrahman** envoie, avec un célèbre commerçant de Fès, à la deuxième exposition universelle de Paris, "tout ce qu'il y a de mieux ..... Cet article est paru dans **"Du signe à l'image"**, le tapis marocain by Prof. Ali Amahan; Edition Lak international; who told that he took this information from a book written by **Prof. Mohamed al-Manouni**.

Menara gardens. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. The name menara derives from the pavillon with its small green pyramid roof (menzeh). The pavillon was built during the 16th century Saadi dynasty and renovated in 1869 by **Sultan Abderrahmane** of Morocco, who used to stay here in summertime. Menara gardens II .The pavillon and the great water reservoir were built by Saadian **Sultan Abd er Rahman** in 1870. see: Travelphoto.net, 17.02.07

In Glossaire as: Alaoui **Abderrahman** & Alaji **Abderrahman**, Ministre plénipotentiaire marocain, 20.12.1861. www.douane.gov.ma/Histoire_douane/GLOSSAIRE.htm

Oumana des douanes en exercice (1906). Ref: La Douane marocaine à travers l'histoire

Jewish Wedding in Morocco by Eugene Delacroix, Paris 1837-1841

Le Marriage Juif a Tangier by Francisco Lameyer y Berenguer, Madrid 1875

Sharif Sidi Muhammad III ben Abdallah wears NO RED FEZ

For further informations on how artists solved their problems in "Orient-Malerei" you may like to read the following article in:

Al-Maqam

Zeitschrift für arabische Kunst und Kultur, Nr. 3, 2007.

Das Lächeln der Odaliske. Ansichten über "Orient-Malerei"

by

Svetlana Georgieva

Reisen war damals eine Ausnahmesituation und barg ein hohes Risiko in sich. Die Reisebedingungen waren meist sehr beschwerlich und es gehörte viel Mut dazu, sich auf den langen Weg ins Ungewisse aufzumachen. Auf der Suche nach Inspiration besuchte der Romantiker *Delacroix* 1832 Marokko und Algerien. Während der einmaligen Reise brachte er Hunderte von Blöcken voller Skizzen und Zeichnungen mit, die er als Grundlage jahrelanger künstlerischer Auseinandersetzung mit dem Orient nutzte. Auch *Decamps* and *Chassériau* reisten 1827 von Griechenland nach Kleinasien. 1846 gelangten sie über Konstantinopel nach Algerien. Vor allem Städte wie Kairo, Alexandrien, Konstantinopel und Algier waren unter den Malern sehr beliebt. Von hier aus starteten ihre Expeditionen. Während der Reisen fertigten die Maler zahlreiche Skizzen an und sammelten Andenken, kleinere Artefakte und landestypische Kleidungsstücke, die sie später im eigenen Studio detailgetreu nachzeichneten. *Horace Vernet* setzte bereits 1839 Daguerreotypien (Vorläufer der Photographie) ein.

Aufgrund des islamischen Bilderverbotes war das Zeichnen von Landschaften wesentlich einfacher zu bewerkstelligen. Um Personen zu zeichnen, musste sich der Maler versteckt halten oder sich die Beobachtungen sehr gut einprägen, um sie nachträglich aufmalen zu können. Um das Verbot zu umgehen, setzten Delacroix und andere häufig den Maghreb bewohnende Juden als Modelle ein. Als ethnographische Studien können diese Bilder also nicht dienen.

Die Reisen dauerten oftmals mehrere Jahre. Einige der Maler fanden im Orient ihre neue Heimat: *Gustave Guillaumet* zog mit nomadischen Stämmen durch die Wüste und wurde eher selbst zum Nomaden als zum Beobachter. *Jacques Majorelles* ließ sich in Marrakesch nieder. *Leon Belly* bereiste im Alter von 22 Jahren als Landschaftsforscher den Nahen Osten. Später machte er sich gemeinsam mit dem berühmten Maler *Gérôme* auf eine lange Reise durch das Niltal, von Kairo bis zum Sinai. Die spirituelle Erfahrung im Orient veränderte sein Leben. Seine Gemälde wie die *Pilgerkarawane auf dem Weg nach Mekka*, 1861 erzählen von religiöser Ergriffenheit. Der preisge-

The red Tarboosh, symbol of the Alawites, appeared with Hassan I.

Sidi Mohamed VI, wearing the red Tarboosh

krönte Pariser Künstler *Etienne Dinet*, siedelte nach Algerien über und konvertierte unter dem Namen *Nasr ed Dine* zum Islam.

Der berühmteste deutsche Orientmaler *Gustav Bauernfeind* reiste erstmals 1880 in den Vorderen Orient. 1886 übersiedelte er schließlich mit seiner Familie nach Jerusalem.
Das persönliche Interesse an den orientalischen Ländern, an Menschen und an Religionen war enorm und wird in den entstandenen Werken der Künstler widergespiegelt. Faszination, Respekt, Ergriffenheit, Be-wunderung, Leidenschaft und Liebe sind Motive, die aus zahlreichen Gemälden herausstrahlen.

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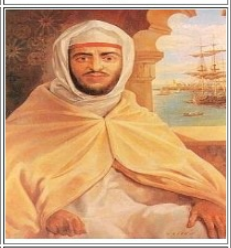
Section 2

The Alawi Dynasty

GENEALOGY

by: Christopher Buyers

Sultan Abul Amlak Sidi Muhammad I as-Sharif bin Ali	Sultan Sidi Muahmmad II bin Sharif	Sultan Sidi Muhammad al-Rashid bin Sharif	Sultan Ismail as-Samin bin Sharif
Sultan Abu Marwan Mulay Abdul Malik	Sultan Abul Abbas Mulay Ahmad ud-Dhahabi bin Ismail as-Samin	Sultan Abul Hasan Mulay Ali al-Iraj bin Ismail as-Samin	Sultan Abu Abdullah Sidi Muhammad II ben Arbia
			
Sultan Abu Hasan Ali Mulay Zainal-Abdin bin Ismail as-Samin	Sultan Mulay Muhammad al-Mustadi bin Ismail as-Samin	SultanAbu Abbas Mulay Abdullah bin Ismail as-Samin	Sultan Sidi Muhammad III bin Abdallah

Sultan Mulay al-Yazid bin Muhammad	Sultan Abu ar-Rabi Mulay Sulaiman II bin Muhammad	Sultan Haj Abderrahman bin Muhammad	Sultan Sidi Muhammad IV bin Abderrahman bin Muhammad
Hasan I, as Sultan	Abdel-Aziz, as Sultan	Hafid, as Sultan	Youssef, as Sultan

and from another source

Sultan Mulay al-Rashid. Ref: HISTOR11	Sultan Sidi Muhamad ben Abdallah. Fondateur de Mogador. Ref: DARNNA.com. Le vieux Mogador au début du siècle dernier par: Echkol.	Hasan I, as Sultan and Freemason. Ref: Mohand N. http://pages.videotron.com/aitndhir
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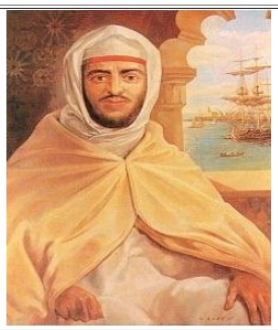
All above reproduced so-called **"Alawi Dynasty paintings"** (section 2) are belonging to a series of 20th century portraits made for the Mausoleum of Sidi Muhammad V, (construction from: 1961-1967). A copy of such a product or rather, a falsification of documents is: the so-called portrait of Sultan Sidi Muhammad III, which was given to Tangier American Legation Institute Museum (TALIM) as a gift for commemorating the 200 year old Moroccan-American Treaty of Friendship. The very same fake was likewise used in Tanger: Porte entre Deux Mondes by Prof. Dr. Jean-Louis Miège, (a F-historian and expert in Moroccan history; b. Rabat, 1923), Georges Bousquet, Jacques Denarnaud & Florence Beaufre, Paris, ACR Edition, 1992, page 18, (Archives Royales, Rabat).
Today, the artist name is known to be V. ZVEG.

What a shameful thing to do! You, the historians, knowledgeable and highly regarded scholars and experts in Arabian history, religion, law and culture, are now educating your students and citizens that all these above forged portraits are the true portraits of the individual Sharif.

This state coach looks very similar to the one described by E. Delacroix within his letter dated March 23, 1832. Above painting is dated 1906. Ref: VNN Forum.white-history.com Help Me Out

	
Sharif Sidi Muhammad III al-Aji, 1785. For references by Priscilla H. Roberts please see below	**The Alawi** Sidi Muhammad III, a 20th century painting made by V. ZVEG used in The Alawi Dynasty GENEALOGY and commonly reproduced as being the portrait of Sidi Muhammad III wearing the red Tarboosh.

Sidi Muhammad's eye problem was mentioned by several Europeans in addition to American Thomas Barclay. Ref: Un chargé d'affaires au Maroc: La correspondence du consul Louis Chénier, 1767-1782. Pierre Grillon, editor (Paris, S.E.V.P.E.N., 1970, 2 vols.): "Sidi Mohamed aurait eu un visage assez avenant si un léger strabisme n'avait donné à son regard quelque chose de farouche et d'inquiétant" (vol. 1, p. 31). In Col. Keatinge: "His eyes glance in different directions, one revolving upwards, while the other is cast on the person to whom he addresses himself (appearing as if, like the eyes of the chameleon, governed by distinct nerves)... (p. 237). William Lempriere in his A Tour from Gibraltar to Tangier, Sallee, Mogodore, Santa Cruz, Tarudant; and thence, over Mount Atlas, to Morocco ... (London, 1791) writes: "I found the emperor Sidi Mahomet to be a tall, thin old man, of near eighty years of age, and of a fallow complexion. From a visage naturally long, and a distortion of one eye, united with an acqired habit of austerity, his appearance at first was rather disgusting to strangers; but that impression was soon worn off by the affability of his conversation.. (p. 214-215). Thomas Barclay in 1786 described the sultan's appearance as "He is of a middle Stature, inclining to fat, and has a remarkable cast in his right eye which looks blacker than the other". See: ***Thomas Barclay (1728-1793): Consul in France, Diplomat in Barbary*** by Priscilla H. Roberts and Richard S. Roberts, p. 209, (Bethlehem, PA, Lehigh University Press, 2008), but from the Papers of Thomas Jefferson (Julian P. Boyd, editor, Princeton, NJ, Princeton University Press, 1954), vol. 10, p. 359, from a letter Barclay wrote to the American Commissioners (Jefferson and John Adams) dated Tangier 13. September 1786. Another traveler who commented on Sidi Mhd's eyes, though not on the "distortion", is Samuel Romanelli in his Travail in an Arab Land. This work first appeared in Hebrew in 1792, an account of the author's four years in Morocco from 1787-1790. It was translated by Yedida K. Stillman and Norman A. Stillman in 1989 and published in English by the University of Alabama Press (Tuscaloosa and London). On p. 98 one reads: "The Sultan was of a ripe old age, but with a robust, strong physique. His eyes are like burning torches, and his voice is powerful". ***We thank Priscilla H. Roberts for these references.***

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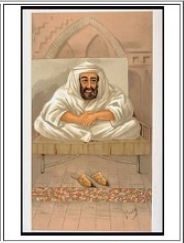
Only, - why is there such an urgency in doing such a thing? Well, the answer to this question you may find within the following explanation:

The Freemason's Grip to Power

Hassan I, as Sultan. Ref: Les Francs-Maçons au Maroc sous la IIIe République, 1867-1940.

Hassan I, as Sultan. Ref: emsomipy.free.fr/Maroc128.009-1867ImplatationMaroc.htm

Hasan I, as Sultan. Ref: The Illustrated London News by Richard Caton Woodville in: The British Mission To Morocco, 1887.



Hassan I, as Sultan, 1891. Ref: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hassan_I_of_Morocco

Hassan I en borrachera. Grand Vizir Ba Ahmed ben Moussa le rate avant to [illegible] him. Ba Ahmed - d'un père noire venu d'Afrique noire, et d'une mère juive, c'est-à-dire, selon la tradition sioniste, un vrai juif - n'était ni politicien local ni un homme d'état marocain. Ref: A. Rami, Les Sultans "Alaouites" Au Maroc.

Death of Hassan I, June 7, 1894. Ref: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hassan_I_of_Morocco

The Alawite, Sidi Mhd. VI & his son wearing the red Tarboosh

This is why V. Zveg was ordered to create all these fake Sharifian portraits by adding them a red Tarboosh.

On 24 September 1872 the Foreign Secretary, Lord Granville to Drummond-Hay. Granville enclosed the Queen's letter of accreditation, and Hay was instructed to present it to the Sultan as soon as convenient. He left Tangier for Court on 24 March 1873, and arrived in Marrakesh on 5 April. There he found that Sidi Moussa, the Lord High Chamberlain, had become the real ruler of Morocco (so Drummond-Hay declared), and that the Grand Vizier and other Ministers had become mere cyphers. After his return to Tangier Drummond-Hay wrote to Lord Granville on 18 May 1873, saying that during his visit to Court he had judged it wise to make friends with Sidi Moussa. Ref: A History of Anglo-Moroccan Relations to 1900 by P.G. Rogers. London: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chapter 8 page 179. Sidi Moussa was succeeded, when he died in 1879, by his son Ba Ahmed ben Moussa. Ref: Morocco since 1830 by C.R. Pennell.

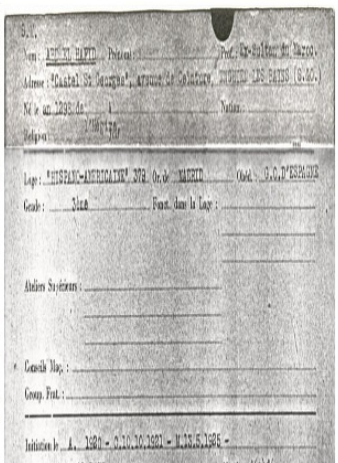
Abdel-Aziz, ici en tenue d'officier turc: sa mère "lalla Rkia" était turque d'origine juive. Ref: A. Rami, Les Sultans "Alaouites" Au Maroc.

Abdel-Aziz, as Sultan. Ref: http://marocjadis.webobo.com/diaporama.php?id_menu=290640&page=2

Abdel-Aziz, as Sultan. Ref: Abdelaziz of Morocco - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

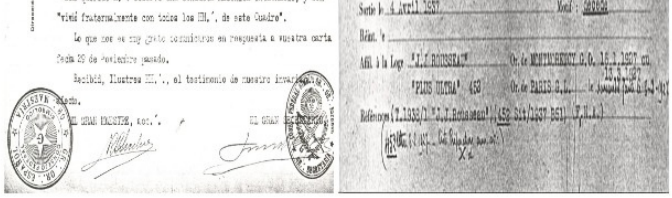
Hafid, Freemason &"commandeur des croyants", 1908 à 1912, cupide et débauche: au cour d'une fole soirée avec des occupants. Remarquez la bouteille de Wyski et le pied replié sans la babouche. Ref: A. Rami, Les Sultans "Alaouites" Au Maroc.

Youssef, as Sultan. Ref: http://marocjadis.webobo.com/diaporama.php?id_menu=290640&page=1



Sidi Mohamed VI, as seen on the day of Eid. Ref: Forty Hadith of Hajj. Note: 03 - Talbiyah and the Sacrifice

Les Francs-Macons au Maroc sous la IIIe Republique, 1867-1940



Encyclopedia of the Middle East

Alawi

by
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Alawi (Arabic) are a sect akin to Shi'ite Islam in Syria. The Alawi are not to be confused with Alevi. The question of whether or not Alawi are Muslims is disputed. Alawites are a minority but they are politically powerful today. The clan of the ruling Assad family is Alawi (or Alawite) and under their rule, the Alawi were legitimized officially as Muslims.

Alawi were possibly originally Nusayriya, an off-shoot sect of Twelver Shiites that split off in the 9th century. The Alawites claim they originated with the eleventh Shia Imam, Hasan al Askari (d.873), and his pupil Ibn Nusayr (d.868).[6] Ibn Nusayr declared that he is the Bab Door (representative) of the eleventh Imam. The sect may have been organized by a follower of Ibn Nusayr's, al-Khasibi, who died in Aleppo in about 969. Al-Tabarani, a grandson of al-Khasibi moved to Latakia on the Syrian coast. There he gathered a following and converted much of the local population.

Under the French mandate, Alawi and other minorities got autonomy and were accepted as colonial troops. Many Alawite chieftains opted for a separate Alawite nation and tried to convert their autonomy into independence. An Alawite territory was created in 1925, and in May 1930 , the Government of Latakia was created. It was incorporated into Syria on February 28, 1937.

In 1939 the Sanjak of Alexandretta in north Syria, now Hatay, which had a large Alawi population, was given to Turkey by the French. This has been a source of bitterness for Syrians and Alawites in particular. Zaki al-Arsuzi, a young Alawite leader from Antioch in Iskandrun (later named the Hatay by the Turks) who led the resistance to the annexation of Alexandretta to the Turks, later became one of the founders of the Ba'ath Party. After World War II, when Syria became independent, the Alawite provinces were united with Syria. Alawite followers of Sulayman al-Murshid tried to resist integration. al-Murshidwas captured and hanged in Damascus in 1946.

However, you should be aware that there is is a dispute (as there are about many points) as to whether the Alawi are or are not related to the Alevi in Turkey. About half the sources I have consulted are quite confident that they the same sect, and the other half are quite sure they are not.
Ref: MidEastweb for Coexistence. See: http://www.mideastweb.org/Middle-East-Encyclopedia/alawi.htm

From: The Hon. Dr. Burton Yost Berry, former US-Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Iraq, September 8, 1952

Memorandum of Personal Observations:

The making and receiving of official calls, and other contacts that a new Chief of Mission establishes with local people in all walks of life, have provided me in concentrated form with an appreciation of Iraqi attitudes which we must take into account if we are to make progress with our area objectives. Thus, I hope following summary of my impressions will prove timely to Department in developing its over-all Middle East policy, and particularly in shaping its position on MEDO and several items on GA agenda.

Without an exception each new Iraqi acquaintance brought up first the Palestine issue and left no doubt as to depth of his feeling. With little variation each said the Iraqis had no quarrel with Jews as Jews who had been welcomed in Orient when the West persecuted them. But Zionism was something else which was cruelly selfish and dangerously aggressive. Zionism at work in Palestine, creating an Israeli state on lands which since days of Caliph Omar were Arab and today are part of Arab Spiritual heritage, inflicted an injury to the Arab soul which will never heal. And what was done could not have been done except through active intervention and continuing support of US. This I was told always with sincerity and sometimes with very considerable heat. I was warned too that in the Orient where grudges are nurished and blood feuds flourish not to believe that lapse of time will change Arab attachment to Palestine, or that the young generation will hold different views or that US loans and grants will cause Arabs to forget and forgive.

French and British imperialism in North Africa regularly was the second subject introduced by Iraqis. They say North African Arab states are controlled by French and British armies with civil liberties suppressed and right of self-determination denied. They consider that US, by supporting British and French, has become equally responsible with them. Frequently I was asked why the US fights to save South Koreans from domination by a foreign aggressor when we do not fight to save Tunisians and Moroccans from a similar destiny. Then I was informed that we discriminate because Chinese and North Koreans do not belong to „international aristocracy" whereas the French and British do. I was advised that all nations today demand quality of treatment and warned that the prospect of the survival of Western civilization depends on the West practicing equality now and abandoning in the next GA its outmoded policy of discrimination. If the US continues its old course the Iraqis expect to see in North Africa and throughout Asia a violent reaction to old ideologies and an increasing eagerness of these people to turn to Communism as the only alternative to the former shining but now corroded democratic ideal.

The development of natural resources generally came up next for discussion although Foreign

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These three clips are from episode 1 of the French movie "Revivre" aka "Milch und Honig". Here we see and hear a group of Jewish-Moroccan citizens rehearsing their religious practises while some wear the red Tarboosh. Ref: "Revivre" raconte, juste avant la naissance de l'Etat d'Israel, le douloureux periple d'hommes et de femes qui, en 1947, tentent de rejoindre la Terre promise malgre l'opposition de l'armee britannique.

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YouTube: Interview on the making of the film REVIVRE by Haim Bouzaglou

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by Reuven Aberjel

a Moroccan jew speaks up against zionism and israeli racism

See here: Reuven

WAR CRIMES

Minister Jamali and a few others gave third place to the advancement of Fertile Crescent idea. Our Point IV program was lightly brushed aside. The Prime Minister said it was „nothing" while other Ministers, generally sympathetic, said it had had little impact to date. The more critical complained that we had oversold the program for two years and ended by creating a housing shortage in Baghdad to provide homes for TCA personnel.

The openly hostile accused us of trying with triflingPoint IV aid to bribe the Arabs to forget Palestine. But it was the British that received the heavy fire. All of the ills of today were laid to the reactionism of IPC and British Government. My informants seemed to prefer to look to the past rather than the future. They felt things were not right and so sought someone to blame. The British and their Iraqi friends were the natural targets and they were pounded unmercifully. The pathological unanimity of this expression caused me to sympathize with members of Development Board who fear that the several years necessary to complete their major projects may not be accorded them by a people impatient for results. It caused me to share the concern of Foreign Minister who said that the Government has no effective propaganda machinery, that there is not a single Arab language pro-Western newspaper in Iraq, and therefore those who hold pro-Western views ae shy while others who hold anti-Western views shout them out. I found that our good works were not known or when known were interpreted by our enemies as being undertaken for nefarious purposes.
Area defense was a subject where the chief interest was to reject the concept of Western participation. Today neutrality is the refuge planned against time when war clouds threaten. When suggested that an Iraqi wartime neutrality would invite a Soviet occupation, many Iraqis professed to prefer an untried Soviet occupation to an actual British domination. In searching an explanation of such unrealistic attitude I was reminded that Mesopotamia has experienced wars from the beginning of time but never reconstruction after a war. Moreover, in two World Wars Arabs fought with the Allies but experienced disillusionment and felt abandoned in the post-war periods. So area defense, which they interpret as involvement and as inviting Soviet attack, is unpopular and will not be embraced now as an idea. On the other hand, a MEDO in Cyprus developing healthfully, with Iraqi Government informed of its development on continuing basis, can have a growing fascination for the Iraqi military and through them improve the likelihood of eventual association of Iraqi Government.

This description points up how weak our position is in Iraq.

In view of location of Iraq, this situation seems serious to me, even hazardous, and cries for remedial action. I suggest, therefore, that the Department determine whether the situation in Iraq is characteristic of that in other Arab countries. If it is, then we should re-examine whether the lands, manpower and oil of Arab World are as important to us as we have thought. Assuming that they are, I suggest that we look urgently to our plans to bring the Arabs around to the Western outlook. From Baghdad today it seems that surest way to accomplish this is by our Government squarely facing two problems.

First, is the restoration of the Arabs' confidence in American good will and good faith. A dramatic way to bring this home to the Arabs might be by insisting on enforcement of the United Nations resolutions on Palestine. It might also be accomplished as effectively but less dramatically through our day by day decisions demonstrating that our Middle East policy is as genuinely

WAR CRIMES

Despicable war crimes were committed against my forefathers, the Sharifian Sultanate, in which Swiss military regiments actively participated in and this at least since 1721.
The Zionists, Freemason's, the European kingdoms, mainly GB/F& E and the Alawi were helped and supported by the Swiss military and Swiss government who continued to take part in those military agressions against us, in order to prepare the road for the future French protectorat. Naturally, the Swiss government would not have involved herself without making sure that the government will benefit from this. However, many many family members belonging to the Sharifian al-Aji's lost their lives because of this but this is especially true once the Alawi-Freemason's were put in power starting with Hasan I, in 1873.
From this day on one tried not only to eliminate the Seed of the Noble Sharifian bloodline but rather tried to annul its very existence throughout history!
In all of this the Swiss government played an active role. This is especially true and noticeable with regards to the Sharifian wealth **„Banque Chérifienne"*** as well as **"les Mines Chérifiennes"*** and etc. All this was handled by a Swiss, (designated by the Swiss government) and the Tribunal Fédéral in Lausanne. But always in accordance and at the satisfaction of the French and Spaniards.

Aus dem Nachlass des Prof. Dr.iur. Max Huber (1874-1960). Präsident des IKRK, Professor für Völkerrecht.

For references on Dr.iur. Max Huber see: Historisch-Biographisches Lexikon der Schweiz, 4. Band, Güttingen-Mailand, Neuenburg 1927

Imagine the amazement by which the Swiss government must have been struck with when suddenly realizing that as of October 3, 1983, they had **the Seed of the Noble Sharifian al-Aji descendant** residing within their own territory, along with his Swiss wife and his father (by adoption) the Hon. Dr. Burton Yost Berry, former US-Ambassador. The only advantage the Swiss government, Swiss Elite, Zionists, Freemason's and Alawite's had over my husband was: ***He, my husband, had no knowledge of his descent !***

At first the daily live and business was moving on very well. However, this changed when my father-in-law had a routine check-up with one of his old Swiss doctors (Urologist). As my husband had accompanied him he (BYB) informed my husband right away that he had been given an injection by his doctor. Well, around 5 to 7 hours later my father-in-law was dead. This was also the last time my husband was permitted to see his father. (on your left see: ***"Memorandum of Personal Observations"*** written in Iraq, 1952 by BYB)

But this is only one of many mysterious circumstances which happened from this day on. They were directed against my husband 's life, our business, our children and etc. etc. and this until this day.
Finally, ostracized and unprotected we found ourselves in midst of a holocaust which was instigated against us by above mentioned groups. They probably thought that through this we will resign due to despair and vanish without a trace. Well:

"A Sharif descendant will always stand-up firm and call out for justice to be implemented and executed".

Besides, today the Sharif is well aware of all the **war crimes** which were committed directly or indirectly by these Swiss groups against his forefathers and, **which since August 22, 1985 continued in the form of political persecution against himself, his wife and children as well as against our business.**

Today the time has come to announce the truth loudly throughout the world of what the Swiss government had done and still continues to do to this day towards **the descendant of the Noble Sharifian** living in Switzerland.

Therefore, should there be a **democratic country** who **genuinely believes in and respect international laws, equality, freedom and human rights - then this matter must be brought to justice.**

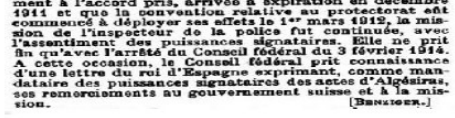
MAROC

prises à mains armées de village à village et fut apaisé par l'intervention de la Ligue de la Maison-Dieu et des III Ligues. — A. Sprecher : *Gesch. der Rep. der III Bünde im 16. Jahrh.* I, p. 295. [C. J.]

MAROC. Les plus anciens rapports de la Suisse avec le sultanat du Maroc remontent au temps du service mercenaire suisse en Espagne. En 1721, le régiment Niderôst combattit à Ceuta contre les Marocains. Les régiments Wirz, Bessler et Arregger au service de l'Espagne furent aussi engagés dans des campagnes contre le sultan du Maroc. Les premiers établissements suisses datent de la fin du XIXe s. Il y a actuellement au Maroc environ 1300 Suisses, la plupart commerçants ou agriculteurs. Leur nombre augmente constamment. La Suisse a créé en 1921 un consulat à Casablanca. Les relations commerciales, d'origine toute récente, sont en continuel développement. Il existe depuis le 14 juillet 1914 un accord avec la France pour le règlement des rapports entre la Suisse et la zone française de l'empire chérifien. Un arrangement analogue a été conclu avec l'Espagne le 4 août 1926. Dans la zone internationale de Tanger, les Suisses peuvent se placer sous la protection d'une puissance amie. Ils y sont soumis à la juridiction du tribunal mixte de Tanger.

Le 16 juin 1906, la conférence internationale réunie à Algésiras pour le règlement de la situation marocaine a voté entre autres une déclaration relative à l'organisation de la police, ainsi qu'un acte de concession pour une banque d'Etat marocaine ; elle confia la surveillance de cette police à un inspecteur général suisse, proposé par le Conseil fédéral au sultan. Le Conseil fédéral porta son choix sur le colonel Armin Müller, de Bienne, qui se rendit à son poste à Tanger le 6 mars 1907. Un arrêté fédéral du 10 juillet 1907 décréta qu'il pourrait en être appelé au Tribunal fédéral de Lausanne, prononçant en dernière instance, des jugements rendus par la Cour de justice chargée de statuer sur les plaintes dirigées contre la Banque de l'Etat chérifien. Bien que la durée du mandat du colonel Müller fût, conformé-

concerned with the re-actions of the Arabs as that of the Israelis. Such action would go far in restoring Arab faith in the UN and the US. Secondly, is the attitude of the UK and France. To harmonize such with world conditions today we may have to insist that the UK assume in the Middle East the same statesmanlikle attitude it assumed in the Indian sub-continent in 1946 and then insist that the French adopt a similar attitude. I realize that these are heavy demands, but the Middle East is a great prize. Whether gaining it is worth risking taking this suggested position with Israel, the UK and France only the Department can decide, but from here it is very clear that until the US is again respected int the Middle East for the justice of its position our local friends will not risk raising their voices to support us. But when we have demonstrated a policy of fairness and friendship towards the Arab World we will have laid the foundation for rebuilding the prestige that the United States traditionally has enjoyed in this area.



ment à l'accord pris, arrivés à expiration en décembre 1911 et que la convention relative au protectorat ait commencé à déployer ses effets le 1er mars 1912, la mission de l'inspecteur de la police fut continuée, avec l'assentiment des puissances signataires. Elle ne prit fin qu'avec l'acte du Conseil fédéral du 3 février 1914. A cette occasion, le Conseil fédéral prit connaissance d'une lettre du roi d'Espagne exprimant, comme mandataire des puissances signataires des actes d'Algésiras, ses remerciements au gouvernement suisse et à la mission. [Bindschedler.]

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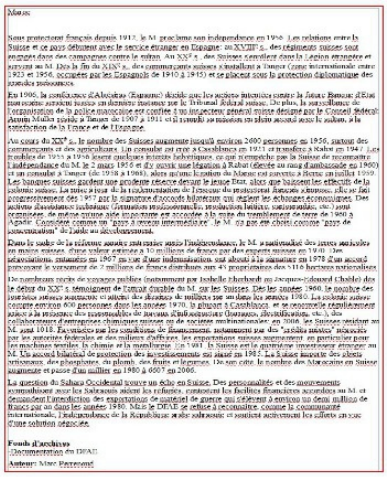

Maroc

Nous protégeons français depuis 1912, le Maroc proclama son indépendance en 1956. Les relations entre la Suisse et ce pays débutent avec le service étranger en Espagne : au XVIIIe s., des régiments suisses sont engagés dans des campagnes contre le sultan. Au XIXe s., des Suisses servilient dans la Légion étrangère et servent au Maroc. Dès la fin du XIXe s., des commerçants suisses s'installent à Tanger (zone internationale entre 1923 et 1956, occupée par les Espagnols de 1912 à 1945) et se placent sous la protection diplomatique des grandes puissances.

En 1906, la conférence d'Algésiras (Espagne) décide que les sujets helvétiques seront de facto. Berne (Etat non-signataire) accède au dernier moment par le Tribunal fédéral suisse. De plus, la surveillance de l'organisation de la police marocaine est confiée à un inspecteur général suisse désigné par le Conseil fédéral. Armin Müller nommé à Tanger de 1907 à 1911 est si remarquable en mission en plein accord avec le sultan, à la satisfaction de la France et de l'Espagne.

Au cours du XIXe s., le nombre des Suisses augmente jusqu'à environ 2000 personnes en 1956, surtout des commerçants et des agriculteurs. Un consulat est créé à Casablanca en 1911 et transféré à Rabat en 1947. Les troubles de 1953 à 1956 jettent quelques intérêts helvétiques, ce qui n'empêche pas la Suisse de reconnaître l'indépendance du M. le 2 mars 1956 et d'y ouvrir une légation à Rabat (élevée au rang d'ambassade en 1960) et un consulat à Tanger (de 1958 à 1960), alors qu'un consulat de Monaco est ouvert à Berne en juillet 1959. Les banques suisses gardent une prudente réserve devant le jeune Etat, alors que baissent les effectifs de la colonie suisse. La mise à jour de la réglementation de l'encore du protectorat français s'amorce, elle se fait progressivement dès 1957 par la signature d'accords bilatéraux qui règlent les échanges économiques. Des activités d'assistance technique (formation professionnelle, irrigation, laiteries, sanatoria, etc.) sont entreprises, de même qu'une aide importante est accordée à la suite du tremblement de terre de 1960 à Agadir. Considéré comme un "pays à revenu intermédiaire", le M. ne fait pas en général l'objet de concentration de l'aide ou désengagement.

Dans le cadre de la réforme agraire entreprise après l'indépendance, le M. a nationalisé des terres achetées en quatre années, d'une valeur estimée à 10 millions de francs par des experts suisses en 1960. Des nationalisations, intervenues en 1967 en vue d'une industrialisation, ont abouti à la saisonnier en 1973. D'un accord prévoyant le versement de 7 millions de francs distribués aux 45 propriétaires des 116 hectares nationalisés.

Un nombreux cercle de voyages publics (notamment par Isabelle Eberhardt ou Jacques-Edouard Chabbi) des le début du XXe s. témoignent de l'intérêt croissant de M. sur les Suisses. Dès les années 1960, le pouvoir des touristes suisses augmente et atteint des chiffres de millions par an dans les années 1980. La colonie suisse compte environ 600 personnes dans les années 1970, le groupe à Casablanca, et se reconstitue rapidement après à la suppression des interdictions de sorties (Bab-ouverture Ouarzazate, Zouiriffiennes, etc.). Des collaborateurs d'entreprises chimiques suisses ou de sociétés multinationales, en 2000, les Suisses résidant au M. sont 1918. En raison de la sécheresse de financement, notamment par des "accords mixtes" négociés par les autorités fédérales et des milieux d'affaires, les exportations suisses augmentent, en particulier pour les machines textiles, la chimie et la métallurgie. De 1991. Le Suisse est le quatrième investisseur étranger au M. Un accord bilatéral de protection des investissements est signé en 1987. Les Suisses naturels des clients nationaux, des phosphates, du plomb, des fruits et légumes. De son côté, le nombre des Marocains en Suisse augmente et passe d'un millier en 1980 à 4067 en 2006.

La question du Sahara Occidental trouve un écho en Suisse. Des personnalités et des mouvements sympathisent avec les Sahraouis selon les refusés, consentent les facilités financières accordées au M. et demandent l'interdiction des exportations de matériel de guerre qui s'élèvent à environ un demi-million de francs par an dans les années 1980. Mais le DFAE se refuse à reconnaître, comme la communauté internationale, l'indépendance de la République arabe sahraouie et poursuit activement les efforts en vue d'une solution négociée.

Fonds d'archives
(Documentation du DFAE)

Auteur: Marc Perrenoud

Marc Perrenoud, Historisches Lexikon der Schweiz (HLS) vom 22.08.2008. http://www.hls-dhs-dss.ch/textes/f/F3456.php ?PHPSESSID=b6f41457 dcdbca692c44b2d5b9f049b8

A Letter to Remember

Zurich, November 7, 2001

(copies sent to Swiss Federal Councillor Mr. Couchepin and etc.)

Dear Sheikh al-Thani,

With this coming WTO meeting in Doha I would like to take-up the opportunity to update the Arab World of the "**Swiss & English Manipulation Tactics**" while explaining and letting all the Arabs understand that these organizations prepare their tactics at least 10 - 15 years ahead of time. Therefore, all the new coming generations will be falling into the same traps as their parents and relatives have before them, if not educated and informed before agreeing on any foreign trade agreements or making any investments abroad especially within Switzerland and England. All what these organizations care for is - **money!** They let you bring all your wealth, they let you invested all and let you continue to believe that you too, will receive the same rights of doing business, on educational levels, as your colleagues. However, this is not the case, soon you will find out that there is no government, no institutions and no law which can, nor which will help to protect you! You will find out that you are a total outsider, just belonging to a small minority which no one cares for, (that is, "except your money of course"), and for whom no government employee nor lawyer will take the chance to burn his fingers for.

However, the Swiss banks which are connected and working with the government and by the way are also dealing in arts in general, - as you know, - let you understand - we have all the time to wait ! So, if you are not strong, if you do not believe in yourself and if you cannot continue to struggle for your legal rights, they will come and successfully take all your wealth away from you, but this time, with the blessing of the government law.

I once stressed within my letters addressed to the Swiss government, President Moritz Leuenberger, Federal Councillor Mr. Couchepin as well as the Swiss Federal Court in Lausanne, that **Arabs are intelligent people too**, and therefore should receive **the same basic human rights as everybody else, but got nowhere!** Joined sharing of knowledge is essential to all human races and today more than ever, - an absolute must! Only by **respecting each human**, by using **good balance** and by **applying equal fairness**, we can stop this type of **terrorism**.

Without exception, every human - young and old - knows this and is perfectly able to make out the difference between right and wrong! Unfortunately, the big money powers prefer to continue to look the other side! Nonethless, the unanswered question remains: "for what prupose ? - or, - for what reason ? what is their real aim ? The answer is **money!** The European govenrment needs money desperately! Therefore, they are looking for total control over minorities, like: people which are unable, or simpy to week to **unit**, and then, as an excuse, - and because their country is unable to pay back their credit or interest which they received from the European government in the first place -, they will come and take up total control over their country products and put the native population by and with all means at their mercy!

When countries or people are broke, they are nothing more than **cheap slave workers**.

Now, as European richness dwindles rapidly once again, they must look eagerly for alternatives. They absolutely must get to the until now unexploited richness lying just under the surface of foreign countries. If this would be executed within equal fairness, nor harm would be done. Live and let people live has never hurt anyone. But unfortunately the big money power idea is only to take over and to manipulate everyone and everything!

Since high education amongst Near Eastern & Asian populations is still extremely low, around 10-20% only, they will not be able to understand nor foresee what is going on until it hits them. Nevertheless, the result will be another 100 years of poverty, (if you still have a 100 years), slave work, living in ghettos, famine, no high education of course and a never ending begging for food aid! All this is the inevitable result of a population not being able to see, understand nor analyze their countries God given richness.

Remains the last question to ask: Is or are the rulers of such countries educated enough to understand the maneuvers or outcome of such irrevocable agreements before causing their people a holocaust ?

If they are not sure of their doing then there is no shame in asking good peoples honest and wise advice - after all - a whole nations future is at stake.

Rituale und Trophäen. Die schrecklichen Kerle. Spanische Fremdenlegionäre im Rif

Section 3

Le Commandant Mohammed Ben Abou par E. Delacroix, 1838.

Mhd. Ben Abou etait le Commandant d'une escorte militaire pour proteger le Comte de Morney pendant son voyage de Tanger à Meknès entre décembre 1831 à juillet 1832. Ref: Dafina. Peintre du Maroc.

Adalbert, Prinz von Preussen, 1811-1873. In the summer of 1856, while on a training cruise of Prussian warships, he was shot at by pirates within sight of Morocco's Rif coast and was wounded.

Ref: Marokko - Zeno.org: Im Aug. 1856 wollte die Bemannung der preussischen Corvette Danzig unter Befehl desPrinzen Adalbert an der Riffküste ans Land steigen, wurde aber aus einem Hinterhalt mit Flintenschüssen empfangen und musste, nachdem von 65 Mann 7 geblieben und 18 verwundet worden waren, der Uebermacht der Seeräuber weichen.

Where is this document?

The Alawi (Alaouite) Portraits

were made in 1971 by

Wladimir Zveguintzoff , aka V. Zveg

at the request of

King Hassan II

About the artist

Wladimir Zveguintzoff, aka **V. Zveg** was born in St. Petersburg on 13.07.1913 and appeared on the electoral list of Nogent sur Marne - France, in 1960.

We received this information, Courtesy of Mme. Boulangé, Archives Nogent sur Marne

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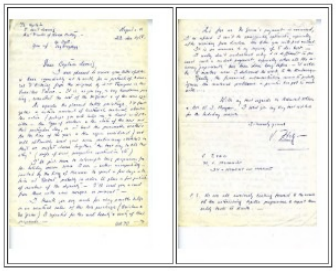
from the **US Navy Art Collection, Washington, D.C.**

I can confirm that Wladimir Zveguintzoff is his full name. He uses the address at Nogent sur Marne until 1977. He did work for the United States Navy and the Naval Historical Center from 1967 through 1977. For the work he did for the United States Navy (portraits of important US naval figures) he was paid by the US Navy and the Naval Historical Center. Often times, he would submit the completed paintings to the Naval Attaché in Paris for shipment to Washington, D.C.

In the letter dated **December 22, 1968** Mr. Zveg wrote: I'll just have to interrupt this programme for the holiday season since I am - rather unexpectedly - invited by the **King of Morocco** to spend a few days with him at Rabat.



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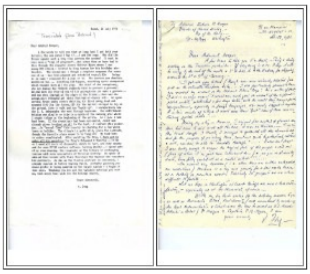

We received this information:

Courtesy of Ms Pam Overmann, Curator, Navy Art Collection, Wash. D.C.

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In: (Magharebia.com) Moroccan association calls for friendship and co-existence.

Posted by Zveguintzoff in response to V. Zveg (1913 - 2006) ..... . Authored by his nephew.

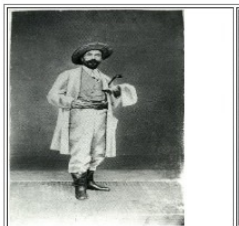
Angehörige des Tercios - Spanische Fremdenlegion - während des Rifkrieges präsentieren stolz die Köpfe getöteter Kabylen. Eine der üblichen Methoden, zu demonstrieren, dass man genau so schrecklich war wie der Gegner.

The name Martil comes from the Spanish name of Rio Martin at the time of the Spanish protectorate of Northern Morocco.

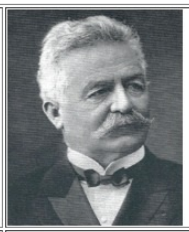
Switzerland's War Crimes

The first Swiss mercenaries in the service of Spain were hired in **1483**

Les plus anciens rapports de la **Suisse** avec le **Sultanat du Maroc** remontent au temps du service mercenaire Suisse en Espagne. En **1721**, le régiment ***Nideröst*** combattit à Ceuta contre les Marocains. Les régiments ***Wirz***, ***Bessler*** et ***Aregger*** au service de ***l'Espagne*** furent aussi engagés dans des campagnes **contre le Sultan du Maroc**. *Ref: Dictionnaire Historique & Biographique de la Suisse,* Maroc, 1928



Frank Buchser, Freimaurer,

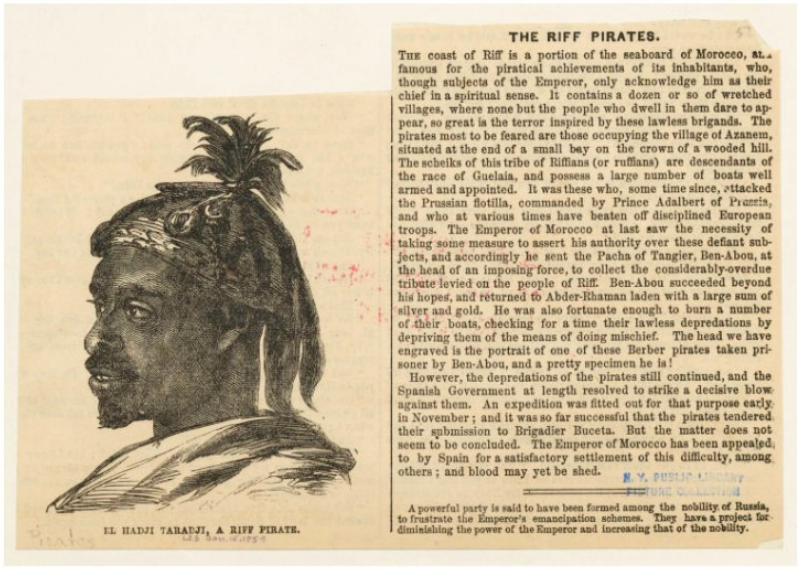


Oberst Armin Müller, (1855 - 1944)

1828-1890 bereiste verkleidet als Araber **1858** das verbotene Marokko und nahm **1860** auf der Seite der **Spanier am Rif-Krieg** teil. Ref: Schweizer Demokrat Nr. 6 Juni 2009, Seite 5, Robert Berner ueber Marokko-Muller.	Eduard Müller, (1848-1919), a Member of the Swiss Federal Council, is the cousin of Oberst Armin Mueller, see: Wikipedia, der freien Enzyklopädie.	Aus: La Patrie Suisse. Journal Illustré, Genève. Vol. XVIV, 1907, S. 25. Foto: Atar Genève und Konrad Stamm, "Marokko-Müller. Ein Schweizer Oberst im Reich des Sultans **1907-1911**. Eine Tatsachenerzählung", Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Zürich 2008, S. 103.

Despicable war crimes were committed against my forefathers and the Sharifian Sultanate, in which Swiss military regiments actively participated in and this at least since 1721.
The Zionists, Freemason's, the European kingdoms, mainly GB/F& E and the Alawi were helped and supported by the Swiss military and Swiss government who continued to take part in those military agressions against us, in order to prepare the road for the future French protectorat. Naturally, the Swiss government would not have involved herself without making sure that the government will benefit from this. However, many many family members belonging to the Sharifian al-Aji's lost their lives because of this but this is especially true once the Alawi-Freemason's were put in power starting with Hasan I, in 1873.
From this day on one tried not only to eliminate the Seed of the Noble Sharifian bloodline but rather tried to annul its very existence throughout history!
In all of this the Swiss government played an active role. This is especially true and noticeable with regards to the Sharifian wealth „Banque Chérifienne"* as well as "les Mines Chérifiennes"* and etc. All this was handled by a Swiss, Oberst Armin Mueller, designated by the Swiss government and the Tribunal Fédéral in Lausanne. But always in accordance and at the satisfaction of the French and Spaniards.

MSS-Buchanan Catalogue: 1858 -1860 Madrid, Spain. Very interesting correspondence about a Spanish debt which was owned to the British government just before .....



EL HADJI TARADJI, A RIFF PIRATE.

THE RIFF PIRATES.

THE coast of Riff is a portion of the seaboard of Morocco, so famous for the piratical achievements of its inhabitants, who, though subjects of the Emperor, only acknowledge him as their chief in a spiritual sense. It contains a dozen or so of wretched villages, where none but the people who dwell in them dare to appear, so great is the terror inspired by these lawless brigands. The pirates most to be feared are those occupying the village of Azanem, situated at the end of a small bay on the crown of a wooded hill. The scheiks of this tribe of Riffians (or ruffians) are descendants of the race of Guelaia, and possess a large number of boats well armed and appointed. It was these who, some time since, attacked the Prussian flotilla, commanded by Prince Adalbert of Prussia, and who at various times have beaten off disciplined European troops. The Emperor of Morocco at last saw the necessity of taking some measure to assert his authority over these defiant subjects, and accordingly he sent the Pacha of Tangier, Ben-Abou, at the head of an imposing force, to collect the considerably-overdue tribute levied on the people of Riff. Ben-Abou succeeded beyond his hopes, and returned to Abder-Rhaman laden with a large sum of silver and gold. He was also fortunate enough to burn a number of their boats, checking for a time their lawless depredations by depriving them of the means of doing mischief. The head we have engraved is the portrait of one of these Berber pirates taken prisoner by Ben-Abou, and a pretty specimen he is!

However, the depredations of the pirates still continued, and the Spanish Government at length resolved to strike a decisive blow against them. An expedition was fitted out for that purpose early in November; and it was so far successful that the pirates tendered their submission to Brigadier Buceta. But the matter does not seem to be concluded. The Emperor of Morocco has been appealed to by Spain for a satisfactory settlement of this difficulty, among others; and blood may yet be shed.

A powerful party is said to have been formed among the nobility of Russia, to frustrate the Emperor's emancipation schemes. They have a project for diminishing the power of the Emperor and increasing that of the nobility.

Source: VNN Forum, white-history.com Help Me Out

The Embassy from Morocco left Tanger on June 4, 1860 to London. The Ambassador **Seeyed al-Haj Abderrahman al-Aji** was to raise a loan in order to pay the Spaniards so they may free **Tetouan**. During his visit **Haj Abderrahman al-Aji** handed to Lord John Russell *a long document which set forth in detail the Moroccan Government's view of the events which had led to the war with Spain* ..... . The Ambassador, Seeyed al-Haj Abderrahman stayed at the Claridge's Hotel from June 26th to July 30th 1860. Ref: Anglo-Moroccan Relations. The Age of Palmerston and Russell, page 171. Tanger, December 20, 1861, the learned Fakee Seeyed Hadj **Abderrahman al-Aji**. Tanger, le 4 janvier 1862, le lettré Sidi al Hadj **Abd-er-Rahman al-Aji** signed the Traité d'amitié de Commerce et Navigation entre la Belgique et le Maroc & etc., etc.

Comment by Sir John Drummond-Hay

On 28 December 1867, in a despatch to Lord Stanley, Sir John Drummond-Hay wrote: The country is in a more wretched state of anarchy .....; but the chief evil in my opinion is the character of the present Sultan, Seed Mohamed, who is totally unfit, from the very fact of his being of a mild and humane disposition, and opposed to the punishment by death, to rule over the wild and warlike people of Morocco. Ref: A History of Anglo -Moroccan Relations to 1900 by P.G. Rogers. London, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chapter 8 page 177.

On 24 September 1872 the Foreign Secretary, Lord Granville to Drummond-Hay. Granville enclosed the Queen's letter of accreditation, and Hay was instructed to present it to the Sultan as soon as convenient. He left Tangier for Court on 24 March 1873, and arrived in Marrakesh on 5 April. There he found that Sidi Moussa, the Lord High Chamberlain, had become the real ruler of Morocco (so Drummond-Hay declared), and that the Grand Vizier and other Ministers had become mere cyphers. After his return to Tangier Drummond-Hay wrote to Lord Granville on 18 May 1873, saying that during his visit to Court he had judged it wise to make friends with Sidi Moussa. Ref: A History of Anglo-Moroccan Relations to 1900 by P.G. Rogers. London: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chapter 8 page 179. Sidi Moussa was succeeded, when he died in 1879, by his son Ba Ahmed ben Moussa. Ref: Morocco since 1830 by C.R. Pennell.

On September 16, 1873 Sidi Muhammad IV al-Aji – a descendant of the Sharifian bloodline – was declared deceased? (in our inheritance papers this is not the case) and immediately replaced with **Hassan I - a Freemason**.

Nonetheless, to the Moroccan throne which was successfully concluded through the help of the Zionists and the European elite. The aime of the Zionists and European elite was to protect their financial interest over the Moroccan wealth.

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First:Remarks

Various interviews made on Mr. Ahmed Rami. Further, we received from Mr. Rami his book

"Zuerst nach Casablanca".

Within an interview he also speaks of a well kept secret:
King Sidi Mohammed V's adoption of Hassan II and etc.Ref: http://abbc.net/alaouites/hassan2/fils-de-glaoui.htm; Hassan II is the son of Glaoui; Mohamed VI baptised by a Rabbi from Israel; the Freemasons in Morocco & Moulay Hafid, 1867-1937.

Second:

Mr. Rami and Prof. Pennell both speak of a Coup d'Etat which took place in the palace on February 26, 1961 against King Sidi Mohammed V. Two Swiss doctors convinced King Sidi Mohammed V to undertake a minor nose correction which could be done within the palace. This was done on 26.02.1961 by Prof. Jean-Pierre Taillens, Lausanne & Dr. Raymond, Lausanne. (NZZ, 27.02.1961) Cf: Prof. C.R. Pennell; Morocco, from Empire to Independence; page 166. Ahmed Rami; Corruption and Crime in Hassan's court. Hassan II announced Sidi Mohammed's death and immediately proclaimed himself king. **Shortly after that the Swiss-Moroccan relations improved once again which briefly went sour once the French returned King Sidi Mohammed from exile. (1955 to February 26, 1961)**. See no. 1.

Third:

Another site speaks of Hassan II & his sons baptism which took place at the palace at the request of a Rabbi from Israel. Cf: Abdelilah Bouasria; Chercheur en politique, Wash. D.C. & Prof. Robert Assaraf, a Moroccan Jewish historian, Paris. See no. 1.

Fourth:

Another subject on the web is a present. A slave girl which was given by El-Glaoui to King Sidi Mohammed V. According to the story the King had no idea that the girl he just received was already pregnant with the future Hassan II. Further it is mentioned that Hassan's real father is El-Glaoui a Berber from the Southern part of Morocco and that Hassan's real mother was of Berber-Jewish descend. Further, El-Glaoui was a known French collaborator with his own political ambitions. Cf: Dar El Glaoui: El Glaoui: The pasha of Marrakesh. Time Magazine. Monday, Sept. 5, 1955; Revolt & Revenge & Time Magazine. Monday, May 20, 1957; Who Is Boss?

Following the Coup d'Etat, (1961) Hassan II announced the death of Sidi Mohammed V and immediately proclaimed himself king. Since that day Hassan ruled over Morocco with an iron fist – totally contrary to Sharifian law. Nonetheless, this kind of rule created unrest within the country and questions arose on Hassan's legitimacy which left him with a serious problem as Hassan was not of Sharifian descent but now was in need to create his Sharifian descendence for the Moroccan citizens. Well, in 1968 Hassan and his secret helpers had the glorious idea to invite Mr. Zveg to Morocco. The pretext was, to make a portrait of king Hassan II. However, after the dramatic events at the Skhirat Palace of July 1971, Mr. Zveg had not only to paint the portrait of king Hassan II but noted:

"I have got to paint all his ancestors"

for King's Mohammed V Memorial ..... . Suddenly Mr. Zveg had found himself within a situation where he had to do as he been told.
Note the red Tarboosh.

Following are the portraits made by Mr. V. Zveg in 1971

Sultan Abul Amlak Sidi Muhammad I as-Sharif bin Ali

Sultan Sidi Muahmmad II bin Sharif

Sultan Sidi Muhammad al-Rashid bin Sharif

Sultan Ismail as-Samin bin Sharif

Sultan Abu Marwan Mulay Abdul Malik

Sultan Abul Abbas Mulay Ahmad ud-Dhahabi bin Ismail as-Samin

Sultan Abul Hasan Mulay Ali al-Iraj bin Ismail as-Samin

Sultan Abu Abdullah Sidi Muhammad II ben Arbia

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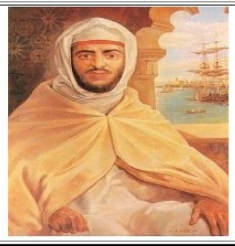

Sultan Sidi Muhammad III bin Abdallah

Sultan Mulay al-Yazid bin Muhammad

Sultan Abu ar-Rabi Mulay Sulaiman II

Sultan Haj Abderrahman bin

Sultan Sidi Muhammad IV bin Abderrahman bin Muhammad

bin Muhammad | Muhammad

Hasan I, as Sultan

Abdel-Aziz, as Sultan

Hafid, as Sultan

Youssef, as Sultan

Muhammed V, as King

Hassan II, as King

News published on June 12, 1894

in

The New York Times

A NEW SULTAN FOR MOROCCO

MULEY HASSAN DIES SUDDENLY OF MALIGNANT FEVER.

Rumors that He Was Murdered and Hints of an Uprising in Tangier—His Son, Mulai Abdul, Proclaimed Sultan by the Army—Muley's First-Born Already Regarded as a Pretender—Spain Takes Steps to Secure Her Rights.

LONDON, June 11.—Advices received here report that the Sultan of Morocco died on June 7, and that the army proclaimed his son, Mulai Abdul, his successor. Private advices say that the Sultan was murdered.

MADRID, June 11.—*The Government* has received an official dispatch confirming the death of the Sultan of Morocco. An uprising is expected throughout the country as a result of the death of the Sultan.

The latest dispatches from Morocco say that Muley Hassan died of malignant fever.

His successor, Mulai Abdul, is sixteen years old. He is the son of the old Sultan's favorite wife, a Circassion woman. The old Sultan's famous one-eyed son, the first-born of his numerous children, is already regarded as a pretender, and it is feared that he will take advantage of the first opportunity to incite the people to rise in his behalf.

The Cabinet decided in council to-day to double the garrisons at Melilla and Ceuta, Morocco. War ships have been ordered to Mazagan, Tangier, and Rabat, all ports of Morocco, as the Spanish Government fears that the change of sovereigns may prove the signal for numerous outbreaks.

TANGIER, June 11.—It is ascertained that the Sultan died en route between Marakesh and Rabat. The cause of his death is not yet definitely stated.

Everything is quiet here. The foreign representatives are discussing the outlook, and agree that there is no likelihood of disorder.

PARIS, June 11.—The Government has ordered two war ships and a dispatch boat to cruise in Algerian waters near Morocco. The impression in official circles here is that the death of Muley Hassan will be followed by disturbances among the wilder tribesmen of the country.

MADRID, June 12.—The newspapers here say that not only Muley Hassan's first-born son, Muley Mahomed, but also his four brothers, will probably cause revolt against us is that which separates us from a Caliph of Bagdad, resuscitated after a thousand years of sleep.

"His brown face, parchment-like, that white veils frame, has regular and noble features; his eyes are deathlike; his expression is one of excessive melancholy, of supreme lassitude, of supreme weariness. He seems kind, and is said to be really kind. But it must be a relative kindness, that strings of human heads, in a garland at the door of the palace, do not affect. He cannot be cruel, with his softly-sad look, and it is said that he prefers usually to be merciful. He is a priest and a warrior. He is sure of the divinity of his mission. He lives in chastity in his seraglio. He tries to copy Mohammed. He is a person that we cannot, in our epoch, either understand or judge; but he is assuredly an imposing individual.

"There, in our presence, he has an air of *surprise and timidity which invests him* with unexpected charm. The Minister presents to him his credentials in an embroidered velvet bag. Speeches are exchanged, then salutations, and the Chief of the Faithful turns back. The slaves lead his horse, harnessed with silk. The Sherifian mummy appears to us like a tall spectre in white, misty shrouds."

Muley Hassan,
Late Sultan of Morocco.

the new regime in Morocco. They urge the Government to prepare at once to vindicate Spain's prior right to a preponderance of influence over Morocco in the event of civil war and European intervention. It is reported that the Government has proposed in a circular note to the powers that they take joint action to maintain the status quo in Morocco. France and several other powers are said to have expressed willingness to share in such action.

The troops in Andalusia have been ordered to prepare themselves to embark at a moment's notice for Melilla or Ceuta, where, it is feared, outbreaks of the tribesmen may occur.

THE SULTAN AS HE WAS.

The Man Who Was Regarded as the Successor of Mohammed.

Muley Hassan, Sultan of Fez, Tafilet, Marabech, and Suse, Emir al Mumenin, Sherifian Majesty, succeeded his father, Sidi Muley Mohammed, Sept. 25, 1873.

He was born in 1831. His absolutely despotic rule was only too lenient, in the Middle-Age view of his subjects. It was only a little less cruel, perhaps, than that of his predecessors, in the view of modern men or in the light of European civilization. His reign was occupied with spasmodic, inevitably vain, efforts to subdue rebellious tribes, and to grant reparation to England, Spain, Italy, and France for a number of outrages. His last year was especially troubled. It began with reclamations of France against his purpose to bring under his yoke the tribes of the various oases of Touat. It continued with battles among the tribes of Fez, it was perpetually disturbed by embassies of Italy and England, and it is finished after a war with Spain.

In January, 1893, an ultimatum was sent to him from England, demanding reparation within forty-eight hours for the murder of a British subject at Tangier. He granted the reparation demanded.

In October, 1893, the Spaniards engaged in erecting new works at Fort Guaraich were attacked by the Riffians, in defiance of the treaty of peace of 1861, which granted to the Spaniards sovereignty over the territory situated within 3,000 miles of Melilla. In December Gen. Martinez Campos, Ambassador of Spain, obtained satisfaction from the Sultan, but the latter's promises of money were easily made. They could not be kept. His empire is hopelessly in debt. G. Montbard, who traveled from Tangier to Fez in the independent quality of an artist, has described it as hopelessly in ruins.

Pierre Loti, who was in the train of M. Patenôtre, Envoy Plenipotentiary of France to Morocco, has given the most vivid personal description of the Sultan and of the ceremonial of his Court, as follows:

"Through a door surrounded by pink and blue arabesques come about fifty little negroes, slaves in red gowns, with muslin surplices, like choir boys. They walk heavily, huddled together like a flock of sheep.

"Then come six magnificent white horses, saddled and harnessed with silk, and restive under the hands of the servants who lead them. Then comes a gilded carriage, which looks ridiculous in these roughly-impressive surroundings. It is the only carriage in Fez, and was a present from Queen Victoria to the Sultan.

"There are a few moments of silence. Then a tremor of religious fear passes through the hedge of soldiers. The fifty little slaves run as if in a panic, and deploy their ranks in the shape of an open fan. In the penumbra of the pointed door, on a superb white horse, which four slaves hold, appears a tall white mummy, with brown face veiled with muslin. A red umbrella of antique form is held over his head, and two negro giants, one in pink gown, the other in blue gown, fan invisible flies from his head. As the strange horseman comes toward us, almost shapeless, but imposing nevertheless, under the mass of his snowy veils, the music groans in notes more strident, sings a religious hymn, slow and desolate, that frightful drum beats accompany. The mummy's horse kicks with rage, the slaves holding him with much difficulty.

"At last appears in front of us this last authentic son of Mohammed, mixed with Nubian blood. His costume of muslin, delicate as a cloud, is immaculately white. His horse, too, is all white; his large stirrups are made of gold, his saddle and harness are pale green, lightly embroidered with pale-green gold. The slaves who hold the horse, the one who holds the parasol, and those who hold the fans are herculean negroes, who frankly smile. They are old, and their white beards are in striking contrast with the black of their cheeks. This ceremony of another age is in harmony with the plaintive music, is admirably framed by the immense, surrounding walls.

"This man, who has been escorted to us in this apparel, is the last representative of a religion, of a civilization that is dying. He personifies old Islam—for pure Mussulmans regard the Sultan of Stamboul as a usurper almost sacrilegious, and turn their eyes and their prayers toward the Mogreb where resides, in their view, the true successor of the Prophet.

"Of what use is an embassy to such a sovereign, immobilized, like his nation, in old human dreams that have almost disappeared from earth? We are unable to understand each other; the distance between

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on June 13, 1894

WAR SHIPS SENT TO MOROCCO

CIVIL WAR IN PROSPECT OVER THE DEATH OF THE SULTAN.

Germany, France, Spain, and Italy Hasten to Reinforce Their Mediterranean Fleets — Muley Ismail, Brother of the Dead Sultan, a Strong Pretender to the Throne— Already Preparing to Contest the Succession of Abdul Aziz as Sultan.

TANGIER, June 12.—The burial of the late Sultan Muley Hassen will take place at Rabat, whither the body has been sent under military escort.

At Casa Blanca the succession of Abdul Aziz, the younger son of the Sultan, to the throne has been acquiesced in, but at Fez, where Muley Ismail, the dead Sultan's brother, has been acting as the Sultan's representative, there is a feeling of hostility toward Abdul Aziz, Muley Ismail being very popular. He is a man of much ability and force, and it will not be surprising if he should make trouble.

LONDON, June 12.—The news from Morocco indicates that civil war can scarcely be averted. Advices from Tangier report that the Sultan's brother, Muley Ismail, is already preparing to contest the succession to the throne of the Sultan's younger son. The news of the departure of a French fleet from Toulon for Tangier is attracting much attention here, in view of the known hostility of the Dupuy Ministry to English interests in Africa.

The Pall Mall Gazette calls attention to the jealousy of the powers in regard to Morocco, and says that M. Dupuy may seize this opportunity to offset England's success in Egypt by dealing a blow at English prestige elsewhere. The Gazette believes that France and Spain would find it to their interests at home to enter upon an aggressive policy in Morocco with a view of securing dual control of that country to the total exclusion of England.

The Globe expresses belief that the question of succession to the trone of Morocco can only be settled by civil war, and advises the immediate augmentation of the British fleet off that coast, in view of the action of France in reinforcing her naval squadron there.

The St. James's Gazttte comments on the situation in a similar strain.

A dispatch from Tangier says: "Messengers from the interior were recently maltreated and robbed of letters addressed to Count d'Aubigny, the French Minister at Tangier. This fact is likely to form a pretext for France's interference in the present difficulty."

MADRID, June 12.—In consequence of the grave aspect of affairs in Morocco the War Office has canceled the furloughs of all officers and soldiers of the First and Second Army Corps, with headquarters respectively in Andalusia and Madrid, and ordered the men to duty.

The Spanish Commanders at Ceuta and Melilla report, as a result of inquiries, that the Kabyles and Riffs will not oppose the succession of Abdul Aziz.

The Spanish cruiser Garcia embarked two companies of marine infantry at Cadiz this morning and sailed for Rabat, Morocco.

TOULON, June 12.—Four French war ships, under command of Admiral le Bourgeois, sailed from this port for Tangier last evening.

BERLIN, June 12.—The German iron-clad war ship Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm and the cruiser Sperber have been ordered to proceed at once from Wilhelmshaven to Algiers.

ROME, June 12.—Italy will send one war ship to Tangier.

Until today Morocco remains at the mercy of Europe's elite and under Zionist control.

e.g. NZZ, 15.03.1979 Abkommen mit Marokko. Schürch (fdp., Bern) als Präsident der Kommission für auswärtige Angelegenheiten

hat ebenfalls schriftlich Genehmigung des Abkommens mit Marokko betreffend Entschädigung schweizerischer Interessen beantragt.

J. Ziegler (soz., Genf) opponiert aus grundsätzlichen Erwägungen. Wir lassen uns für Werte entschädigen, welche Schweizer in der Kolonialzeit gestohlen haben. Das ist ein Skandal und unmoralisch.

e.g. On December 17, 1985 a new agreement between the Swiss Confederacy "Federal Council" and the "Kingdom of Morocco" **over promotion and equal protection of investments** was concluded.

In response to an Email received from Mr. Taly

You accuse me to quote rubbish within my website on matters regarding Zionism and Judaism in Morocco and how ..... and etc.

First of all, I did mention "Zionists" and I clearly made a distinction between Zionists and the innocent Jewish brethren. For reference see: The Corcos family: Spain-Morocco-Jerusalem by Sidney S. Corcos. Further, I clearly mentioned that the innocent Jewish people have to suffer as much as the rest of us who have no ambitions to control the world. Therefore, and in the future please do not provoke nor say that in one way or another I am against Jews in general. This is totally false!!!

Second, the Damascus (Syria) matter "Capuchin Monk" as well as the rulers - has never been addressed within my topic nor will I comment on it.

Third, regarding Sir Montefiore. According to Prof. D. Schroeter Sir Montefiore, a Sephardi Jew, had roots in Mogador (Essaouira-Morocco). For reference on Montefiore's Mogador connections see: Daniel J. Schroeter, "Merchants of Essaouira"; for reference on Sephardi Jew see: The Phenomenal Life of Sir Moses Montefiore by Raphael Chaim; for references on Moroccan connections see: Chapter XVIII, The Mission to Morocco (1863-1864), Foreign Affairs page 223 no. 55.
Besides, Sir Montefiore was a Freemason, was politically very ambitious and in fact had his own interests along with his own political agenda.
It is true - sometimes the truth is very hard but if we do not accept of what our forefathers have done for good or bad and if we do not accept the truth then we will never find peace within our hearts. Therefore, sooner or later the truth will always end-up in a peaceful settlement.

Forth, of course, and throughout all of our history, Christians, Muslims as well as Jews made lots of mistakes. And this is why we call ourselves "humans". Kindly accept this fact at least.
So, if you continue to represent Sir Montefiore as a SAGE – then this is your choice and your freedom. Please, just remain within the peaceful side.

Fifth, about the ring: Sir Montefiore said to one of his relatives (Leonard Montefiore) "Do you see this ring?" he said as he removed it from his finger. "Take a good look at it ..... . Engraved on the ring were two Hebrew words: . . . . . (Possessor of everything).
To me, a possessor of everything is not equal to a SAGE - neither is selecting one kind over another going to bring a long overdue peace.
Regarding ring: for reference see: Sir Moses Montifiore's Dream – Israel's benefactor - Moses Montefiore's Dream by Dovid Rossoff, page 3 + 4.

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Received: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 6:12 PM. From: Taly < .....@..... >.
To: noble_sharifian@yahoo.com

I have to response to the rubbish you said in your site about Zionism and Judaism in Morocco and how we the Jews want to control the world..
If you would only be not so lazy and I invite you to check information. Today it's very easy with Google. If you will press Montefiore and DAMASCUS for example.. You will find out that the connection isn't the Jewish will to control every place on earth but it relates to Montefiores' activity to protect innocent Jewish people who brutally where tortured and accused for crimes they never performed. If you where a real scholar you would read and learn about the ruler of DAMASCUS
who got a trial for his accusing the Jews in a crime they never did and eventually he himself got hanged to death as a punishment for that act.
DAMASCUS is mentioned on Montefiores' ring as one of the places he saved Jews from mean and ignorant people like you..(and I honestly hope you will open up your eays and change your attitude) so to make it easier for you here is the link for the real information about Montefiore. there you can read also about Damascus and Montefiore..

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moses_Montefiore

I wish you will discover the light of the true and not continue to live your life in the darkness of ignorance and evilness...

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The Dark Underworld of the Paris Catacombs

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Paris, the capital of France, is often called *La Ville Lumière* (meaning 'The City of Light'), however, beneath this bustling European city of 12 million people, lies a dark subterranean world holding the remains of 6 million of its former inhabitants. These are the Paris Catacombs: a network of old caves, quarries and tunnels stretching hundreds of miles, and seemingly lined with the bones of the dead.

Some areas are open to the public as museums, but since 1955 entrance to the majority of the underground space is prohibited. However this hasn't stopped some thrill-seekers venturing into the cavernous passages that have been home to thousands of upon thousands of bones of the dead. As the water table has risen under the city, many of these spaces are now filled with cool and clean water. Locals are well aware of this, and, **according to Bobrtimes** , this year's long, sweltering summer has seen an increase in illegal entrance to the catacombs as people seek a respite from the heat by using the subterranean pools as cooling zones.

But these desperate measures could have dire consequences. Just last month, two teenagers were rescued from the catacombs after being lost in the vast network for 3 days. They were found by rescue dogs and were taken to hospital to be treated for hypothermia, reported **The Guardian** . It was not known exactly how the boys got lost, but this occurence, along with the recent Thai cave emergency rescue, highlights just how easy it can be to get lost or cut off in such environments.

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The historic underground catacombs are the final resting place of millions of Parisians. SBoyd/ ***Flickr***

Origins of the Paris Catacombs

The Paris Catacombs have their origins in the limestone quarries situated on the outskirts of the city. This natural resource has been in use since the time of the Romans, and provided construction material for the city's buildings, as well as contributed to the city's growth and expansion. It was only after during the second half of the 18 th century, however, that the former limestone mines (now under the city as it expanded over the centuries) were transformed into burial places.

By the 18 th century, Parisian cemeteries such as *Les Innocents* (the largest cemetery in Paris) were becoming overpopulated, giving rise to improper burials, ope ople living close to

such places began complaining about the strong stench of decomposing flesh and the spread of diseases from the cemeteries.

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In 1763, an edict was issued by Louis XV banning all burials from the capital. The Church, however, did not wish to disturb or move the cemeteries, and opposed the edict. As a result, nothing was done. The situation persisted until 1780, when an unusually long period of spring rain caused a wall around the *Les Innocents* to collapse, resulting in the spilling of rotting corpses into a neighboring property. By this time, the French authorities were forced to take action.

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Engraving depicting the Saints Innocents cemetery in Paris, around the year 1550. ***Public Domain***

In 1786, the former *Tombe-Issoire* quarries were blessed and consecrated, turning them into the **Paris Catacombs** . It took two years for all the bones from the *Les Innocents* to be transferred to the catacombs. Over the following decades, the bones of the dead were removed from cemeteries around Paris for reburial in the catacombs. Furthermore, the practice of burying the newly dead directly in the catacombs began after the French Revolution.

A view of the Catacombs under Paris. The catacombs are a large collection of bones and ossuaries under the city. Engraving, 1855. Public Domain

It was only in 1859 that the final transfer of bones was undertaken during the renovation of Paris by Georges-Eugène Haussmann, and the work was finally completed in 1860. Seven years later, the catacombs were open to the public. In total the winding catacombs stretch over 300 kilometers (186 miles).

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Bones from the former Magdeleine cemetery. Deposited in 1844 in the western ossuary (bone repository) and transferred to the catacombs in September 1859. Wikimedia ***Commons***

The Weird Underworld of the Catacombs

Although the Paris Catacombs are still open to the general public today, access is limited to only a small fraction of the network. It has been illegal since 1955 to enter the other parts of the catacombs.

Nevertheless, during the 1970s and 80s, the catacombs have been explored illegally by Parisian urban explorers known as Cataphiles. Some of the spaces have even been restored and turned into creative spaces. One of these underground caverns, for instance, was transformed into a secret amphitheater, complete with a giant cinema screen, projection equipment, a couple of films and seats. The neighboring area was revamped into a fully-stocked bar and a restaurant, perhaps where the patrons of the amphitheater could get a snack or a meal.

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It has been estimated that as many as 300 Cataphiles enter the catacombs each week via secret entrances. Non-Cataphiles and tourists, however, are not often welcome.

From its beginnings as a limestone quarry to its use for the burial of the dead in the 18 th century, and the part it plays today in the lives of the Cataphiles, the Paris Catacombs have been an important feature of the city.

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Although systematic exploration of the underground tunnels may bring to light the extent of the catacombs, it would probably not meet with approval from all quarters. After all, the secrecy of the catacomb networks, and the opportunity to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city above, are attractive concepts to the Cataphiles, and they would probably not let go of their haunts so easily.

The living and the dead both inhabit the Paris Catacombs. Jay Springett/ ***Flickr***

Top image: Countless skeletal remains line the tunnels and chambers of the Paris Catacombs (dirk94025 / Adobe Stock)

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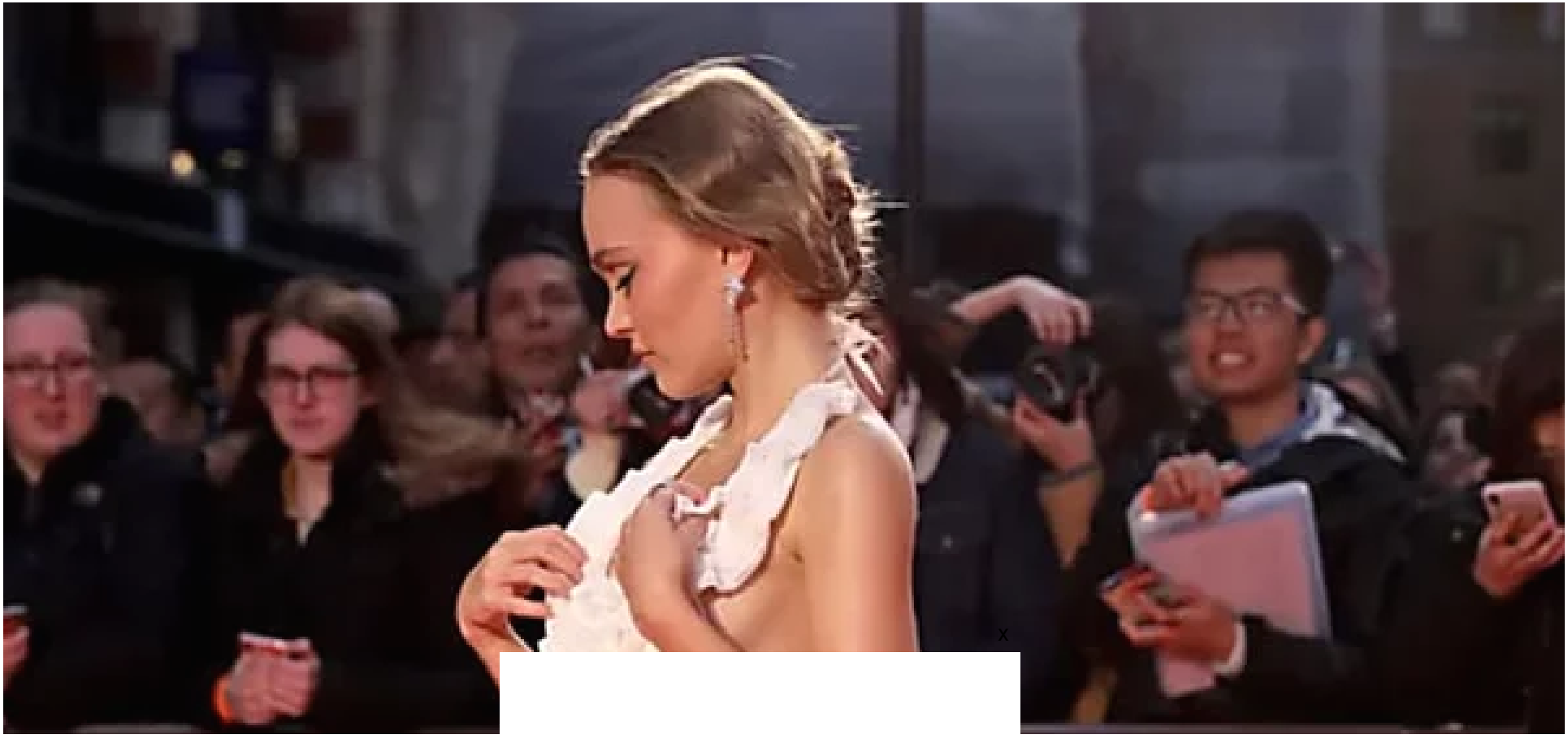

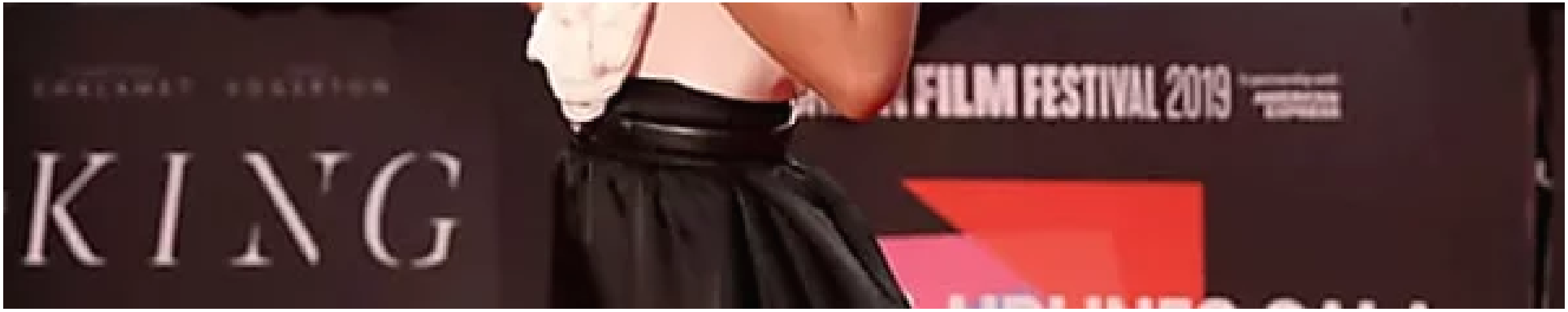

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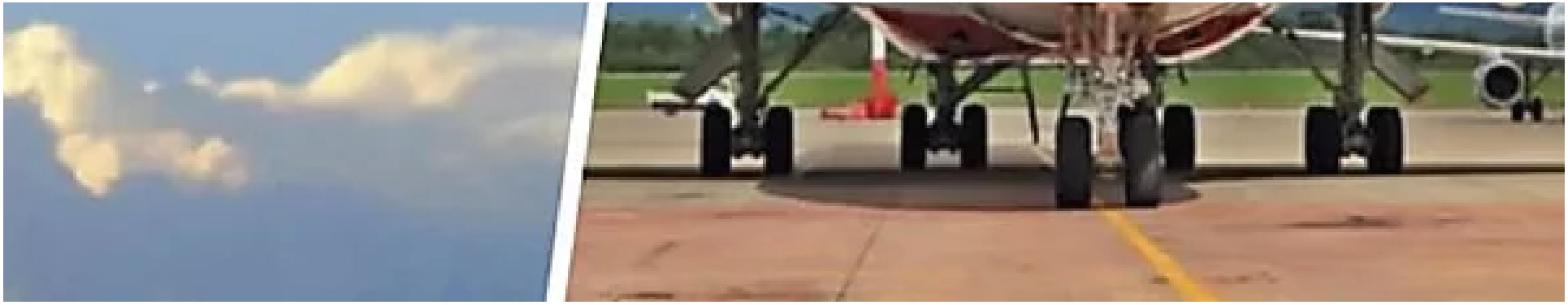

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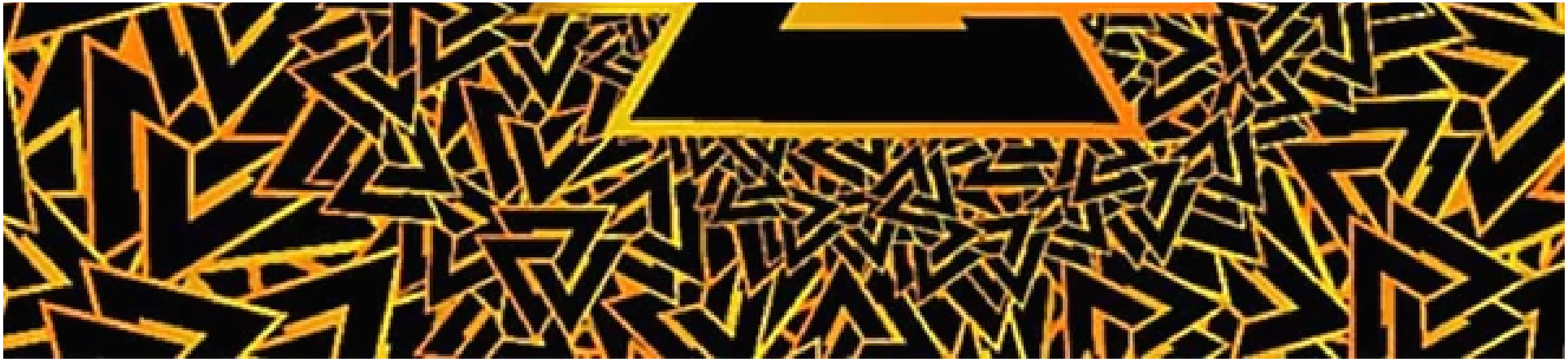

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15 Facts About the Moors You've Probably Never Heard

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The Moors left a significant mark on medieval Europe, especially with their conquest of the Iberian Peninsula in 711 AD. They ruled over **Spain** for several centuries, transforming it culturally, socially and politically. However, the term "Moors" does not refer to a single, homogenous group, but rather to the medieval Muslim inhabitants of various regions, including Sicily, Malta, the Maghreb and al-Andalus.

Despite their influence on Europe, there is still a lot we don't really know about the Moors and the time when they were a powerful contender within Europe. In this article, we will delve into 15 lesser-known facts about the Moors that shed light on their history, providing a deeper understanding of the Moors' impact on European history and their enduring legacy.

1. The 711 AD Moorish Invasion Was a Major Clash of Cultures

The threat faced by Christian Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar was vastly different from anything they had encountered before. The Muslim **Moors** represented a distinct and unfamiliar culture, completely separate from the European Christian world. As a result of this clash of cultures, a new and distinct set of traditions and customs quickly emerged. Even today, the Moors' influence on Spain is palpable, with traces of their culture evident in everyday aspects including language, food and architecture. Though the initial clash between Islam and **Christianity** was hostile, it ultimately served as a wellspring of inspiration, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to shape Spanish culture to this day.

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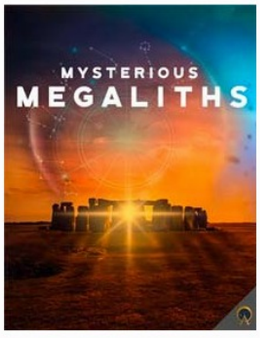

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*The Moors permeated European culture. Shakespeare's Othello, depicted here with Desdemona in Venice in a painting by Théodore Chassériau, was a Moor. (**Public domain**)*

2. The Lead Character of Shakespeare's Othello Is a Moor

Shakespeare's Othello, also known as the Moor of Venice, centers around a noble **Moorish** General in the employ of the Venetian army. This play demonstrates that even during Shakespeare's time, the Moors remained an object of fascination in Europe due to their exotic appearance and distinct culture. Moreover, the historicity of Othello suggests that the Moors were highly skilled and capable of attaining prestigious positions throughout Europe, irrespective of their origins or religion.

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3. The Moors Introduced Numerous New Fruits and Vegetables to Europe

The Moors introduced a variety of fruits and vegetables that were previously unknown in both **Spain** and Europe, and thus deemed exotic novelties. These items included peaches, lemons, oranges, saffron, cotton, rice, silk, sugar cane, apricots, figs, dates, pomegranates and many others. Although commonplace today, during the Middle Ages these items were almost alien to the Spanish. Today, centuries later, they have become staples of Spanish production and diet.

*Man picking fruit from a pomegranate tree. (Wellcome Collection / **CC BY 4.0**)*

4. The Arabic Numerals We Use Today Were Brought to Europe by the Moors

The classic numbers we all use and love today are of Arabic origin, introduced by the Moors upon their arrival into Spain. These numbers were quickly adopted as they were simpler and easier to use than the complex and aged system of **Roman** numerals. Additionally, the Moors also introduced paper to Europe, at a time when parchment, made of animal skins, was the common writing medium in medieval Spain. This was a major development essential for the progress of European civilization.

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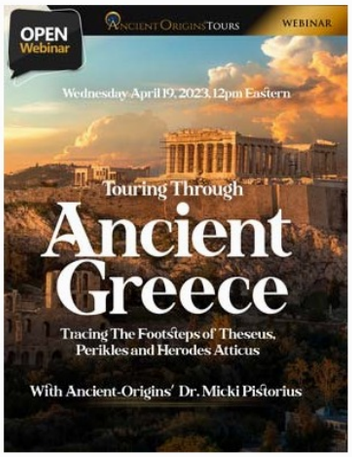

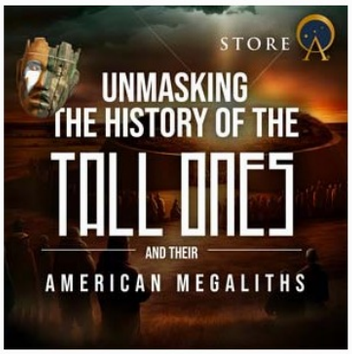

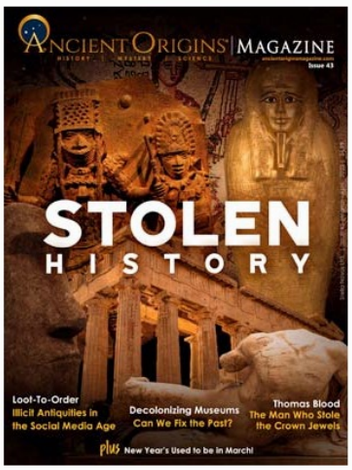

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5. The Moors Were Several Steps Ahead of Medieval Europe

At the time of their conquest of the **Iberian Peninsula** , the advanced civilization of the Arabs was renowned for its architecture, science, mathematics and exploration. Upon their arrival in Spain, the Moors introduced architectural techniques that amazed European stonemasons. One of the most impressive examples of Moorish architecture is the Alhambra, a palace complex and fortress located in Granada, Spain. Construction began in 1238, and it surpassed any similar palace in grandeur and beauty. Today, it remains one of the best-preserved palaces of the Islamic world.

6. Chess Spread Throughout Europe Thanks to the Moors

Even though chess is over 1,500 years old, it was first introduced to Europe in its current form by the Moors. **Chess** spread from India to the Arabic world and was introduced to Spain by the Moors. It quickly became popular and swept across Europe's courts and society. In medieval Spain, chess was a popular game of strategy and patience. The first written mention of chess in Spain dates back to 1010 AD, in the Catalonian Testament.

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7. The Moors Were Very Strict About Their Hygiene

The Moors were known for their love of cleanliness, with a popular saying claiming that a Moor "would rather go without bread than without **soap**." Due to their traditions and the rigors of their religion, the Moors were fond of looking spic and span, and encouraged frequent bathing; In the Moorish town of **Cordoba**, there were around 900 **public baths** . This allowed for proper hygiene during a time when plumbing and running water were not yet widely available. Some sources also claim that the Moors brought some form of soap to Europe, introducing a new era of **cleanliness**.

8. The Career of Ziryab, the Famed Moorish Musician, Flourished in Spain

Ziryab, whose name meant “blackbird,” was a renowned poet, oud and lute player adored in the Islamic world. Having arrived in Spain in 822, Ziryab settled in Cordoba, where he became an instant court favorite. Ziryab was very influential, setting new fashion trends, inspiring singing and poetry, and even inventing a type of deodorant and **toothpaste**. Described as a major trendsetter, Ziryab was a great lover of local cuisine, having invented many new culinary recipes in Moorish Spain. Could it be that through the efforts of a single, visionary man, the whole of Europe benefited?

9. Education Was Very Important to the Moors

Education was of utmost importance to the Moors, who ensured that it was universally available to all within their realm. This stood in stark contrast to medieval Europe, where 90% of the population remained illiterate, and education was reserved for only the wealthiest nobles and clergy. In fact, there were even some European Kings who could not read or write. The Moors established 17 great universities in Spain, located in cities such as Cordoba, Malaga, Granada, Seville, Toledo and Almeria, among others.

The renowned musician Ziryab settled in Cordoba after the Moors conquered the Iberian

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*Peninsula. He is depicted here singing and playing the lute in his garden. (**Public domain**)*

10. Numerous Moorish Words Found Their Way into Modern Spanish and English

After their arrival in Europe, the **Moors** brought with them new concepts and words that quickly became a standard part of everyday language. Spanish has up to 4,000 words of Arabic origin, including algebra, checkmate, and influenza. Other examples are cipher, alcohol, chemistry, typhoon, orange, alkaline, cable and nadir.

11. One of the Best Histories of the Moors in Al-Andalus Was Written Around 1617

The author was a famed Algerian historian, Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad al-Maqqarī al-Tilmisānī. His work is named "Nafḥ aṭ-ṭīb", or "Breath of Perfume", and it is a compendium of the entire history of al-Andalus and the Moors who dwelt there. It was such a detailed and influential work that it provided the basis for the research of Muslim Spain for numerous historians up to the 20th century. Al-Maqqari was inspired by the glories of Moorish Iberia, and wrote his work based on the pre-existing accounts he discovered in the Saadi Sultanate library at Marrakesh in Morocco.

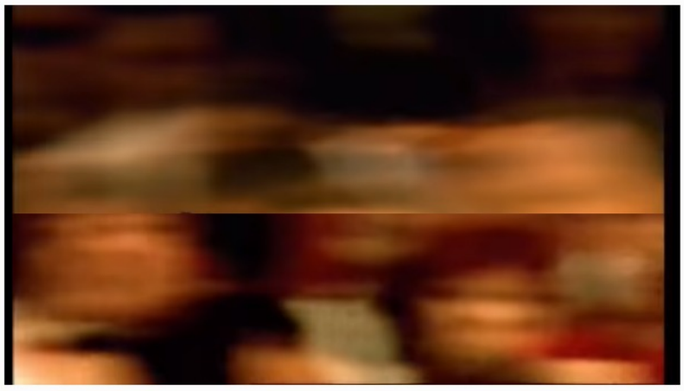
*A Moor preaching at the mosque in Cordoba, in a painting by Edwin Lord Weeks circa 1880.(**Public domain**)*

12. At the Height of Moorish Rule, Cordoba Was the Most Modern City in Europe

During the 10th and 11th centuries, Cordoba was the very center of the Moorish world, and a great center of learning, education, and economy. The second-biggest city in Europe, Cordoba had over 80 libraries, as well as some of the most advanced knowledge of **medicine**, mathematics, botany and astronomy - far superior to the rest of Europe. It was also very modern for its time, having beautiful architecture, raised sidewalks for pedestrians, many miles of road and even street lighting.

13. The Moors Were Very Industrious

Upon their arrival in Iberia, the Moors saw the potential in the old Roman irrigation systems they found and quickly adopted, enhanced and revived them. This led to a surge in agricultural productivity and a boost in the economy. They were also able to cultivate new crops they brought with them such as lemons, oranges, figs, dates, and apricots. Soon, Spain became one of the largest producers of crops in Europe, all thanks to the Moors' innovative irrigation techniques.



14. The Moors Greatly Transformed Spanish Cuisine

Spices were a rare commodity for Europeans, and their food was often considered bland. The Moors changed that by bringing over hundreds of unique spices, new recipes and innovative methods of preparing food. This culinary revolution gave rise to many wondrous dishes that we still enjoy today. The Moorish spice markets were famous for their variety, offering choice for cooks of all styles. The colors and smells of these medieval markets must have been truly incredible.

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Thanks to their introduction of arts, education, astronomy, mathematics and music, the Moors greatly enhanced existing European culture. Their architecture was a whirlwind of color and detail, their cuisine a typhoon of spices and flavors, their music enigmatic and exotic, their fashion sense unique and flamboyant. The Moors brought a vibrant splash of color to an otherwise gray medieval Europe. Despite being invaders, whose arrival often brought death and suffering, their greatest contribution was the infusion of artistic and cultural richness that transformed the region.

*Medieval painting depicting a Christian and a Moor playing chess. (**Public domain**)*

An Invasion That Brought Both Good and Bad

The Moors arrived during a tumultuous time in Iberia, which had seen many cultures come and go leaving the peninsula ravaged by **war** and soaked in blood. The Moors capitalized on this situation, quickly overwhelming the Visigothic Kingdom and revitalizing Spain with their colorful culture in the process of their conquest. The presence of the Moors in Europe cannot be overlooked. After all, sometimes it takes an invasion to breath new life into a civilization and introduce beneficial aspects into a culture.

The Moors endured for several centuries in Iberia, but Spanish **Christians** continued to yearn their lost territory. In response they launched the Reconquista, a war which in just a few generations drove the Moors back to the sea until they were finally expelled from the Iberian Peninsula. Yet even so, the marks left behind by the Moors in Spain would never be erased.

*Top image: The Moors left behind a legacy of culture and architecture, such as the Alhambra palace complex in Granada, Spain. Source: **lunamarina** / Adobe Stock*

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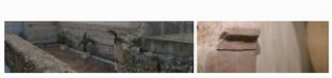

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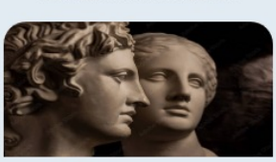

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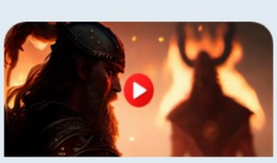

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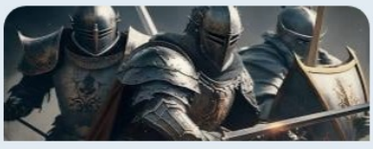

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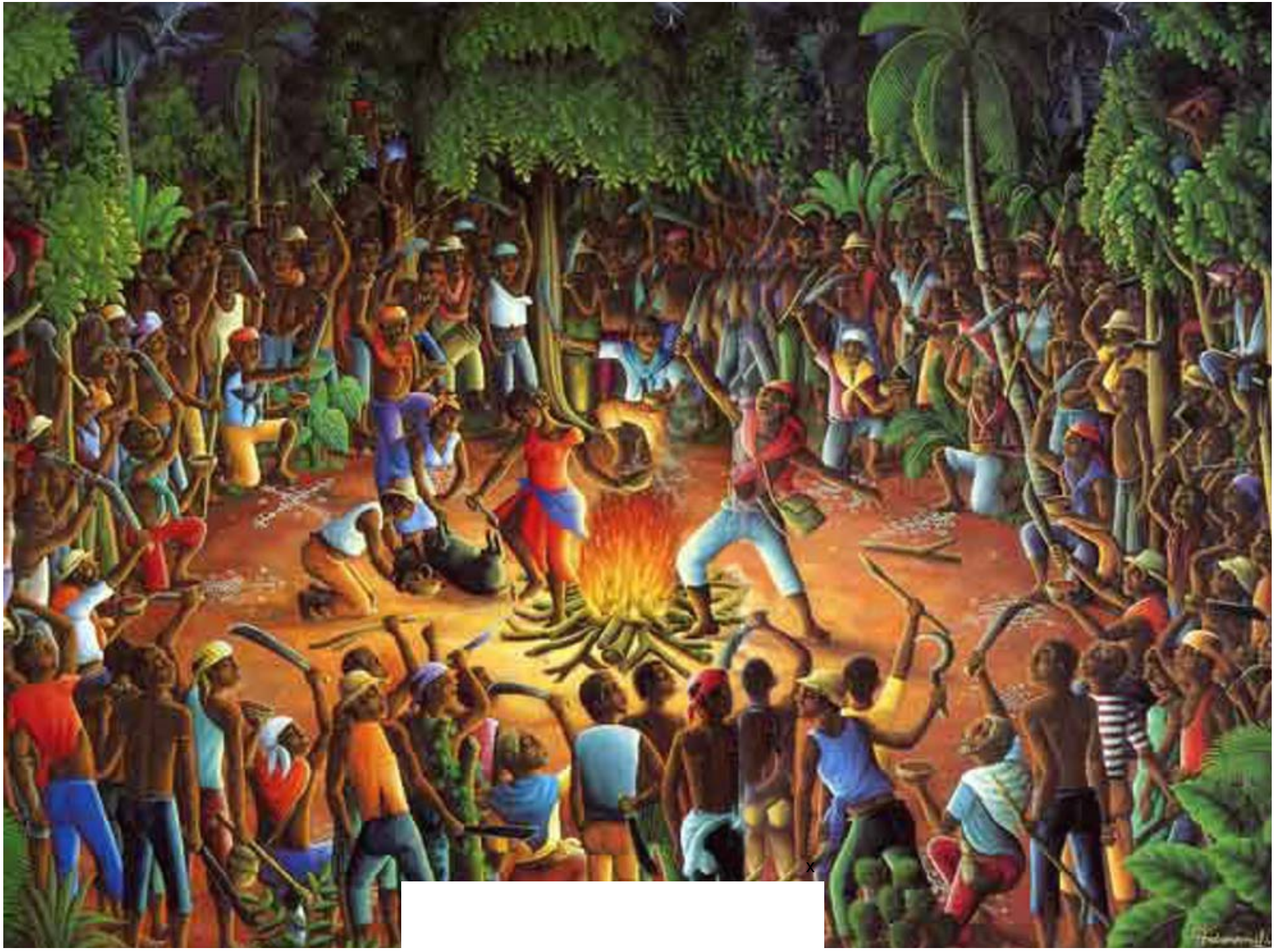

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The Origins of Voodoo, a Misunderstood Religion

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In 64 AD, a great fire broke out in Rome for six days and devastated much of the city. According to the writer Tacitus, “Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace.” The “abominations” committed by the early Christians were said to be cannibalism and incest, based on rumors circulating in Rome at that time which stemmed from a misunderstanding of the Eucharist.

This episode in the history of the early Church shows how easily a religion, especially a relatively secretive one, can be misunderstood and misrepresented. A similar case can perhaps be seen in the religion known as Voodoo (also known as Vodou or Voudon).

For many, the word ‘Voodoo’ conjures up images of **magical dolls** with pins stuck in them to inflict pain on one’s enemies and the resurrection of the dead as **zombies**. These images are the result of the misrepresentation of Voodoo by popular culture, and do not accurately represent Voodoo as understood by its practitioners.

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*Most people associate Voodoo with pin-filled dolls, designed to inflict pain on a cursed individual. (**Public domain**)*

What are the Beliefs of Voodoo?

Voudon refers to "a whole assortment of cultural elements: personal creeds and practices, including an elaborate system of **folk medical practices** ; a system of ethics transmitted across generations [including] proverbs, stories, songs, and folklore... voudon is more than belief; it is a way of life," wrote Leslie Desmangles, a Haitian professor at Hartford's Trinity College in "The Encyclopedia of the Paranormal" (Prometheus Books, 1996). “Voudon teaches belief in a supreme being called Bondye, an unknowable and uninvolved creator god,” reports **Live Science** , and explains:

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“Voudon believers worship many spirits (called loa or Iwa), each one of whom is responsible for a specific domain or part of life. So, for example, if you are a farmer you might give praise and offerings to the spirit of agriculture; if you are suffering from unrequited love, you would praise or leave offerings for Erzulie Freda, the spirit of love, and so on. In addition to helping (or impeding) human affairs, loa can also manifest themselves by possessing the bodies of their worshipers. Followers of voudon also believe in a universal energy and a soul that can leave the body during dreams and spirit possession.”

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*Voodoo paraphernalia, Akodessawa Fetish Market, Lomé, Togo . (**sarlay** /Adobe Stock)*

The History of Voodoo

Although the exact origins of Voodoo are unknown, it is generally agreed that this religion has its roots in West Africa. Modern day **Benin** is regarded as the birthplace of this religion, and the name 'Voodoo' itself means 'spirit' in the local Fon language.

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It has been suggested that Voodoo in West Africa evolved from the ancient traditions of ancestor worship and animism. The forms of Voodoo practiced today, however, ar in modern history – the African **slave trade** that took place between th

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Zangbeto, a voodoo guardian of the peace under Yoruba religious belief. Zangbeto traditionally served as an informal police service to enforce the peace in rural Benin. (***pauli197*** */Adobe Stock)*

When African slaves were brought to the Americas to work on **plantations**, they brought Voodoo with them. Their white masters, however, had other plans regarding the religious practices of their slaves. A 1685 law, for instance, prohibited the practice of African religions, and required all masters to Christianize their slaves within eight days of their arrival in Haiti.

Although the slaves accepted Roman Catholicism, they did not give up their traditional beliefs either. Instead, the old and the new were syncretized, producing some unique results. Many of the Catholic saints were identified with traditional Voodoo lwas (spirits) or held a double meaning for the practitioners of Voodoo. For instance, **in Haitian Voodoo** , St. Peter is recognized as Papa Legba, the gatekeeper of the spirit world, while St. Patrick is associated with Dumballah, the snake lwa.

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Although African slaves were brought to Haiti and New Orleans about the same time, i.e. the 1720s, the development of Voodoo practices in each area is quite different. In Haiti, Voodoo became a force that gave strength to and sustained the slaves through their hardships and suffering. Between 1791 and 1804, a series of slave revolts inspired by Voodoo practice culminated in the expelling of the French from Haiti.

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The Spread of Voodoo Practices

The colonists who survived fled to New Orleans, some accompanied by their French-speaking slaves who were Voodoo practitioners. It is from these new arrivals that Voodoo began to grow in **New Orleans** . Although Voodoo was practiced in that part of the United States prior to 1791, it was not as strong a force as in Haiti, and it was brutally suppressed each time it emerged. It was only in the 19th century that Voodoo practices in New Orleans were codified by the enigmatic Marie Laveau.

*Portrait of Marie Laveau, allegedly d. 1888. (**public domain**)*

Voodoo has since spread to other African nations, the Caribbean, as well as North and South America. In Benin and Haiti, Voodoo is now officially recognized as a religion. Nevertheless, Voodoo is still a rather **misunderstood religion** due to its inaccurate portrayal by the media.

Instead of associating this religion with zombies and Voodoo dolls, we should perhaps take the time to better understand Voodoo, and view it as a way of life or a set of guiding principles held by its believers.

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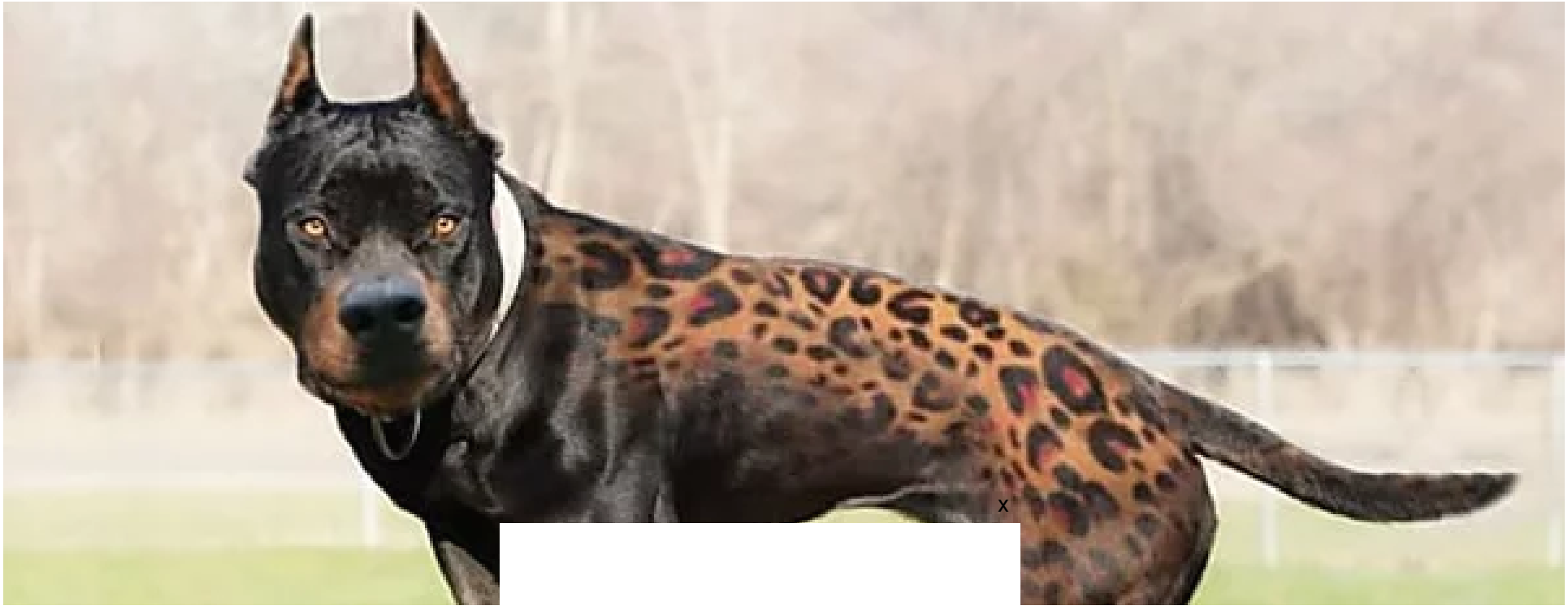

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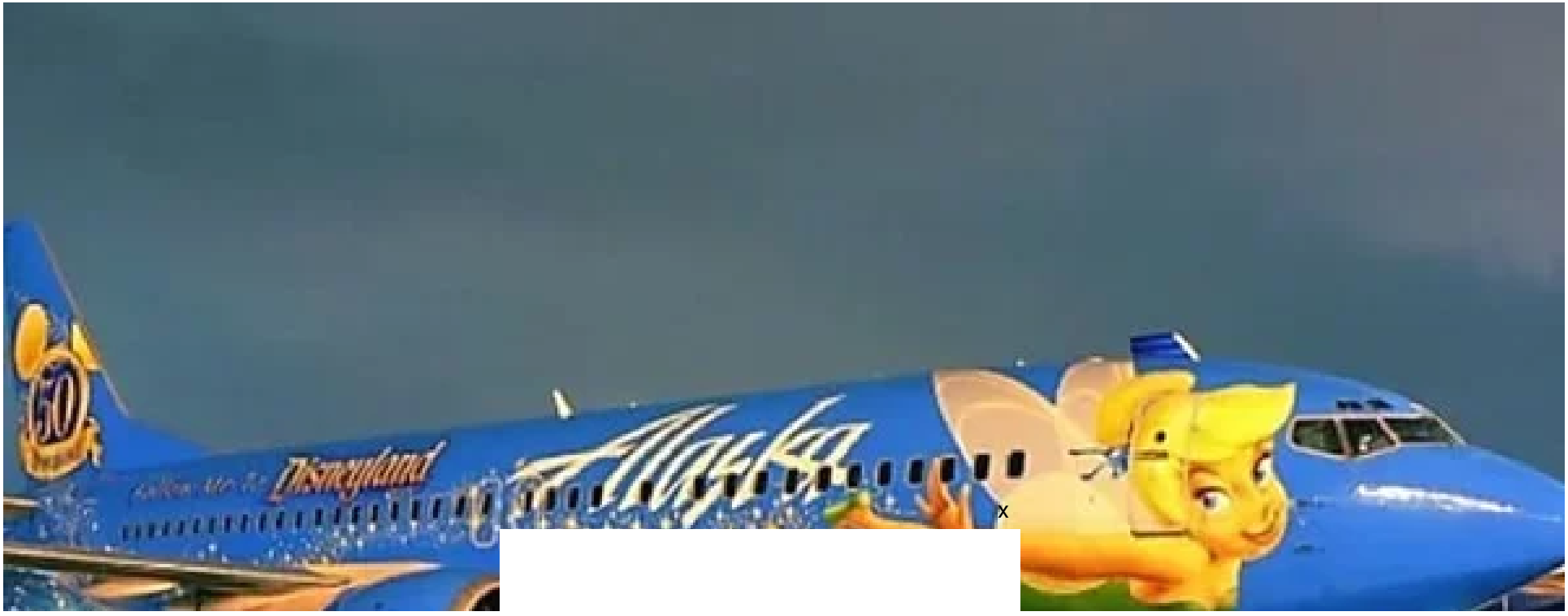

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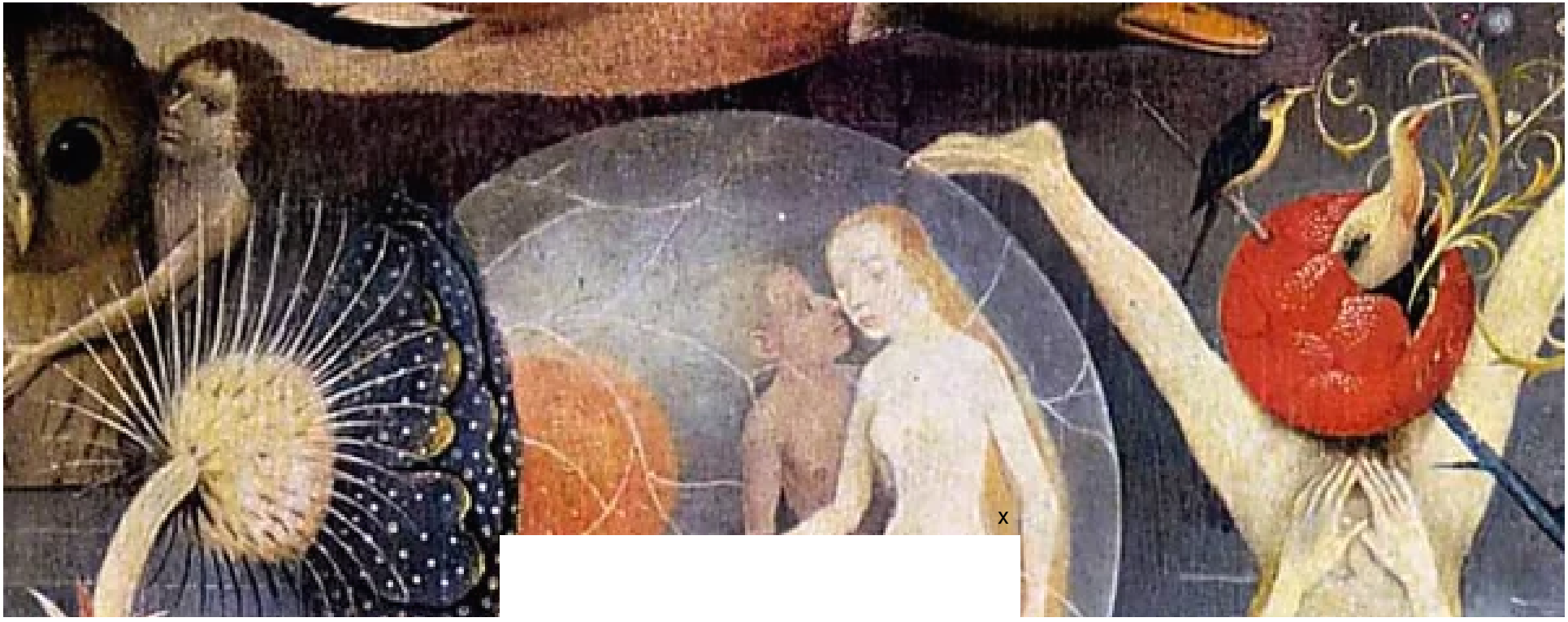

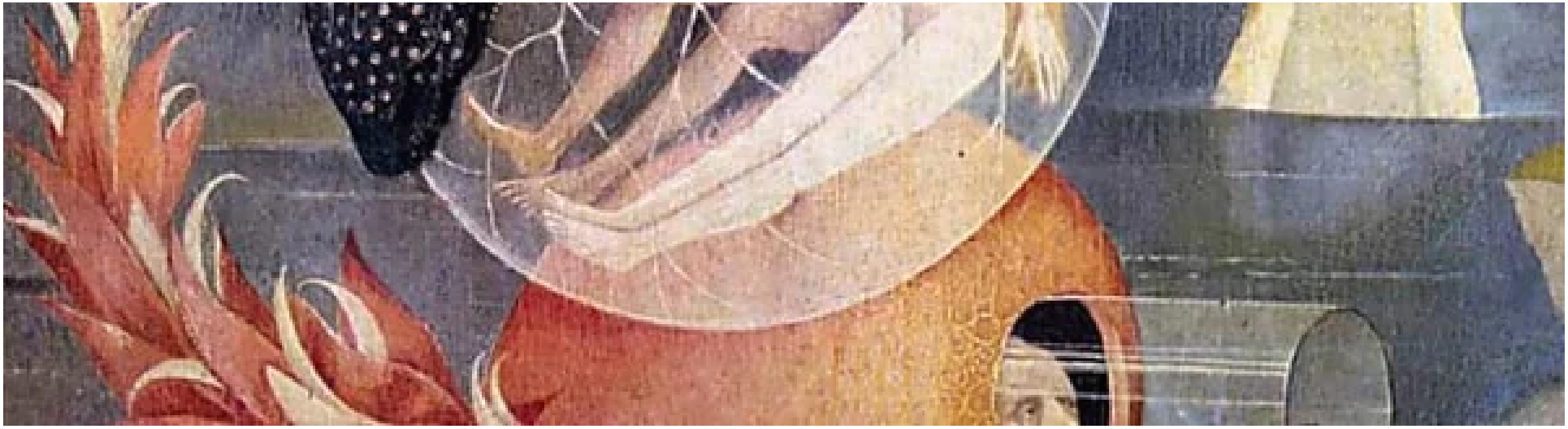

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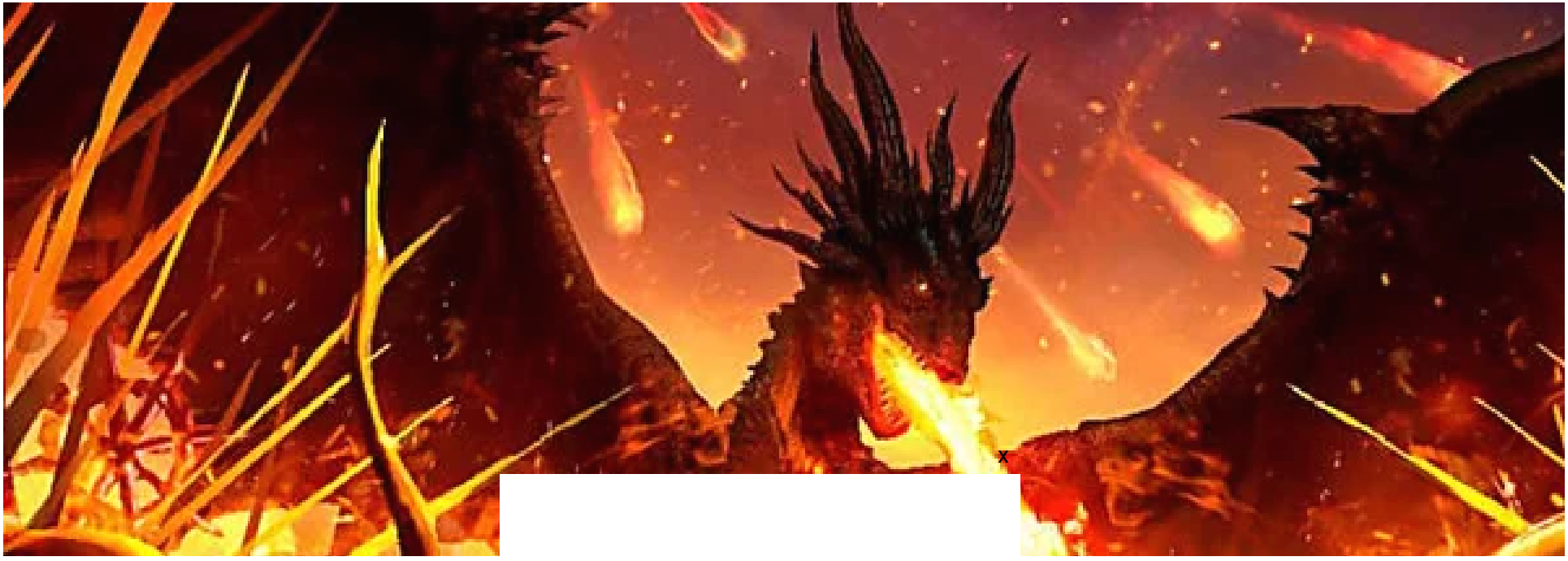

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The Truth Behind the Christ Myth: Ancient Origins of the Often Used Legend – Part I

What is the origin of the legend of the Christed Son who was born of a virgin on December 25th? I am sure you are familiar with his legend which states that

sea creature measured one-mile long. Although the Kraken was first noted in the 13th century Icelandic saga, Örvar-Oddr, a researcher believes he has fossil evidence that is linked to this creature.

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Traditional Fulani hairstyles that existed for centuries

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This tribe has a highly rich culture, and they know how to put up a stunning appearance. Continue reading to learn the secrets of outstanding hairstyle history.

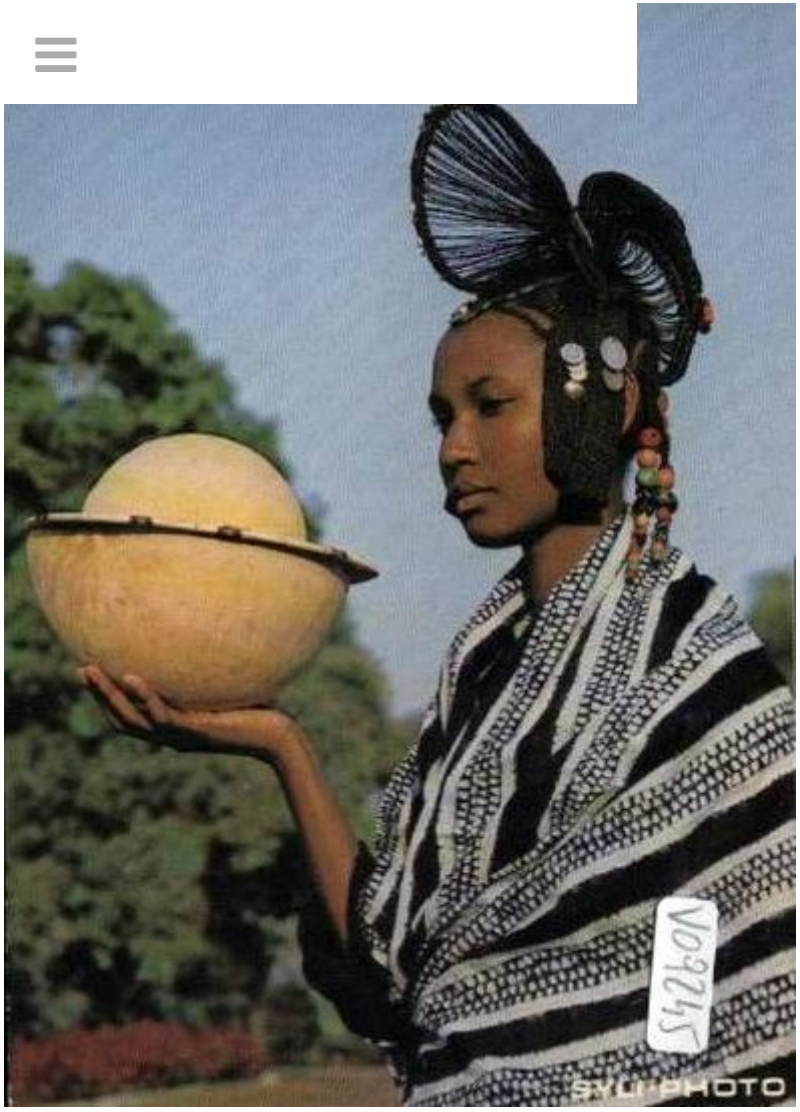
The Fula, Fulani, or Fule people are one of the most populous ethnic groups in the Sahel and West Africa, with a massive population spread across the continent.

y in West Africa and northern Central Africa, but also in South
ed Sea coast. The exact number of Fula people is unknown, although estimates range from 55 million to 69.2 million globally.

The Fulani tribe is found throughout West Africa, with the largest population in Nigeria. The tribe people rely on their rich traditions, which is why their appearance is still dominated by traditional styles.

Women in the tribe usually have long hair, which is seen as a symbol of femininity and beauty. Hair that has been braided is likewise highly popular. Splitting the hair into five sections and braiding it is a ritual.

Typically, family jewelry is included into braids. They can adorn the hair with rich stones, valuable coins, or other ornaments. Fulani wedding hairstyles frequently highlight the most attractive features of a traditional look.



Hairstyles, like Fulani traditional dress, can vary based on the locality. However, it solely applies to women's hairstyles; men in all of the tribe's locations wear short hairstyles.

So, let's take a closer look at the classic Fulani hairstyle:

Braids are highly popular among the tribe's women. Cornrow braids and didi braids are the most common styles. The braids are usually weaved in ornate patterns, with the ends dangling from the sides or wrapped. They use jewelry or red beads to embellish the braids.

Thin-to-medium patterns are frequently used to style the braids. Fulani braided hairstyles are now fashionable all over the world. This hairstyle is frequently used by modern designers, and it is frequently combined with different styles. Top buns, various colors of braids, diverse patterns, and numerous beads can all be seen.

Decorations in the hairstyles

Fulani women are known for adorning their hair with numerous ornaments. Veils are one of the most popular ornaments. The veil highlights one area of the head while concealing the rest. Another common ornament is thread, which is best fashioned in gold.

Jewelry or beads are the next type of adornment. The rule for this style of décor is that the bigger the better.

Braid ornaments

The ornaments can be extremely tough and complex. Patterns, circles, and intertwinings can all be found in Fulani hairstyles. Traditional Fulani hairstyles are known for their beauty all over the world. Braids have been fashionable among many celebrities worldwide, not just in Africa. As a result, we may conclude that the Fulani hairstyle tradition has influenced global fashion. Even now, the Fulani people maintain their aesthetic customs and support their culture.

The Fulani people's origins are unknown, and several explanations have been proposed. According to certain researchers of Fulani history and the Sokoto Caliphate, the Torankawa clan (Torodbe) of the Fulani can be traced back to an Arab named Uqba bin Nafi. They have wandered through and among numerous cultures as a nomadic herding group.

Their oral histories hint to a beginning in Jordan or further east, although their language is from the Senegambian region, according to Skutsch. He comes to the conclusion that the contemporary Fulani people originated in northern Senegal.

In his book The History of the Upper Guinea Coast, Walter Rodney claims that the Fulbe are from North Africa and that they conquered the Foota Djallon region under the leadership of the Fulani Koli Tenguella.

Interactions between an ancient West African population and North African populations such as Berbers or Egyptians may have started the ethnogenesis of the Fulani people. Their West African roots might be found in and around the Senegal River valley.

They are thought to be a genetic mix of West African, North African, and Arabian peoples, and have been a part of a number of governing dynasties, mainly in the Sahel and West Africa. During the period of European invasion and colonization, theories concerning their origins began to circulate.

Timeline of Fulani history

4th century	The Ghana Empire emerges in modern-day southeastern Mauritania and western Mali, as the first large-scale Sudano-Sahelian empire

5th century (?)	The Fulbe migrate southwards and Eastwards from present-day Morocco and Mauritania
9th century	Takrur founded on the lower Senegal River (present-day Senegal) upon the influx of Fulani from the east and north settling in the Senegal River valley
11th century	Kingdoms of Tekruur and the Gao Empire flourish in West Africa due to gold trade
1042	Almoravids, Berber Muslims from southern Morocco and Mauritania, attack Takrur, after defeating the Sanhaja in 1039
1050s	Islam gains a strong foothold in West Africa
1050-1146	Almoravids take over Morocco, Algeria, and part of al-Andalus; they invade Ghana in 1076 and establish power there.
1062	Almoravids found capital at Marrakesh
1100	The Empire of Ghana starts to decline in influence and importance
1147	The Almohad Caliphate, ruled by Berber Muslims opposed to the Almoravids, seize Marrakesh and go on to conquer Almoravid Spain, Algeria, and Tripoli
1150	An unprecedented resurgence of the Ghana Empire sees it reach its height, controlling vast areas of western Africa as well as Saharan trade routes in gold and salt

	t on a road of conquest, they take its capital Koumbi Saleh in 1203
1235	Great warrior leader Sundiata Keita of the Mandinka people founds the Mali Empire in present-day Mali, West Africa; it expands under his rule
1240-1250	Mali absorbs Ghana, Tekruur and the Songhai Empire
1324	10th Emperor of Mali, Musa I of Mali regarded as the richest individual in recorded history, goes on his famous pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia. his procession reported to include 18,000 workers who each carried 4 pounds (1.8 kg) gold bars, heralds dressed in silks who bore gold staffs, organized horses and handled bags. Musa provided all necessities for the procession, feeding the entire company of men and animals. Also in the train were 80 camels, which varying reports claim carried between 50 and 300 pounds (23 and 136 kg) of gold dust each
1325	The Empire of Mali reaches its height of power, covering much of Northern West Africa.
1352	Ibn Battuta, Berber scholar, travels across Africa and writes an account of all he sees
1462	Sonni Ali becomes ruler of the Songhai people and goes on to build the Songhai Empire
1490	The Mali empire is overshadowed by the Songhai Empire
16th century	Songhai Empire enters a period of massive expansion and power under Askia Mohammad I. Askia Mohammad strengthened his country and made it the largest contiguous territory ever in West African history. At its peak, the Empire encompassed the Hausa states as far as Kano (in present-day Nigeria) and much of the territory that had belonged to the Songhai empire in the west neighbouring Bornu Empire of the Kanuri

	s zenith and pinnacle of power
1590	Songhai Empire is defeated by invading Moroccans from further North
1650	Another wave of Fulbe migrations sees them penetrate even further in the Southern Senegal and Fouta Jallon highlands of middle Guinea
1670	Fulani people gain control of Bhundu in Senegal with Malick Sy, and the Sissibhe
1673	First unsuccessful Fulani jihad in the Fuuta Tooro
1808	Bornu successfully repel Fulani forces

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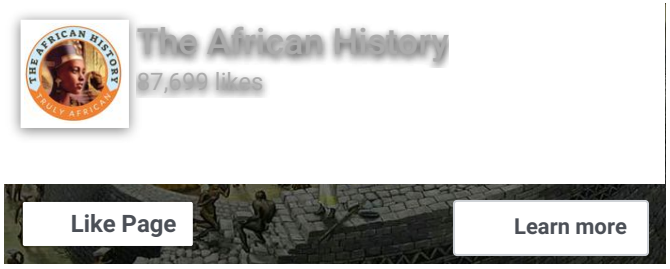

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Au début de ce siècle, au cœur de l'Afrique, au Mali, la lumière de Dieu a brillé sur un homme : Tierno Bokar, que l'on appelait le Sage de Bandiagara. Cheikh de la confrérie soufie Tidjaniya, Tierno Bokar fut une pure et haute figure non seulement de l'islam en Afrique noire, mais de la spiritualité universelle.

Sa vie est retracée dans ses lieux et dans son contexte politique et religieux pour situer la parole et l'enseignement du maître, qui font l'objet des deux autres parties de l'ouvrage.

Amadou Hampaté Bâ (1900-1991)

Disciple de Tierno Bokar, écrivain, historien, ethnologue, il fut l'un des plus grands spécialistes de la culture et des traditions africaines.

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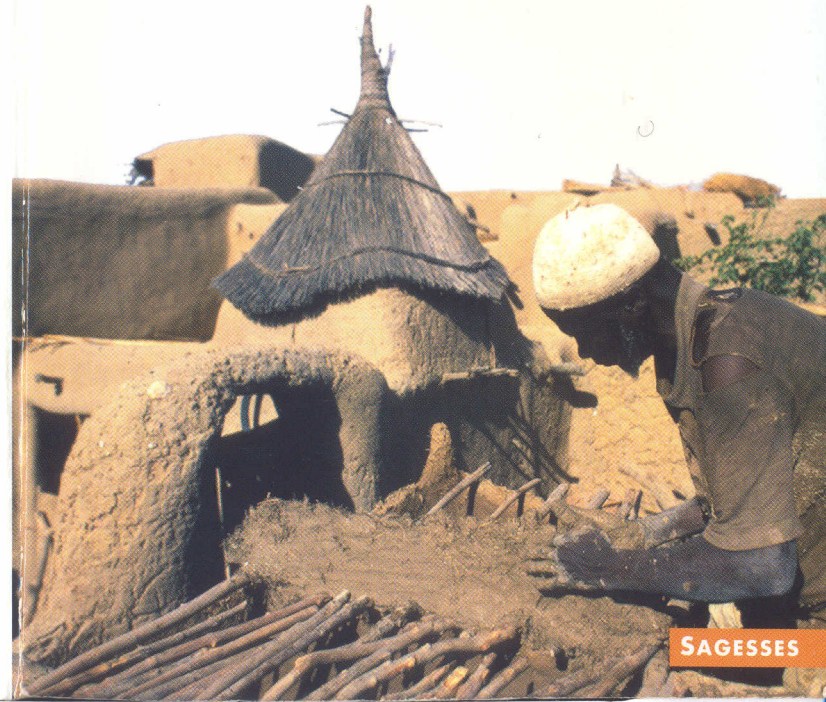

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Avant-propos

Ce livre a une histoire. Peut-être n'est-il pas inutile de la rappeler brièvement, ne serait-ce que pour rendre hommage à la mémoire de celui qui me permit de publier une première version de la vie de Tierno Bokar : je veux parler de Marcel Cardaire, cosignataire du livre *Tierno Bokar, le Sage de Bandiagara,* qui fut publié en 1957 aux Éditions Présence africaine.

Si l'ouvrage put paraître alors, ce fut grâce au courage entêté, à la patience et, surtout, à l'esprit de justice de Marcel Cardaire. Cet officier français des Affaires musulmanes tenait certes avant tout à servir les intérêts et le prestige de son pays, mais il entendait le faire dans le respect de la vérité et de l'équité.

Élève du grand ethnologue Marcel Griaule, il avait appris de son maître comment approcher l'Africain, en particulier le Soudanais (Malien aujourd'hui) et obtenir de lui, par la confiance, ce que ni force ni fortune n'auraient pu lui arracher.

Mais voici les faits.

Aux environs de 1905-1906, un différend d'ordre religieux avait éclaté à Nioro du Sahel (Mali) entre différentes branches de la confrérie Tidjani à propos des modalités de récitation d'une certaine prière [1]. A partir de 1917, le conflit prit une proportion telle que l'Administration coloniale fut amenée à s'occuper de la question. Elle ouvrit un dossier qu'elle intitula « Hamallisme », étiquette tirée du nom de Cheikh Chérif Hamallâh, chef de l'une des deux branches tidjaniennes en cause et dont il sera abondamment parlé dans ce livre. Ses partisans reçurent le nom de « Hamallistes » et leurs adversaires le nom de

1. Cette affaire, qui a joué un rôle décisif dans le destin de Tierno Bokar, est développée dans le cours de l'ouvrage. On trouvera en annexe un chapitre consacré aux confréries soufi en Islam.

« Omariens » parce qu'ils relevaient de la branche tidjanienne issue du grand chef religieux El Hadj Omar.

Mon maître et père spirituel Tierno Bokar, lui-même Cheikh (maître) de la confrérie Tidjani dans la branche omarienne, appartenait à la famille d'El Hadj Omar. Pourtant, en 1937, dédaignant les ennuis qui ne manqueraient pas de s'abattre sur lui, il reconnut la validité spirituelle de Chérif Hamallâh et se plaça sous son obédience. Je le suivis dans cette voie.

Dès lors, Tierno Bokar fut violemment combattu par ses cousins omariens. Ces derniers, qui comptaient des membres très influents auprès du gouvernement général de l'AOF, réussirent à déclencher l'intervention de l'Administration coloniale en faisant passer pour une affaire politique de tendance « anti-française » ce qui n'était qu'un conflit d'ordre religieux et local.

A cette époque, mes fonctions administratives au Cercle de Bamako me permirent à plusieurs reprises de défendre Chérif Hamallâh et Tierno Bokar auprès de l'Administration, de ramener les faits à leurs justes proportions et de désamorcer un certain nombre de cabales lancées pour les perdre. Par là même, je devenais, pour les ennemis de Tierno Bokar, un obstacle majeur qu'il fallait faire disparaître. Une telle campagne fut lancée contre moi que l'Administration coloniale d'alors — c'était la période vichyssoise — décida de faire procéder à une enquête. Deux lieutenants du bureau des Affaires musulmanes furent tour à tour affectés au Soudan avec pour instruction de chercher à me prendre en faute dans le cadre de mes fonctions. Mais ils ne purent, et pour cause, relever aucun élément contre moi.

C'est alors que le capitaine Marcel Cardaire, en raison de sa finesse et de son expérience des milieux africains, fut envoyé au Soudan français à la fois pour s'occuper des questions musulmanes et pour enquêter sur mon compte.

N'écoutant que sa conscience et le devoir moral qui était le sien de renseigner son gouvernement en toute objectivité, le capitaine Cardaire, fort des conseils qu'il avait reçus du Pr Griaule, me fréquenta sans détour. Il venait me rendre visite matin et soir et m'invitait fréquemment chez lui. Durant toute une année, nous eûmes des relations très étroites. Par mon

entremise, il put pénétrer sans difficulté dans toutes les *zaouïas* [1] hamallistes du Soudan, du Sénégal, de la Haute-Volta, de la Côte-d'Ivoire, du Niger et du Nigeria où il se rendit par la suite.

Durant l'année où nous eûmes des entretiens quotidiens, je répondis à toutes ses questions sur les traditions africaines, les religions locales, l'Islam, la voie Tidjani et, en particulier, la pratique tidjanienne dite des « onze grains [2] » qui faisait l'objet du conflit. Je remis également au capitaine Cardaire une volumineuse documentation écrite dont une partie était constituée par l'enseignement et les paroles de Tierno Bokar que j'avais recueillis.

Après avoir minutieusement étudié l'ensemble de ces notes, Marcel Cardaire vint me trouver et me dit : « Ce serait commettre un crime contre la science et contre l'esprit que de ne pas publier l'enseignement de Tierno Bokar. Cet enseignement est un véritable message. — Mais vous savez bien, lui répondis-je, qu'un "Hamalliste" ne parviendra jamais à se faire éditer ! — Eh bien, répliqua Cardaire, mettez par écrit la vie de Tierno Bokar et son enseignement, j'y ajouterai mes appréciations personnelles et nous serons coauteurs. Je me charge personnellement de faire éditer le livre. »

C'est ainsi que je rédigeai l'ébauche de la vie de Tierno Bokar et de son enseignement, manuscrit que je remis à Marcel Cardaire en lui faisant totale confiance pour son utilisation.

L'ouvrage parut aux Éditions Présence africaine en 1957 sans que j'en aie revu le texte définitif. Quelques petites erreurs (bien compréhensibles si l'on pense à la complexité des événements rapportés) s'y étaient glissées. Mais elles ne diminuent en rien les mérites de Marcel Cardaire et l'utilité de son travail. Comme dit le proverbe peul : « L'erreur n'annule pas la valeur de l'effort accompli. »

Quoi qu'il en soit, j'ai décidé de procéder à une refonte totale du premier ouvrage et d'en profiter pour le compléter, tout en conservant son plan d'origine.

Le lecteur trouvera donc, dans une première partie, le récit de

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La vie

Racines

Sur le vieux substratum des religions du terroir, l'Empire poullo-musulman [1] du Macina s'était édifié au début du XIXe siècle. Un homme de génie, Chékou Amadou, avait mis sur pied une construction politique, sociale et économique qui encadrait des populations habituées à voisiner en conservant jalousement leur originalité. Paysans, pasteurs, artisans et pêcheurs étaient unis par des liens religieux dont l'origine mythique se perdait dans la nuit des temps. Ce fut le mérite génial d'un Chékou Amadou, fondateur de l'Empire peul du Macina en 1818, que de codifier toutes les manifestations de ces liens sociaux et de mettre sur pied un État.

Comme rien ne peut s'édifier en Afrique noire sans que souffle l'Esprit, l'Esprit religieux, le royaume théocratique du Macina était d'obédience kounti. Les Kounta [2] avaient donné leur chaîne confraternelle, le roi son génie organisateur, les survivances des religions du terroir leurs constructions traditionnelles, et de l'ensemble de ces apports un État était né.

Lorsque, en 1862, apparut El Hadj Omar, Grand Maître de l'Ordre Tidjani [3], et qu'il conquit l'Empire du Macina, cet empire avait déjà commencé à se désagréger spirituellement sous le règne de Amadou Amadou (ou « Amadou III »), petit-fils du fondateur Chékou Amadou.

L'apparition de la marée omarienne faisait entrer le Soudan dans une nouvelle période de convulsion, l'une des plus violentes, peut-être, de son histoire. Cette conquête, comme beaucoup

1. Poullo : peul.
2. Kounta : nom d'une très ancienne famille, d'origine arabe, qui donna naissance en Afrique à la confrérie religieuse des « Kounti ».
3. Sur les confréries, voir annexe, p. 241 et 244.

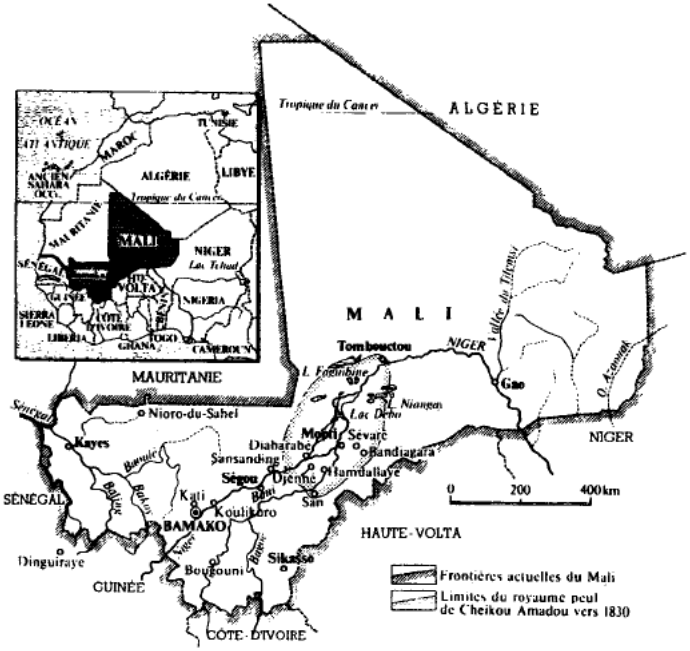
d'autres, n'aboutit pas au simple asservissement des peuples par leur vainqueur. Avec ses développements souvent inattendus, l'Histoire semble vouloir nous apprendre qu'à une conquête guerrière succède généralement une autre, toute pacifique, au cours de laquelle l'occupant est à son tour absorbé par sa conquête. Et c'est sans doute bien ainsi. Dans les cas où ce phénomène ne se produit pas, le conquérant se trouve rapidement isolé, écarté du système, enkysté, réduit en sa tour d'ivoire d'où il ne voit plus rien et ne conduit plus rien.

Dans l'invasion du Macina par les Toucouleurs [1], les deux phénomènes ont sans doute joué simultanément.

La Tidjaniya, confrérie religieuse des Toucouleurs, s'imposa sur la rive droite du Niger tandis que la confrérie kounti gardait son influence intacte dans tout le Macina.

L'Esprit jaillit souvent comme une étincelle du choc de deux épées. Il est impossible de se pencher sur la vie spirituelle du Macina dans la première partie de ce siècle si l'on oublie les guerres qui l'ont ravagé pendant le siècle précédent, pas plus qu'il n'est possible à l'historien de négliger les luttes européennes, les conquêtes méditerranéennes et, enfin, les guerres à l'intérieur même de l'Italie, à l'époque où celle-ci portait encore en son sein la Renaissance. Peut-on comprendre François d'Assise si l'on veut ignorer les combats contre Pérouse qu'il vécut dans sa jeunesse et toutes les autres luttes sanglantes de l'époque? De même, on ne saurait saisir le personnage de Tierno Bokar Salif Tall si l'on oublie que, pendant les dix-huit premières années de sa vie, conquêtes et soulèvements, victoires et défaites furent les seuls et brûlants sujets de conversation qu'il entendit autour de lui, hors de sa cellule familiale; si l'on oublie aussi que la moitié de son sang faisait de cet enfant un prince, un prince toucouleur, donc un prince conquérant.

Le 10 mars 1861, El Hadj Omar entrait à Ségou, capitale du royaume bambara. Un an plus tard, il repartait vers le nord afin



1. Toucouleurs: peuple d'Afrique occidentale, vivant surtout au Sénégal et en Guinée (ancien royaume du Fouta Toro). Il ne s'agit pas d'une ethnie, mais d'un ensemble culturel assez homogène (islamisés et foulaphones, c'est-à-dire parlant peul). Conduits par El Hadj Omar, ils vinrent jusque dans la « boucle du Niger » où ils conquirent, en 1862, l'Empire peul du Macina.

d'entreprendre la conquête de l'empire peul du Macina. Avant de quitter Ségou, il confia le commandement administratif et militaire de la ville à son premier fils, Amadou Chékou, alors qu'il en confiait la « garde spirituelle » à un certain El Hadj Tierno Seydou Hann pour lequel il éprouvait une affection sans bornes.

Qui était cet homme, qui devait devenir le grand-père de Tierno Bokar et lui transmettre, avec d'éminentes qualités spirituelles, une solide tradition de paix et de tolérance ?

El Hadj Omar l'avait rencontré à la Cour de Sokoto (nord-ouest de l'actuel Nigeria) lorsqu'il s'y était arrêté au retour de son pèlerinage à La Mekke. Il sut s'attacher cet homme de grande qualité et ce fut certainement là l'une de ses plus belles conquêtes spirituelles.

El Hadj Seydou Hann, dont la famille, d'origine toucouleure, vivait en milieu haoussa [1], était un homme pieux s'il en fut, se tenant à l'écart de la vie politico-guerrière de l'Empire de Sokoto. Ses connaissances ésotériques soufi étaient très approfondies. Homme de prière et de méditation, il possédait des dons de voyant et ses prédictions, souvent confirmées, frappèrent El Hadj Omar à plusieurs reprises.

Sa rencontre avec El Hadj Omar fut l'événement déterminant de sa vie. Bien qu'appartenant à l'Ordre Qadri, il n'hésita pas à se placer sous l'obédience d'El Hadj Omar et à entrer dans la Tidjaniya, auréolé de son immense science des textes religieux et de toute la puissance de sa vie intérieure. Lorsque El Hadj Omar reprit la route, El Hadj Seydou Hann rompit avec toute sa vie passée, abandonna Sokoto et, accompagné des siens, suivit son nouveau maître spirituel. Par la vertu de ses dons et de ses connaissances, El Hadj Seydou Hann fut certainement l'un de ceux qui devaient donner aux guerres d'El Hadj Omar leur lustre religieux.

C'est donc dans l'escorte des Tall (nom de la famille d'El Hadj Omar) qu'El Hadj Seydou Hann pénétra dans Ségou avec sa femme et ses filles.

De tout temps, Ségou avait été la ville paresseuse qui se traîne

1. Ethnie importante du pays de Sokoto.

sur la rive droite du fleuve. Caressée par le vent d'est de janvier, écrasée dans le soleil de mai ou embourbée sous les pluies d'août, c'était toujours Ségou, l'antique capitale, sur le vieux fleuve. Des piroguiers de marbre noir, les mêmes qu'à l'époque de Biton Coulibaly, les mêmes qu'aujourd'hui, glissaient le long des rives sur des esquifs longs et frêles comme des patins. Ville où les populations s'enchevêtraient autour d'un noyau bambara. Ville des vieux cultes nés du fleuve-dieu, cité de la mystique bambara qui avait, elle aussi, édifié et fait vivre un empire. Cité de la tolérance où les personnages mythiques locaux fraternisaient avec ceux des Foulbé (Peuls) islamisés ou non, des Bozo, des Somono ou des Marka. Cité de la joie, de la douceur de vivre, ville toute de finesse et d'astuce souriante dont Fily Dabo Sissoko, le premier député du Soudan, disait un jour : « Si vous demandez un service aux gens de Ségou et qu'ils entendent vous le refuser, ils le feront avec tant d'intelligence et d'adresse que vous vous croirez encore obligé de leur dire merci ».

A l'arrivée d'El Hadj Omar, Ségou devint officiellement ville d'Islam, mais son âme n'avait pas changé pour autant ; elle était demeurée la Ségou d'autrefois.

Arrivé à Ségou, El Hadj Seydou Hann s'y établit avec sa famille. Sans rien changer de sa vie toute simple, il ouvrit une école et distribua un pieux et savant enseignement. C'est à lui qu'El Hadj Omar confia « l'Esprit de la cité », c'est-à-dire la direction morale et spirituelle de la ville.

Seydou Hann accrut le prestige de sa famille en épousant, en secondes noces, une descendante du Prophète : une « chérifat [1] ». L'anecdote délicieuse que l'on raconte à propos de cette jeune chérifat illustre mieux qu'un long développement le comportement du brave Seydou Hann, que l'on avait surnommé « le pieux Haoussa ».

Sa maison, qui était tenue par ses deux épouses — la première, une fille d'Ousman Dan Fodio [2] et la seconde, la jeune chérifat —, n'était pas à l'abri des orages de la jalousie fémi-

1. Féminin de « chérif » : descendant du Prophète par sa fille Fatima.
2. Cheikh de l'Ordre Qadri, fondateur de l'Empire musulman peul de Sokoto.

nine, mais la soumission de Seydou Hann et de sa première épouse aux desseins de Dieu atténuait les éclats de ces tourmentes.

Un certain jour, le maître de maison, ayant acquis deux génisses, les présenta à ses femmes. Il dit à la chérifat :

— Choisis la génisse qui te plaît. Celle qui ne te conviendra pas sera la propriété de Inna, ta sœur. Tu es chérifat, tu mérites donc cette préférence.

La génisse que la chérifat avait élue grandit, mit bas un veau et donna un lait rare et maigre alors que la vache d'Inna mit bas une belle génisse et fut une merveilleuse laitière. La seconde épouse, rongée par la jalousie, insensible aux gentillesses de Inna, récriminait sans cesse et réclamait un nouveau partage. Et pendant trois mois, dit l'histoire, Seydou Hann souffrit dans sa maison les tourments de l'enfer.

Un soir, à appel de la prière, il sortait de son vestibule quand la chérifat se mit en travers de sa porte :

— Tu n'iras pas à la mosquée, lui dit-elle, si tu n'as pas auparavant résolu le problème de nos vaches. Recommence la distribution et si tu ne veux pas me faire justice, renvoie-moi dans ma famille !

Seydou Hann, sans se départir de son calme inaltérable, répondit :

— En vérité, tes deux propositions sont également impossibles à envisager. En procédant à une nouvelle distribution, je violerais le droit. Ce sont tes mains qui ont choisi, elles seules sont responsables. En toute justice, tu aurais dû choisir la dernière. C'est par respect pour le nom du Prophète que tu as eu le pas sur Inna. Je ne peux recommencer aujourd'hui un partage qui ne laisserait aucune place au hasard...

Il s'arrêta un instant avant de passer à l'examen de la deuxième proposition ; et nous imaginons sans peine le sourire malicieux qui dut fleurir sur ses lèvres :

— En te renvoyant chez toi, dit-il, je me priverais d'un motif de chagrin et de souci. Or, pour gagner le ciel, je dois souffrir dans ma maison et je préfère que ce soit de la main d'une descendante du Prophète. Celui-ci ne sera-t-il pas, ainsi, quelque peu tenu d'intercéder pour moi ?

Cela dit, il passa la porte et s'en fut prier. Mais avant de quitter le seuil de la maison, il se retourna :

— Vois-tu, je te conseille de t'entendre avec Inna. Si elle accepte de te vendre sa génisse et sa vache, je les paierai pour toi.

Inna, qui se tenait dans l'ombre de sa case, avait tout entendu. Lorsque son époux revint de la prière, il la trouva qui l'attendait :

— J'ai tout entendu de ta conversation avec la chérifat, dit-elle. En vérité, je te trouve bien audacieux.

— Pourquoi dis-tu cela ? Tu sais que je ne saurais me rendre complice d'une injustice.

— Et qu'a à faire la justice dans un débat où il s'agit de la semence du Prophète ? s'écria-t-elle. Je ne cherchais qu'une occasion de plaire à Dieu et à son Apôtre. Puisque l'une de ses petites filles veut ma vache, je jette dans l'écuelle du Prophète et la vache, et sa petite génisse, et l'enfant qui les sert. Si je n'étais pas mariée, je m'y jetterais moi-même !...

Entre sa famille et son école, Seydou Hann partageait sa vie. A la maison, parmi tous ses enfants, deux de ses filles, Fatima et Aïssata, étaient plus remarquables encore par leur sagesse que par leur grâce. Fatima, tourmentée par le désir de savoir, suivait avec passion les cours de son père ; elle atteignit un degré de connaissance exceptionnel pour les femmes de l'époque. Quant à Aïssata, future mère de Tierno Bokar, elle était la cheville ouvrière de la maison dont toute la vie matérielle reposait sur elle. En plus de ses qualités pratiques, elle avait hérité de son père un attrait profond pour la vie mystique.

L'enseignement d'El Hadj Seydou Hann connut dans la ville un franc succès qui ne devait que peu de chose à la position privilégiée qu'il occupait dans l'affection des chefs politiques de Ségou. Ses élèves sortaient aussi bien des milieux traditionnels que du groupe des plus récents occupants.

Dans l'entourage d'Amadou Chékou (le fils d'El Hadj Omar que celui-ci avait laissé à la tête de Ségou), au milieu de sa cour, vivait un sien cousin appelé Salif. Il était fils de Bokar Tall, l'un des frères aînés d'El Hadj Omar.

Salif était un homme dévot. Prince toucouleur, il suivait le roi

et son armée dans leurs déplacements mais passait le plus clair de son temps à instruire les rejetons de la famille d'Amadou Chékou. Sa vie, toute empreinte de piété, était donc, qu'il le veuille ou non, intimement liée à l'activité politique des Toucouleurs.

Salif avait suivi l'enseignement de bien des maîtres et s'était, en particulier, formé à l'école de Tierno Seydou Hann. C'est ainsi qu'il fit la connaissance de la douce Aïssata qu'il épousa en secondes noces. De cette union naquit, en 1875, Tierno Bokar Salif Tall.

Fils d'Aïssata et de Salif, petit-fils d'El Hadj Seydou Hann, Tierno Bokar portait en lui, dès le berceau, des trésors de douceur et une immense aptitude à s'instruire. Ceux qui sont appelés à devenir maîtres d'hommes doivent soumettre leurs jeunes qualités à certaines épreuves de la vie : ils sont, a-t-on dit, le fruit du mariage de leurs dons et des circonstances. Tierno Bokar Salif Tall trouvait ces dons sur la couverture de famille où il fut déposé à sa naissance. La vie politique agitée de sa province natale, pendant toute la période de sa formation, donna à ses dons l'occasion d'éclore.

Pendant les dernières années du royaume toucouleur de Ségou, Tierno Bokar Salif avait grandi sur le dos de sa mère, d'abord, puis dans les jambes des femmes de la famille : Aïssata sa mère, Inna sa grand-mère — celle-là même qui avait regretté de ne pouvoir se jeter dans l'écuelle du Prophète — et sa tante, la savante Fatima.

Il s'éveillait à la vie dans l'atmosphère de menace que faisait planer sur la ville l'hostilité des Bambara et des Foulbé non ralliés. Dans ce climat de peur, les pieuses femmes lui enseignaient la seule crainte de Dieu. A l'extérieur, le châtiment féroce des mal soumis, l'exécution des rebelles entretenaient la haine. Mais, des femmes qui le nourrissaient et l'élevaient, Tierno Bokar n'apprenait que la haine de ses propres défauts et s'exerçait à la « grande Djihad », la « grande guerre sainte », celle dont le Prophète a dit qu'elle devait être menée contre soi-même.

Le bruit des armes et l'appel des guerriers emplissaient la ville. Les trompes de guerre sonnaient l'alerte, le départ de la

cavalerie et le retour du roi. Dans la cour de Salif, Inna vieillissante, Fatima sur ses grimoires et Aïssata au regard toujours perdu dans un rêve ne faisaient résonner que le seul nom de Dieu. La foule ne parlait que de combats, d'infaillibles plans de bataille, d'ennemis qui expiraient, fuyaient ou avançaient; autour du jeune Tierno il n'était question que de la Charité et de l'Amour qui conquièrent tous les cœurs et auxquels rien ne résiste.

Puis il grandit et commença son instruction. C'est le vieux Guiré, de l'ethnie somono, *moqaddem* [1] de l'Ordre Tidjani, lui-même élève de Seydou Hann, qui ouvrit l'intelligence et la mémoire du jeune Tierno Bokar. Les leçons de morale transcendante que l'enfant avait toujours entendues chez lui se trouvaient étayées par la Parole divine que lui transmettait son maître à travers la révélation coranique. Par-delà son maître et par-delà le Prophète, il prit l'habitude de ne voir que le Dieu Créateur et, aux pieds de Celui-ci, une humanité déchirée, et souvent déchirée au nom de ce même Dieu. Aux leçons de son maître s'ajoutaient celles qu'il tirait de l'époque.

En 1885, Amadou Chékou se rendit à Nioro pour barrer la route aux armées d'occupation françaises, alors commandées par le colonel Archinard. Il pensait en effet que l'armée d'Archinard, située non loin de là à Kayes, commencerait par attaquer Nioro pour venir ensuite assiéger Ségou. Avant de partir, il confia le commandement de Ségou à son fils Madani, cousin de Tierno Bokar.

Le bruit des batailles toutes proches, la perspective d'une occupation française, la révolte latente des Bambara du lieu contre leur occupant toucouleur entretenaient dans la ville une atmosphère d'inquiétude.

Tierno et les siens souffraient moins des dangers qu'ils couraient, eux et leurs familles, que de l'horreur qu'ils ressentaient en écoutant les nouvelles des batailles, en vivant au milieu de ces haines qui se voulaient pieuses.

Au début de 1890, alors que Ségou était à la veille de tomber

1. *Moqaddem :* dans les confréries musulmanes, titre de celui qui est chargé de recevoir les néophytes et de leur conférer l'initiation de base.

entre les mains des Français, Tierno Bokar, alors âgé de quinze ans, connaissait par cœur la quasi-totalité du Coran, l'ensemble du rituel, les lois islamiques et une bonne partie de la vie des saints. Là ne se bornait pas son savoir.

On connaît le rôle que joue, dans la vie de l'enfant noir, sa famille maternelle, en particulier l'oncle et le grand-père. Or, le grand-père maternel de Tierno était le vieux Seydou Hann, grand mystique soufi formé à l'école de la Qadriya avant d'être entré dans l'Ordre Tidjani. Lorsque, au soir de chaque journée d'études, Tierno revenait chez lui, il se plongeait dans l'exaltante atmosphère familiale ; la leçon se poursuivait auprès du grand-père que, selon la coutume, un petit-fils peut aller interroger à toute heure du jour et de la nuit, sans jamais le lasser.

Sa tante Fatima, « mère » si savante et si éclairée, ne pouvait refuser ses conseils à ce jeune neveu en lequel elle retrouvait tant sa propre curiosité de petite fille. Son enseignement, ses conseils ne pouvaient pas ne pas être marqués au coin de la douceur des filles de Seydou. C'est ainsi que l'enfant Tall se familiarisa avec les noms des Soufi prestigieux des belles époques : El Ghazali, Mouhieddine ibn el Arabi, Mohammed ed-Dabbar et combien d'autres encore. Plus tard, il devait approfondir et s'incorporer leur enseignement ; mais, dès l'enfance, il apprenait, dans la cour même de sa maison, au cours de ces interminables soirées d'Afrique, la valeur d'une méditation, la richesse du patrimoine spirituel, l'immensité des connaissances entrevues.

Tout au long de sa vie, l'enseignement qu'il distribua devait se ressentir des impressions de son adolescence. Il était plongé au sein d'une « cellule d'amour et de charité », sa propre cellule familiale, et celle-ci vivait ballottée au gré des tourmentes de l'époque. Plus tard, sa zaouïa [1] s'appellera « Cellule d'amour et de charité » et les orages ne lui manqueront pas. C'est à quatorze ans, sans doute, qu'il apprit des lèvres de sa mère, ou de sa grand-mère prête à mourir, ou de sa tante, cette définition de la religion : « Un disque de vannerie portant sur l'une de ses faces le mot "Amour" et sur l'autre le mot "Charité". »

1. Cf. note 1, p. 9.

Un soir de mars 1890, le vieux El Hadj Seydou Hann mourut. Il usa ses dernières forces à écrire un message qu'il fit envoyer à Amadou Chékou, lequel se trouvait alors à Nioro. Il lui disait : « Viens reprendre ce que tu m'as confié (les clefs spirituelles de la ville) car le moment approche où Dieu va me reprendre ce qu'Il m'a confié (mon âme). » Après avoir terminé cette lettre, il fit, à l'intention de son entourage, cette ultime prédiction : « Bientôt, on n'aura plus besoin d'un gardien des clefs spirituelles de la ville, car les Toucouleurs sont à la veille d'en perdre la charge temporelle. »

Trente-trois jours plus tard, Archinard, à la tête de l'armée française, pénétrait dans Ségou sans qu'aucune résistance lui soit opposée. La nuit précédente, les forces de Madani avaient en effet évacué la ville.

Tierno ne devait jamais oublier cette nuit où il avait vu son père pour la dernière fois. Salif Bokar Tall était entraîné dans la retraite par sa fidélité à la famille d'Amadou Chékou. Le mari de la douce Aïssata, maître ès religion, ennemi de toute haine, laissait sa maison, sa zaouïa, ses élèves, pour subir la bousculade des camps et les violences de la guerre.

Dans l'épaisse obscurité que trouait, çà et là, une timide lueur de torche, les femmes et les enfants toucouleurs assistaient, du seuil de leurs portes, l'angoisse au cœur, au départ des restes de la cour.

Salif Bokar Tall, parti parmi les derniers, était à cheval. Tierno marcha à ses côtés jusqu'à la sortie de la ville, accompagné du petit frère de son père, Amadou Tall, alors guère plus âgé que lui-même. Avant de s'éloigner définitivement, Salif arrêta sa monture et prit en croupe le jeune Amadou Tall.

— Et moi, papa, que vais-je devenir ? demanda Tierno.

Prenant la main de Tierno entre les siennes, Salif l'enveloppa d'un chaud regard d'affection et lui dit :

— Toi, mon fils, je te confie à Dieu.

Ce furent les dernières paroles que Tierno recueillit des lèvres de son père.

Revenant vers les femmes de sa famille, Tierno, le cœur lourd, pensait-il déjà à ce qu'il devait nous enseigner plus tard, à savoir que les armes matérielles ne peuvent détruire que la

matière et non le principe du mal lui-même qui renaît toujours plus vigoureux de ses cendres ? Le mal, nous dira-t-il, ne peut être détruit que par les armes du Bien et de l'Amour...

Quand les derniers défenseurs de Ségou eurent été engloutis par la savane, le bon vieux Guiré, le maître de Tierno, tenta de mettre la famille à l'abri de la colère des vainqueurs. Il leur fit quitter Ségou et les abrita à Barawéli, en pays somono.

Dès qu'il fut installé à Ségou, le colonel Archinard remit le commandement de la ville aux Diarra, représentants de la vieille famille royale bambara qui avait été vaincue par El Hadj Omar. Bodian, le nouveau roi bambara, donna ordre de rassembler à Ségou tous les Tall qui demeuraient encore dans le pays. Les réfugiés de Barawéli furent donc obligés de quitter leur retraite et de se rendre à merci. La captivité des Toucouleurs fut en général sévère. Le pays noir semblait avoir oublié qu'il était celui de la tolérance et de la charité traditionnelles.

Le vieux Guiré devait à son appartenance somono et à l'importance de sa famille d'avoir une certaine influence sur Bodian. Il la mit au service des filles de feu son vieux maître. Ainsi Aïssata, Fatima, Tierno Bokar et son petit frère Aliou connurent-ils une surveillance relativement douce. Ils vécurent isolés dans une concession, du seul fruit de leur travail. Tout au long du jour, les enfants tressaient des palissades de jonc qui servent à marquer la limite des maisons familiales. Aïssata ne cessait de répéter à son fils que tout homme doit travailler, même, et surtout, celui qui se met au service de Dieu.

Le jeune Tierno, petit-neveu d'un conquérant, appelé par sa naissance à l'enviable prédestination du commandement, n'avait connu de la guerre que la défaite et la captivité, sans jamais goûter les griseries du combat. A tout autre, placé dans une telle situation et tourmenté par les soucis de ce monde, il serait resté l'espoir : l'espoir d'un renversement de situation, l'espoir d'une revanche, l'attente de jours meilleurs. Mais l'esprit de l'adolescent de Ségou avait été trop tenu à l'écart de l'agitation du siècle pour avoir besoin d'une consolation ou rechercher une raison d'agir. Dès son plus jeune âge, il avait été habitué à ne trouver l'équilibre et la joie qu'au fond de lui-même, au cours d'une perpétuelle conversation avec Dieu.

Il devait répéter plus tard le conseil qu'il avait reçu de sa mère :

« Écris le nom divin *Allâh* sur un mur, en face de ta couche, afin qu'il soit, à ton réveil, la première image qui s'offre à tes yeux. Au lever, prononce-le avec ferveur, du fond de ton âme, afin qu'il soit le premier mot sortant de tes lèvres et frappant ton oreille. Au coucher, fixe tes yeux sur lui afin qu'il soit la dernière image contemplée avant de t'évanouir dans la mort momentanée du sommeil. Si tu persistes, à la longue la lumière contenue dans le secret de ses quatre lettres [1] se répandra sur toi et une étincelle de l'Essence divine enflammera ton âme et l'irradiera. »

Bodian, le nouveau roi bambara de Ségou, dépassa les limites que la jeune administration militaire française de Ségou entendait imposer au désir de vengeance des autochtones contre leurs anciens maîtres toucouleurs. Bodian donna en effet l'une des propres filles d'El Hadj Omar à l'un de ses serviteurs. Il y avait démesure. L'un des fils d'El Hadj Omar, Aguibou Tall, devenu ami personnel d'Archinard, intervint et obtint la libération de tous ses parents Tall.

Deux ans plus tard, ce même Aguibou Tall, en compagnie des forces françaises, entrait dans Bandiagara — où les autorités françaises l'avaient « nommé » roi — et y installait son commandement. Avec lui arrivaient les Tall et tous les réfugiés toucouleurs qui souhaitaient rejoindre Bandiagara afin de se soustraire aux vexations des Bambara.

Qu'était ce Bandiagara qui recueillait le jeune homme de dix-huit ans ? Qu'était, à cette époque, la ville qui allait entendre, pendant quarante-sept ans, l'une des voix les plus pures du pays noir ?

Revenons un peu en arrière.

Lorsque, en 1864, Tidjani Aguibou Tall, neveu d'El Hadj

1. Le nom *Allâh*, en arabe, est composé des quatre lettres *alif, lam, lam, hâ* qui sont le support de tout un développement ésotérique dans les enseignements soufi.

Omar et fondateur du royaume de Bandiagara, avait pris pied sur cette courte plaine, sorte de cuvette située au milieu des falaises dogon, il n'y avait trouvé qu'un minuscule village. Le site lui plut. Il était fait d'une dépression enveloppée de postes de guet naturels, faciles à tenir et situés à bonne distance. Ainsi naquit Bandiagara, surnommée « la grande écuelle ». Tidjani était à n'en pas douter un organisateur et un fin politique. Ayant décidé de créer une ville, il la fit sortir de terre et la peupla. Tous les hommes religieux de la région durent y bâtir une maison et s'y tenir trois ou quatre mois par an.

Tidjani ceintura la ville d'une muraille de boue séchée. Les traces légères qui en subsistent aujourd'hui encore témoignent d'une superficie sans commune mesure avec la Bandiagara de nos jours. Plus tard, son cousin Mounirou n'apporta aucune modification à la physionomie de la ville. Il avait hérité de ses prédécesseurs un commandement facile et efficace qu'il s'efforça encore d'améliorer.

Un beau jour de 1890, Amadou Chékou [1], fils d'El Hadj Omar et ancien souverain de Ségou, arriva à Bandiagara, suivi d'un cortège composé de ses fils, de ses cavaliers et de ses griots. Le lecteur se souvient qu'il avait nuitamment quitté Ségou pour se rendre à Nioro, dans l'espoir d'y barrer la route à l'armée française et de l'empêcher de poursuivre son avance dans le pays. Mais lorsque, en 1890, il vit tomber Nioro, il partit avec les siens pour rejoindre Bandiagara. A son arrivée dans la ville, Mounirou, qui était son frère puîné, abdiqua en sa faveur, selon la loi même établie par El Hadj Omar.

Bandiagara vivait alors une époque de splendeur à laquelle ne manquaient ni preux, ni coups d'épée, ni cours d'amour et joutes poétiques. Mais elle souffrit, sous le règne d'Amadou Chékou, du fait que le souverain vivait dans l'attente d'un combat fatal avec les Français et qu'il était impuissant à mater la haine qui divisait ses gens. La coexistence entre les anciens partisans de Mounirou (décédé peu de temps après son abdication) et les nouveaux venus étaient, en effet, loin d'être facile.

1. Que l'on appelait aussi *Lamido dioulbé*, « Commandeur des croyants », parce qu'à la mort d'El Hadj Omar il avait hérité de sa fonction religieuse.

Cette situation dura environ deux ans. En 1893, alors que Bandiagara se déchirait elle-même, un troisième fils d'El Hadj Omar, Aguibou Tall, approcha de la ville, soutenu par les tirailleurs d'Archinard. La ville fut prise et, comme nous l'avons dit plus haut, Aguibou Tall « nommé » roi de Bandiagara par les autorités françaises.

Encore une fois, Amadou Chékou et les siens devaient prendre le chemin de l'exil. Ils descendirent de la falaise qui domine Bandiagara et partirent vers le sud, à la recherche d'un royaume de rechange qu'ils ne trouvèrent d'ailleurs jamais. Amadou Chékou était accompagné de ses huit fils et de quelques fidèles. Salif Seydou Tall, le père de Tierno, était de ceux-là. Peu de temps après son départ, Aïssata et son fils Tierno arrivaient dans la ville avec le convoi de la famille d'Aguibou Tall, le nouveau souverain. Le père et le fils s'étaient manqués de peu. On n'eut plus jamais de nouvelles de Salif.

L'arrivée d'Aïssata et des siens fit un certain bruit dans la cité. Aïssata et ses deux sœurs étaient précédées d'une réputation de sainteté qu'elles n'avaient en rien recherchée mais qu'elles devaient à leur inaltérable douceur, à la fidélité avec laquelle elles remplissaient leurs devoirs d'épouse et de mère et, en outre, à de sérieuses connaissances religieuses. La tradition rapporte que la pureté de leur vie était telle qu'elles étaient invitées, selon la coutume, à venir sauter par-dessus les chevaux malades, traitement dont on espérait une guérison rapide, la pureté étant porteuse de toutes les vertus.

Toujours est-il qu'elles furent reçues comme des princesses. Tous les clans de la ville se les disputèrent, comme pour accroître le potentiel de grâces divines auquel ils pouvaient prétendre. En Afrique, lorsque les hommes veulent manifester à une femme sans époux leur sollicitude et leur sympathie, ils lui en cherchent un. Mais Aïssata se refusait à prendre parti, à choisir un clan. Elle fit savoir qu'elle demeurerait fidèle à son époux, le malheureux Salif, aucune nouvelle n'étant venue confirmer son décès. Elle négligea les offres les plus flatteuses. « Je ne puis

connaître d'autre époux que Salif, disait-elle. S'il m'a abandonnée, c'est contre son consentement; s'il a fui, ce n'est que par fidélité à Amadou Chékou, le *Lamido Dioulbé*. Et s'il est vivant, rien ne me dit qu'il m'ait répudiée. »

Aucun des partis ne pouvant espérer s'attacher cette famille, peu à peu on s'en éloigna. Délaissée par les parents et les amis de son époux, Aïssata se tourna vers le clan haoussa au sein duquel son père avait jadis vécu. La solidarité qui lie les Haoussa est à juste titre fameuse dans l'ensemble de la zone soudanienne. Elle joua en faveur des filles d'El Hadj Seydou Hann qui s'installèrent dans le quartier commerçant réservé aux Haoussa, au nord-est de la ville.

Au moment où les combats cessèrent et où la paix revint dans les campagnes, Tierno Bokar avait dix-huit ans. Il avait subi, en gardant les yeux grands ouverts, toutes les épreuves de la guerre. Son extrême sensibilité lui avait permis de vibrer plus que quiconque aux pénibles spectacles de la vie mais il avait gardé intacte la fraîcheur de son âme. Ceux qui l'ont connu à cette époque nous ont rapporté combien il savait être joyeux, dans la certitude qu'il avait d'être sur la « voie droite ». Les femmes et les vieillards qui l'avaient élevé avaient su tout lui montrer et, cependant, le tenir à l'écart de l'atmosphère pestilentielle des époques troublées. Monté déjà très haut dans l'échelle de la vie mystique, il avait tout naturellement remis les valeurs à la place que leur assigne un homme qui, par certains côtés, n'est plus tout à fait de ce monde.

A son arrivée à Bandiagara, Tierno Bokar avait fait la connaissance d'un jeune homme de son âge: Bokar Pâté [1]. Celui-ci était le chef d'une association de jeunes gens comme il en existait partout dans l'Afrique de jadis. Il y fit entrer Tierno Bokar. Bokar Pâté était également un excellent tailleur-brodeur. En Afrique traditionnelle, c'était là non un « métier », au sens moderne du terme, mais un art qu'il était permis à un noble d'exercer.

1. Bokar Pâté avait pour sœur Kadidja Pâté, qui deviendra ma mère.

Tierno Bokar étant le neveu d'Aguibou Tall, roi de Bandiagara, la carrière des armes lui était tout naturellement ouverte. Mais sa mère, la bonne Aïssata, lui conseilla d'apprendre l'art du brodeur. Sous la direction de Bokar Pâté, Tierno devint un grand expert en cet art. Et souvent, lorsqu'il brodait, faisant jouer ses doigts fins sur les vêtements qu'il décorait, il se remémorait le conseil d'Aïssata:

« Plutôt que d'ôter la vie aux hommes, apprends à couvrir leur nudité corporelle avant d'être appelé à l'honneur de pouvoir couvrir leur nudité morale ou spirituelle en leur prêchant l'Amour. »

L'instruction générale de Tierno était encore imparfaite, il ne l'ignorait pas. La misère lui enlevait l'audace de forcer la porte d'un maître et le moyen de se procurer les livres indispensables. Enfin, il avait dix-huit ans, l'âge des tourments, l'âge de tous les rêves, l'âge de tous les chemins. Ses rêves, il les vivait paisiblement. Ils étaient tout de beauté et d'équilibre. Il ne savait peut-être pas encore combien était difficile, et peu compris du monde, le chemin qu'il avait choisi; mais il savait à quel bonheur serein il menait. A l'âge des tourments, il avait trouvé la paix.

Maître de lui, il fallait encore que lui vienne le goût d'instruire les autres, de leur transmettre son savoir et ses tranquilles certitudes. C'est à Bandiagara, où il vivra les quarante-sept dernières années de sa vie, dans sa petite concession, que ce goût naîtra et deviendra un impérieux besoin. Il mourra sans avoir pu pleinement le satisfaire, à cause de la méchanceté et de l'inconscience des hommes.

Pauvre concession, installation plus que modeste. Au bout d'une ruelle, l'évasement d'une cour qui est à tout le monde. Une porte étroite, très basse, taillée dans un mur de torchis, donne sur une autre cour beaucoup plus petite, sur laquelle s'ouvrent trois ou quatre cases. Une cour comme cent mille autres en Afrique. Deux chèvres allaitent leurs chevreaux. Un de ces chiens soudanais jaunes, râleurs et astucieux guette une mouche qui l'inquiète. Dans un coin, un assemblement de houes. Du linge qui sèche. Une fillette, petite tanagra noire, pile du mil et chasse de temps à autre deux bambins au ventre

proéminent qui viennent prendre appui sur le mortier. Une cour de maison africaine comme on peut en voir tant, sous le soleil, dans le bourdonnement des guêpes et le pépiement des oiseaux qui attendent de loin la chute d'un grain de mil...

Les Haoussa avaient recueilli et abrité Aïssata en tant que fille de Seydou Hann; mais celle-ci, en tant que petite cousine du roi de Bandiagara, ne voulait pas vivre de la charité des autres. Privée de sa fortune, il lui restait à nourrir trois adolescents, ainsi que Fatima, sa sœur, qui vivait avec elle. A l'âge où d'autres, arrivées à l'aisance, prennent enfin quelque repos en mesurant le chemin parcouru, la douce Aïssata sentait peser sur ses épaules une bien lourde responsabilité. Ses enfants étaient son souci; ils étaient aussi la raison d'être de cette femme sans époux, étrange anomalie en pays noir. Elle avait surtout ce grand fils aîné en qui elle voyait la plus belle de ses œuvres. Elle les aimait tous, mais lui, au fond de son cœur, elle l'admirait et sans doute les sacrifices de femme qu'elle consentait lui paraissaient-ils très doux. Elle vécut modestement, préparant du dégué (sorte de bouillie de mil) que des enfants haoussa allaient vendre pour elle au marché.

Plus tard, Tierno, parlant de sa mère, pensant à cette femme seule qui faisait cuire de la crème de mil à toute heure du jour, dira: « Elle m'a nourri de son lait, puis de sa sueur. »

La famille de Salif Tall, le fugitif, faisait figure de « parents pauvres », vivant modestement, sans rien demander à personne, à l'ombre du roi. La dignité d'une telle vie ne pouvait manquer de susciter des amitiés solides. L'une d'elles devait rapidement changer les conditions d'existence de Tierno et lui donner l'occasion de compléter son instruction et de se révéler ainsi à lui-même et aux autres.

Dans l'association de jeunes gens où Bokar Pâté avait fait entrer Tierno Bokar se trouvait un jeune homme qui devint rapidement son ami: c'était Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam [1], fils du Chef de la grande province de Louta. Les trois jeunes gens formèrent un groupe tellement inséparable que tout Bandiagara les surnomma « Les trois que l'on trouve toujours ensemble. »

1. Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam épousera plus tard ma mère (voir plus loin).

Le Chef de la province de Louta, Amadou Ali Eliman Thiam — père du jeune Tidjani — ne tarda pas à remarquer le sérieux de Tierno Bokar et à s'intéresser à lui. Désirant l'aider à compléter son instruction, il confia les trois jeunes gens à un excellent maître de Bandiagara, Amadou Tafsirou Bâ, grand mystique de l'Ordre Tidjani.

C'était un vieillard dont les yeux s'étaient fermés depuis de longues années à la lumière du jour, mais il continuait à dispenser son enseignement et à écouter la lecture de ses livres pieux dont, le plus souvent il savait le texte par cœur. Il possédait une bibliothèque où l'on trouvait un beau choix d'ouvrages traitant de la théologie, de la scolastique, de la *Sunna* (ensemble des traditions se rapportant au Prophète Mahomet et à ses compagnons), du droit et de tout ce qui pouvait concerner l'enseignement islamique, aussi bien exotérique qu'ésotérique. Il avait acquis une extraordinaire érudition qu'il savait émailler de traditions peules.

Dès le premier jour, Amadou Tafsirou Bâ fut étonné par la profondeur spirituelle de son nouvel élève et par son goût pour l'introspection. Il fut encore plus surpris de son détachement à l'égard des choses de ce monde qui paraissaient n'exister à ses yeux qu'en fonction de l'amour infini qu'il portait à toutes les créatures.

Amadou Tafsirou Bâ trouva en Tierno son élève de prédilection et en fit son lecteur favori. Il devait d'ailleurs, à sa mort, lui léguer une partie de sa bibliothèque et lui confier la tutelle de ses enfants mineurs.

Après un cycle d'études intensif de huit années auprès de ce maître, aucune des sciences islamiques n'était plus étrangère à Tierno Bokar. Il connaissait l'ensemble et le détail de la Parole révélée de Dieu. Il avait médité le Coran. Le savoir ésotérique d'Amadou Tafsirou, complétant celui de ses premiers maîtres, avait éclairé les zones d'ombre que recélait le texte sacré. Tierno avait repensé et fait siens les commentaires classiques, et plus particulièrement ceux des grands penseurs soufi. El Ghazali n'avait rien de caché pour lui et les *Révélations mecquoises* du grand maître spirituel Mouhieddine ibn el Arabi, l'Andalou, était son livre de chevet.

Mystique tidjani, Amadou Tafsirou Bâ avait initié Tierno aux secrets de la pensée du fondateur de l'ordre : Si Ahmed Tidjani. La *Perle de la perfection (Diawharatul-kamal)*, oraison particulière révélée au Cheikh Si Ahmed Tidjani, et *le Désir des utilités*, commentaire des écrits du grand Maître, avaient été appris et l'on ne cessait de les commenter dans la case d'Amadou Tafsirou. Enfin, l'œuvre religieuse maîtresse d'El Ḥadj Omar, *Er-Rima'a (les Lances)*, était l'un des ouvrages les plus lus dans le royaume de Bandiagara.

La sagesse majeure d'Amadou Tafsirou Bâ fut de mettre son élève en garde contre les servitudes qu'imposent les textes à ceux qui ne les ont pas assimilés avec bonheur. Tierno retiendra cette leçon. Il en fera l'un des piliers de son enseignement. Ce principe n'avait-il pas reçu, huit siècles auparavant, l'approbation et l'encouragement d'El Ghazali :

« Sache que la clef de la Connaissance de Dieu est la Connaissance de l'âme *(nafs)* ainsi que Dieu l'a dit lui-même dans sa sourate XLI, aux versets 53 et 54. Il nous est rapporté que le Prophète a dit : "Celui qui connaît son âme [1] connaît son Seigneur." Si tu me dis que tu te connais, je te répondrai que tu connais la matière de ton corps qui est fait de tes mains, de ta tête et du reste ; mais tu ne connais rien de ton âme. Si tu es furieux, tu te cherches un adversaire ; si le désir sexuel te poursuit, tu cherches à épouser ; si tu as faim, tu cherches à manger et si tu as soif, tu cherches à boire. Ces satisfactions ne te sont pas propres ; elles sont les tiennes mais aussi celles des animaux. Ton devoir est de chercher quelle est ton existence réelle. Qui es-tu ? D'où viens-tu ? Pourquoi as-tu été créé ? En quoi consiste ton bonheur ? En quoi consiste ton malheur ?

« Tu présentes divers caractères qui sont aussi ceux des anges. C'est ton âme qui constitue l'essentiel de ton être ; tout le reste t'est étranger. Tu dois savoir cela et savoir aussi que chacune des créatures a sa nourriture propre et sa satisfaction propre. Les animaux de trait ne désirent que manger, boire, dormir et copuler ; si tu es de leur groupe, efforce-toi de satisfaire ton

1. Ou « qui se connaît soi-même ». *Nafs* signifie à la fois l'âme et le soi ; ce mot est utilisé pour construire la forme verbale réfléchie.

ventre. Les animaux féroces recherchent leur bonheur dans le massacre. Les démons se complaisent en méchancetés. Si tu es de leur clan, épouse leurs soucis. Les anges trouvent leur bonheur dans la contemplation de la Beauté divine. Les passions et les colères ne sont pas sur la route de leur cœur. Si tu es de la même essence que les anges, efforce-toi de te connaître toi-même et tu sauras la voie qui t'amènera à la contemplation. Tu te libéreras des entraves de la colère et de la passion. Dieu ne t'a pas donné ces attributs pour que tu sois leur esclave, mais pour que tu les domines et que tu t'en serves au cours de ton voyage. L'une te servira de monture et l'autre d'arme. Tu conquerras ainsi ton bonheur... »

Tierno retiendra si bien cette leçon qu'il en fera la première partie de son cours religieux dont nous donnerons plus loin de larges extraits : « Néophyte, le Maître te créa... Dieu préleva le plus précieux diamant, te le donna et dit : Voici, prends-en soin, mais souviens-toi que je te le reprendrai... »

Comme à Ségou auprès de Guiré, Tierno retrouvait ici, à chaque page des textes soufi, la fine fleur du premier enseignement maternel. El Ghazali n'avait-il pas dit : « Il faut quelquefois interdire à l'âme les choses permises afin qu'elle ne prétende pas aux choses défendues. » Inna, la bonne grand-mère, avait souvent tenu ce propos devant l'enfant Tierno. Elle lui avait donné, par avance, le goût du sacrifice compris comme une discipline.

Tout en poursuivant le perfectionnement de son instruction, le jeune étudiant devenait un brodeur accompli auprès de Bokar Pâté, son grand ami. Son travail lui plaisait et, surtout, il lui permettait d'apporter un complément aux ressources familiales.

Lorsqu'il eut épuisé les connaissances de son maître et que celui-ci lui eut dit : « Je n'ai plus rien à t'apprendre », Tierno avait vingt-six ans, l'âge où, pour vivre selon la bienséance musulmane, l'homme doit prendre femme. Amadou Ali Eliman Thiam, qui s'était de plus en plus attaché à lui, lui donna en mariage sa fille unique, Néné Amadou Thiam, que nous trouverons à ses côtés tout au long de sa vie.

Deux ans plus tard, Amadou Ali Eliman Thiam étant décédé, son fils Tidjani Amadou Ali lui succéda à la tête de la province

de Louta où Tierno vint s'installer pour ne point se séparer de lui. C'est alors que ma mère Kadidja Pâté, sœur de Bokar Pâté, épousa en secondes noces Tidjani Amadou Ali, alors que j'étais âgé de quelques années. Tidjani Amadou Ali m'adopta officiellement et me désigna comme son successeur.

Tierno se trouvait à Louta à l'époque où un mouvement insurrectionnel des Samo mit en péril la chefferie de son ami. L'Administration française ayant jugé trop dure la répression des Thiam à l'égard des autochtones samo, Tidjani fut considéré comme responsable, condamné et déporté à Bougouni où ma mère et moi le suivîmes. Nous y demeurâmes sept ans.

Séparé de son ami, Tierno repartit pour Bandiagara avec sa jeune épouse. Il reprit ses occupations auprès de Aïssata, ses occupations et ses soucis. La ville lui fit un excellent accueil. Pendant quelques jours, sa maison ne désemplit pas.

Son vieux maître Amadou Tafsirou Bâ l'invita à devenir maître à son tour et à enseigner à sa place à ses condisciples. Tous les parents de Tierno joignirent leurs prières à la sienne. Mais Tierno refusa. Pendant quatre ans, il hésita, ne voulant pas être autre chose que le coadjuteur de son maître. Il fallut le décès de ce dernier pour l'amener à accepter la tâche qui l'attendait.

Le maître

La zaouïa de Bandiagara

Répondant au vœu de ses amis, Tierno Bokar, à trente-trois ans, consentit à conduire l'instruction de jeunes enfants à Bandiagara. Désormais, sa vie cessa de lui appartenir, pour autant qu'il l'ait jamais considérée comme sienne. Tout ce qu'il avait, tout ce qu'il était, il le mit au service de Dieu et de ceux qu'il formait.

La petite concession du quartier haoussa avait souffert, jusqu'alors, de la tristesse inavouée des maisons sans enfants. Soudain tout changea. Les cours s'animèrent. Un souffle de rires et de jeux balaya ce que la ferveur des lieux avait de mélancolique. Tout d'abord, il fallut travailler. On dut ajouter quelques cases, futurs dortoirs pour les disciples étrangers à la ville. Ils furent quinze, vingt et bientôt cinquante. Aux plus beaux de ses jours, la zaouïa compta près de deux cents élèves. La jument, les poulets, les chèvres et les chiens s'effrayèrent un peu. Les femmes de la famille s'inquiétèrent sans doute, mais avec le flot des enfants, la joie pénétra la maison. Elle n'en sortit qu'avec eux.

Très rapidement, le jeune maître mit sur pied un emploi du temps et accorda le rythme de sa vie à celui qu'il fixait à ses élèves. A partir du moment, vite atteint, où il réalisa cet accord, un parfait équilibre s'établit en lui et autour de lui. Pas une fois en trente-trois ans, Tierno ne modifia la règle qu'il s'était imposée. En aucune circonstance, si ce n'est pour la mort de sa mère, il ne rompit l'emploi du temps de la zaouïa.

Le renouvellement perpétuel des gestes et des prières de Tierno était, en lui-même, générateur de paix. Il s'accordait aux

rythmes ancestraux. La campagne d'Afrique, vieille terre, vit au rythme de ses saisons. L'inclinaison du soleil règle les activités de ses gens, d'heure en heure et de mois en mois. Tout se renouvelle, depuis des siècles, toujours semblable. Et les paysans ont toujours pensé à la cadence de ce rythme qui était aussi celui de leurs cultes traditionnels.

Le Sage de Bandiagara vivait sa vie, passant de sa natte à la mosquée, de la mosquée à ses amis, mais attaché toujours, où qu'il soit, à la réalité de ces enfants qui lui avaient été confiés et, plus tard, à celle des adultes qui devinrent ses disciples. Tel jour de la semaine, en telle saison, à telle heure, nul n'ignorait où se trouvait Tierno Bokar et ce qu'il faisait.

Vie sévère. Désir de mortification? Non, certes. L'ascétisme est étranger à la pensée profonde de l'Afrique dont la loi est « vivre ». Être social, l'Africain demande à ses guides spirituels, aux vieillards et aux maîtres, d'être pour lui des modèles et l'ascétisme ne constitue pas une ligne de conduite à suivre aux yeux de gens bouillants de vie, riches de leur perpétuelle jeunesse et de leurs vieux pensers. Une vie limpide comme un cristal, une vie pure comme une prière, tout simplement.

A trois heures du matin, le maître s'éveillait. Assis sur ses talons, seul dans sa case, il priait, bercé par les mille bruits furtifs de la nuit africaine. Il faisait son *lazim* [1] et s'inclinait trois fois. Puis son esprit s'appliquait aux prières surérogatoires [2] qu'il aimait entre toutes. Enfin, la tête basse, ses doigts jouant sur son chapelet, Tierno priait et méditait jusqu'au moment où il devinait que le jour était proche. Alors il sortait, allait de case en case et secouait non sans gaîté les nattes des portes en criant: « *Assalat! Assalat!* » (A la prière! A la prière!). L'élève qui couchait dans le vestibule du maître était le premier réveillé. Il sortait et appelait ses condisciples à la prière. Mamadou Amadou Tall, fils d'un frère de Tierno, dirigeait la prière des enfants.

1. *Lazim:* premier ensemble d'oraisons et de récitations propres à la Tidjaniya. Le lazim doit être récité deux fois par jour: à l'aube, avant la prière du matin, puis le soir, après la prière de l'*asr*. (Cf. p. 231.)

2. Prières supplémentaires, autres que les cinq prières canoniques obligatoires.

Dans les lueurs de l'aube qui se précisait, Tierno se rendait à la mosquée de la ville. A cette heure, il remplissait les fonctions d'aide-muezzin. La fraîcheur du petit matin portait son appel et sa voix roulait par-dessus les terrasses de Bandiagara. Il est peu de cités, en Islam, qui peuvent se vanter d'avoir eu un appelant plus sincère. Il chantait sa foi brûlante. Il aurait aimé réveiller chacun de ses concitoyens par la main et lui souffler sa conviction au creux de l'oreille. L'appel lancé, il se mêlait, dans la cour de la mosquée, à ceux qui y avaient répondu. Il priait dans la foule des croyants. Nul ne le vit jamais assurer en public la conduite d'une prière. Il se tenait modestement derrière l'Imam [1] ou l'un quelconque de ses remplaçants.

La première prière du jour était suivie de la *wazifat*, autre oraison de la Tidjaniya, exécutée en commun. Puis, demeuré seul dans la mosquée, Tierno se plongeait à nouveau dans ses méditations. Avant de repartir vers ses élèves qui l'attendaient dans sa zaouïa, Tierno effectuait encore dix *rekkat* [2] surérogatoires. Sa silhouette était à ce point familière au lieu de prière que, dans la ville, on l'avait surnommé « Papa mosquée ».

Dès son retour à la maison, les enfants prenaient le premier repas de la journée. On attendait toujours le maître pour déjeuner. Plus tard, vêtu d'un simple *tantchikin*, boubou court et sans manches, Tierno commençait à enseigner. Quelques grands élèves rassemblaient autour d'eux les plus jeunes, par groupes de cinq ou six. Les enfants se répartissaient selon leur degré d'instruction dans les coins de la cour, sous les auvents des vestibules. Tierno s'occupait des aînés. Après la révision du Coran, pratiquée systématiquement tous les matins, on passait aux commentaires, traités sous l'angle du droit ou sous celui de

1. *Imâm* (et non « *Imân* » comme on le voit souvent imprimé par erreur). Littéralement: « celui qui se tient en avant ». On désigne de ce nom celui qui dirige la prière. En milieu shi'îte, le terme est appliqué aux dirigeants ou guides religieux.

2. Une *rekkat* représente l'unité de base de la prière musulmane: elle est constituée par l'ensemble des mouvements qui vont de la position verticale à la position de prosternation. Chaque prière surérogatoire doit comporter deux *rekkat*.

la théologie. Pendant toute la matinée, il n'était question que de Dieu et de ses attributs.

Au moment où le soleil, parvenu au zénith, amorçait sa course descendante, le deuxième repas était servi. C'était l'heure de *zohour*, la deuxième prière de la journée. Mamadou, son neveu, présidait à cette prière. Mamadou n'avait pas été son élève, mais celui de son vieil ami Alpha Ali. C'est pourtant à ce jeune homme, qu'il n'avait pas formé lui-même, que Tierno confiait la prière et la surveillance des enfants pour la récitation du Livre sacré. Nous ne pouvons pas ne pas voir là un signe supplémentaire de la délicatesse du fils d'Aïssata.

Après la prière de *zohour*, l'enseignement reprenait jusqu'à la prière de *asr* (prière de l'après-midi) après laquelle les élèves pouvaient vaquer à leurs occupations cependant que Tierno égrenait son chapelet. A l'approche de l'heure de *maghreb* (prière du couchant) le maître quittait la maison et rejoignait la mosquée. Il y accomplissait la prière de *maghreb* et y demeurait jusqu'après l'*icha*, prière de l'entrée de la nuit, laquelle tombe tôt en Afrique.

Après cette cinquième et dernière prière canonique, le maître sacrifiait aux habitudes sociales. Il le faisait avec joie, car cet homme pieux était, comme la plupart des gens heureux et sains, un être social. Il raccompagnait chez lui son vieil ami Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam qui était revenu s'installer à Bandiagara après les sept années d'exil passées à Bougouni. Jamais Tierno ne manquait de s'arrêter chez ma mère Kadidja Pâté, qui était la seule à oser lui poser les questions les plus directes, les plus brutales, celles que personne n'osait soulever. Il l'avait pour cela en grande affection. Puis il visitait quelques maisons amies. Il passait chez les Bodiel et quelques autres. Enfin, il rentrait chez lui.

Chaque soir, après un léger repas, Tierno présidait à la veillée. La veillée africaine réserve à ceux qui savent en jouir les joies les plus rares. C'est l'heure où, autour d'un maigre lumignon, la cellule familiale se reconstitue. L'étranger de passage, l'isolé en visite y sont conviés et la conversation roule sur les sujets les plus divers. Jusqu'à l'heure où vient la somnolence, de belles histoires sont évoquées, de merveilleuses légendes

s'ébauchent, tirées du néant ou des vieilles croyances. Chez Tierno, on racontait la plus belle histoire du monde, celle de la création et du devenir de l'homme. C'était l'heure où le maître parlait aux siens et faisait leur instruction, en dehors de toute prétention pédagogique. Il parlait de Dieu et rapportait sa Parole en une interminable conversation, fleurie d'images, riche d'exemples tirés de la tradition peule ou d'autres traditions locales qu'il connaissait à fond, inoculant à tous sa tranquille conviction. Tard dans la nuit, chacun rentrait chez soi. Les lumières étaient soufflées. Dans les chambres, le sommeil rendait les hommes au silence, l'obscurité rendait à la nuit les cases, la cour, la zaouïa tout entière. Au matin, vers les trois heures, le maître se levait...

Du mercredi à l'heure du *zohour* jusqu'au vendredi soir, les élèves bénéficiaient d'un congé qui les rendait au monde. Tierno consacrait ce temps à des conversations avec les sages de Bandiagara, à l'entretien d'amicales relations et à des réflexions personnelles. Dès le début de ce temps de repos, il s'isolait au fond de sa case et, pendant vingt-quatre heures, se consacrait à la prière et à la méditation.

Il voyait toujours venir avec joie l'après-midi du jeudi. C'était le moment où son ami Alpha Ali, maître coranique, pliait sa longue silhouette sur le seuil de la porte basse. Il était généralement suivi par les vieux du village. On s'installait et, pendant des heures, on évoquait les principes soufi. Saada Abdoul Ciré, Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam, Moussa Noumoussa et Koro Thiam étaient les plus assidus à ces réunions. Tous les participants faisaient ensemble la prière de l'*asr* (milieu de l'après-midi) chez Tierno Bokar. Le vendredi matin, la séance reprenait dans les mêmes conditions et, jusqu'aux approches de l'heure de *zohour* (prière du début de l'après-midi), les oulémas de la ville examinaient les commentaires pieux que Tierno, et quelquefois Alpha Ali, soumettait à leur jugement. Ensuite, tous se rendaient à la mosquée pour y effectuer en commun la prière du vendredi [1].

Dans la chaleur de l'après-midi, le maître faisait un vaste tour

1. Seule prière de la semaine à devoir obligatoirement être effectuée en commun.

de ville et visitait les familles de ses élèves. Tournée longue, fatigante. Pourtant, Tierno ne l'omit à aucune époque de sa vie. Il faisait en chemin la prière de l'*asr*, là où l'heure l'en prenait, seul ou avec des amis. Le *maghreb* et l'*icha* le retrouvaient à la mosquée. Revenu enfin chez lui, il passait la soirée en conversations avec les membres de sa famille, assis sur le sol dans l'attitude qui lui était familière, les jambes étendues devant lui, le pied droit reposant sur le pied gauche.

Presque toujours vêtu de blanc, il ne quittait jamais son chapelet, qu'il tenait à la main ou enroulé autour de son poignet. Il lui arrivait même, lorsqu'il écrivait, de le suspendre à ses oreilles.

Chacun de ses gestes était mesuré, relié à sa volonté. Jamais il ne « lâchait le mors » à ses membres. Il était pleinement conscient et maître de son corps. Toute sa personne rayonnait la paix et la joie intérieure. Nous le sentions pleinement relié à lui-même et à Dieu. Chacun savait qu'il suffisait de s'asseoir auprès de lui, lorsqu'on était tout rempli de soucis, pour repartir ensuite apaisé et revigoré. Comme nous le disions alors, « nous laissions nos soucis dans son vestibule ».

Chose étrange, son aspect extérieur était l'objet de changements qui nous stupéfiaient. Certains jours, on croyait voir un vieillard de quatre-vingt dix ans, tout ridé, le visage couleur de cendre. Ses yeux, qu'il avait très grands, devenaient alors rouges et comme avalés dans leurs orbites.

A d'autres moments, son visage était absolument sans rides, sa peau devenait lisse et lumineuse et son teint d'un noir d'ébène, mais d'un ébène si brillant que l'on pouvait presque voir sa propre image se refléter sur son front, surtout dans les heures qui précédaient le coucher du soleil. A partir de la prière de l'*asr*, son front devenait comme un miroir. Ma'bal, un grand poète mystique peul qui fut appelé « le plus ivre des élèves de Tierno », nous a laissé cette image de lui :

« Un sourire constant qui vous attire,
un front luisant comme un miroir,
mais un miroir marqué du point noir des prosternations [1]. »

1. Chez ceux qui font beaucoup de prières avec prosternation, un petit cal finit par se former sur le front.

Aux approches de l'hivernage et jusqu'à la fin du temps des récoltes, l'emploi du temps de la zaouïa subissait quelques modifications afin que les élèves puissent consacrer une partie de leur journée aux travaux de la terre. Les leçons se donnaient alors le matin de très bonne heure. Lorsqu'elles étaient jugées suffisantes, les plus jeunes auditeurs partaient aux champs sur les terres du maître, selon la coutume. Tierno restait avec les *dewtenkobé*, élèves du second degré. Dès que midi s'annonçait, les cours prenaient fin et le maître allait lui-même dans les champs porter leur repas aux élèves.

Bâton en main, suivi de quelques enfants et, le plus souvent, de son chien, coiffé du petit chapeau conique des Peuls, il peinait sur la piste, déjeunait avec les jeunes travailleurs, allait de l'un à l'autre et saisissait lui-même la houe. Au moment des récoltes, il prenait une large part aux réjouissances collectives. Cet homme ne connut que très rarement la tristesse et la contemplation de la nature lui a toujours procuré les plus délicates de ses joies.

Les récoltes s'annonçaient belles cette année-là et Tierno admirait avec tous la lourdeur des épis de mil. L'un des élèves lui demanda :

— Tierno, ne trouves-tu pas que les Français, qui plantent et entretiennent des fleurs qui ne portent pas de fruits, agissent comme de grands enfants et perdent leur temps en des jeux inutiles et coûteux ?

— Frère en Dieu, répondit-il, je ne partage pas du tout ton avis. Celui qui cultive des fleurs adore Dieu, car ces délicates parties du végétal, parées de couleurs éclatantes, ne s'ouvrent que pour saluer Dieu dont elles sont des outils pour l'œuvre de reproduction. La symbolique des fleurs n'est pas de notre race, mais ne blasphémons pas à propos d'elle. Si, au moment où les plantes fleurissent, il t'arrive de faire une promenade en brousse, examine les abeilles. Tu sauras que chaque fleur est un sentier mystique. Avant de fabriquer le miel dont Dieu lui-même a dit qu'il était un remède, l'abeille se pose sur chaque fleur qui a sa tête au soleil pour lui demander sa contribution. Et comme Dieu l'a dit à la fin du 76e verset de la sourate XVI : « Il y a en cela un signe pour ceux qui réfléchissent. »

Il revenait à la ville et, sans prendre un instant de repos, gagnait immédiatement le vestibule de sa maison où l'attendaient ses grands élèves. La leçon reprenait. Le moindre fait, le plus banal accident, l'oiseau qui passe, la tige de mil qui éclate dans le feu, tout était occasion d'enseignement pour cet amoureux de la nature et de son Créateur. A ses élèves, il ne cessait de dire : « Faites votre travail, non pour l'espoir du gain, mais pour faire toujours de votre mieux ce que vous avez à faire. »

Il n'était pas toujours aisé d'assurer la vie matérielle de la zaouïa. Tierno devait prévoir la nourriture, le logement et l'entretien de deux cents personnes. Pourtant, il n'exigea jamais le moindre sou des parents de ses élèves. Il lui aurait paru scandaleux que des parents soient obligés de payer pour faire donner à leurs enfants les indispensables éléments d'une vie religieuse et spirituelle. Il avait une profonde horreur du « marabout-quêteur ». Le fait de dispenser un enseignement régulier ne justifiait pas, à ses yeux, le droit d'exiger un paiement. Les parents apportaient quelques offrandes, toujours plus légères qu'il n'aurait fallu. Cahin-caha, les champs prospéraient, ils donnaient approximativement de quoi vivre à chacun. Samba Hammadi Bâ, le plus vieux des élèves, celui que l'on appelait le second fils d'Aïssata, s'était fait commerçant. Il ne gardait guère de bénéfices pour son usage personnel et entretenait la zaouïa, persuadé qu'il ne faisait là qu'une partie de son devoir.

L'identité administrative de Tierno Bokar était alors ainsi définie : « Situation de fortune : possède une jument et quelques chèvres. Ressources : reçoit quelques aumônes et cultive avec ses *talibé* (élèves). »

Il n'entendait cependant pas vivre de la seule charité, fût-elle de Samba Hammadi. Pendant les temps morts que leur laissait l'emploi du temps, les élèves réunissaient des bandes de coton. Les rouleaux d'étoffe étaient vendus au marché et le bénéfice en était exclusivement destiné à l'amélioration de l'existence de tous. Les soucis matériels étaient totalement étrangers au maître. Dieu pourvoyant à la croissance des plantes et de toute la création, on pouvait être assuré, disait-il, de ne jamais manquer de rien [1]...

Les femmes de la maison participaient intimement à la vie de la zaouïa. Elles assumaient une partie de ses responsabilités matérielles. On imagine sans peine avec quelle joie la vieille Aïssata présidait à la préparation d'une nourriture destinée aux élèves que son fils abreuvait de sa prodigieuse parole. Pendant vingt ans, on put la voir circuler de la cuisine à la resserre, soignant les uns et les autres. Aux heures de loisir elle méditait, le plus souvent seule, parfois en compagnie de son fils.

Tout au long de sa vie, Tierno Bokar manifesta à sa mère l'amour le plus touchant. Deux fois par mois, à l'aurore du vendredi, on le voyait quitter la maison une charge sur l'épaule. Ce jour-là, le maître n'allait pas à la mosquée pour la prière du matin. Quel était donc l'événement grave qui pouvait le distraire de sa pieuse habitude ? Rien autre que son respect filial. Deux fois par mois, en effet, Tierno se dirigeait vers l'est du cimetière, descendait sur les bords du Yamé et y lavait le linge de la bonne Aïssata dont il estimait qu'elle avait assez peiné pour lui.

La sollicitude maternelle d'Aïssata ne s'était atténuée en rien lorsque la barbe était venue au menton de Tierno, et pas davantage lorsque la barbe blanchit. Elle se tenait constamment assise à ses côtés dans toutes les circonstances de sa vie de maître enseignant. Pendant vingt ans, toutes les promotions d'élèves qui se succédèrent dans la petite concession du fils de Salif, tous les sages de la ville qui s'y pressèrent virent la vieille femme recueillir avec le même intérêt la parole du prêcheur. Accroupie, elle écoutait sans mot dire ; mais si un auditeur distrait ou un élève turbulent faisait dévier la conversation sur un sujet profane, Aïssata savait, d'un mot, ramener le groupe à Dieu. Elle aimait se mêler à la vie des enfants et leur rappelait la prière traditionnelle dans laquelle son cœur de femme regroupait les croyants de tous les cieux et de toutes les époques : « Dieu, prends-nous en pitié, nous, nos procréateurs et tous ceux qui

1. Attitude alors très répandue en Afrique traditionnelle comme en Afrique musulmane.

nous ont précédés dans la foi... » Elle assistait aux repas mais elle ne fut jamais servie autrement que par son fils.

Tierno n'était pas uniquement le maître des enfants et des adolescents qu'on lui avait confiés. La ville entière recherchait ses conseils. Il était devenu celui que Bandiagara consultait et suivait en toute occasion. Il visitait les uns et recevait les autres. Tous recueillaient sa parole avec respect, avec reconnaissance.

Du moindre geste, de la moindre remarque, il savait tirer l'enseignement du jour, pour lui-même aussi bien que pour ceux qui avaient la chance d'être là.

Un jour, la brave Soutoura, femme du quartier, s'en vint trouver Tierno. Elle lui dit :

— Tierno, je suis très coléreuse. Le moindre geste m'affecte durement. Je voudrais recevoir une bénédiction de toi, ou une prière qui me rendrait douce, affable, patiente.

Elle n'avait pas fini de parler que son fils, un bambin de trois ans qui l'attendait dans la cour, entra, s'arma d'une planchette et lui en appliqua un coup violent entre les deux épaules. Elle regarda le bébé, sourit et l'attirant contre elle, dit en le tapotant affectueusement :

— Oh ! Le vilain garçon qui maltraite sa mère !...

— Pourquoi ne t'emportes-tu pas contre ton fils, toi qui te dis si coléreuse ? lui demanda Tierno.

— Mais, Tierno, répondit-elle, mon fils n'est qu'un enfant ; il ne sait pas ce qu'il fait ; on ne se fâche pas avec un enfant de cet âge.

— Ma bonne Soutoura, lui dit Tierno, va, retourne chez toi. Et lorsque quelqu'un t'irritera, pense à cette planchette et dis-toi : « Malgré son âge, cette personne agit comme mon enfant de trois ans. » Sois indulgente ; tu le peux, puisque tu viens de l'être avec ton fils qui t'a pourtant frappée durement. Va, et ainsi tu ne seras plus jamais en colère. Tu vivras heureuse, guérie de ton mal. Les bénédictions qui descendront alors sur toi seront bien supérieures à celles que tu pourrais obtenir de moi : ce seront celles de Dieu et du Prophète lui-même.

« Celui qui supporte et pardonne une offense, poursuivit-il, est semblable à un grand fromager que les vautours salissent en se reposant sur ses branches. Mais l'aspect répugnant de l'arbre

ne dure qu'une partie de l'année. A chaque hivernage, Dieu envoie une série d'averses qui le lavent de la cime à la racine et le revêtent d'une frondaison nouvelle. L'amour que tu as pour ton enfant, essaye de le répandre sur les créatures de Dieu. Car Dieu voit ses créatures comme un père considère ses enfants. Alors tu seras placée au degré supérieur de l'échelle, là où, par amour et par charité, l'âme ne voit et n'évalue l'offense que pour mieux pardonner.

La parole de Tierno fut sur elle si puissante que, de ce jour, Soutoura considéra tous ceux qui l'offensaient comme des enfants et ne leur opposa plus que douceur et patience. Elle se corrigea si parfaitement que, dans les derniers temps de sa vie, on disait : « Patient comme Soutoura. » Rien ne pouvait plus la fâcher. Lorsqu'elle mourut, elle n'était pas loin d'être considérée comme une sainte.

Comme un chasseur, Tierno était à l'affût des manifestations naturelles de l'Amour. Aucune ne lui échappait et il faisait sa nourriture habituelle des beaux gestes qu'il observait, comme d'autres se repaissent des médiocrités ou des remugles de la vie. Il raconta à ses élèves sa conversation avec Aya, la nièce de sa femme, une petite fille de cinq ans, six ans peut-être. Écoutons-le plutôt :

— La petite Aya s'amuse avec une étrange collection d'objets : une poupée de cire qu'elle appelle sa fille, un petit morceau de bois emmailloté qu'elle nomme son garçon. Elle traite ces objets avec la plus grande sollicitude. Elle leur prodigue des soins qui n'ont rien à envier à ceux dont une mère entoure sa progéniture. A tout visiteur, elle présente sa "fille" ou son "garçon" et lui demande de les aimer comme elle-même.

« Un jour, la voyant particulièrement absorbée dans un coin de la chambre, je l'appelai. Elle tendit vers moi sa petite main, paume ouverte et doigts écartés, comme pour me fermer la bouche.

— Qu'y a-t-il, lui dis-je ?

— Pas de bruit. Mes enfants dorment.

— Ce ne sont pas tes enfants et ils ne dorment pas.

— Pour toi peut-être, me dit-elle en boudant, mais pour moi, tout bois qu'ils soient, je les aime comme mes enfants. Je

regrette tout juste de n'avoir pas de mamelles, comme maman, pour les leur faire téter.

« Elle réfléchit un instant, puis ajouta :

— Mais à défaut de mamelles, j'ai ma langue et ma salive. Je vais m'en servir en attendant que mes seins poussent.

« Alors elle saisit sa poupée de cire, l'appliqua contre ses lèvres et dit :

— Suce, je suis ta mère. Je t'aime. Suce, tu me feras plaisir. Suce, suce... et ne pleure pas !

« Mon âme fut profondément troublée, continua Tierno, par ce geste de pur amour. Je m'écriai alors : " Amour ! C'est là une de tes manifestations qui s'offre à ma vue pour me convaincre de ta puissance. Qui peut, sinon toi, faire vivre du bois ou de la cire, tout comme une vraie progéniture ? " »

L'Amour. Il n'avait que ce mot sur les lèvres. L'un des êtres les plus hautement spirituels de la Chrétienté se disait l'époux de « Dame Pauvreté ». Tierno, lui, avait épousé « Dame Charité ». Que l'on supprime de son enseignement les mots « Amour » et « Charité » et sa parole s'en trouve décharnée.

Comment pourrait-on s'étonner que l'enseignement de cet homme ait marqué ceux qui l'ont suivi ? Les enfants, les adultes le priaient de les compter parmi les siens ; mais l'humilité de son cœur était telle qu'il ne parut jamais se rendre compte de ce succès.

Un jour, un jeune homme de Bandiagara vint le trouver :

— Tierno, dit-il, j'ai entendu parler de toi et de ton enseignement. On n'en dit que du bien. Je désire te choisir pour maître.

— Frère en Dieu, répondit-il, tout flatté que je sois, il faut que je te dise avant toute chose que je suis un homme sensible aux contingences physiques et morales. Aussi ai-je un conseil à te donner ; il vaudra des mois d'études fructueuses : l'homme ne correspond jamais exactement à sa réputation. Les admirateurs la faussent en exagérant ses mérites et les détracteurs en les sous-estimant. Pour éviter d'agir ainsi, il serait bon pour toi, et pour moi aussi peut-être, que tu m'écoutes pendant des jours et des jours, que tu me contrôles pendant des semaines et des semaines et que tu m'approches pendant des mois et des mois

avant de te décider à me choisir, non comme ton maître, mais comme ton moniteur et ton frère [1].

Il n'est personne qui ait approché Tierno qui ne l'ait aimé et qui ne l'aime encore. Son verbe demeure toujours vivant au cœur de tous.

Marcel Cardaire [2], au cours de son enquête sur les événements se rapportant à la vie de Tierno Bokar, rencontra un jour à Mopti les deux veuves de Tierno, Néné Amadou Ali Thiam, sa première épouse, et Aminata Ibrahim Tall, sa cousine et seconde épouse. Écoutons Marcel Cardaire nous relater cette rencontre :

> Les deux femmes avaient été définitivement liées par la mort de leur époux. Elles vivaient accrochées l'une à l'autre, unies par la parole qu'elles avaient recueillie ensemble. Nous avons vu ces femmes sangloter à en perdre le souffle, effondrées sur des nattes, dans la chambre minuscule qu'elles partageaient. Elles évoquèrent pour nous les derniers jours de leur époux. Des sanglots de vieillard, sans larmes, hachaient leur discours [3]. Nous ne tardâmes pas, cependant, à constater combien la parole qu'elles avaient reçue et pieusement conservée était une parole d'espoir et une source de paix. Au moment où leur douleur paraissait la plus aiguë, une femme moins âgée entra dans la pièce. Après les salutations d'usage, la nouvelle venue, appelée Kowido, fut informée de ce que nous étions venu chercher en ces lieux. Elle frotta le sable du sol et récita d'une voix ferme le « Pacte primordial [4] ». De sa main droite, elle imprimait dans la poussière les schémas que le maître avait enseignés et qui illustraient son discours. Pendant un instant, les deux vieilles dames suivirent la parole de leur époux sur ces lèvres qui la

1. Tierno poussait la délicatesse et l'humilité jusqu'à ne jamais appeler ses élèves que « mon frère » ou « mon ami ».

2. Cf. Avant-propos, p. 8.

3. Le lecteur comprendra sans doute mieux l'excès de ce chagrin quand il connaîtra les conditions qui ont entouré les derniers jours de Tierno Bokar.

4. Que l'on trouvera en troisième partie : « L'enseignement », p. 195.

ressuscitaient. Puis elles fermèrent les yeux. Un sourire flotta sur leurs deux visages. Leur chagrin s'était endormi. Le maître était revenu et, avec lui, la Paix et l'Espoir. Si les prières des anciens disciples de Bandiagara n'avaient suffi à nous décider avant cela, c'est en cette minute que nous serait venue l'audace de nous attacher, nous aussi, à faire revivre cet homme afin que nos compatriotes blancs ou noirs n'en perdent rien [1].

Un certain jour de 1927, Aïssata Seydou Hann s'éteignit, septuagénaire, usée par les chagrins de sa jeunesse sacrifiée et par les soins qu'elle consacrait à la vie quotidienne de la zaouïa. Elle partit cependant en pleine connaissance de l'œuvre de beauté créée par celui qu'elle avait mis au monde. Le ciel lui épargnait d'assister aux souffrances qu'allait endurer son fils. Tierno lui rendit les derniers devoirs, puis s'enferma pendant une semaine, tout à son chagrin. Ses amis étaient désespérés. Kadidja Pâté, ma mère, celle qui toujours sut tout dire à Tierno, força sa porte et s'introduisit jusqu'à lui :

— Tierno, lui dit-elle, permets-moi de te rappeler ce que tu nous as enseigné. Tu as dit un jour : "Quand un homme naît ici-bas, je vois ses parents ivres de joie se congratuler et annoncer à grands cris l'événement. Quand un homme meurt à la vie d'ici-bas, je vois ses parents consternés porter sur leurs visages et leurs vêtements le signe d'une désolation épouvantée. Le meilleur enseignement concernant l'inconséquence humaine est ainsi donné à ceux qui ont un esprit pour réfléchir. Notre race humaine désire la vie et fuit la mort. Or, qu'est-ce que naître ? C'est entrer dans un champ d'où l'on ne peut sortir que par le chemin de la mort, unique issue, commune aux justes et aux injustes, aux croyants et aux incrédules. Qu'est-ce que mourir ? C'est renaître à la vie éternelle. L'homme qui meurt retourne à

1. Cf. *Tierno Bokar, le Sage de Bandiagara*, Paris, Présence africaine, 1957, p. 40.

l'éternelle source de l'existence permanente. C'est alors que nous devrions nous réjouir."

« Tierno, tu nous as dit cela et, aujourd'hui, tu nous donnes le mauvais exemple. La ville est inquiète. Depuis la mort de ta mère, nous avons l'impression que tu t'isoles. On dit même que tu vas nous quitter pour te rendre en Orient. Vas-tu vraiment nous abandonner ?

Tierno baissa le front. Puis, relevant la tête et jetant sur Kadidja un regard soudain éclairci, il la remercia de son intervention :

— Ton audace, Kadidja, m'a sorti des griffes de Satan. Mais, vois-tu, j'ai tellement médité sur ces questions qu'il me semble avoir éprouvé moi-même l'obscurité de la tombe et la morsure des vers. J'ai appréhendé tout cela pour ma mère et, aussi, l'appréciation divine de nos œuvres. Mais Dieu aura pitié d'elle, comme elle a eu pitié de moi lorsque j'étais tout petit.

« C'est cette profonde réflexion qui m'a fait demeurer en retraite, et non le désir de vous quitter.

Dès le lendemain, la zaouïa reprenait son activité normale. Tierno demanda à tous ses amis — adolescents, adultes, vieillards, hommes et femmes — de venir chez lui. Lorsqu'ils furent tous rassemblés, il leur dit :

— Mes amis, on me prête l'intention de quitter Bandiagara et d'aller chercher refuge aux Lieux saints. Il n'en est rien. Les lieux-dits saints de l'Arabie ne sont pas les seuls où l'on puisse adorer Dieu. On peut l'adorer ici, dans ma concession, dans mon antichambre, dans le bureau du Commandant de Cercle, au marché de Bandiagara et jusque dans la carie de la dent d'un cochon. La pureté tient à l'homme et non au lieu. La pureté ou l'impureté de l'homme n'ont rien à voir avec la pureté ou l'impureté du lieu. Je resterai à Bandiagara et qui peut dire si je ne me coucherai pas, moi aussi, sous ce même arbrisseau qui abrite la tombe de ma mère, de ma tante et de mes deux petits filleuls ?

Tierno resta et les esprits s'apaisèrent. La voix du Sage de Bandiagara devait se faire entendre pendant treize ans encore. Les dix premières années de cette époque furent calmes. La zaouïa prospérait mais, alentour, l'orage s'accumulait. Tierno

Bokar, au seuil de la vieillesse, allait retrouver l'insécurité. Il allait connaître la haine, la calomnie et la trahison sans jamais rien perdre de sa sérénité. Avant d'aller s'allonger sous l'arbrisseau, sous le cailloutis que le destin lui avait en effet désigné comme lieu de repos, il lui restait à montrer qu'il savait accueillir les épreuves comme il savait accueillir les faveurs du ciel. Avec la même gratitude. En remerciant Dieu comme si ces épreuves étaient autant de bénédictions.

Quelque temps après la mort de sa mère, Tierno reçut une lettre qui devait jouer un rôle capital dans l'orientation ultérieure de sa vie spirituelle. Cette lettre émanait de Alpha Hassim Tall (frère du roi de Bandiagara) qui s'était retiré au Hedjaz, en Arabie. Alpha Hassim Tall lui rapportait par le menu les persécutions que le jeune régime wahhabite faisait subir aux tenants des confréries. Ces « puritains de l'Islam » s'attaquaient violemment à toutes les manifestations ou survivances du soufisme en Arabie.

Alpha Hassim Tall, inquiet peut-être au sujet de l'avenir de la Tidjaniya, entretenait longuement Tierno de ce problème et lui transmettait quelques secrets connus des seuls grands initiés de l'Ordre. Il lui disait, notamment, qu'avait été annoncée la manifestation prochaine, au sein de la Tidjaniya, d'un maître spirituel (*Qûtb*, ou Pôle), dont la mission serait de revivifier la Tidjaniya. Des détails extrêmement précis étaient donnés sur les signes distinctifs qui permettraient de reconnaître cet homme prédestiné. Il était également indiqué que son origine familiale serait indifférente, ce qui impliquait qu'il pouvait surgir dans n'importe quel milieu.

Enfin, Alpha Hassim Tall précisait à son correspondant les prières spéciales à dire, les mortifications à s'imposer qui l'aideraient à reconnaître, sans risque d'erreur, le flambeau lorsqu'il apparaîtrait. Parmi ces mortifications figurait un jeûne de trois ans [1] interrompu seulement à l'occasion des jours où le

1. Il s'agit, bien entendu, du jeûne islamique qui consiste à s'abstenir de toute nourriture et de toute boisson du lever au coucher du soleil.

jeûne est canoniquement interdit. Tierno Bokar, il me le dit plus tard, observa à la lettre toutes ces recommandations.

Cela se passait aux environs des années trente. Or, à cette époque, un mouvement religieux propre à la confrérie Tidjani secouait les communautés musulmanes des zones soudaniennes et sahéliennes. Un adepte Tidjani de la ville de Nioro, Cheik Hamallâh — que l'on appelait « Chérif Hamallâh » parce qu'il était descendant du Prophète par son père — avait été élevé à la dignité de Khalife [1] (Grand Maître) de l'Ordre. Il avait reçu pour mission, disait-on, de faire retourner la Tidjaniya à sa source et de la faire revenir, entre autres, à la pratique originelle de la *wazifat* consistant à réciter l'oraison *Perle de la perfection (Djawharatul-kamal)* onze fois et non douze comme l'usage s'en était peu à peu institué [2].

Le « Hamallisme » (ainsi nommé par l'Administration française de l'époque) allait s'étendre des rives du Sénégal au Gobir et des portes du Sahara au cœur de la forêt. Les hommes religieux échangeaient des lettres, se posaient des questions. Les Tall, descendants ou parents d'El Hadj Omar, avaient appris de ce dernier à réciter la *Perle de la perfection* douze fois. Ils prirent donc une position de farouches opposants envers ceux que l'on appela, en raison du nombre de grains de leur chapelet, les « onze grains ».

Tall par sa naissance et grand par son rayonnement, Tierno Bokar fut invité à mêler sa voix au chœur des malédictions. Mais il était inconcevable, pour un homme comme Tierno, de

1. Khalife : littéralement « représentant ». Nom donné à un dignitaire suprême de l'Ordre, censé « représenter » le Fondateur.

2. L'oraison *Perle de la perfection (Djawharatul-kamal)* fut révélée par le Prophète Mahomet, en une vision, à Si Ahmed Tidjani un jour de 1781, à Bar-Semghoum, en Algérie, avec injonction de la réciter onze fois, ainsi que cela se pratique toujours dans la maison mère. La récitation par douze fois fut introduite par les grands élèves du Fondateur (cf. p. 233) et reprise, par la suite, par certaines branches de la Tidjaniya, dont la branche omarienne.

L'importance du nombre onze vient de sa signification dans la symbolique numérologique musulmane. Il est le nombre de la spiritualité pure et de l'ésotérisme, car il symbolise l'unité de la créature liée à l'unité du Créateur. Il est la clef de la communion mystique. Ce nombre joue un grand rôle tant dans le symbolisme musulman que dans les traditions africaines. Le nombre douze, qui en est issu, symbolise, lui, l'action dans le monde et le sacrifice. (Cf. p. 58.)

porter un jugement de valeur sans avoir entendu l'incriminé et sans disposer d'éléments de comparaison. Il ne prit donc pas position et, secrètement, attendit l'occasion de se rendre à Nioro pour juger par lui-même. Cette occasion lui sera donnée en 1937. Nous raconterons plus loin comment Tierno rencontra le Chérif Hamallâh, comment il le reconnut pour celui qui lui avait été annoncé par Alpha Hassim Tall et comment ce choix fut la cause de toutes ses épreuves.

C'est en 1937 que la vie de Tierno Bokar entra dans sa phase finale. Le maître s'engagea alors dans ce que l'on pourrait appeler la voie de la mystique active, qui fut également pour lui la voie de la souffrance.

A soixante-deux ans, Tierno était rompu à tous les exercices de l'esprit. Il avait arpenté les sentiers mystiques qui lui avaient été révélés, ne s'égarant jamais dans leurs dédales. Il avait en lui-même la solide assurance de sa foi orthodoxe, fil d'Ariane infaillible. Les variations les plus audacieuses sur le thème de Dieu et de son unicité lui étaient familières. Il gardait la tête froide là où d'autres auraient rencontré le vertige. Expert dans la science symbolique des nombres, il les maniait avec une maîtrise qui n'avait de comparable que celle de ses doigts lorsqu'ils couraient sur le chapelet. Il était dans la pleine connaissance de lui-même et s'efforçait d'évoluer sur des plans toujours plus élevés.

Il recherchait souvent la difficulté, pour savoir s'il possédait lui-même la patience et l'endurance qu'il enseignait aux autres. Il dit un jour : « Je demande à Dieu qu'au moment de ma mort j'aie plus d'ennemis, à qui je n'aurai rien fait, que d'amis. » Parole terrible lorsque l'on songe à la solitude de ses derniers jours. Il l'avait donc voulu dans son cœur. Il considérait que sa vie, jusqu'alors, ne lui avait pas apporté une épreuve capable de lui révéler le degré de sa propre résistance, de sa capacité suprême d'abandon à la volonté de Dieu *(tawakkul)*. Dans cette optique, bien des soufi, il est vrai, ont demandé à Dieu le martyre...

Il connaissait toutefois les limites humaines et, conscient de la responsabilité qu'il avait endossée en devenant maître d'hommes, il n'invitait pas ses disciples à imiter sa propre attitude vis-à-vis de la souffrance, ayant pris la mesure de chacun.

Depuis des années, Tierno Bokar s'attristait de voir s'amenuiser constamment la part de l'Esprit dans la pratique des rites confraternels de l'Ordre. Ce dont il se plaignait surtout, c'était de voir que la pratique des commandements spirituels de la Tidjaniya n'était plus respectée [1]. Bien des adeptes semblaient s'attacher davantage à l'argent qu'à la connaissance spirituelle ou au perfectionnement moral. Certains s'imaginaient naïvement qu'ils mériteraient de Dieu en donnant de l'argent plutôt qu'en perfectionnant leur conduite. Pour être bon élève ou bon disciple, croyaient-ils, il suffisait de faire des dons à un cheikh et de recevoir sa « bénédiction ». Inutile de dire combien Tierno était opposé à de telles pratiques.

Partout, la ferveur s'était relâchée, comme refroidie. La pratique était tombée dans un certain formalisme. Les adeptes se sentaient davantage liés en tant que Toucouleurs qu'en tant que frères de l'Ordre. L'esprit de clan se confondait avec l'esprit confraternel et l'emportait souvent sur lui. Bref, il manquait à la communauté tidjanienne dans son ensemble un souffle d'authentique vie spirituelle.

On sait que la Tidjaniya, confrérie née en Algérie dans les plus pures traditions du soufisme, avait pénétré le monde noir selon trois voies : l'une qui venait directement du nord, descendant de l'Algérie vers le Soudan et Tombouctou ; l'autre qui venait de l'ouest, par le fleuve Sénégal ; la troisième, enfin, qui venait de l'est par l'entremise d'El Hadj Omar qui l'avait ramenée de La Mekke.

El Hadj Omar était déjà Tidjani avant de partir pour La Mekke mais, au cours de son pèlerinage, il avait été initié et formé par le Cheikh Mohammad el Ghali, lui-même élève direct de Si Ahmed Tidjani. Avant de revenir en Afrique, El Hadj

1. On trouvera ces commandements dans la troisième partie du livre : « L'enseignement », p. 233.

Omar avait été élevé à la dignité de Khalife de l'Ordre, avec mission spéciale de répandre la Tidjaniya.

Or, à l'époque où se situe maintenant notre récit, nous sommes bien obligés d'admettre que la branche omarienne de la Tidjaniya semblait avoir perdu la plupart des caractères spirituels qu'elle avait puisés, directement ou indirectement, dans les zaouïas de Fès, de Témacin ou d'Aïn Mahdi, en Algérie, où se trouve la maison mère. Au temps de la décadence de l'empire toucouleur, la confrérie semblait avoir oublié la tolérance et l'élévation de pensée qui avaient été la marque dominante de l'enseignement de Si Ahmed Tidjani, le fondateur.

Souffrant de cet état de choses, Tierno Bokar était, par ailleurs, tourmenté par l'éclosion du Hamallisme. Depuis des années, de toutes parts, on l'interrogeait. Les Tall le pressaient de prendre parti contre le réformateur de la Tidjaniya qui osait recommander de réciter onze fois la *Perle de la perfection*, contrairement à l'usage transmis par El Hadj Omar. Mais Tierno, nous l'avons vu, se refusait à accuser sans preuve. Au cours des longues conversations qu'il avait avec Dieu, son âme scrupuleuse demandait à être éclairée sur la vérité.

Le sens aigu qu'il avait de la chose religieuse lui permettait de sentir intuitivement l'orthodoxie d'une doctrine. Or, lorsqu'il put enfin se rendre à Nioro et y entendre directement Chérif Hamallâh, il ne trouva rien de répréhensible dans ses propos. Tout au contraire, son enseignement le séduisit par l'accent qui y était mis sur la tolérance et la soumission à Dieu, par sa tendance à se placer sur un plan purement spirituel et non temporel, par la référence qui y était faite à la plus haute Raison de l'homme. Les exercices pieux que recommandait le nouveau « Pôle » de la Tidjaniya n'avaient d'autre but que de faire accéder les initiés aux plus hauts niveaux de leur être et de les aider à s'y maintenir. Bref, dans la doctrine prêchée par le Chérif, Tierno Bokar reconnut l'enseignement originel du Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani, fondateur de l'Ordre, conforme à la fois à l'esprit et à la lettre de l'Islam.

Dès qu'il entendit le Chérif, Tierno en retira un immense soulagement. Il sut avoir trouvé la vérité qui lui avait été annoncée dans la lettre de Alpha Hassim Tall et fut persuadé que

la voix du Chérif allait irriguer et féconder la Tidjaniya qui, désormais, vivrait d'une vie nouvelle, à la fois plus intense et plus pure.

C'est au cours de l'année 1937 que Tierno Bokar rencontra le Chérif Hamallâh à Nioro. Avant de conter en détail cette rencontre, le moment est venu de dire ce qu'était le Hamallisme, comment il était apparu et comment avait pris naissance le faux problème des « onze grains » et des « douze grains », faux problème qui n'en allait pas moins faire lever une tempête de haine et de violence, déclencher les foudres de l'Administration coloniale et, finalement, marquer de son sceau tragique les derniers jours de Tierno.

Origines de la pratique des « onze grains » et des « douze grains »

Pour comprendre les racines du Hamallisme, il nous faut d'abord faire un saut dans le passé, du vivant même du fondateur de l'Ordre, et débrouiller une fois pour toutes cette question des « onze grains » et des « douze grains » puisqu'elle est à l'origine de tous les événements que nous aurons à conter dans cet ouvrage.

Comme nous avons déjà eu l'occasion de le dire, l'oraison *Perle de la perfection* avait été reçue par Si Ahmed Tidjani en une vision qu'il avait eue du Prophète, avec injonction de la réciter onze fois, comme cela se pratique toujours dans la maison mère en Algérie.

A une certaine époque de sa vie, le Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani dut quitter l'Algérie pour se réfugier au Maroc, un différend avec les autorités locales lui ayant rendu la vie impossible sur place. Par-dessus tout, il désirait éviter que des heurts avec ses nombreux disciples ne provoquent des effusions de sang. Protégé par le Sultan du Maroc, il put s'installer à Fès avec toute son école.

Dans la zaouïa de Fès, chaque matin, après la prière de l'aurore, les frères se rassemblaient pour réciter avec le Cheikh

la *wazifa*, ensemble d'oraisons se terminant par la récitation de la *Perle de la perfection* onze fois. Le Cheikh avait coutume, une fois cette onzième récitation achevée, de donner à tous sa bénédiction.

Un jour, il fut retardé et les élèves entreprirent sans lui la *wazifa*. Ils avaient déjà terminé la onzième récitation de la *Perle de la perfection* lorsque, enfin, le Cheikh put les rejoindre. Spontanément, et pour que le Cheikh puisse leur donner sa bénédiction comme à l'accoutumée, ils en reprirent le texte une douzième fois, après quoi le Cheikh les bénit.

Celui-ci n'ayant formulé aucune observation ni en bien ni en mal à l'égard de cette innovation, les élèves de Fès la conservèrent et c'est ainsi que naquit cette coutume, qui ne figure dans aucun enseignement écrit émanant du Cheikh lui-même mais qui se transmit à travers l'Afrique, en particulier dans la branche omarienne.

La zaouïa mère de Témacin, informée de cette nouvelle pratique, ne s'était pas élevée contre elle, bien que restant, pour sa part, fidèle à la récitation par onze. Les vieux initiés numérologues de la *Tariqa* [1] expliquèrent : Si le Cheikh n'a rien dit, c'est que, d'un point de vue ésotérique, le nombre onze égale le nombre douze [2]. En outre, douze étant le nombre du sacrifice, de l'action temporelle, voire de la guerre, il convient à l'état d'exil où se trouve actuellement le Cheikh. Quant au nombre onze, il est le nombre de la pure spiritualité, le nombre de l'ésotérisme et de la communion mystique avec Dieu. Il symbolise l'unité de la créature rejoignant l'Unité du Créateur. Il est encore, entre bien d'autres choses, la valeur du nom divin *Houa* (Lui), nom de pure transcendance que répètent les soufi à la fin de leurs réunions mystiques [3].

Cet état de choses se perpétua pendant près d'un siècle, sans soulever aucun problème.

En 1893, les maisons mères de la Tidjaniya en Algérie reçu-

1. *Tariqa :* littéralement « voie ». C'est ce nom que l'on traduit par Ordre, congrégation ou confrérie.

2. Le douze est censé être une émanation du onze, pour des raisons arithmosophiques qu'il serait trop long de développer ici.

3. Cf. note 2, p. 53.

rent la nouvelle de la prise de Bandiagara par les Français. Il semblait que c'en était bien fini de l'Empire toucouleur du Macina. L'élan de la Tidjaniya en Afrique noire paraissait brisé. On apprit bientôt qu'Amadou Chékou, Commandeur des croyants *(Lamido dioulbé)* qui avait succédé à son père El Hadj Omar dans sa fonction spirituelle, avait quitté le pays, chassé par l'avance française, et que l'on avait perdu sa trace. La Tidjaniya n'avait donc plus de Khalife.

Les Chioukh [1] des maisons mères s'inquiétèrent. Le conseil des zaouïas d'Aïn-Mahdi et de Témacin se réunit. Les Chioukh savaient, par une connaissance ésotérique propre à leur Ordre, qu'un grand maître, un *Qûtb* (Pôle) devait se manifester (c'était ce que Alpha Hassim Tall avait annoncé à Tierno Bokar), mais ils ignoraient où.

A l'issue de leur réunion, ils décidèrent d'envoyer le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar [2] dans les différents territoires d'Afrique au sud du Sahara, avec une double mission : d'une part, rechercher celui qui réunirait les signes annoncés du *Qûtb* et, d'autre part, ramener toutes les communautés Tidjani qu'il visiterait à la formule des « onze grains ». La Tidjaniya n'ayant plus désormais à prendre part à aucun commandement temporel, à aucune action extérieure, elle se devait de revenir au nombre symbolisant la pure contemplation et les seules valeurs spirituelles. Cette mutation devait, bien entendu, s'accomplir autant dans le fond que dans la forme.

Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar prit la route pour accomplir sa double mission, sans se douter que son périple durerait des années et qu'il finirait par le conduire à Nioro où, après avoir désespéré de rencontrer celui qu'il cherchait, il le trouverait enfin.

Il commença par se rendre en Égypte. De là, il gagna le Soudan anglo-égyptien, puis l'Afrique noire, visitant toutes les régions où la Tidjaniya comptait des zaouïas. Mais nulle part il ne décelait les signes annoncés.

Il parcourut le Tchad, le Nigeria, le Niger et, enfin, arriva au Soudan français (Mali). Il traversa Bandiagara puis, longeant le

1. Pluriel de « cheikh ».

2. Le cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar était élève de Cheikh Tahar, lui-même élève direct de Si Ahmed Tidjani et initié par lui.

Niger, continua sur Mopti et Ségou avant d'arriver à Bamako. Finalement, il apprit que la ville de Nioro était devenue, après l'abandon de Dinguiraye, le centre des activités d'El Hadj Omar. Autre caractéristique frappante, c'était à partir de Nioro qu'El Hadj Omar avait perdu le contrôle de son armée et que le caractère jusque-là purement religieux de sa conquête lui avait échappé. Le Cheikh apprit encore l'histoire de cette ville dont le nom exact, *nour*, signifie *Lumière* en arabe coranique. Une trajectoire de lumière semblait s'être arrêtée là. Il se pouvait qu'une autre y prît naissance. Mû par un pressentiment, il décida de s'y rendre, espérant y trouver ce qu'il cherchait.

A son arrivée à Nioro, le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar trouva une communauté Tidjani importante, comptant de « grands élèves [1] » extrêmement pieux et savants, cultivés en arabe, versés dans les sciences religieuses et mystiques. La Tariqa avait à sa tête le Chérif Mohammad el Moktar qui, ayant été initié par la zaouïa de Fès, récitait la *Perle de la perfection* douze fois. Au moment de l'arrivée du Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar, le Chérif el Moktar était en voyage.

Les adeptes Tidjani de la ville reçurent le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar avec chaleur et se pressèrent à ses causeries. Celui-ci commença à leur expliquer pourquoi il était nécessaire de revenir à la récitation originelle de la *Perle de la perfection* onze fois. La Tidjaniya se trouvant désormais, de par la volonté même de Dieu, déchargée de ses responsabilités temporelles qui passaient entre les mains des Français, il appartenait aux adeptes de revenir à la formule numérale qui correspondait à une vocation de pure spiritualité et qui en véhiculait les vertus. D'ailleurs, cette manière de réciter n'avait-elle pas été révélée à Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani par le Prophète de Dieu lui-même? Le Cheikh ne l'avait-il pas précisée dans son grand livre *Djawahira-el-Maani (Perle des significations)* et le grand El Hadj Omar lui-même n'avait-il pas commenté ce passage dans son propre ouvrage *Er-Rimaa?*

1. Les membres d'une Tariqa continuent d'être appelés « élèves » même lorsqu'ils atteignent un âge avancé et sont eux-mêmes très savants. On les appelle alors « grands élèves ».

Troublés, les Tidjani de Nioro lui demandèrent des explications supplémentaires. « C'est en lisant le livre du Cheikh, la *Djawahira-el-Maani*, que vous comprendrez », leur répondit-il. Or, l'étude approfondie de ce livre pourtant fondamental pour la confrérie avait été, jusqu'alors, quelque peu négligée. A part quelques grands élèves, on ne le lisait presque pas. Aussi les frères demandèrent-ils au Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar d'ouvrir un cours où ce livre serait lu et commenté pour eux. Le Cheikh accepta.

Chaque jour, toutes affaires cessantes, les Tidjani de Nioro, grands marabouts ou simples adeptes, venaient l'écouter. Au bout d'un certain temps, ils furent si convaincus qu'ils demandèrent au Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar de « renouveler leur *wirdou* ». Le *wirdou*, ou *wird*, représente l'ensemble des oraisons (*lazim* et *wazifa*) que l'on « reçoit » au moment de son initiation à l'Ordre, de même que l'initiateur (le *moqaddem*) les a reçues de son propre initiateur, et ainsi de suite jusqu'au Maître fondateur [1]. Or c'est une coutume, dans les confréries musulmanes, lorsque l'on rencontre un initié de haut grade ou mieux placé dans la « chaîne » de transmission, que de lui demander le renouvellement de son *wirdou*, comme une sorte de confirmation.

Le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar accepta. La plupart des marabouts de Nioro renouvelèrent donc leur *wirdou* entre ses mains

1. Chaque confrérie (ou *tariqa*) possède ainsi son propre *wirdou* qui remonte au saint personnage auquel elle s'origine et, à travers lui, au Prophète. Nous verrons, dans le chapitre consacré aux confréries (p. 241), que ces *wird* présentent, en fait, très peu de différences, étant essentiellement constitués de prières de salutations sur le Prophète et de *dhikr*, ou répétitions de certains noms de Dieu.

La récitation des *dhikr* et des oraisons spécifiques à chaque Tariqa doit, pour porter sa pleine efficacité et être dépourvue de tout risque spirituel, avoir été régulièrement « reçue » au cours de l'initiation à la Tariqa. Chaque « chaîne » émanant des grands maîtres spirituels remontant jusqu'au Prophète lui-même d'une manière ininterrompue, il y a transmission d'une énergie spirituelle particulière, ou *baraka*, laquelle, à travers le Prophète, remonte jusqu'à Dieu Lui-même. Cette énergie spirituelle est une aide sur le chemin de l'évolution; mais, comme l'a dit un grand maître soufi du Maroc, le Cheikh Tadilî: « L'initiation te donne la clef pour ouvrir la porte du jardin, mais c'est à toi qu'il appartient de faire effort pour cultiver ce jardin. »

mais, cette fois-ci, avec une *wazifa* comprenant onze récitations de la *Perle de la perfection*. Désormais, leur chapelet comportait une marque de séparation non plus après le douzième grain, mais après le onzième.

Lorsque la cérémonie fut terminée, le doyen des élèves, qui était jusqu'alors resté à l'écart, s'approcha. Il s'appelait Tierno Sidi. Par déférence envers son maître le Chérif el Moktar qui était toujours absent, il ne voulait pas recevoir le renouvellement de son *wirdou* avant lui. Aussi demanda-t-il au Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar de renouveler d'abord le *wirdou* du Chérif el Moktar.

— Ne vaudrait-il pas mieux, suggéra le Cheikh, attendre qu'il revienne ?

— Avant son départ, répondit Tierno Sidi, il m'a habilité à agir pour lui comme pour moi en toutes choses. Ce que tu feras, m'a-t-il dit, je l'approuverai.

Le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar réfléchit. Puis il s'adressa à toute l'assemblée des frères :

— Si vous me demandez tous de renouveler le *wirdou* du Chérif, leur dit-il, je le ferai. Raisonnablement, votre maître ne devrait pas s'élever contre une chose qui découle de l'enseignement direct du Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani et de l'ordre même du Prophète de Dieu. Je crains fort, cependant, que le Chérif el Moktar ne commence par accepter, puis n'en vienne à refuser, ce qui risquerait de gâter beaucoup de choses. (Prédiction qui se révélera exacte, comme on le verra.)

Les frères insistèrent tellement que le Cheikh finit par accepter. Il commença à rédiger les *fetwa* (sorte de décret officiel établissant l'affiliation de quelqu'un à la Tariqa) et établit en premier celle qui concernait le Chérif el Moktar.

A partir de ce jour, sa maison ne désemplit plus. Elle était devenue comme une sorte de zaouïa où l'on venait à la fois pour prier et pour étudier.

Sur ces entrefaites, le Chérif el Moktar revint à Nioro. Informé des événements, il accepta le renouvellement de son *wirdou* au bénéfice de la formule « onze ». Des réunions avaient toujours lieu chez le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar pour recevoir son enseignement, mais les frères revinrent désormais chez le

Chérif pour y accomplir leur prière et réciter avec lui leur *wirdou*. Le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar trouvait cela tout à fait normal, le Chérif el Moktar étant à la fois cheikh de l'Ordre et doyen de la communauté de Nioro. Une mission lui avait été confiée : réinstaurer la formule des onze récitations de la *Perle de la perfection*, et cette mission était accomplie. Il n'ambitionnait rien d'autre.

Mais il était une autre mission qui, elle, restait inaccomplie : la recherche, et la découverte, du « Pôle » prédestiné. Découragé, le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar se prépara à quitter Nioro pour continuer son voyage vers Saint-Louis-du-Sénégal. Mais il ne voulait pas quitter Nioro sans laisser un cadeau, et autant que possible un cadeau spirituel, à ceux qui l'avaient si bien accueilli et suivi. Aussi proposa-t-il que chacun des frères choisisse, parmi les oraisons, formules ou *dhikr* propres à la Tidjaniya, une formule particulière qu'il lui transmettrait rituellement au nom de sa chaîne de transmission propre, avec toute la *baraka* qui lui était attachée. Cette transmission fut considérée comme un don d'une grande valeur spirituelle et mystique, la chaîne du Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar étant particulièrement directe puisqu'il avait été initié par l'un des grands disciples du Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani lui-même.

La cérémonie commença. Chacun choisit la formule de son choix et la reçut du Cheikh avec l'indication des modalités particulières de récitation qui lui étaient attachées.

Puis vint le tour du Chérif el Moktar. Celui-ci, sur la liste, choisit de nombreuses formules. Le Cheikh les lui accorda. Puis il demanda que lui en soit expliqué le secret ésotérique. Le Cheikh accéda à toutes ses demandes. Après cela, le Chérif désigna encore une nouvelle formule. Cette fois-ci, au lieu de la lui accorder, le Cheikh la raya sur la liste.

— Je regrette, lui dit-il ; je ne puis donner cette formule car elle ne m'appartient pas. Elle appartient au prédestiné que je cherche et qui, seul, sera habilité à la réciter. Cependant, pour être éclairé par Dieu, je vais faire l'*Istikhar* [1]. Si, en réponse, on

1. L'*Istikhar* est une invocation enseignée par le Prophète et que l'on adresse à Dieu pour lui demander de lever une hésitation, d'éclairer un choix ou un point

me dit de te la donner, alors je te la donnerai. Mais je ne puis, de moi-même, décider de te la transmettre. Si je le faisais sans autorisation spéciale et sans que tu en sois le réel destinataire, cela te ferait plus de mal que de bien.

Cette dernière remarque déplut énormément au Chérif el Moktar. Elle venait s'ajouter au fait que ses élèves, en raison des grandes connaissances du Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar, avaient gardé l'habitude de se rendre chez ce dernier pour entendre son enseignement avant de venir chez lui pour accomplir la prière.

Bien que blessé, le Chérif se retira sans rien dire. Le soir, à son domicile, au cours du repas qui rassemblait autour de lui ses griots habituels [1] et quelques élèves, il déclara :

— Aujourd'hui, le nouveau marabout m'a dit qu'il possédait un nom de Dieu tel que, si je le prononçais, cela me ferait plus de mal que de bien.

Les griots, qui avaient l'habitude de le flatter, s'exclamèrent :

— Vraiment, Chérif, tu l'as bien mérité, car jamais nous n'aurions pensé que tu allais prêter serment d'allégeance à un autre marabout sur cette terre, encore moins à un homme qui est arrivé un beau jour à l'improviste !

Continuant sur ce thème où, comme tout griot qui se respecte,

obscur. Elle est généralement précédée d'un jeûne. Selon la gravité de ce jeûne, on distingue l'*Istikhar* simple et l'*Istikhar* double. C'est du second qu'il s'agit ici.

La réponse peut venir plus ou moins rapidement, plus ou moins directement, sous la forme d'un rêve, d'une inspiration ou d'un événement significatif. Parfois même, c'est un tiers qui reçoit la réponse en un rêve où il lui est dit de transmettre le message à l'intéressé.

Les grands initiés et maîtres spirituels reçoivent des réponses rapides et extrêmement précises. En général, ils réservent cette invocation pour des cas très graves et s'abstiennent d'y recourir à leur profit personnel, par « politesse » et pudeur à l'égard de Dieu.

1. Les griots constituent une caste particulière, composée de troubadours, de poètes et de musiciens, mais aussi de généalogistes qui savent chanter les hauts faits des ancêtres d'une famille. Ils vivent des dons que les nobles sont traditionnellement tenus de leur faire et sont souvent attachés à une famille. En tant que « mémoire vivante » de la communauté, leur rôle dans la société africaine est extrêmement important. Mais il arrive que, « maîtres de la parole », leur influence sur ceux qui les écoutent ne soit pas toujours positive, dans la mesure où ils excitent leur orgueil.

ils étaient experts, ils influencèrent si bien le Chérif qu'à la fin celui-ci, gagné par leur éloquente indignation, alla quérir tous les papiers qui lui avaient été donnés par le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar, y compris la *fetwa* renouvelant son *wirdou*, et les fit renvoyer séance tenante au Cheikh avec le message suivant : « Je te rends les onze grains, je reprends mes douze grains. » La prédiction du Cheikh se réalisait.

Et c'est ainsi, pour une simple blessure d'amour-propre, étrangère, à vrai dire, à tout sentiment réellement religieux, que débuta l'opposition ouverte entre « douze grains » et « onze grains ».

Le lendemain, le Chérif el Moktar réunit tous ses élèves et leur fit part de sa décision de revenir aux « douze grains » et de se séparer du Cheikh. Mais aucun des grands élèves, c'est-à-dire les plus anciens et les plus instruits, ne voulut se rallier à son attitude. Finalement, ils rejoignirent le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar. Devant cette défection à laquelle il ne s'attendait pas, le Chérif el Moktar fut cruellement blessé. Aigri, il se sentit trahi par tout le monde.

C'est alors que, dans notre histoire, apparaît Chérif Hamallâh.

Le Chérif el Moktar, comme beaucoup de dignitaires de confréries islamiques, dirigeait une école coranique où venaient les jeunes garçons du pays et quelques enfants de familles chérifiennes. L'un de ces derniers était le jeune Cheikh Hamallâh ben Mohammad ben Sidna Omar. Son père avait été commerçant près de Nyamani, sur le Niger. Sa mère était une femme peule du pays wassoulou. Lorsque ses parents étaient venus s'installer à Nioro, ils avaient confié l'éducation et la formation religieuse de l'enfant au Chérif el Moktar.

Celui-ci avait toujours prédit un grand avenir spirituel au jeune garçon. Un jour, le regardant attentivement, il avait dit devant d'autres élèves : « Celui-là, le jour viendra, quand son soleil sera à son zénith, où celui qui ne sera pas sous son ombre sera brûlé par son soleil ! »

A l'époque où se produisit ce premier éclatement entre « onze grains » et « douze grains », le jeune Chérif Hamallâh était âgé de dix-huit ou dix-neuf ans. Un soir, il vint à passer sur une

route qui longeait la concession du Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar alors que celui-ci se reposait à l'ombre de son mur. C'était la première fois que le Cheikh voyait le jeune homme. Quelque chose, à sa vue, le frappa. Il demanda à Sidi Abdallâh, qui était auprès de lui :

— Qui est le père de ce fils de noir [1] ?

— Ce n'est pas un noir, répondit Sidi Abdallâh ; c'est un Chérif, un descendant du Prophète. C'est le Chérif Hamallâh, fils de Sidna Omar.

Pour les Africains, en effet, ce n'est pas la couleur, mais la naissance qui compte. Dès lors qu'un homme est Chérif, fût-il sombre comme l'ébène, on dira de lui qu'il est Chérif — donc d'ascendance arabe — et non noir.

Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar garda un moment le silence. Puis il dit :

— Son pied est placé très haut par rapport à la terre.

Tous ceux qui étaient présents renchérirent :

— Ce n'est pas étonnant. De tout temps, il a émerveillé les gens. Il a même fait des miracles, sans l'avoir recherché et sans en tirer vanité.

Les jours passant, le Chérif el Moktar, constatant que ses élèves ne le rejoignaient pas, se demandait ce qui se passait chez le Cheikh. Il ordonna au jeune Chérif Hamallâh d'aller assister à leur séance et de venir lui rapporter ensuite ce qui s'y serait dit.

C'est ainsi que Chérif Hamallâh se rendit pour la première fois chez le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar. Il se plaça tout au fond de la salle et suivit attentivement le cours. Quant celui-ci fut terminé, il revint chez le Chérif el Moktar.

— Eh bien ! Qu'a-t-on dit de moi ? lui demanda immédiatement ce dernier, persuadé qu'il était l'objet de critiques et de médisances.

— Rien du tout, répondit le jeune homme ; ils n'ont même pas prononcé ton nom.

— Mais à quoi ont-ils passé leur journée ?

— A lire la *Djawahira-el-Maani (Perle des significations)* et à la commenter.

1. L'expression, courante dans le langage africain, n'a rien de péjoratif.

Trois jours de suite, le Chérif el Moktar envoya le jeune homme assister aux réunions. Chaque fois, à son retour, il recevait la même réponse :

— Ils n'ont pas parlé de toi.

Le troisième jour, furieux, le Chérif el Moktar éclata :

— Toi aussi, tu fais partie des traîtres à mon endroit. Ils t'ont gagné à leur cause. Puisqu'il en est ainsi, va les rejoindre et ne reviens plus chez moi !

Le jeune Chérif Hamallâh, pourtant si injustement chassé, ne se rendit pas pour autant chez le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar. Vivement contrarié et affligé d'un mal de tête épouvantable, il rentra chez lui. Depuis sa naissance, chaque fois qu'il était profondément contrarié, il était pris de maux de tête si aigus qu'il pouvait s'écrouler sur le sol et rester malade des semaines entières. On avait tenté de le soigner par tous les moyens possibles, mais rien n'y avait fait.

Sa mère Aïssata, le voyant arriver dans cet état, se précipita chez une voisine pour lui emprunter un certain encens dont elle avait coutume de se servir pour faire des fumigations. Sa voisine lui dit :

— Tu ferais mieux d'emmener ton fils chez le nouveau marabout, le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar. Beaucoup de gens sont déjà allés le trouver pour lui demander des bénédictions.

Dans l'espoir que son fils trouverait enfin la guérison, Aïssata le fit lever et réussit à l'amener chez le Cheikh. Ce dernier reconnut immédiatement le jeune homme que, durant trois jours, il avait observé sans rien dire. Se tournant vers Aïssata, il lui demanda comment le mal était survenu ; mais elle ne put répondre grand-chose. S'adressant alors au jeune Chérif, il le pria de l'accompagner dans sa case personnelle.

Une fois seuls, il lui posa des questions précises sur la nature de son mal, les circonstances qui le déclenchaient et ce qu'il ressentait. Chérif Hamallâh répondit en détail à ses questions. Quand il eut terminé, le Cheikh resta pensif pendant quelques instants. Puis, se penchant vers le sol qui était de sable fin, il nivela de la main l'espace qui était devant lui et y traça un mot écrit en arabe. C'était un nom secret de Dieu recélant les

mystères de la *Qutbuya* [1] tidjanienne, nom conservé précieusement et secrètement par les grands initiés de l'Ordre. C'était un maître mot, de ceux que l'on prononce seulement de bouche à oreille ou que l'on n'inscrit que sur le sable afin que nulle trace n'en demeure.

A dessein, le Cheikh avait commis une faute en omettant de tracer une certaine lettre du mot.

Puis, relevant la tête, il demanda au jeune homme :

— As-tu l'habitude de voir ce mot écrit ou de l'entendre prononcer, soit à l'état de veille, soit pendant ton sommeil ?

— Oui, j'ai l'habitude de le voir, répondit le Chérif. Mais dans le mot que tu as écrit, il manque une lettre par rapport à ce que je vois.

— Quelle est cette lettre, et où manque-t-elle ? demanda le Cheikh.

Chérif Hamallâh se pencha et traça, sur le sable, la lettre manquante à l'endroit où elle devait figurer.

Immédiatement, le Cheikh rassembla dans ses mains le sable où avait été écrit le nom sacré, l'enferma dans un sachet et donna ce sachet au Chérif.

— Tiens, lui dit-il, ceci t'appartient. C'est toi qui es le *Qutb-ul-Zaman*, le Maître de l'Heure, le Pôle du Temps que j'ai cherché partout. Je te demande de renouveler mon *wirdou*.

Et, remué par une émotion que nous pouvons comprendre, le vieux maître s'inclina devant le jeune homme, tendant les paumes de ses mains ouvertes en forme de coupe comme on le fait, en Islam, pour recevoir une bénédiction.

Chérif Hamallâh lui renouvela son *wirdou*. Puis, prenant le sachet contenant le sable précieux chargé des forces du Nom mystérieux, il le rendit au Cheikh :

— Je te le confie, lui dit-il. Je suis trop jeune encore pour pouvoir assumer extérieurement la fonction dont Dieu m'a honoré. Aussi, je te demande de garder ce sachet jusqu'à ce que le temps soit venu pour moi de m'en charger.

Le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar accepta et, bien que son

1. *Qutbuya*, substantif dérivé de *Qutb* : Pôle. Le terme, qui est intraduisible en français, désigne tout ce qui a trait au Pôle.

cœur fût empli de joie, il garda momentanément le silence sur sa grande découverte.

A partir de ce jour, toutefois, les élèves constatèrent de sa part un comportement curieux. Dès que Chérif Hamallâh arrivait, le Cheikh se poussait de côté pour lui faire une place sur le même tapis que lui. Chaque fois que le jeune homme prenait du thé, s'il restait ne fût-ce qu'une goutte dans la tasse, le Cheikh s'en saisissait pour la boire. Or ce sont là, en Afrique comme en tout pays musulman, de très grandes marques d'honneur et de respect.

Observant cette attitude, les élèves se disaient entre eux que le Cheikh éprouvait sans doute une très grande considération pour le Chérif, bien qu'ils n'en connussent pas la raison précise.

Les choses restèrent en l'état pendant un certain temps, le Cheikh ayant renoncé à partir pour le Sénégal.

Un jour, le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar se trouvait dans une pièce avec Tierno Sidi (celui-là même qui avait demandé que le *wirdou* du Chérif el Moktar fût renouvelé en son absence), Hamedine Baro et Kisman Doucouré, tous « grands élèves » qu'il avait déjà nommés *moqaddem* de l'Ordre comme il en avait le pouvoir [1]. Il se tourna vers Tierno Sidi :

— Si je te disais de prêter serment d'allégeance à Chérif Hamallâh, lui dit-il, accepterais-tu ?

— C'est mon fils ! se contenta de répondre Tierno Sidi, ce qui pouvait s'entendre de plusieurs façons.

Le Cheikh n'ajouta rien. Puis, se tournant vers Hamedine Baro :

— Et toi, si je te demandais de suivre Chérif Hamallâh, de le reconnaître comme ton maître, accepterais-tu ?

— Si tu me demandais de reconnaître un coq comme mon maître, je le reconnaîtrais, répondit ce dernier.

Alors, le Cheikh leur dit :

— Je vous demande de reconnaître le Chérif Hamallâh comme *Qûtb*.

Et il leur raconta sa longue quête, sa découverte, les signes

1. Dans les *tourouq* (pluriel de *tariqa*), un *cheikh* a le pouvoir de nommer des *moqaddem*.

qu'il avait reconnus et, surtout, le signe décisif du Nom secret destiné au *Qûtb*, tracé sur le sable et correctement corrigé.

C'est en cette occasion qu'il prononça le mot *Qûtb* en public pour la première fois [1].

Vint le moment où le Chérif el Moktar, de plus en plus mortifié de n'avoir pu convaincre ses anciens élèves de revenir vers lui, décida de passer à l'attaque. Il avait les moyens de le faire, étant à la fois le beau-fils et le marabout personnel de Bodian, le roi bambara du pays. Ses partisans, le clan Kaba de Nioro, puis les membres de la famille de Bodian qui se trouvaient maintenant alliés aux Tall (la famille d'El Hadj Omar), entamèrent une vive campagne contre le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar.

L'un des fils d'El Hadj Omar, qui faisait la navette entre Kayes et Dakar pour vendre des animaux, ameuta tous les Tall en leur disant qu'à Nioro un homme osait contredire la « doctrine » d'El Hadj Omar et qu'il avait institué une pratique contraire à celle de leur ancêtre.

Ils firent tant et si bien qu'ils réussirent à saisir l'Administration coloniale française de cette affaire, lui faisant ressortir qu'il y aurait des bagarres et du sang versé si Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar n'était pas expulsé de Nioro. Soucieuse, comme toujours, d'éviter tout incident, l'Administration ne chercha pas plus loin et décida d'expulser le Cheikh. On fit donc savoir à ce dernier que, n'étant pas originaire de la ville, il devait la quitter et rejoindre son pays.

Le Cheikh fit ses préparatifs de voyage et prit la direction du Sénégal. Au moment où il quittait Nioro, des élèves vinrent le saluer une dernière fois. Il leur dit : « Je suis très étonné que l'on

1. Cette scène, comme toutes celles qui se sont déroulées à Nioro à l'époque, me fut rapportée par un témoin oculaire : Kisman Doucouré, marabout marka de Nioro qui avait reçu son *wirdou* des mains de Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar.

Les détails de ce qui se passa entre le Cheikh et Chérif Hamallâh lors de leur entretien privé me furent confirmés, par ailleurs, par Moulaye Ismaïl (cf.p. 90) qui les entendit plus tard de la bouche même du Chérif.

puisse me chasser de ma tombe. En effet, il m'a été révélé que j'aurais ma tombe à Nioro. Et voilà que l'on me commande de ne plus jamais y revenir. Cela m'étonne beaucoup. Mais Dieu seul est savant [1] ! »

L'affaire fit grand bruit. Les commerçants sénégalais qui se trouvaient à Nioro, à Kayes et à Médina-Kayes et qui avaient apprécié les qualités spirituelles et humaines de Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar écrivirent à certains grands marabouts de Saint-Louis du Sénégal proches du pouvoir administratif central pour témoigner de l'innocence du Cheikh, celui-ci étant, selon eux, bien plutôt un agent de paix qu'un fauteur de troubles. Ils ajoutaient que l'Administration avait certainement été induite en erreur.

Quand le Cheikh arriva à Saint-Louis, il prit contact avec ces grands marabouts qui, à l'époque, étaient El Hadj Malik Sî, Abdoullaye Nias, la famille Bou Kounta et la famille Cheikh Sidia. Ces derniers l'accueillirent avec hospitalité, mais l'observèrent attentivement pour savoir à qui ils avaient affaire, tant sur le plan religieux que sur le plan humain. Le temps passant, ils trouvèrent en lui les qualités mêmes qui leur avaient été décrites par leurs correspondants sénégalais. Leur opinion étant faite, ils intervinrent auprès du gouverneur du Sénégal pour lui demander de rapporter la décision d'expulsion qui avait été prise à l'encontre du Cheikh et de l'autoriser à retourner à Nioro ainsi qu'il le souhaitait.

Ils obtinrent satisfaction. C'est ainsi que le Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar, après environ un an d'absence, put revenir à Nioro.

Un peu plus de deux ans après son retour, il rendait son dernier soupir dans la ville où, comme il l'avait annoncé, sa tombe l'attendait. Sa disparition allait marquer le point de départ de la carrière religieuse à la fois fulgurante et tragique du Chérif Hamallâh.

1. Ces renseignements m'ont été transmis par un témoin direct, Gata Bâ, membre de la famille royale de Denianké. Grand commerçant ayant joué un rôle important au Sénégal et au Soudan français, Gata Bâ se retira après l'indépendance à Abidjan.

Destin de Chérif Hamallâh

Le jour des funérailles du Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar, une grande foule accompagna sa dépouille. Tous ses élèves étaient là, parmi lesquels Chérif Hamallâh. Au retour de l'enterrement, la tradition aurait voulu que le cortège revînt au domicile du défunt. Par un mouvement irraisonné, la foule se dirigea spontanément vers le domicile de Chérif Hamallâh et se regroupa autour de lui. Tel fut, un jour de 1909, le début de sa carrière religieuse extérieure.

A partir de ce jour, Chérif Hamallâh assuma ses fonctions de Khalife de l'Ordre d'une façon publique et active, ayant été reconnu es qualités par le plus grand nombre des frères. Il remplit pleinement ses fonctions de maître, donna les *aourad* [1], prêcha, commenta les livres saints, guida les élèves, répandit sur tous sa bonté et son rayonnement spirituel, bref accomplit ce que l'on attendait de lui. Sa maison devint une véritable zaouïa et ne désemplit plus, jusqu'au jour où il devait être arrêté pour la première fois.

Les croyants venaient à lui en foule non seulement de Nioro mais des villes voisines et même des pays environnants. C'était une véritable marée humaine. Cette affluence contribua à mettre en ébullition non seulement la famille Tall et ses alliés, mais également l'Administration coloniale, toujours inquiète, par nature, devant les grands rassemblements d'hommes.

En 1920, l'écrivain Paul Marty, fonctionnaire de l'Administration coloniale, écrivait:

> Chérif Hamallâh n'est encore qu'une source bouillonnante, mais une source qui, on peut le prévoir, par la force naissante de son courant, la vertu qui de toutes parts s'attache à ses eaux et à la convergence des ruisseaux voisins, va devenir un grand fleuve [2].

1. Pluriel de *wirdou*.
2. Paul Marty, chargé des Affaires musulmanes: *Études sur l'Islam et les tribus du Soudan*, tome IV, p. 218.

Ainsi que Tierno Bokar devait me l'expliquer un jour, Chérif Hamallâh avait pris sa chefferie spirituelle au moment même — en 1909 — où le monde entrait dans un cycle de Mars [1], cycle de troubles, de conflits et de guerres. « Tout saint ou prophète, me dit-il, dont l'avènement coïncide avec le début d'un cycle de mars rencontrera plus de déboires que de jours paisibles, ce qui ne diminue en rien sa valeur spirituelle. Notre grand maître, le Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani, avait recommandé à ses grands élèves: " Si vous êtes calomniés, ne calomniez pas. Si vous recevez des coups, ne les rendez pas. Si quelqu'un vous refuse une faveur, vous, accordez-lui en. " Chérif Hamallâh, ajouta Tierno, a respecté jusqu'au bout ce commandement. »

Le cycle de Mars, qui avait commencé en 1909, devait se terminer en 1945 [2]. A cette date, depuis deux ans à peine, Chérif Hamallâh reposera dans le cimetière de Montluçon, mort des suites de sa déportation. Comment la situation avait-elle pu s'aggraver, au fil des années, jusqu'à en arriver à ce point extrême?

Lorsque Chérif Hamallâh apparut sur le devant de la scène religieuse, le conflit entre « douze grains et « onze grains » — conflit d'origine purement humaine et non religieuse — existait déjà. Il ne fit qu'en hériter. La flambée d'enthousiasme dont il fut l'objet et le succès qu'il rencontra ne pouvaient que contribuer à attiser le feu qui couvait chez tous les tenants des « douze grains ».

Les choses en restèrent cependant là jusqu'à ce qu'une affaire tout à fait banale, dite « affaire de la théière », affaire purement humaine et où le Chérif n'avait aucune part, vienne mettre le feu aux poudres et donner un caractère ouvert et irréversible au conflit.

Un interprète nommé Mamadou Salim avait fait exécuter, par un artisan, une théière en argent dont il avait confié la garde à sa femme, une descendante d'El Hadj Omar. Cet interprète avait

1. Il ne s'agit pas de cycles planétaires astronomiques ou astrologiques, mais de cycles numérologiques liés au symbolisme des planètes.
2. Ce cycle de Mars, notons-le, a connu les deux guerres les plus meurtrières de notre époque, la dernière ayant pris fin en même temps que lui.

pour maître Tierno Sidi, celui-là même qui, à Nioro, avait été initié aux « onze grains » par Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar [1]. Un jour, désirant honorer son maître par un cadeau, il lui fit don de sa théière. Quelque temps plus tard, le malheur voulut qu'il fût arrêté par les autorités françaises et emprisonné. Il mourut au cours de sa détention, laissant sa famille sans ressources.

Sa femme se souvint alors qu'un jour elle l'avait vu remettre la théière d'argent à un commissionnaire de Tierno Sidi. Elle fit demander à ce dernier de lui rendre la théière afin de pouvoir la vendre. Tierno Sidi lui fit répondre que, malheureusement, la théière ne lui avait pas été prêtée, mais donnée, et qu'à ce titre il l'avait à son tour donnée à un tiers : le chef maure de Tichitt. Toutefois, ajoutait-il, si ce dernier avait encore la théière en sa possession, il ne refuserait certainement pas de la rendre à une descendante d'El Hadj Omar si elle le lui demandait.

La femme ne voulut rien entendre. Elle cria qu'on lui avait volé sa théière et porta l'affaire devant son frère Karamango Tall qui, à l'époque, était le seul descendant d'El Hadj Omar en vue à Bamako. C'était un boutiquier, illettré aussi bien en français qu'en arabe. Fort embarrassé, il convoqua tous les anciens sofas [2] d'El Hadj Omar ainsi que les captifs et les griots qui se réclamaient de son obédience. Une fois réunis, il leur exposa l'affaire. Ses auditeurs qui, pour la plupart, étaient devenus boys ou cuisiniers chez les Français installés dans la ville décidèrent de convoquer tous les Toucouleurs présents à Bamako.

Or, il se trouvait que parmi tous les Toucouleurs de Bamako, deux seulement appartenaient à une famille noble et lettrée : Bokar Diafara et mon père adoptif Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam, le fidèle ami de Tierno Bokar.

Quand tout le monde fut réuni et que Karamogo Tall eut exposé les griefs de sa sœur à l'endroit de Tierno Sidi, mon père Tidjani Amadou Ali prit la parole.

1. Tierno Sidi était venu s'installer à Bamako pour ne pas être mêlé au différend qui opposait son ancien maître, le Chérif el Moktar, à Chérif Hammalâh. Il n'avait donc aucune relation avec Chérif Hamallâh.

2. *Sofa* : nom donné aux guerriers qui entourent un chef et qui, le plus souvent, appartiennent à des ethnies étrangères.

— Tierno Sidi est aujourd'hui la personnalité la plus marquante de Fouta, dit-il, aussi bien par ses connaissances que par sa piété. De plus, c'est un grand *moqaddem*. Ses liens avec la famille d'El Hadj Omar sont puissants. Aussi sied-il mal que, pour une théière, nous entrions en conflit avec lui. Je propose que chaque Toucouleur présent à Bamako, noble ou serviteur, verse une cotisation afin de réunir une somme de trois cents francs [1] qui sera remise à la sœur de Karamogo Tall, en dédommagement de sa théière.

Lorsqu'on transmit cette proposition à la sœur de Karamogo Tall, elle s'écria que c'était une injustice, une manœuvre bien digne d'un Thiam [2], et elle exigea qu'on lui rende sa théière en argent, celle-là même que son mari avait fait fondre et façonner, et pas une autre !

Aussitôt, les Toucouleurs tinrent une nouvelle réunion et envoyèrent deux émissaires chez Tierno Sidi pour le convoquer et lui demander de venir leur fournir des explications. Une telle demande, dans le cadre des traditions africaines fondées sur le respect des hiérarchies, était totalement déplacée. Aussi Tierno Sidi répondit-il aux émissaires [3] :

— En raison de mon âge, de ma qualité et de mon grade dans la Tariqa, c'est à moi qu'il appartient d'appeler une assemblée de Toucouleurs, et non à elle de me convoquer. Toutefois, si une convocation m'est adressée personnellement par le petit-fils d'El Hadj Omar Tall (Karamogo Tall), je suis prêt à lui répondre par respect pour son grand-père.

Malheureusement, les émissaires avaient été mal choisis. L'un était connu pour sa réputation de « faiseur d'histoires », l'autre pour son opposition à Tierno Sidi. C'est donc tout à fait d'accord qu'à leur retour ils transmirent à l'assemblée des Toucouleurs une réponse résumée à leur façon :

— Nous avons fait la commission à Tierno Sidi, dirent-ils, mais il nous a fait savoir qu'il n'avait pas à répondre à une

1. Somme extrêmement importante pour l'époque.

2. Les Toucouleurs comptent deux grandes familles, les Tall et les Thiam, traditionnellement rivales l'une de l'autre.

3. Les deux émissaires étaient Bokar Yaya Dem et Karamogo Babali.

assemblée d'incirconcis ! — autant dire, en langage clair : à une assemblée de petits gamins sans importance.

Des cris d'indignation fusèrent de toutes parts. S'estimant insultés, les Toucouleurs se dressèrent contre Tierno Sidi comme un seul homme — sauf mon père Tidjani — et décidèrent d'organiser une campagne à leur manière en vue de le perdre. Travaillant, pour la plupart, chez des membres de l'Administration coloniale, ils étaient bien placés pour agir. Chacun reçut pour mission de « monter » son patron contre Tierno Sidi en traçant de ce dernier le plus noir des portraits. Au bout de quelque temps, ce travail de sape fit son œuvre. De plusieurs sources, le commandant du Cercle de Bamako commença à entendre parler d'un marabout « onze grains », incarnation même de la malhonnêteté et de tous les défauts possibles.

Lorsqu'il estima que les esprits avaient été suffisamment préparés, Karamogo Tall, au nom de la communauté toucouleure de Bamako, porta plainte en justice contre Tierno Sidi pour « détournement d'une théière d'argent ayant appartenu à une veuve ». Le commandant de Cercle, indisposé contre Tierno Sidi par son entourage, le convoqua en ses bureaux. Sans même vouloir entendre ses explications, il envoya l'affaire devant le tribunal indigène. Mais Karamogo Tall et ses amis avaient déjà circonvenu l'assesseur du tribunal, lui promettant de réaliser son rêve (devenir Imam de la mosquée de Bamako) s'il les aidaît à gagner leur procès.

Le procès eut lieu. Tierno Sidi le perdit et fut condamné à rendre la théière dans un délai d'un mois, faute de quoi il serait incarcéré. Heureusement pour lui, il put récupérer la théière auprès du chef maure de Tichitt et la remettre au commandant de Cercle dans les délais fixés.

L'affaire paraissait donc close, du moins pour Tierno Sidi. En fait, elle allait marquer le commencement d'une guerre sans merci contre tous les « onze grains », quels qu'ils soient et d'où qu'ils viennent.

Enivrés par leur succès facile contre un homme de l'envergure de Tierno Sidi et découvrant la force que représentait leur union, les Toucouleurs tinrent une nouvelle assemblée où ils

décidèrent de porter le conflit sur un autre plan. Karamogo Tall les harangua :

— Tierno Sidi et sa famille sont traîtres à El Hadj Omar puisqu'ils ont choisi la formule des onze récitations, déclara-t-il. Il nous faut maintenant les amener à reprendre la formule des douze ; sinon, il y aura rupture totale entre notre clan et leurs partisans. Aucun boutiquier ni marchand toucouleur ne leur vendra plus rien. Ils seront tenus par tous en quarantaine !

Mon père Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam — de qui je tiens tous les détails de cette affaire — était présent à cette réunion. Une nouvelle fois, il s'efforça de faire entendre le langage du bon sens, mais en vain :

— Oserais-tu, toi Karamogo Tall, et tous ceux qui sont présents ici, attaquer Tierno Sidi sur le plan religieux ? Si une contestation d'ordre religieux doit être soutenue avec Tierno Sidi, c'est à d'autres de le faire, et certainement pas à vous qui ne connaissez rien !

En effet, sur les cinq cents personnes présentes, toutes étaient illettrées, sauf Tidjani Amadou Ali lui-même. Furieux de ces paroles, les Toucouleurs écartèrent mon père de leur assemblée.

Après leur réunion, les Toucouleurs firent rédiger et écrire des lettres qu'ils envoyèrent un peu partout, dans tous les pays — Sénégal, Guinée, etc. — où se trouvaient des membres de leur clan, pour leur annoncer qu'ils avaient triomphé d'un ennemi d'El Hadj Omar et leur demander de boycotter les « onze grains » partout où ils les trouveraient.

L'une de ces lettres arriva à Bandiagara. Le chef de canton, qui était un Toucouleur, réunit le comité de Bandiagara, présidé par Tierno Bokar. Alpha Ali, le maître coranique, vieil ami de Tierno Bokar, était également présent. Il avait déjà été initié aux « onze grains » mais n'en avait jamais parlé à personne.

On lut la lettre, après quoi l'on demanda son avis à Tierno Bokar. Celui-ci déclara :

— Personnellement, je ne prendrai position ni pour, ni contre les « onze grains » avant d'avoir rencontré le promoteur de cette pratique et de savoir sur quoi elle repose. En attendant d'en savoir davantage, je conseille que nous en restions tous à la tradition des « douze grains ».

Cela se passait en 1917. Bandiagara conserva donc en majorité la pratique des « douze grains » jusqu'en 1937, date du voyage de Tierno Bokar à Nioro.

Comme on le voit, l'origine de ce conflit n'avait rien ni de politique — comme le croyait l'Administration française — ni de fondamentalement religieux, puisque la pratique incriminée ne touchait ni à l'Islam ni à l'enseignement originel du Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani. Jusqu'à la campagne entreprise par les Toucouleurs après le gain de leur procès contre Tierno Sidi, « douze grains » et « onze grains » coexistaient pacifiquement. Dans les mosquées, après les prières canoniques de l'Islam, chacun récitait tranquillement son *wirdou* tidjani en égrenant les grains de son chapelet, qu'il y en eût onze ou douze. Personne, à vrai dire, n'y prêtait attention.

Mais, désormais, les lions étaient lâchés. La redoutable machine administrative avait commencé à se mettre en marche. Pour les autorités françaises, les « onze grains » étaient devenus la cible à abattre. Aux yeux de beaucoup, le « Hamallisme », qui en était le mouvement le plus représentatif, devint suspect et fauteur de troubles. Harcelée par de grands marabouts toucouleurs influents, l'Administration en vint à épouser une querelle qui, en fait, ne l'intéressait en rien.

De son côté, Chérif Hamallâh ignorait la stratégie de l'intrigue et vivait dans un monde étranger aux règles extérieures de la diplomatie. A l'égard de l'Administration française, jamais il ne se départit d'une attitude de parfaite dignité, mais de totale indépendance qui pouvait faire penser à du dédain, voire à de l'hostilité. Il ne recherchait aucun honneur, ne se souciait pas d'obtenir des médailles, ne rendait pas visite aux autorités de l'époque, ne faisait sa cour à personne, bref, tenait à rester en dehors de toutes les questions temporelles. Attitude dangereuse, en un temps où l'Administration coloniale n'avait que trop tendance à penser que qui n'était pas avec elle était contre elle. Il n'en fallut pas plus pour que les autorités, inquiètes du succès populaire grandissant du Chérif et poussées par les Toucouleurs, le considérassent comme un dangereux rebelle, fomentant dans le secret de sombres complots et attendant l'heure propice pour déclencher la révolte.

En 1920, Paul Marty pouvait encore écrire :

> Vis-à-vis de nous (Administration française), son attitude est correcte, mais réservée. Il ne vient au bureau du Cercle que sur un appel formel. Il semble qu'avec un peu d'habileté on l'apprivoiserait très vite [1].

Malheureusement, l'Administration ne voulut pas écouter les conseils de Paul Marty, pourtant mieux informé qu'elle des réalités locales en raison de sa qualité de chargé des Affaires musulmanes bien introduit auprès des marabouts de toutes obédiences. Elle préféra écouter ceux qui agitaient l'épouvantail du désordre et de la révolte, laissant présager les pires ennuis en provenance des Hamallistes. Ainsi va l'histoire.

Dès lors, la situation ne cessa de s'aggraver. On faisait endosser au Chérif la responsabilité du moindre incident et l'on en prenait prétexte pour persécuter ses élèves. Ce fut le début des arrestations et des déportations en masse.

Une rixe anodine survenue à Nioro en 1923 motiva la convocation de Chérif Hamallâh à Bamako, à six cents kilomètres de son domicile. Le gouverneur, monté contre lui par son entourage, le reçut d'une façon grossière :

— On dit que tu prétends parler directement avec Dieu. Demande-lui donc, si tu le peux, de me casser la tête avec le toit de mon palais..., s'esclaffa-t-il.

Par l'intermédiaire de l'interprète, le Chérif fit la réponse suivante :

— Interprète, dis au gouverneur de mieux ouvrir sa bouche (littéralement, en bambara : « de faire de meilleurs vœux »). Je n'ai pas à m'adresser à Dieu pour demander sa vie ou sa mort. Je sais seulement que lorsque Dieu met un homme à la tête ne serait-ce que de cinq personnes, c'est qu'il a de la considération pour lui ; à plus forte raison quand il le place à la tête d'un pays aussi grand que le Soudan. Or, quand Dieu a de la considération pour un homme, il exauce ses vœux. Il aurait donc mieux valu, pour le gouverneur, demander à Dieu de vivre longtemps afin de

1. *Op. cit.*, p. 218.

bien bénéficier de la fonction qu'il occupe. Vivre est certainement meilleur que mourir car ici, au moins, il est assuré d'avoir une place excellente, tandis qu'il ignore s'il en sera de même dans la vie future.

On comprendra aisément que, pour un gouverneur tout puissant, exclusivement habitué à entendre: « Oui, Monsieur le Gouverneur... », « A vos ordres, Monsieur le Gouverneur... », de telles paroles étaient inadmissibles. Au comble de la colère et de l'indignation, il décréta immédiatement la déportation du Chérif. On ne permit même pas à celui-ci de retourner à Nioro voir sa famille. On lui passa les menottes et, séance tenante, il fut conduit sur Saint-Louis-du-Sénégal où il fut placé en résidence surveillée.

En 1924, des incidents survinrent à Kiffa (actuelle Mauritanie). Bien que le Chérif se trouvât à cette époque en résidence à Saint-Louis, on l'en rendit personnellement responsable. On en prit prétexte pour le retirer de Saint-Louis où son influence commençait à rayonner sur la population et à entraîner de nombreuses conversions et on le transféra à Muderdra, en Mauritanie.

En 1930, alors qu'il se trouvait toujours à Muderdra, des bagarres éclatèrent à Kaedi (Sénégal) entre des membres de l'ethnie marka. Le promoteur de ces incidents était parfaitement connu. Mais c'était un Hamalliste. Aussi en imputa-t-on la faute à Chérif Hamallâh qui, de Muderdra, fut déporté en Côte-d'Ivoire, à Adjopé, dans une zone particulièrement humide. Sans doute n'ignorait-on pas que la meilleure façon de tuer un Maure, habitué à vivre sous une tente, au grand air, était de le faire vivre dans une maison humide...

Dès lors, l'accès de la Côte-d'Ivoire fut interdit à tous les Maures afin que nul ne puisse prendre contact avec le Chérif. C'est pourquoi jusqu'en 1936, date du retour du Chérif au Soudan, les Maures furent constamment expulsés de Côte-d'Ivoire.

Pendant toute cette période, la vie devint intenable pour les Hamallistes. Toute difficulté rencontrée par l'Administration où que ce soit leur était imputée. Si quelqu'un refusait de payer ses impôts, on l'accusait de hamallisme. Pour se venger d'un ennemi, il suffisait de le dénoncer comme « dangereux hamalliste » et il était embarqué sans autre explication. Les fidèles de Chérif Hamallâh, notamment tous ses principaux *moqaddem*, furent déportés et dispersés aux quatre coins de l'Afrique occidentale et équatoriale française. Mais par un curieux retournement du sort, ces mesures allaient à l'encontre du résultat recherché. Partout, en effet, où les exilés s'installaient, ils prenaient racine et fondaient des zaouïas qui connurent, par la suite, un grand essor. De chaque anneau que l'on séparait de sa chaîne sortait une chaîne nouvelle. Ainsi l'activité des ennemis de Chérif Hamallâh, qui éperonnaient une Administration mal éclairée sur ces problèmes spirituels, paraissait-elle vouée à un échec perpétuel.

En 1936, grâce à l'avènement du Front populaire, tous les détenus politiques furent libérés par décision du gouvernement français. Chérif Hamallâh put enfin quitter la Côte-d'Ivoire et rentrer à Nioro.

Mais ses ennemis étaient toujours là et ils n'avaient pas désarmé. Les grands marabouts toucouleurs, voyant l'Administration nouvelle se désintéresser du Chérif, craignirent que les prérogatives dont ils jouissaient ne passent à ce dernier dont l'audience populaire ne cessait de croître. Aussi décidèrent-ils une nouvelle fois de lui nuire et cherchèrent-ils un prétexte sur lequel s'appuyer. Ils ne tardèrent pas à le trouver.

Chérif Hamallâh, à son retour, avait déclaré à ses élèves qui lui faisaient fête: « Ce ne sera pas pour très longtemps. Je me considère comme encore en voyage. » En raison de l'insécurité permanente dans laquelle il se trouvait, il avait abrégé la durée de ses prières canoniques, les ramenant de quatre *rekkat* à deux *rekkat* [1] ainsi que le permet la loi islamique pour les cas de voyage, de danger ou de guerre. Il n'avait conseillé à personne de l'imiter, ce qui n'empêcha pas certains de ses élèves — particulièrement ceux qui appartenaient à l'ethnie marka et qui étaient perpétuellement en voyage pour leur commerce — de suivre son exemple.

1. Cf. note 2, p. 39. Sur les cinq prières quotidiennes de l'Islam, trois sont constituées de quatre *rekkat* qui peuvent être ramenées à deux en cas de voyage, de danger ou de guerre.

Dès qu'ils apprirent la chose, les antagonistes de Chérif Hamallâh coururent prévenir les autorités françaises que Chérif Hamallâh préparait la « guerre sainte » puisqu'il priait par deux *rekkat* au lieu de quatre. Ils oubliaient simplement de préciser que cette pratique, effectivement valable en temps de guerre, était également valable pour les simples voyages et l'état d'insécurité.

Le Chérif fut convoqué. Là encore, l'entretien fut mémorable, le Chérif ayant demandé au commandant combien la France avait prescrit de *rekkat*, pour savoir s'il avait enfreint à ses ordres. Heureusement, le Chérif fut renvoyé chez lui sans suites fâcheuses.

L'attention de la nouvelle administration coloniale issue du Front populaire n'en avait pas moins été attirée sur Chérif Hamallâh dont le dossier prit un caractère politique. On ne lâchait pas en vain, à l'époque, les mots fatidiques de « guerre sainte » ! De ce jour, la surveillance redoubla envers les Hamallistes qui, désormais, furent considérés comme « anti-Français ». Les vexations à leur encontre se multiplièrent. Certains d'entre eux commencèrent à s'énerver.

Cet état de persécution latente se poursuivit sans que, pour autant, l'Administration française prît une décision nette à l'encontre du Chérif. Déçus, les ennemis de ce dernier cherchèrent un nouveau moyen de lui créer des difficultés dont, autant que possible, il ne pourrait se sortir. Ils le trouvèrent en organisant une provocation cruelle qui devait aboutir aux incidents fatals d'Assaba. C'était en 1940.

Une famille maraboutique de Nioro (les Kaba Diakité), opposée à Chérif Hamallâh, chercha à provoquer un incident. Il se trouvait que les Kaba Diakité étaient les hôtes (logeurs) traditionnels d'une tribu maure ennemie du clan de Chérif Hamallâh. Cette opposition ancestrale s'était encore accentuée du fait que les tribus apparentées au Chérif avaient, avec lui, embrassé la Tidjaniya alors que les autres tribus relevaient de la Qadriya. Comme toujours, la religion servait de prétexte à un conflit d'origine purement humaine, en l'occurence une rivalité tribale.

Les Kaba Diakité demandèrent à leurs hôtes de provoquer leurs adversaires ancestraux, ce qui n'était pas pour leur déplaire. Ils n'y allèrent pas de main morte. Un jour où leur tribu s'était déplacée, ils croisèrent une caravane que conduisait le fils aîné de Chérif Hamallâh. Immédiatement, ils se jetèrent sur la caravane, s'emparèrent du jeune homme et se mirent à l'insulter : « Toi et toute ta famille êtes de faux Chérifs. Mais nous allons en avoir le cœur net. Le feu de Dieu ne devrait pas brûler un chérif, n'est-ce pas ? Eh bien ! Nous allons te soumettre à son épreuve. » Et ils maintinrent le jeune homme debout, nu-pieds, sur le sable brûlant qui venait de servir à préparer un méchoui.

Avant d'être saisi par ses ennemis, le fils de Chérif Hamallâh avait interdit à ses compagnons d'intervenir pour le défendre. Ils étaient en effet moins nombreux que leurs assaillants et il craignait que l'affrontement ne se termine par un massacre. Ils ne bougèrent donc pas, rongeant leur frein. Après le supplice, ils recueillirent le jeune homme dont la plante des pieds avait été très gravement brûlée et le transportèrent à Nioro où son état nécessita une hospitalisation. Une enquête fut ouverte.

Craignant peut-être des troubles ou de nouvelles provocations, Chérif Hamallâh interdit à tous ses partisans, même aux membres de sa famille, de rendre visite à son fils à l'hôpital, leur conseillant d'attendre que l'Administration fasse son travail et que justice soit rendue, les coupables étant connus. La zaouïa resta donc totalement en dehors de cette affaire.

Ce mutisme inquiéta l'Administration, qui se demanda si quelque chose ne se préparait pas. Pour tâter le terrain, le commandant convoqua Chérif Hamallâh. Il lui demanda ce qu'il pensait de cette affaire et ce qu'il convenait de faire. A cette question inattendue, le Chérif répondit à sa manière coutumière, toujours aussi directe et dépourvue de toute diplomatie : « De qui, lui demanda-t-il, relève donc la justice ? Certainement pas de moi. Je ne suis d'ailleurs pas personnellement la victime. La victime est majeure, et connue. C'est à elle qu'il convient de poser la question. Puisque c'est à vous de rendre la justice, que vous avez vu la victime et également vu les bourreaux qui sont arrêtés, je ne vois pas pourquoi vous me demandez ce qu'il convient de faire. »

Les responsables de l'incident avaient en effet été arrêtés, puis assignés à résidence à Nioro dans un campement où ils vivaient comme à leur ordinaire et où on leur apportait tout ce dont ils avaient besoin. Deux mois plus tard, ils furent purement et simplement relâchés.

Heureux de s'en être tirés aussi facilement, ils composèrent alors un poème au titre évocateur: *Autour de la rôtisserie,* poème qu'ils firent diffuser dans toute la Mauritanie par des chanteurs accompagnés de tambours. Or, la tribu maure à laquelle appartenait l'épouse du Chérif, mère du jeune supplicié, était une tribu guerrière. Il existe en effet, en Mauritanie, trois catégories de tribus: les tribus maraboutiques, les tribus guerrières et les tribus commerçantes. Ces rudes guerriers, fouettés dans leur orgueil, avaient en vain attendu une réaction de la part de Chérif Hamallâh. Excédés, ils étaient venus le trouver pour lui demander ce qu'il fallait faire. « Laissez à Dieu le soin de rendre la justice », s'était-il contenté de leur répondre.

Sur le moment, ils acceptèrent de temporiser et les choses auraient pu en rester là si leurs adversaires, ne voyant rien venir, n'avaient renchéri en composant un nouveau chant encore plus insultant que le précédent, adressé à tous les Maures non Tidjani et intitulé: *Venez à la rescousse, il n'en résultera rien* — c'est-à-dire « vous ne risquez absolument rien ». Ce nouveau chant fut, lui aussi, diffusé à travers tout le pays.

Cette fois, c'en était trop pour les oncles du jeune homme, particulièrement visés à travers le poème. « Si Chérif Hamallâh accepte de se laisser traîner dans la boue, dirent-ils, nous, nous montrerons à nos adversaires que, de tout temps, nous avons été leurs vainqueurs. » Cela dit, ils réunirent une troupe de guerriers et partirent en campagne contre la tribu qui avait attaqué leur neveu. La provocation portait ses fruits.

Ils trouvèrent ceux qu'ils cherchaient au lieu-dit Assaba, un site de dunes mortes. Hélas! Ivres de fureur, ils massacrèrent tous leurs ennemis sur place. Il n'y eut presque pas de rescapés.

Ayant le sentiment d'avoir vengé leur neveu, ils se calmèrent aussitôt et lorsque sept gardes civils accompagnés d'un médecin vinrent pour les arrêter, ils n'opposèrent aucune résistance alors

qu'ils auraient pu n'en faire qu'une bouchée, ce qui montre bien que leur action était purement privée et n'avait rien à voir avec la « révolte antifrançaise » dont on les accusa.

La réaction de l'Administration fut sévère. Nous étions, rappelons-le, en 1940, à un moment où la France était déchirée entre vichystes et gaullistes. Être accusé d'hostilité envers la France revenait à être accusé de complicité envers l'ennemi — en l'occurrence les gaullistes.

L'Administration, sensibilisée par les événements d'Europe, poussée à bout par les ennemis du Chérif qui présentaient celui-ci comme un dangereux rebelle, ne pouvait imaginer que la réserve de cet homme venait avant tout de son détachement à l'égard des événements purement temporels, lui qui n'avait même pas voulu réagir devant le supplice imposé à son fils et qui s'efforçait d'appliquer en tout l'enseignement du Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani: « Si vous recevez des coups, ne les rendez pas. » Faute de comprendre, on supposait le pire.

Une fois encore, on le considéra comme personnellement responsable des événements d'Assaba. Ne trouvant, et pour cause, aucune preuve de sa participation aux événements, il ne fut pas possible de le déférer devant le tribunal, mais on lui appliqua une formule administrative qui donnait au gouverneur le droit de déporter qui il voulait, sur décision personnelle.

Un matin, très tôt, un groupe de gardes vint le chercher. Vêtu d'un léger boubou de coton, il s'avança au-devant d'eux. Là encore, il s'interdit de réagir. Alors qu'un seul mot de lui aurait pu dresser des milliers d'hommes pour le défendre, il ne voulut même pas rentrer dans sa maison pour y chercher des vêtements, de peur de réveiller sa famille et que les cris des femmes ne provoquent une émeute. Il suivit donc les gardes pour ne jamais revenir. Les rares témoins de cette scène rapportèrent que ses seules paroles furent celles que l'on prononce au pèlerinage et devant la mort: *Rabbi labaïka! Rabbi labaïka!* Seigneur, me voici! Seigneur, me voici!

Il fut d'abord emmené à Gorée, au Sénégal, puis à Casseigne, en Algérie, ensuite à Vals-les-Bains, en Ardèche, avant d'être transféré à Évaux. Il y contracta une maladie de poitrine et fut transporté à l'hôpital de Montluçon où il mourut en jan-

vier 1943 [1]. Il repose à Montluçon, au Cimetière de l'Est où sa tombe connaît un afflux de plus en plus grand de pèlerins africains.

Tel fut le destin extérieur de Chérif Hamallâh, l'homme « dont les pieds reposaient très haut au-dessus de cette terre ».

Il nous a paru nécessaire de retracer sa vie afin d'éclairer les événements dont sera victime Tierno Bokar, événements qui se déclenchèrent au lendemain de sa rencontre avec Chérif Hamallâh.

Rencontre de Tierno Bokar avec Chérif Hamallâh

C'est en 1937, soit un an environ après le retour du Chérif de la Côte-d'Ivoire, que Tierno Bokar eut l'occasion de se rendre à Nioro, comme il le souhaitait depuis si longtemps.

Cette année-là, Tierno avait été appelé à Bamako pour présider au partage de la succession de son demi-frère aîné, Amadou Salif Tall. Son ami fidèle Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam l'accompagnait.

A soixante-deux ans, Tierno Bokar se rendait dans une très grande ville pour la première fois, ses précédents déplacements l'ayant mené au plus loin à Ségou et à Mopti. A Bamako, il découvrit les techniques nouvelles; il connut l'électricité, la voie ferrée; il vit des avions. Il n'en retira que des satisfactions de curiosité et quelques images qu'il sut incorporer avec bonheur dans ses enseignements ultérieurs.

Une fois la succession heureusement réglée, Tierno m'appela auprès de lui. Il me déclara :

— Amadou, il me faut maintenant faire la lumière sur la situation de la Tidjaniya. De Dinguiraye, de Nioro, de Kayes, de Ségou et de Bamako, on me pose sans cesse des questions sur l'orthodoxie des « onze grains » au regard de la Tidjaniya. J'ai

1. Le docteur Charles Pidoux, qui devint plus tard notre ami, était, à cette époque, incarcéré à Evaux pour raisons politiques. Il y connut le Chérif Hamallâh et nous fournit un précieux témoignage sur la fin de la vie du Maître. C'est grâce à lui que nous avons pu retrouver la tombe du Chérif à Montluçon.

toujours répondu que je ne pouvais porter un jugement en cette affaire sans avoir vu personnellement le Chérif Hamallâh, qui est devenu l'un des maîtres les plus populaires de la Voie Tidjani. J'ai donc l'intention de profiter de ce voyage pour me rendre à Nioro.

Fort de mon expérience personnelle de fonctionnaire auprès de l'Administration française, j'estimai de mon devoir de mettre Tierno en garde sur les conséquences qui pourraient en résulter pour lui :

— A tort ou à raison, lui dis-je, le Chérif de Nioro a une fâcheuse réputation auprès de l'Administration. Il a été présenté comme un « antifrançais » par d'éminentes personnalités religieuses dont la parole ne saurait être mise en doute par l'Administration qui les considère comme ses alliées. Aujourd'hui, le divorce est consommé. L'intransigeance des Toucouleurs d'un côté, l'enthousiasme des Marka et des Maures de l'autre ont compliqué le problème. Des querelles totalement étrangères aux questions religieuses se sont surimposées à l'affaire. Les « onze grains » sont maintenant aux prises non seulement avec les « douze grains » de même obédience Tidjani, mais encore avec des membres de la confrérie Qadri. Il vaudrait mieux que tu t'abstiennes, ou que tu demandes à voir le Chérif officiellement, avec l'accord des autorités.

— Je ne répugne pas à demander quoi que ce soit, tu le sais, me répondit-il. Mais si l'on savait que je vais à Nioro, toutes les parties de ce procès prendraient je ne sais quelles dispositions. Je préfère surprendre tout le monde.

— Tu risques de récolter bien des ennuis, Tierno, et des ennuis venant de toutes parts.

— Connais-tu un homme de Dieu qui ait vécu et qui soit mort sans ennui? Trouve-moi plutôt une occasion de partir incognito à Nioro.

J'accédai à sa demande et réussis à organiser son voyage comme il me le demandait.

Laissant à Bamako son ami Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam, Tierno embarqua dans un méchant camion. Pendant vingt-quatre heures, il cahota sur une piste qui étire sur quatre cent cinquante kilomètres son sillon de sable et de cailloux à travers

les épineux. Le camion arriva à Nioro vers onze heures du matin, une heure avant la prière de *zohour* (prière du milieu du jour).

Le jour même, peu après la prière de l'aurore, Chérif Hamallâh avait appelé son homme de confiance, Amadou Ould Brahim, le plus instruit de ses élèves, et lui avait dit :

— Amadou, je recevrai aujourd'hui un étranger. Ce sera ma part dans la succession d'El Hadj Omar. Veillez tous à ce qu'il ne connaisse pas la nostalgie (c'est-à-dire qu'il n'ait pas à regretter sa propre maison).

Aussi, lorsque Tierno se présenta à la zaouïa vers onze heures, Amadou Ould Brahim et d'autres élèves se précipitèrent pour le recevoir. Lorsqu'il eut décliné son nom (Tierno Bokar Salif Tall), Amadou Ould Brahim, reconnaissant un membre de la famille d'El Hadj Omar, fut au comble de l'étonnement :

— Cheiknâ (Notre Maître) nous a annoncé ton arrivée aujourd'hui, s'exclama-t-il.

Immédiatement, Amadou Ould Brahim envoya prévenir Chérif Hamallâh que l'étranger annoncé par lui était arrivé. Chérif Hamallâh n'ayant pas coutume de sortir de sa demeure avant la prière de *zohour*, on installa Tierno dans une case de la concession. Il fit sa toilette, changea de vêtements puis, ses bagages rangés, vint attendre dans la zaouïa au milieu des élèves.

Peu avant l'heure de la prière de *Zohour*, le Chérif apparut. Chacun put voir qu'il portait exactement le même vêtement que Tierno : même boubou, même tourtil (léger boubou de dessous), même bonnet. On eût dit qu'ils étaient le reflet l'un de l'autre, Tierno, comme il me le raconta, en resta sans paroles. Chérif Hamallâh se précipita vers lui, lui donna la main et sourit :

— Eh bien, dit-il, nous sommes habillés de la même façon.

A ce moment, l'appel à la prière retentit. Chacun se disposa en rangs derrière le tapis de prière du Chérif, qui avait coutume de diriger la prière [1]. Un adepte d'origine chérifienne, Moulaye

1. Quand la prière musulmane est collective, un homme doit toujours se placer à l'avant pour « diriger » la prière. C'est l'Imam. Les fidèles se disposent derrière lui en rangées horizontales bien régulières, au coude à coude, et le suivent dans ses mouvements.

N'importe qui peut être Imam. Dans les mosquées, un Imam nommé par la communauté exerce en permanence. En général le choix se porte sur un homme réputé pour sa piété.

Ismaïl, était placé au premier rang, juste derrière le Chérif. Il céda sa place à Tierno et passa lui-même au second rang, chacun de ceux qui étaient derrière lui se décalant également d'un rang.

Le Chérif vint prendre place. Avant de commencer la prière, il se retourna, vit Tierno derrière lui et, le tirant par un pan de son boubou, le fit venir à sa droite, sur son propre tapis. Moulaye Ismaïl et tous ceux qui s'étaient décalés avancèrent d'un rang et reprirent leur place habituelle.

Il ne s'agissait pas là, de la part du Chérif, d'un simple geste de courtoisie. Il entendait, par ce geste de grande considération spirituelle, imposer Tierno Bokar à ses élèves. Certains d'entre eux, instruits par une dure expérience, voyaient en effet en tout étranger, et particulièrement en un Tall, un agent à la solde des Toucouleurs envoyé pour espionner leur Cheikh. Le patronyme de Tierno le rendait tout spécialement suspect à leurs yeux. En faisant prier l'étranger à sa hauteur, le Chérif le couvrait, en quelque sorte, de son manteau.

Après la prière rituelle, Chérif Hamallâh, comme à son accoutumée, resta trente minutes à prier à voix basse. Puis il donna sa bénédiction à tous et, se tournant vers Tierno Bokar, il lui dit :

— J'aurais voulu te loger chez moi, mais tes parents toucouleurs de la ville pourraient s'en froisser et se sentir gênés s'ils voulaient te rendre visite. Tu logeras donc au sein de la concession, mais dans la demeure de Bouyed Ould Cheikh Siby.

Il se tourna vers Moulaye Ismaïl, celui qui avait cédé sa place à Tierno :

— Moulaye Ismaïl, tu vas te mettre au service de Tierno Bokar pendant tout son séjour chez nous. Ne considère pas ta qualité de Chérif et sers-le.

Puis, comme il en avait l'habitude, il rentra dans ses appar-

tements pour n'en sortir qu'à la prière de *asr* (milieu de l'après-midi).

Une fois Tierno installé chez Bouyed Ould Cheikh Siby, Moulaye Ismaïl vint se mettre à son service. Il veillait à la satisfaction de tous ses besoins domestiques, lui faisait son thé et lui tenait compagnie. Apparemment, Tierno et le Chérif ne se voyaient qu'aux heures de prière.

Tierno était là depuis trois jours quand, une nuit, Moulaye Ismaïl fut frappé de dysenterie et obligé de sortir plusieurs fois de la case pour se rendre aux toilettes. Comme dans beaucoup de concessions africaines, celles-ci se trouvaient en plein air, entourées d'un petit muret. Or, à trois heures du matin, par-dessus le petit muret, Moulaye Ismaïl vit Tierno Bokar sortir de sa case et se diriger vers la maison de Chérif Hamallâh. Sa curiosité éveillée, il voulut voir jusqu'où Tierno irait. Au même moment, il vit apparaître, du côté de la maison du Chérif, un rai de lumière provenant de la torche que le Chérif avait coutume de porter sur lui une fois le soir tombé. Le rayon de lumière se rapprocha de Tierno. C'était bien le Chérif. Ils se rejoignirent à mi-chemin et commencèrent à parler à voix basse, tout en cheminant lentement. Moulaye Ismaïl n'entendait pas ce qu'ils se disaient mais, cloué par la surprise, il resta là à les regarder. Il les vit se diriger à pas lents, tout en parlant, vers la porte du Chérif, puis revenir vers lui, repartir et revenir sans cesse. Il en fut ainsi jusqu'à ce que retentît l'appel à la prière du matin, après quoi chacun rentra chez soi.

C'est ainsi que Moulaye Ismaïl découvrit que Tierno Bokar et Chérif Hamallâh se voyaient chaque nuit, à partir de trois heures du matin, quand toute la zaouïa était plongée dans le sommeil. C'est dire que, durant son séjour, Tierno dormit fort peu. Il n'utilisa d'ailleurs jamais le lit que le Chérif avait fait préparer pour lui. Quand le sommeil le prenait, il s'allongeait sur la peau que son hôte lui avait offerte en guise de tapis de prière [1].

Tierno resta quinze jours dans la zaouïa de Nioro. Plus tard, il me dit avoir eu quinze entretiens avec le Chérif, ce qui signifie

1. Tous ces détails m'ont été rapportés par Moulaye Ismaïl. (Cf. note 1, p. 70.)

qu'ils se virent chaque nuit, et dès le début. Au cours de leurs entretiens nocturnes, il put, me dit-il, poser au Chérif toutes les questions qu'il voulut en vue de déterminer sa position. N'oublions pas que, depuis la lettre de Alpha Hassim Tall, il était informé de certains moyens occultes permettant de reconnaître le nouveau Pôle de la Tidjaniya. Toujours est-il que Tierno, qui n'était pas un naïf, fut entièrement convaincu de la validité spirituelle de Chérif Hamallâh, tant sur le plan de la Tidjaniya que sur le plan islamique en général. Aussi lui demanda-t-il de lui renouveler son *wirdou* dans la formule des « onze grains », ce que le Chérif accepta.

Une grande réunion rassemblant tous les élèves fut organisée à cet effet quelques jours avant le départ de Tierno. Celui-ci s'assit sur ses talons, face au Chérif, les mains croisées sur les genoux, le buste affaissé, le menton sur la poitrine.

Chérif Hamallâh — qui était plus jeune que Tierno — lui demanda :

— Tierno Bokar, de nous deux, lequel est le plus âgé ?

— Je suis né avant toi, mais tu es plus âgé que moi [1].

— Nous aurions souhaité que la descendance d'El Hadj Omar fût toute à ton image. Mais ce que Dieu fait est bien fait. Tant qu'il existera des descendants d'El Hadj Omar sur cette terre, il y en aura toujours au moins un qui héritera l'amour de son ancêtre pour le Prophète et pour sa descendance.

Après un instant de silence, le Chérif attaqua le vif du sujet :

— Bokar Salif, t'est-il arrivé de faire une retraite spirituelle ? T'est-il arrivé, pour lever une hésitation, de faire l'*Istikhar* [2] ?

Tierno, qui avait jusque-là gardé la même position, se redressa.

Quelle coïncidence ! dit-il. Je savais que ce serait la première question que tu me poserais. Effectivement, j'ai fait une telle retraite, et voici pourquoi.

1. Ce qui signifiait : « Dans la Tidjaniya, j'ai débuté avant toi, mais tu es parvenu plus loin que moi. » C'est là une façon de rendre hommage et de reconnaître la supériorité de quelqu'un. Le mérite de la supériorité spirituelle est considéré, en Afrique, comme un âge. On dira, par exemple, d'un jeune homme particulièrement sage : « Ce jeune homme est plus âgé que son père. »

2. Cf. note 1, p. 63.

« Depuis quelque temps, l'obscurité régnait au fond de mon cœur. Je recevais des lettres de mes parents foutanké [1] et même du Chérif El Moktar, me disant qu'il ne fallait pas suivre le chemin de Chérif Hamallâh et que ni eux ni l'Administration ne souhaitaient voir les foules s'engager derrière lui.

« Je lisais ces lettres, dans ma zaouïa, à certains de mes amis. Mais le poids inconnu qui pesait sur ma poitrine s'alourdissait. Mes compatriotes se réjouissaient sans que je connaisse le motif de cette joie. La doctrine Tidjani, que j'interrogeais, restait muette. Les oulémas toucouleurs que je questionnais lançaient l'anathème contre toi et tes partisans. C'est alors que je décidai de faire l'*Istikhar* pour que Dieu me fasse connaître qui tu étais en réalité.

« Sept jours après que j'eus terminé l'*Istikhar*, Dieu m'envoya un rêve. Je vis onze hommes qui marchaient dans une forêt au crépuscule et, parmi eux, je reconnus le Chérif El Moktar. Ils étaient tous couverts de bourbouille [2] et souffraient de fortes démangeaisons. Ils allaient titubant dans le sable, déchiraient leurs vêtements et se grattaient jusqu'au sang. Je me suis joint à eux et, aussitôt, j'ai contracté leur mal. Nous arrivâmes sur une éminence et nous aperçûmes, au-delà, une vaste plaine dans laquelle un étang s'étendait à perte de vue. L'eau de cet étang était blanche comme du lait. " Nous allons nous laver et boire ", dit l'un d'entre nous.

« Nous pressâmes le pas. Un homme ailé sortit de l'eau. Il étendit les bras et nous dit : " Il est interdit d'entrer dans cet étang. — Un Chérif est parmi nous. Laisse-nous boire. — Je vous connais tous beaucoup mieux que vous-même, répliqua-t-il, mais vous n'entrerez pas dans l'étang avant l'arrivée de son propriétaire. "

« Un vent de tornade se leva qui fit monter de l'horizon un nuage scintillant. De ce nuage s'échappait un chant. Nous reconnûmes la formule du *dhikr : Lâ ilâha illa'Llâh* [3]. — Figés

1. *Foutanké :* originaire du Fouta, au Sénégal, ce qui est le cas des Toucouleurs.

2. Éruption de petits boutons qui apparaissent sur le corps lors des grandes chaleurs et qui démangent énormément.

3. Il s'agit ici de la récitation psalmodiée de la première partie de la profession de foi islamique, *Lâ ilâha illa'Llâh*, qui signifie : « Il n'est de dieu que Dieu » ou : « Pas de dieu, si ce n'est Dieu. » Ce *Dhikr* est une partie essentielle du *wirdou* de toutes les confréries islamiques en général.

de crainte, nous regardions venir sur nous cette étrange nuée. Elle arrivait dans le ciel comme un cheval au galop. Lorsqu'elle fut parvenue au zénith elle se désagrégea. Elle était faite d'une foule d'hommes ailés et le mouvement de leurs ailes provoquait le scintillement qui nous avait frappés. Les hommes pénétrèrent dans l'étang et s'évanouirent. D'un seul mouvement, les douze que nous étions se portèrent en avant pour les suivre. Le gardien s'y opposa d'un geste. Une autre rafale de vent nous apporta un second nuage d'hommes ailés qui reproduisirent les gestes des premiers. Puis un troisième. Les nuages étaient toujours plus scintillants et les voix qui chantaient la formule sacrée devenaient, à chaque renouvellement des nuées, toujours plus harmonieuses. Derrière le troisième nuage, un homme à cheval parut. Le cavalier était masqué et il tenait un chapelet dans sa main. A la tête du cheval, El Hadj Omar tenait la bride.

A ces mots, le Chérif interrompit Tierno :

— Comment as-tu reconnu El Hadj Omar ?

Tierno répondit :

— Son nom était inscrit en lettres de feu sur sa poitrine. Le cheval se cabrait dans le vent. El Hadj Omar s'accrochait à la bride. Une rafale retroussa la crinière du cheval et fit glisser le chèche sur le visage du cavalier. J'atteste devant Dieu que le visage qui m'apparut alors, je m'en aperçois aujourd'hui, était le tien.

« Le cavalier dit au gardien : " Que veulent ces gens ? — Ils veulent boire ", répondit-il.

« Le cavalier descendit de cheval et s'avança vers la mare. Un souffle d'une violence inouïe se leva alors, à côté duquel les rafales précédentes n'étaient que brises légères. Les douze furent dispersés dans la poussière. L'homme qui avait ton visage prit de l'eau lactée dans le creux de ses mains et m'en aspergea. Ma soif et mes démangeaisons cessèrent. J'entendis une voix qui dominait celle du vent crier à mes oreilles : " Tu boiras et tu te laveras ; mais plus tard, pas aujourd'hui... "

« Je me suis réveillé, brisé par ce rêve. Depuis, j'ai cessé de lire en public et de copier pour les diffuser ces lettres qui te condamnaient et qui avaient ainsi jeté le trouble en mon âme. Ce rêve date de quatre ans. Il est tellement présent à ma mémoire que j'en arrive à douter qu'il s'agisse d'un rêve.

« Mes tourments ne cessèrent pas, cependant, du jour au lendemain. L'importance de la décision que je venais de prendre m'apparut au grand jour. J'avais rompu avec les miens. J'en souffrais si fort que, trois jours après la réponse à mon *Istikhara*, j'en fis un autre, simple celui-ci ; j'eus le bonheur de voir en rêve El Hadj Omar lui-même, qui me rassura. Le désir de te connaître n'avait fait que grandir en moi depuis quatre ans. La mort de mon frère aîné m'a donné l'occasion d'aller à Bamako et, aujourd'hui, je viens jusqu'à toi.

— N'as-tu pas peur de la colère des tiens ? demanda le Chérif à Tierno. Ils en auront le cœur gonflé. Ils te traiteront comme quelqu'un qui a humilié leur famille. Ils te combattront.

« Vois ma main, ajouta-t-il. C'est comme si elle contenait une braise rouge et que la main de toute personne que je rencontre soit remplie de poudre. Il suffit que je lui donne le *Tajdid* [1] pour que cela explose. N'as-tu pas peur ?

— Cela m'est égal, répondit Tierno.

Trois fois, le Chérif lui posa la même question. Trois fois, Tierno répondit : « Cela m'est égal. »

Le Chérif se concentra un moment puis, levant le front et se tournant vers les élèves maures qui remplissaient la salle, il dit :

— Je prends Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani et vous tous à témoin. Je donnerai aujourd'hui à Tierno Bokar la clef qui lui permettra d'ouvrir les secrets contenus dans la demeure de Cheikh Tidjani.

Puis, prenant les mains de Tierno Bokar dans les siennes, il procéda au *Tajdid :*

« Je renouvelle ton *wirdou*. Je renouvelle ton grade de *moqaddem*, cette fois-ci dans le rite des " onze ". Une fois de plus, je déclare que le " douze " n'est pas une erreur.

« Tout *moqaddem* que tu as déjà nommé et qui consentira à te

1. *Tajdid :* renouvellement du *wirdou*.

suivre dans le rite des " onze ", s'il te demande le *Tajdid*, donne-le lui ; je le confirme dans son grade de *moqaddem*. En revanche, tu ne nommeras pas de nouveaux *moqaddem*.

Tous les élèves s'approchèrent, prirent à tour de rôle la main de Tierno Bokar et lui demandèrent sa bénédiction.

Moulaye Ismaïl me raconta plus tard que Chérif Hamallâh, parlant un jour de Tierno à ses adeptes, avait dit : « Parmi tous les hommes qu'il m'a été donné de rencontrer, Tierno Bokar est l'un de ceux qui ont pénétré le plus profondément les secrets de la Tidjaniya contenus dans la *Djawahira-el-Maani (Perle des significations)* et dans *Er-Rimaa (les Lances)*, le livre d'El Hadj Omar.

Quelques jours avant le départ de Tierno, après la prière de *asr*, alors que le soleil commençait à perdre de son ardeur, Chérif Hamallâh demanda à tous ses élèves de l'accompagner dans la promenade qu'il avait coutume de faire en dehors de Nioro pour aller prendre l'air. Il se rendit dans les champs d'arachides qui avoisinent la ville et proposa aux élèves de glaner les fruits restés enfouis dans le sol après la récolte.

Quand ils furent parvenus dans un champ, chacun se dispersa pour ramasser les fruits. Le Chérif mettait dans le creux de sa main ceux qu'il trouvait. Quand il en eut une poignée pleine, il la tendit à Tierno :

— Tiens ! lui dit-il, voici une bonne provision.

Ce que voyant, dès que les élèves avaient réuni une poignée d'arachides, ils venaient la remettre au Chérif qui la tendait à son tour à Tierno en disant :

— Ajoute-la aux autres.

Lorsque le pan du boubou de Tierno fut rempli par plusieurs kilos d'arachides, le Chérif donna le signal du retour. Selon les grands élèves, qui connaissaient la retenue habituelle de leur maître dont les gestes n'étaient jamais dépourvus de signification, le Chérif avait, ce jour-là, fait montre d'une extrême sympathie envers Tierno. Par la suite, Tierno conserva précieusement ces arachides, n'ayant jamais voulu les partager avec qui que ce soit.

La veille du jour fixé pour le départ, le Chérif fit apporter des provisions de route.

— Je vais vers le pays où l'on trouve du sucre, dit Tierno. Garde tes provisions.

— Je tiens à ce que tu emportes un peu de tout ce que je mange, lui répondit le Chérif.

Les serviteurs apportèrent des couffins pleins de dattes, des quartiers de viande séchée et une outre pleine de beurre de vache. On apporta trois kilos de thé, cinq pains de sucre et aussi des pommes venues de la métropole, que le Chérif appréciait.

Le lendemain, à l'aube, quittant le Chérif qu'il ne devait jamais revoir, Tierno Bokar Salif montait dans un camion qui devait l'amener, au terme de sa première étape, à Koniakari, dans le Kârta de Diombogho. Pour aussi rapide qu'ait été son véhicule, plus rapide encore avait été la nouvelle qui le précédait :

« Un Tall a trahi la cause des "douze" ! »

Début des persécutions

A peine Tierno avait-il reçu son *Tajdid* que la nouvelle en avait été connue dans toute la ville. Le chef des Tall de Nioro avait immédiatement télégraphié dans toutes les cités et toutes les régions où se trouvaient des Tall pour leur apprendre que Tierno Bokar venait de trahir la cause d'El Hadj Omar et qu'il convenait de rompre tout lien de famille et toute relation avec lui. A toutes les étapes de la route entre Nioro et Bandiagara, les descendants d'El Hadj Omar attendaient leur cousin. Tierno entrait dans l'épreuve.

A Koniakari où résidait une branche de sa famille, Tierno ne fut pas reçu. Pour qui sait ce qu'est l'hospitalité africaine et quelle obligation sacrée elle représente pour ceux qui la doivent, c'était là une offense on ne peut plus grave.

Les choses auraient pu cependant être pires et basculer vers le drame car les Tall de Koniakari avaient décidé de provoquer Tierno dès son arrivée dans la ville. Ils en informèrent le Chef de canton, Dembasadio Diallo. Heureusement celui-ci, qui avait été initié à la Tidjaniya par Tierno, lui était fort attaché. Ses fonctions ne lui permettaient pas de montrer ouvertement cet attachement, mais il sut désamorcer le complot.

— Vos différends entre « onze grains » et « douze grains » ne me regardent pas, dit-il aux Tall. Je suis Chef de canton, je représente l'autorité française dans ce pays et j'enfermerai quiconque essaiera de troubler l'ordre public de quelque manière que ce soit.

Rafraîchis par ce langage, les Tall de Koniakari se tinrent cois. Tierno pu traverser la ville sans encombre et poursuivre sa route.

A Kayes, les Toucouleurs se rendirent en cortège chez leur chef Bassirou Mountaga Tall et l'invitèrent à réagir contre la présence de Tierno. Bassirou, plus sensible aux traditions familiales qu'aux rivalités de l'heure, même affublées de l'épithète « religieuses », refusa de les entendre.

— Si j'ai à combattre mon cousin Tierno Bokar, dit-il, je le combattrai personnellement et j'en prendrai seul la décision.

Tierno, soulagé dans une certaine mesure, prit à Kayes le train de Bamako et arriva dans la capitale du Soudan dans les derniers jours de juin 1937.

Dès sa sortie de la gare, il me fit convoquer. Inutile de dire que je l'attendais avec impatience. J'accourus dans la maison où il s'était installé. Après avoir prononcé les salutations d'usage, je le questionnai sans attendre :

— Tierno, as-tu vu le Chérif ?

— Je l'ai vu, dit-il.

Pendant quelques longues minutes, il m'enveloppa d'un regard intense qui trahissait sa préoccupation. Puis, rompant son silence, il ajouta :

« J'ai vu l'homme. Je l'ai trouvé et je me suis retrouvé en lui. Je l'ai reconnu. Tout ce que j'avais, je l'ai déposé à ses pieds [1]. Je lui ai demandé de me donner ce qu'il avait, et il me l'a donné.

« Je n'obligerai ni élève, ni parent, ni ami à me suivre dans cette voie. Mais quant à moi, même si ma peau devait se séparer de ma chair, ma chair de mes nerfs, mes nerfs de mes os et mes os de ma moelle, si ma moelle lâchait Chérif Hamallâh, je lâcherais ma moelle !

Voyant combien sa décision était ferme, je lui demandai :

1. Sous-entendu : les chaînes de transmission qu'il avait reçues au préalable.

— Depuis que Chérif Hamallâh t'a donné le *Tajdid,* l'as-tu toi-même donné à quelqu'un ?

— Non.

— Tierno, ajoutai-je, j'ai eu l'honneur de faire partie des quatre premiers petits écoliers de ton école coranique. De nous quatre, je suis le seul survivant. Aujourd'hui, je voudrais être le premier de tes adeptes. Je voudrais être ton *tiolel* [1].

Il me regarda longuement.

— Je te demande de bien réfléchir, me dit-il. Le Chérif m'a dit que sa main contenait une braise et que la main de ceux à qui il donnait le *Tajdid* contenait de la poudre. Il m'a prévenu du danger. Je lui ai répondu que cela m'était égal. Mais toi, as-tu bien réfléchi ?

— Puisque cela t'est égal, cela m'est égal à moi aussi, lui répondis-je. Mon vœu est d'être derrière toi en toutes choses. Même dans le paradis, je voudrais que tu entres avant moi et que je ne fasse que te suivre. Je serai partout avec toi et inconditionnellement avec toi. Aussi je te demande maintenant de me renouveler mon *wirdou.*

Et je lui tendis mes mains ouvertes, dans l'attitude de celui qui reçoit.

Il procéda au *Tajdid,* puis énonça la chaîne de transmission :

— Abou Bokar Salif (c'est-à-dire lui-même), Amadou Hama'Ullâh (Chérif Hamallâh), Cheikh Mohammad Lakhdar, Cheikh Tahar, Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani et Seïdnâ Mohammad, le Prophète de Dieu.

Telle est la chaîne que j'ai reçue de lui.

Puis il me bénit.

Je ne pouvais m'empêcher, cependant, de m'inquiéter pour lui et je lui fis part de cette inquiétude :

— Tierno, te rends-tu compte que tu viens toi-même de jeter la braise dans la poudrière ? Ta famille ne te le pardonnera pas. On te créera les pires difficultés, on salira ta réputation.

— Je te croyais plus mûr, me dit-il. Aurais-je perdu mon temps à te préparer ? "Mon" honneur, "ma" famille, "ma" poule, "mon" cheval, mon... mon... et toujours non. Vois-tu, Amadou, l'écume ne se forme à la surface des eaux que lorsque les vagues s'élèvent hautes, se cognent durement entre elles et vont finalement heurter le rivage.

1. Le *tiolel* est le premier petit poisson que l'on prend après une pêche dont on est rentré bredouille.

« De même, tant que des formules analogues à "Donne-moi", "Tu ne m'as pas donné", "Tu ne dois pas avoir ça", "Il a eu", "Je voudrais être", etc. s'agiteront dans notre cœur comme des vagues en furie ou des moutons effarouchés, il s'élèvera, pour obscurcir nos yeux et boucher nos oreilles, de gros nuages sombres, chargés d'éclairs et de tonnerre. Ces nuages, porteurs de calamité, terniront pour nous le ciel et l'horizon. Et nous ne discernerons plus l'aspect serein du firmament semé d'étoiles, ni les pelouses d'herbe fine sur le flanc des collines qui dévalent vers les régions où Dieu est adoré pour lui-même.

— S'il en est ainsi, tout est bien, dis-je.

Et je lui demandai l'autorisation de me rendre à Dakar car, à ma connaissance, la source de toutes les difficultés des « onze grains » se trouvait en cette ville, en la personne de certains grands marabouts toucouleurs qui avaient l'oreille du gouvernement général. L'idée me vint, au moment même, de réaliser dans cette ville une conférence publique sur l'Islam et sur la Tidjaniya de manière à mettre au clair une fois pour toutes cette affaire. Je me proposai d'y aborder une étude approfondie des rites de la Tidjaniya et de leur signification, les adeptes se contentant, le plus souvent, d'une adhésion superficielle ou insuffisamment éclairée. J'espérais, naïvement peut-être, que cela contribuerait à dissiper les malentendus. Quoi qu'il en soit, je ne parlai pas à Tierno de cette idée qui m'avait traversé.

— Je vais faire l'*Istikhar* à propos de ton voyage, me dit-il. Je te demande d'attendre, pour décider quoi que ce soit, que j'aie reçu un éclaircissement.

Trois jours après, il me dit qu'il avait reçu une réponse favorable et que je pouvais partir. J'étais prêt. Je pris le train le soir même.

Il vint m'accompagner à la gare. Je le revois encore, tout de blanc vêtu comme à son accoutumée, portant un simple *tourtil* de dessous, sans coiffure. Il tenait à la main un long bâton de

bambou. Dans la gare, il me donna sa dernière bénédiction et nous nous séparâmes. Je vis s'éloigner son visage au front si brillant. Je partais plein d'enthousiasme, la tête emplie d'idées et nourrissant l'espoir de pouvoir arranger les choses. Je ne savais pas que je ne le reverrais jamais.

Lors de mon séjour à Dakar, je pus réaliser, sous l'égide d'une association qui venait de se constituer sous le nom de « Fraternité musulmane », ma première conférence publique sur l'Islam et la Tidjaniya. Cette conférence connut un grand succès. Hélas, ce succès ne fit qu'exaspérer davantage les grands marabouts Tall qui étaient déjà acharnés à la perte de Tierno.

De son côté, Tierno avait repris le chemin de Bandiagara. Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam, son fidèle ami, l'accompagnait à nouveau. La première grande ville où ils s'arrêtèrent fut Ségou, la vieille cité au bord du fleuve où Tierno avait passé les années de sa jeunesse.

Dans cette ville se trouvait Mountaga, petit-fils d'El Hadj Omar, fils d'Amadou Chékou le *Lamido dioulbé* qui avait quitté le pays devant la conquête française. Les Tall, prévenus de l'arrivée de Tierno, savaient que, conformément à la coutume, la première chose qu'il ferait serait de venir saluer Mountaga en tant que chef de la maison Tall à Ségou. Ils organisèrent donc, chez ce dernier, une grande réunion pour l'accueillir à leur façon. Les griots eux-mêmes étaient là. Dans toute l'assistance, il n'y avait pas un seul lettré, pas un seul homme qualifié pour une discussion d'ordre religieux.

Comme prévu, Tierno Bokar, accompagné de Tidjani Amadou Ali, se présenta chez Mountaga dès son arrivée dans la ville. Lorsqu'il entra dans la salle, le silence se fit. Il prononça les salutations d'usage, auxquelles il fut répondu du bout des lèvres. D'emblée, Mountaga, en tant que chef des Tall, le questionna :

— Il nous est revenu que tu as demandé le *Tajdid* à Chérif Hamallâh et que tu l'as reconnu pour le Maître général de l'Ordre Tidjani. Est-ce vrai ?

— Oui.

— Chérif Hamallâh vaut-il davantage qu'El Hadj Omar, ou bien le vaut-il seulement ?

— A quel point de vue ?

— Au point de vue de la connaissance, de la sainteté, et à tous les points de vue.

— Ta question est mal posée, dit Tierno, car en aucune façon un saint mort ne saurait être comparé à un saint vivant dans le temps du vivant [1]. Il est dit qu'un saint vivant prime toujours un saint mort, mais le saint vivant doit respect et considération au saint mort et doit l'imiter dans les réalisations propres à son temps.

Ce fut un brouhaha indescriptible. On entendait fuser de tous côtés les cris des courtisans : « Renégat !... Tu as abandonné ta famille... Tu as rabaissé El Hadj Omar... Tu es contre El Hadj Omar !... »

Mountaga, bien qu'illettré, était un homme très pieux et, par ailleurs, raisonnable et mesuré. Il imposa silence à l'assemblée. Puis, se tournant vers Tidjani Amadou Ali Thiam, il lui dit :

— A mon sens, si quelqu'un, ici, a droit à la parole, c'est toi. Or tu es là et tu ne dis rien. Que penses-tu de l'action de Tierno Bokar ?

— Je pense, répondit mon père, que si Tierno Bokar avait ramené de son voyage une caisse pleine d'or, tous ceux qui, en ce moment, sont en train de le condamner sans avoir aucune connaissance des questions dont il s'agit, par simple imitation, se seraient partagé son or sans lui en demander l'origine et sans se soucier de sa pureté [2]. Or, quand il s'agit de religion, Tierno Bokar est juge, et non inculpé. Vous vous indignez que Tierno Bokar récite son chapelet avec onze grains au lieu de douze, mais vous-mêmes, pour la plupart, vous ne priez pas plus à onze grains qu'à douze et vous ne vous inquiétez pas de voir aujourd'hui vos enfants fréquenter davantage le cabaret que la mosquée. C'est cela qui, pour vous, est acceptable !

Sur ces mots, il se tut.

1. Sous-entendu : lorsque les temps changent, les conditions exigées changent également, de même que les caractéristiques et les réalisations extérieures. Seuls les principes et valeurs fondamentaux demeurent immuables.

2. Au sens islamique, un bien est pur, ou licite, s'il a été acquis honnêtement non seulement par son actuel détenteur, mais par ceux qui le lui ont transmis. D'où la nécessité de connaître l'origine d'un bien pour savoir s'il est licite.

Pour l'assistance, composée uniquement de Tall, c'était là non un langage de bon sens, mais une simple réaction de Thiam. Les Thiam n'étaient-ils pas la famille traditionnellement rivale des Tall? N'étaient-ils pas connus pour ne jamais tenir de propos flatteurs? Quoi qu'il en soit, ces paroles déplurent beaucoup à Mountaga qui s'en blessa.

— Puisque je connais maintenant, dit-il, la position de Tierno Bokar et la tienne, Tidjani Amadou Ali, séparons-nous. Désormais, il n'y aura plus rien de commun entre vous et nous!

Tierno et son ami se retirèrent. Le lendemain, ils quittaient la ville et prenaient la direction de Mopti, dernière grande étape avant Bandiagara.

A Mopti, la nouvelle du ralliement de Tierno Bokar à Chérif Hamallâh était déjà connue des autorités françaises. Informé par les grands marabouts Tall, le gouvernement général de Dakar avait fait parvenir au commandant de Mopti des instructions précises: il lui fallait veiller à ce que le retour de Tierno Bokar ne troublât pas l'ordre public. A la moindre menace de troubles, il fallait le déporter et le placer en résidence surveillée loin des territoires de la boucle du Niger.

Le « grand interprète » du commandant de Mopti était alors Oumar Sy, lequel était fort attaché à Tierno qui était son marabout. Comme tout grand interprète, il était dans les secrets des dieux et des commandants. Il eut donc vent de l'affaire bien avant l'arrivée de Tierno. Dans son désir de le protéger contre le coup monté que l'on préparait contre lui, il entreprit une manœuvre astucieuse.

Dès qu'Oumar Sy apprit que Tierno avait quitté l'étape de Ségou, il se rendit incognito à Bandiagara, la nuit même, dans la voiture d'un ami. Il demanda une entrevue à Tidjani Aguibou Tall, fils de l'ancien roi de Bandiagara, qui était alors Chef du canton de Bandiagara et Chef du clan Tall de la ville.

— Tidjani Aguibou, lui dit-il, ton cousin Tierno Bokar va arriver à Mopti demain, sans doute dans la soirée. D'après ce que j'ai appris, il risque d'être déporté en raison du *Tajdid* qu'il a reçu de Chérif Hamallâh et l'on compte se servir de toi contre ton cousin. Je suis donc venu te demander de ne pas te laisser manœuvrer. Dans cette affaire, je serai avec toi. Si tu acceptes

mon assistance, je puis me charger, par exemple, d'informer le commandant que tu as décidé de venir chercher ton cousin, que tu as toute influence sur lui du fait de ta position familiale et que tu donnes ta parole au commandant qu'il n'y aura aucun trouble. J'ajouterai que c'est là une affaire de famille dans laquelle l'Administration n'a pas à intervenir et que tu comptes régler cette affaire toi-même. Nous dirons que ceux de Dakar, de Nioro, de Kayes et de Ségou ne connaissent pas vraiment Tierno Bokar, n'ayant jamais vécu avec lui, alors que toi tu le connais, ayant toujours été auprès de lui et lui ayant même donné l'un de tes fils comme élève. Si tu viens, fais-toi accompagner par quelques notables. Mais attention! Lorsque tu te trouveras en présence de Tierno Bokar, dis seulement que tu viens le chercher et rien d'autre. Que ni toi, ni ceux qui t'accompagneront ne parlent de religion devant Tierno pour ne pas provoquer une réaction de sa part ou une parole imprudente.

Tidjani Aguibou Tall, qui aimait bien Tierno, donna son accord. Oumar Sy revint à Mopti la nuit même, les deux villes n'étant distantes que de soixante-dix kilomètres. Le lendemain matin, comme chaque jour, il se rendit au bureau du commandant. Le soir, Tierno Bokar arrivait à Mopti où il passa la nuit, ne devant rencontrer le commandant que le matin suivant.

Au début de cette seconde nuit mouvementée, Oumar Sy vint trouver Tierno pour le prévenir qu'un complot avait été monté contre lui:

— On veut te faire passer pour un agitateur, prêt à faire parler la poudre dans la montagne, lui dit-il. Ne te prête pas à ce jeu. Écoute mes conseils pour éviter que l'on ne déclenche sans toi une bagarre qui porterait ton nom. Ton cousin Tidjani Aguibou Tall va venir au-devant de toi. Tu connais sa droiture. Je te demande de le suivre au nom de la tradition familiale. Dès lors qu'il s'agit de tradition familiale, aucune question de religion ne se pose.

— En effet, répondit Tierno, dès lors que nous nous situons dans ce seul cadre, je me considère comme un serviteur de Tidjani Aguibou Tall. Il peut faire de moi ce qu'il veut, cela n'a effectivement rien à voir avec la religion.

Oumar Sy poussa un soupir de soulagement. Assuré mainte-

nant que Tierno Bokar ne refuserait pas de suivre Tidjani Aguibou Tall, il fit savoir à ce dernier qu'il aurait à se présenter chez le commandant le lendemain matin. Après ces deux nuits bien remplies, il rentra enfin chez lui prendre un peu de repos.

Le lendemain matin, il se rendit très tôt au Cercle afin d'être sûr de pouvoir parler au commandant avant l'arrivée de Tierno. A peine le commandant était-il installé à son bureau qu'il attaqua le sujet :

— Mon commandant, je crois que les craintes du gouvernement général de Dakar ne sont pas fondées et que les renseignements qui ont été donnés sur Tierno Bokar sont inexacts. En fait, nous n'aurons aucune histoire.

A cette époque, les grands interprètes jouissaient généralement de toute la confiance des commandants de Cercle qui tenaient grand compte de leurs avis. Le commandant de Mopti, qui s'appelait Levavasseur, se sentit plus à l'aise après cette déclaration. Comme tout commandant qui se respecte, son seul souci était d'éviter que son Cercle ne fût troublé par la moindre complication.

De son côté, Tidjani Aguibou Tall, qu'accompagnaient Alpha Ali le vieil ami de Tierno, Sada Wane et Mamadou Ibrahima Ali ses cousins directs, plus quelques notables, était arrivé à Mopti tôt dans la matinée. Il s'était rendu directement dans la maison où logeait Tierno.

— J'ai appris, lui dit-il, qu tu es revenu. Je suis venu au-devant de toi pour te ramener à Bandiagara. Je désire qu'après ta visite au commandant de Cercle nous quittions immédiatement la ville. Je ne veux pas que tu séjournes ici ne serait-ce qu'une heure de plus.

Tierno ayant donné son accord, ils partirent tous ensemble pour la Résidence. Dès leur arrivée, on fit entrer Tierno dans le bureau du commandant. Celui-ci lui posa, en français, la question suivante :

— Tierno Bokar, es-tu prêt à retourner à la pratique dont tu es l'un des grands chefs (c'est-à-dire les « douze grains ») et que tout soit dit, oui ou non ?

Le grand interprète Oumar Sy se tourna vers Tierno comme pour s'apprêter à lui traduire les propos du commandant mais,

réalisant toutes les fâcheuses conséquences que pourrait entraîner une réponse sincère de Tierno, il prit sur lui d'inventer une phrase anodine, l'essentiel étant que Tierno puisse répondre « oui » en hochant la tête d'une façon bien visible. Il lui « traduisit » donc la phrase suivante :

— Tidjani Aguibou Tall, le Chef de Bandiagara, accompagné de notables, est venu au-devant de toi pour que tu partes avec lui à Bandiagara. Es-tu prêt à le suivre ?

Tierno répondit « oui » d'un grand geste de la tête que le commandant put voir de ses yeux. L'interprète se retourna alors vers ce dernier :

« Tierno Bokar va suivre son frère, qui est tout à la fois son chef et son aîné. Il ne peut aller contre les ordres que lui donne son frère. Celui-ci lui demandant de réintégrer la famille, c'est ce qu'il va faire.

Dans l'esprit du commandant Levavasseur, cela signifiait que Tierno rompait avec les « onze grains » et réintégrait sa famille en reprenant les « douze grains ». Pour lui, tout était donc réglé.

Une difficulté restait à régler pour Oumar Sy. Dans le même bureau se tenait en effet un commis africain qui, parlant le français, avait tout entendu et tout compris. Toujours plein d'astuce, Oumar Sy se tourna vers lui :

« C'est là une question purement familiale, lui dit-il. Et nous ne devons pas, en tant qu'africains, aider à la détérioration d'une famille ; sinon nous en serions les complices. Je voudrais que tu échanges quelques mots avec Tidjani, puis que tu dises au commandant : "Tidjani Aguibou Tall m'a confirmé lui-même que Tierno Bokar est d'accord avec lui".

Le commis — de connivence avec l'interprète, comme tous les commis — s'entretint brièvement avec Tidjani, puis dit au commandant :

— Mon commandant, Tidjani Aguibou Tall il est venu chercher son frère [1] et son frère il accepte de le suivre en tout. Comme ça, pas d'histoires !

Oumar Sy avait trouvé un témoin.

C'est ainsi que le commandant Levavasseur, à l'insu de

1. En Afrique, les cousins sont couramment appelés « frères ».

Tierno, fut induit en erreur par une astuce de son grand interprète. Ce dernier, dont la seule intention était d'éviter que son Maître ne fût déporté, ne pouvait prévoir que cette erreur se révélerait, beaucoup plus tard, très lourde de conséquences pour Tierno Bokar.

Dans le « registre-journal » du Cercle, le commandant écrivit :

« Ce jour, Tierno Bokar Salif Tall et les membres de sa famille se sont présentés à moi. Le marabout Tierno Bokar reprend les "douze grains" et abandonne la pratique des "onze grains". Les siens sont venus le chercher. Tout est réglé, l'affaire est close. »

Et il envoya un télégramme en ce sens au gouvernement général de Dakar pour l'informer que l'affaire était terminée [1].

Les grands marabouts toucouleurs de Dakar apprirent l'événement par leurs amis du gouvernement général. Connaissant la fermeté de caractère de Tierno, ils doutèrent de la réalité de son reniement. Voulant en avoir le cœur net, ils actionnèrent leurs partisans à Bandiagara afin de vérifier si, effectivement, Tierno Bokar était revenu à la pratique des « douze grains ». Bien entendu, on constata que Tierno continuait à réciter tranquillement son chapelet à « onze grains » dans la mosquée, avec la bénédiction du Chef de canton, son cousin Tidjani Aguibou Tall.

Ne pouvant attaquer ce dernier de front, les marabouts firent porter leur offensive sur un autre plan. Ils imaginèrent de brouiller Tierno Bokar avec Chérif Hamallâh en envoyant à ce dernier des lettres injurieuses signées « Tierno Bokar ». Quand ces lettres arrivèrent à la zaouïa de Nioro, certains élèves, méfiants par principe à l'égard de tout ce qui était Tall, mordirent à l'hameçon et essayèrent d'indisposer le Chérif contre Tierno. Mais le maître avait éventé le piège.

— Non, leur dit-il, l'homme que j'ai vu ne trahira jamais la parole donnée. D'ailleurs, ces lettres ne sont pas de son écriture, que je connais. Or, s'il avait à m'écrire, il le ferait de sa main. Ne vous laissez donc pas induire en erreur par des gens qui ne cherchent que ce résultat.

1. Je tiens tous ces détails d'Oumar Sy lui-même, qui est mort à Mopti voilà quelques années.

Devant ce nouvel échec, les marabouts se décidèrent à aller trouver Tidjani Aguibou Tall, le Chef de Bandiagara.

— Tierno Bokar t'a induit en erreur, lui dirent-ils. Il n'a pas cessé sa pratique des « onze grains ». Nous devons agir contre lui, ainsi que tous nos parents nous l'ont prescrit.

La réponse de Tidjani Aguibou fut sans équivoque :

— Les Tall qui me poussent à sévir contre Tierno Bokar, dit-il, l'ont eu entre leurs mains avant qu'il ne rentre à Bandiagara. Pourquoi n'ont-ils pas agi eux-mêmes et ne l'ont-ils pas supprimé chez eux ? Tant que je vivrai, en tout cas, personne ne touchera ici à Tierno Bokar. Il est mieux placé que nous tous pour savoir ce qui est valable ou non en matière de religion.

L'affaire en resta là. Tierno avait repris ses habitudes d'antan, ses cours à la zaouïa et ses prières à la mosquée. Lorsqu'il récitait sa *wazifa*, il égrenait les onze grains de son chapelet et tout le monde fermait les yeux. Il vivait là, sans le savoir, ses derniers jours de bonheur et de paix, bien loin des mesquineries des hommes.

L'épreuve

La paix ne dura pas un an. Le 21 mai 1938, Tidjani Aguibou Tall mourait et la succession à la chefferie de Bandiagara était ouverte. Désormais, le cousin conciliant et bien placé ne couvrait plus Tierno. Celui-ci allait subir le contrecoup des incidents qui accompagnèrent et suivirent la désignation du nouveau chef.

A la suite de diverses manœuvres tendant à évincer deux autres candidats présentant des titres à la succession, un receveur des postes, Moktar Aguibou Tall, fut nommé Chef du canton de Bandiagara par l'Administration française, grâce à une action directe des grands marabouts Tall de Dakar dont il devenait ainsi l'obligé.

Jusque-là, Moktar Aguibou Tall avait entretenu d'excellentes relations avec Tierno Bokar. On peut même dire qu'il lui était dévoué. Mais un vieux Diawando [1], qui avait un compte personnel à régler avec Moktar, allait mettre le feu aux poudres.

Ce vieux Diawando, appelé Aguibou Ousmane, avait tout d'abord soutenu un autre candidat à la chefferie. Victime d'une ruse de la part des marabouts Tall de Dakar qui lui avaient fait craindre une imaginaire mesure de déportation, il avait finalement été contraint de se rallier publiquement à Moktar Aguibou. L'indiscrétion d'un commis d'administration lui permit, mais trop tard, d'apprendre le tour qui lui avait été joué. Aussi jura-t-il de se venger et de trouver le moyen de rendre Moktar Aguibou le plus impopulaire de tous les chefs ayant jamais existé à Bandiagara ou devant y exister jamais.

1. Les *Diawambe* (pluriel de *Diawando*) sont une ethnie non peule, mais foulaphone (de langue peule), vivant surtout auprès des Peuls. Ils sont réputés pour leur intelligence et pour leur ruse.

Il commença par pénétrer dans l'intimité de Moktar Aguibou, ne le quittant plus d'une semelle, affichant un dévouement total, se rendant indispensable. Bref, il fit tant et si bien que Moktar finit par le considérer comme son meilleur conseiller. Tout était en place pour pousser le nouveau Chef de canton vers une mauvaise affaire.

Le vieux Diawando entrevit la possibilité de rendre Moktar très impopulaire dans Bandiagara s'il parvenait à l'opposer à Tierno Bokar. Celui-ci était en effet très aimé dans la ville où l'on jugeait sévèrement les reniements, quels qu'ils soient. Il espérait qu'un revirement de Moktar en faveur des ennemis de Tierno lui vaudrait le mépris de la population, sans penser aux conséquences qui pourraient en résulter pour le vieux maître.

Aussi, un jour où il se trouvait seul avec Moktar Aguibou Tall, lui tint-il ce discours :

— Moktar, il est une chose qui risque de ternir ton commandement. Je regrette d'avoir à t'en parler, mais puisque j'ai promis de t'aider et que tu as promis de m'écouter, mon devoir est de te mettre en garde. Il s'agit de ton cousin Tierno Bokar. Il a instauré dans Bandiagara une chose qui n'a été faite sous aucun des anciens chefs de la cité, tes prédécesseurs. Et s'il a osé le faire sous ton commandement, c'est parce qu'il n'a aucune considération pour toi. Tout le monde dit que tu es faible et que tu ne vaux rien. Mais c'est confondre ta politesse avec de la faiblesse. Mon devoir est de te dire que, lorsqu'on est chef, on doit mettre la politesse de côté. Crois-moi, si tu ne sévis pas contre Tierno Bokar en lui interdisant de pratiquer les « onze grains », tu seras le dernier des Tall.

Tel était le moyen le plus rapide que le rusé Diawando avait trouvé pour placer Moktar en mauvaise posture [1].

Hélas, Moktar Aguibou n'avait pas la sagesse de son prédécesseur Tidjani Aguibou Tall. Au lieu de se renseigner, d'aller se confier à Tierno ou même de discuter avec lui, il se laissa prendre au jeu du vieux Diawando et n'écouta que son indigna-

1. Plus tard, une fois sa vengeance achevée, Aguibou Ousmane raconta lui-même à de nombreux notables de Bandiagara comment il s'y était pris pour manœuvrer Moktar et s'en vanta jusque sur la place du marché. C'est ainsi que, de diverses sources, j'ai pu connaître le fond de l'affaire.

tion. Pensait-il, de surcroît, qu'en agissant contre les « onze grains », bête noire de l'Administration coloniale et des marabouts Tall dont il était l'obligé, il entrerait dans leurs bonnes grâces? Toujours est-il que le premier vendredi suivant cet entretien, à la mosquée, alors que venait de se terminer la grande prière en commun à laquelle assistaient Tierno Bokar et ses élèves, il se leva et prit la parole :

— *Assalaam aleïkoum!* Le salut sur vous !

— *Aleïka'salaam!* Le salut sur toi ! répondit la foule des fidèles.

— Je suis Moktar Aguibou Tall, Chef de Bandiagara par la grâce de Dieu et chef de la famille d'El Hadj Omar. Ce qui n'a été fait sous aucun de mes prédécesseurs ne sera pas fait sous Moktar Aguibou. Je parle de la pratique des « onze grains ». Ceux qui ne veulent pas respecter la voie tracée par El Hadj Omar, je les déplumerai comme on déplume un poulet sacrificiel, à commencer par leur chef. Pour être plus direct, c'est à toi que je m'adresse, Tierno Bokar Salif, puisque c'est toi qui veux instaurer ici ce qui n'y a jamais été instauré avant.

Ces dernières paroles tombèrent dans un silence total. L'assistance était sidérée. Chacun attendait ce qui allait suivre.

Tierno Bokar était assis au premier rang des fidèles. Dès qu'il entendit Moktar prononcer son nom, il se leva, ramassa ses babouches et sortit par la porte du sud de la mosquée, sans dire un mot et sans se retourner. Imitant son exemple, ses élèves se levèrent également sans rien dire et le suivirent. Pour la dernière fois de sa vie, Tierno franchit la porte de ce lieu de prière où il avait passé tant d'heures de son existence.

Il n'a pas dit, plus tard, pourquoi il s'était tu. On peut cependant supposer, étant donné qu'il n'avait jamais accepté de participer à aucune polémique, que ce jour-là plus que tout autre il n'avait pas voulu jeter de l'huile sur le feu et risquer un incident dont, finalement, ses élèves auraient été les victimes. Il se dirigea donc silencieusement vers sa demeure, accompagné de ses élèves. Ceux-ci me rapporteront qu'une fois rentré chez lui, il s'était exclamé tristement :

— Qu'ont-ils donc contre le nombre onze ? Ne voient-ils pas que la mosquée elle-même repose sur onze piliers ?

Après la sortie de Tierno, Moktar, rendu plus furieux encore par ce silence auquel il ne s'attendait sans doute pas, avait continué de vitupérer :

— Bon ! Ils sont sortis de cette mosquée. Eh bien ! ils n'y rentreront plus jamais. Je leur en interdis désormais l'accès ! Je leur interdis de se réunir pour prier en commun où que ce soit ! Je leur interdis de se promener deux à deux !

C'était presque une excommunication. Moktar Aguibou étant considéré comme une émanation du puissant clan des Tall, protégé de surcroît par les autorités françaises, il n'était pas question, pour la population, de contrevenir à ses ordres. Ce fut, pour Tierno et ses amis, le début d'une quarantaine inflexible qui allait conduire le doux homme de Dieu à vivre ses derniers jours dans une solitude presque totale.

En sortant de la mosquée, le chef Moktar Aguibou Tall s'était précipité chez le commandant de la subdivision de Bandiagara, le commandant Ortoli, pour lui dire que l'on assistait à une recrudescence des « onze grains » et que Tierno Bokar, bien qu'ayant accepté de réintégrer les « douze grains », était revenu à la pratique des « onze ».

Or, il se trouvait que le commandant Ortoli était adjoint au commandant de Cercle de Mopti à l'époque où Tierno avait été reçu par ce dernier. Ortoli avait vu lui-même, sur le registre-journal du commandant, le procès-verbal indiquant que Tierno avait renoncé aux « onze grains » pour revenir dans le sein des « douze ». Convaincu que Tierno était un fieffé hypocrite, il le convoqua à son bureau. Dès qu'il le vit, il l'attaqua :

— Eh bien, Tierno Bokar ! Il paraît qu'après être revenu aux « douze grains » tu les as abandonnés de nouveau pour retourner aux « onze grains » ?

— Je ne comprends pas, répondit Tierno qui, bien entendu, ignorait tout du subterfuge auquel s'était livré l'interprète Oumar Sy à Mopti. Depuis que j'ai pris les « onze grains » à Nioro en 1937, ajouta-t-il, je ne les ai jamais abandonnés et n'ai pas cessé de les pratiquer jusqu'à ce jour.

Ces paroles mirent le commandant Ortoli hors de lui. Il rappela à Tierno la conversation de Mopti où il avait paru abjurer. Tierno, fort étonné, répliqua qu'en aucune circonstance

il n'avait jamais renié le Chérif de Nioro. Bien entendu, il ne put convaincre Ortoli. Aux yeux de l'Administration française, Tierno passa désormais pour un homme de mauvaise foi. La petite tricherie d'Omar Sy, inspirée par un bon sentiment, tournait au drame.

Ortoli écrivit au commandant de Cercle de Mopti pour lui signaler que Bandiagara connaissait une recrudescence du Hamallisme. Son rapport fut transmis au gouvernement du Soudan. En retour, des instructions furent données pour que l'on sévisse durement contre Tierno Bokar et ses adeptes. C'était le début de la persécution ouverte.

Pour commencer, toutes les femmes toucouleurs qui avaient épousé un élève de Tierno Bokar reçurent, de leurs parents, l'ordre de quitter leur mari et de réintégrer leur famille. Or, à l'époque, personne, homme ou femme, ne pouvait s'opposer à un ordre reçu de ses parents, quelles que soient les circonstances. Les procès intentés par les maris auprès de l'Administration n'aboutirent évidemment à rien. Une épidémie de divorces s'abattit sur la ville. Les enfants, quand il y en avait, furent attribués d'office à leur mère.

La zaouïa fut fermée. Les externes durent rejoindre leur famille en ville. Les élèves qui vivaient dans la zaouïa furent dispersés aux quatre coins du pays. Certains jeunes gens furent inscrits d'office sur le registre du contingent, recrutés et envoyés dans l'armée. Dans la seule famille d'Ali Bodiel, à Bandiagara, on appela sous les drapeaux le même jour, contrairement aux règlements militaires, quatre frères de même père et même mère.

Jour et nuit, Tierno fut épié. Les entrées et les sorties de sa concession étaient enregistrées, ses visiteurs inquiétés ou déportés. Dès ce moment, Tierno ne sortit plus jamais de sa concession. Il ne la quitta qu'au jour de sa mort. La pression exercée sur ses visiteurs fut telle que, bientôt, seule une poignée de fidèles amis osaient venir le voir.

La vie matérielle devenait de jour en jour plus difficile. Personne ne lui vendait plus rien. On peut imaginer la détresse de cette famille comptant environ vingt personnes, mise dans l'incapacité de sortir et de s'approvisionner et n'ayant, de toute

façon, plus aucun revenu pour assurer sa subsistance. Alors que les membres du propre clan de Tierno Bokar, de sa propre confrérie, de sa propre religion, l'abandonnaient sans remords, ce furent ses amis les Dogons de la falaise, dont certains étaient convertis de fraîche date, qui assurèrent sa subsistance et celle des siens. La nuit, ils venaient se glisser furtivement auprès de sa concession et jetaient pas-dessus le mur des outres pleines de mil et de condiments qui leur permirent de survivre.

En dépit de ces terribles conditions d'existence, Tierno, qui ne vivait plus qu'au milieu de sa famille et de quatre ou cinq élèves, restait le même. Il continuait d'enseigner à son entourage et demeurait toujours aussi serein. On est cependant en droit, étant donné la sensibilité extrême qui était l'une des marques de sa nature, d'imaginer que derrière cette sérénité, fruit de sa communion avec Dieu, la souffrance n'était pas absente.

Se souvenait-il alors de ces paroles qu'il nous avait dites en 1933 ?

« En vérité, la langue de celui qui adore Dieu est comme un tison ardent. Pour les esprits idolâtres des valeurs matérielles, elle est un motif de trouble constant. Par peur qu'elle ne les brûle, ils déversent sur elle l'eau bourbeuse de la calomnie, croyant ainsi pouvoir sauver la case de chaume où s'abrite l'idole de la convoitise et du mensonge. Frère en Dieu qui viens au seuil de notre zaouïa, es-tu décidé à chanter à n'importe quel prix l'hymne de la Vérité ? Souviens-toi de ces versets :

"Malheur au vil calomniateur qui amasse des richesses et qui les compte !
Il pense que ses richesses le rendront immortel.
Non ! Il sera précipité dans Houtamah !" (l'un des noms de l'Enfer).

(Coran CIV, 1 à 4). »

De mon côté, j'ignorais tout de ce qui se passait. Au retour de mon voyage à Dakar, j'avais été affecté à Bamako où, depuis juillet 1937, j'étais plus ou moins en résidence surveillée, ne pouvant quitter la ville. Revenant de congé, je ne pouvais espérer prétendre à une permission avant trois ou cinq ans.

Aucune nouvelle ne nous parvenait de Bandiagara, distante de Bamako de huit cents kilomètres. Ce n'est qu'après la mort de Tierno que je pus me rendre à Bandiagara, grâce à la compréhension et à l'aide de mon commandant de Cercle, André Morel, un homme de bien [1].

Marcel Cardaire, au cours de son enquête sur la vie de Tierno Bokar, avait rencontré à Mopti, comme nous l'avons dit, les veuves de Tierno et les avaient interrogées sur les derniers jours du Maître. Écoutons son témoignage, tel qu'il figurait dans la première édition de ce livre [2].

> Le petit nombre de ses fidèles, plus réduit chaque semaine, souffrait de la situation qui lui était faite et ne s'en cachait pas. Ces gens se plaisaient à la pensée que leur maître dominait les mesquineries qui le visaient. Ils étaient transportés à l'idée que la méchanceté des hommes avait amené Tierno à se réfugier toujours plus intimement dans les bras de son Créateur.
> Ses entretiens avec Dieu ne cessaient pratiquement plus. Perpétuellement serein d'apparence, il se tenait de l'aube à la fin du jour dans les coins de la maison qu'il aimait, parmi les autres. Ramassé sur lui-même, les yeux clos, il s'évadait. Tout ce qui lui restait de vie se concentrait dans ses mains amaigries entre lesquelles le chapelet roulait tout au long du jour. Parfois, il allait dans la zaouïa déserte et les siens pouvaient s'étonner de son apparente insensibilité au spectacle qui les torturait. Les cases étaient vides, les cours abandonnées. Les bandes de coton ne séchaient plus sur les pierres et sur les cordes, serpents

1. Lors de ce voyage à Bandiagara, j'aurai d'ailleurs un entretien avec le commandant Ortoli et pourrai lui expliquer tout le fond de l'affaire. C'était un homme honnête. Il se rendit compte qu'une erreur avait été commise et remit les choses en ordre dans la ville. Jusqu'à son départ de Bandiagara, les « onze grains » n'y furent pas inquiétés.

2. *Tierno Bokar, le Sage de Bandiagara*, op. cit., p. 65. Je signale toutefois que j'ai dû, par endroits, rectifier certaines petites erreurs du récit ou lui apporter certains compléments.

> blancs qui égayaient autrefois l'école comme l'auraient fait des banderoles de fête. Les grands feux étaient éteints, les marmites renversées, les portes béantes comme des bouches dans un visage effrayé. Le vent secouait les nattes inutiles.
> En fait, le maître était frappé à mort. Un petit d'hirondelle tombé du nid avait jadis mis cet homme au bord des larmes [1] ; les pleurs de l'enfant le choquaient comme une blessure ; sa parole avait prêché la tolérance et l'amour et, aujourd'hui, le sectarisme et la haine l'abattaient. Il retrouvait ses vieux ennemis au soir de sa vie, au moment où sa voix s'affaiblissait. La parole elle-même ne lui était-elle pas interdite ?
> Les trahisons se multipliaient autour de lui. Son propre neveu, l'ancien élève d'Alpha Ali qu'il avait désigné comme moniteur de son école coranique, l'homme qu'il avait peut-être le plus choyé, était passé au service de Moktar. Les plus intimes ne venaient plus que par les nuits sans lune, puis ne vinrent plus du tout. La calomnie et la haine avaient fait le vide autour de la concession. Aux yeux des croyants ignorants ou trop attachés à la lettre mal comprise de la confrérie omarienne, il passait pour un hérétique relaps, orgueilleusement retiré sur son erreur. Aux yeux de l'indifférent, il était celui que l'on devait éviter parce qu'il était en disgrâce auprès de la Chefferie locale et de l'Administration coloniale. Aux yeux des Tall, enfin, il avait trahi sa famille, faute que l'on ne pardonne pas. Lui rendre visite devenait un acte de courage, voire de témérité.
> Sans que l'on y mît la moindre malice, les échos de la ville lui étaient parfois rapportés ainsi que les propos de ses ennemis. Chaque fois, il répondait :
> — Ils sont plus dignes de pitié et de prières que de condamnation et de reproche, parce qu'ils sont ignorants. Ils ne savent pas et, malheureusement, ils ne savent pas qu'ils ne savent pas.

1. On trouvera ce récit p. 159.

Tierno se réfugiait de plus en plus dans la prière et la méditation; mais au cours de ses exercices pieux, son corps le trahissait parfois.

Le prochain hivernage devait abattre l'une ou l'autre de ses cases dont l'argamasse demandait à être rechargée. Le prochain hivernage. Tierno savait bien qu'il ne le verrait pas, mais il ne fallait pas donner sa faiblesse en spectacle. Il usait ses dernières forces à donner sa dernière leçon en un dernier exemple. L'orgueil n'avait rien à voir dans son comportement; l'orgueil était aussi loin de Tierno qu'il pouvait l'être. Il absolvait la haine et pardonnait les trahisons. Ceux qui l'écoutaient avaient l'impression que, pour lui, l'homme n'existait que pour être pardonné et Dieu pour qu'on lui rende grâce... Et son pardon aux hommes était sincère et sincères aussi les remerciements qu'il adressait à Dieu pour toutes les nouvelles épreuves qui s'abattaient sur lui.

Ce qu'il vécut alors dans le secret de son cœur, nul ne le connut car il ne voulut le partager avec personne. Ses épouses pleuraient, ses serviteurs étaient des simples qui l'admiraient, souvent sans le bien comprendre.

Il dépensait ses dernières forces. Il était brisé irrémédiablement. Sa santé déclinait de jour en jour. Il ne mangeait plus, dormait à peine, maigrissait à vue d'œil. Son entourage s'efforçait vainement, avec candeur, de le soutenir en le nourrissant.

La fraîcheur de décembre et de janvier n'améliora en rien son état. Aux souffrances morales s'ajoutèrent bientôt les souffrances physiques. Il se couvrit de furoncles. Un anthrax lui vint à la tempe droite, puis un autre à la tempe gauche. Avec un rasoir, il coupa celui qui lui semblait le plus mûr. Sa tête se mit à enfler. On appela un médecin, mais il était trop tard. La septicémie s'était déclarée. D'horribles maux de tête le prirent qui ne lui laissèrent désormais, et jusqu'à la fin, aucun répit. Il se coucha pour ne plus se relever.

Seul, allongé dans sa case, Tierno vivait des journées et des nuits fiévreuses. Glacé sous sa couverture ou ruisselant sur sa natte, le mourant écoutait, entre deux prières, les bruits qui jalonnaient le temps. C'en était bien fini du rire des élèves, de la psalmodie du Coran et du bourdonnement des conversations qui berçait le sommeil très avant dans la nuit. La fraîcheur du matin et l'appel du muezzin qui venait de la mosquée interdite le tiraient de la somnolence. Un coq chantait. Des tourterelles, puis un coq de pagode, saluaient le lever du soleil. Dans la cour, Néné ou Fatumsuka, la servante, pilait le mil. Ceux qui passaient près de la porte parlaient à voix basse. Le chien, fils ou petit-fils de celui qui avait jadis escorté le maître, paraissait sur le seuil. L'odeur malsaine de la fièvre l'arrêtait et il repartait la queue basse. Le matin passait. La chaleur de midi rétablissait le silence, puis la vie reprenait. Pilons dans le mortier qui ajoutaient encore au martèlement du sang à ses oreilles. Batailles de coqs, de chats, de chiens. La cour vivait. La vie continuait tandis qu'il s'éteignait dans une solitude douloureuse. Le chant du muezzin marquait la fin du jour. C'était l'heure triste entre toutes. Là-bas, au pied du palais royal, l'appel à la prière s'élevait pour tous, sauf pour lui et les siens. La nuit tombait.

Chaque soir, les maux de tête se faisaient plus intenses. Son visage était enflé, ses traits déformés, mais ses yeux brillants de fièvre gardaient la même douceur. Aucune plainte contre son mal ne sortait de ses lèvres. Néné, sa première épouse, nous confia:

— Il allait à la mort comme à une fête.

Quelqu'un proposa d'appeler un guérisseur puisque la science des Européens s'avérait inefficace. Tierno s'y opposa:

— N'en faites rien. Ce n'est pas de ces remèdes que j'ai besoin. Le médecin lui-même ne pouvait rien pour moi. Je lui ai demandé de venir, non pas pour qu'il me guérisse, mais pour que l'on ne dise pas que vous n'avez pas fait tout ce qu'il fallait faire.

— De temps à autre, poursuivait Néné, la douleur se faisait plus violente. Elle tordait son pauvre visage. Et

Tierno, à haute voix, demandait à Dieu le courage de supporter ses peines.
Un soir, le 8 ou 9 février 1940, Néné vint écouter sur le seuil. Tierno parlait :
— Mon Dieu, prends-moi en pleine vie. Tue-moi, arrache-moi à cette existence et recueille-moi dans la mort. Je sais que tu me rendras la vie dès que tu me l'auras prise. »
Le vent d'est, frais et sec, secouait la natte qui fermait la porte. Une bouffée de vent apporta jusqu'au moribond quelques échos de la ville. Tierno sortit un instant de son entretien avec Dieu :
— Pauvre Bandiagara... Si Bandiagara savait ! Si les gens de Bandiagara avaient su... Ils auraient sorti beaucoup d'argent de leurs bourses pour prolonger ma vie. Mais ils ne savaient pas... Mon Dieu, pardonne-moi et pardonne-leur parce qu'ils ne savaient pas. »
Nous pouvons attester, sans risque d'erreur, que la pieuse Néné n'avait jamais entendu parler des lamentations de Seïdna Issa (Jésus) sur Jérusalem.
Néné poussa la natte et entra dans la pièce. Elle s'effondra aux pieds de son époux et fondit en larmes.
— Non, ne pleure pas, lui dit-il.
Mais Néné ne pouvait arrêter ses sanglots. Elle ne pouvait pas davantage arrêter ceux qui l'étouffaient en nous rapportant cette scène :
— Aujourd'hui, c'est son corps qui est parti ; mais c'est notre âme qu'il a emportée. Son départ nous a plongées dans l'obscurité. Il n'y a plus de lampe dans la maison. La lumière matérielle n'éclaire que les demeures : mais lui, il était la lumière de nos âmes.
Cette femme avait repris le vocabulaire de son époux. Quinze ans après la mort de Tierno, ses propres mots emplissaient la petite case de Mopti et nos gorges se serraient. C'est ce soir où il se lamenta sur Bandiagara que Néné entendit son époux s'adresser à elle pour la dernière fois :
— Je m'en vais... Je vous confie à Dieu à qui mon père m'avait confié.

A sa deuxième femme, il avait dit :
— Aminata, je te pardonne. Sache bien que si mon corps vous quitte, mon âme reste près de vous. Quand vous aurez un doute, étendez les mains et si, de l'endroit où je serai, les âmes peuvent répondre, vous m'entendrez.

Dans la nuit qui suivit, les douleurs de Tierno ne lui laissèrent aucun répit. Il passa la nuit en prière. Au matin, il était épuisé mais toujours lucide. Il sentit que sa fin était proche. Dominant sa souffrance et son abattement, il se mit sur son séant et demanda à faire ses ablutions. Fatumsuka, sa servante, apporta de l'eau.
Cette femme nous a dit elle-même le bonheur qu'elle avait lu dans le regard de son maître lorsqu'il avait constaté qu'il pouvait encore procéder à ces rites sacrés auxquels son grand-père l'avait initié aux jours lointains de Ségou. Épuisé par l'effort qu'il avait déployé, Tierno s'effondra sur sa natte et, dans le courant de la matinée, entra en agonie. C'était le 19 février 1940.
Les femmes étaient sorties de sa chambre. Les épouses s'étaient retirées chez elles. Fatumsuka se tenait de l'autre côté de la cour, sur le seuil de la case qui faisait face à la chambre de l'agonisant. Près de Tierno se tenaient les quelques amis restés fidèles : Samba Bâ, Thiamba, l'élève et le serviteur, et aussi le père de Youssouf. Lorsque Tierno perdit connaissance, ils pensèrent que la fin était venue. Il ne s'agissait que d'un évanouissement. Le mourant ouvrit les yeux, mais le regard paraissait fuir. Le père de Youssouf, pieux homme, se pencha sur la natte :
— Tierno, dit-il, prononce la Shahada [1].
Le maître avait souvent parlé de ces derniers instants de l'homme et il avait toujours dit que si la langue se paralysait, si la bouche refusait de s'ouvrir pour prononcer les paroles suprêmes attestant l'existence et l'unicité de Dieu, le croyant pouvait toujours attester silencieusement

1. « Il n'y a de dieu que Dieu », le dernier témoignage du croyant, les derniers mots qui doivent sortir de ses lèvres avant sa mort.

en touchant sa propre poitrine avec son index, symbole d'unité.

— Tierno, prononce le Shahada!

Alors les trois hommes virent le poing droit et l'index tendu de Tierno se porter lentement à la hauteur du cœur; le regard se voila et, lentement, comme le sable file entre les doigts, la vie s'échappa de ce vieux corps usé, douloureux, misérable. Les trois amis constatèrent la mort. Un je-ne-sais-quoi alerta Fatumsuka qui comprit avant qu'ils ne fassent le moindre geste que Tierno n'était plus. Elle sortit et parcourut la zaouïa déserte en annonçant la mort. Les poulets, les cabris s'enfuyaient sous les pas de cette femme en pleurs. Des sanglots se firent entendre chez les épouses du maître. Fatumsuka allait toujours de cour en cour comme si les disciples dussent sortir en foule pour s'associer à sa douleur; mais elle ne voyait que des portes béantes, des foyers froids, des cases vides. Elle revint près de Néné et d'Aminata.

L'un des trois témoins de la mort s'en fut prévenir Alpha Ali, puis le Chef de Bandiagara: Moktar Aguibou Tall. Comme il est de coutume en Afrique, la mort éteignait la querelle. Tierno, abattu par la méchanceté des hommes, comparaissait à l'instant même devant Dieu. La grandeur de ce moment écrasait les épaules de ceux-là mêmes qui s'étaient consacrés à sa perte.

C'est alors que les voix des femmes s'élevèrent, entamant un chœur spontané en l'honneur du défunt:

« Tall! Tall! Tall![1] Tu t'attendais à la venue de ce jour, tu t'es préparé à ce voyage.

« Déjà, tu as envoyé devant toi les provisions nécessaires. Devant toi tu ne trouveras que réception honorable.

« Tu as travaillé en prévision de ce voyage. Tu ne seras pas déçu car une belle réception t'attend.

1. La répétition du nom clanique en guise de salutation est, en Afrique, une façon d'honorer un homme et, à travers lui, d'honorer toute sa lignée dont il est censé n'être jamais séparé.

« Tu as recueilli l'orphelin, tu as nourri l'affamé, tu as calmé le désemparé, tu as répondu à chaque appel qui te fut adressé.

« Et toujours, tu as répondu dans la seule intention de plaire à Dieu et à son Prophète, et non pour t'en faire une gloriole. »

En Islam, on a hâte de rendre à la terre ce qui, quoi qu'on en ait, n'a pas cessé de lui appartenir. Le corps de Tierno, enveloppé d'un linceul, fut déposé sur le brancard des morts. Conformément à la tradition, on demanda à ses femmes de venir pardonner à leur mari les offenses qu'il aurait pu commettre envers elles de son vivant. Mais elles répondirent:

— C'est à nous de lui demander pardon. C'est nous qui l'avons fait souffrir. Il a toujours été un mari fidèle, un frère aîné bienveillant et un éducateur averti. Voici tout ce que nous avons à dire : "Tall! Tall! Va en paix!"

C'était la fin de la matinée. Le corps fut transporté jusqu'au cimetière. La ville entière suivait, derrière son chef, cousin du défunt, qui conduisait la dépouille jusqu'à sa dernière demeure. O inconséquence humaine!

Seuls manquaient les élèves de Tierno qui se trouvaient encore à Bandiagara, car Moktar avait interdit leur présence. Se conformant une dernière fois aux enseignements et à l'exemple de leur maître, ils ne protestèrent pas. Ils se retirèrent dans la cour de Tierno. Avec ferveur, ils se mirent à psalmodier la *Shahada : Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh, Il n'y a de dieu que Dieu,* la grande Parole de l'Islam à laquelle Tierno avait conformé et sa vie et son cœur.

Ainsi, Tierno Bokar fut enfoui dans la terre aux pieds de sa mère, sous l'arbrisseau, comme il l'avait prédit un jour. Bandiagara prit le deuil pendant trois jours sur l'ordre de la chefferie locale. Les esprits se troublèrent alors. Où était la vérité? Les amis du défunt reçurent quelques visites, qui allèrent en se multipliant. Des gens venaient demander le pardon de Tierno à ses amis. Et Tierno recommençait à vivre...

Comme Chérif Hamallâh, Tierno Bokar fut victime de l'ignorance et de l'obscurantisme des hommes qui confondirent

l'esprit de clan avec l'esprit religieux, oubliant que la tolérance est un principe fondamental aussi bien de l'Islam (*« Point de contrainte en religion* [1] *!... »*) que de la Tidjaniya qui interdit de rester trois jours sans parler à quelqu'un par colère, sous peine d'être exclu de la Tariqa.

Mais ne leur jetons pas l'anathème. On aura vu, au cours de ce récit, comme une sorte de fatalité a enchaîné les événements les uns aux autres, brouillant toutes les cartes. Au fil des années, mal informés, les hommes se prirent au jeu et crurent peut-être sincèrement qu'ils défendaient une juste cause. « Ils ne savaient pas qu'ils ne savaient pas... »

Quoi qu'il en soit, l'intolérance, étroitement liée à l'ignorance et au manque de maturité spirituelle, n'est le privilège d'aucune race, d'aucune communauté particulière. C'est une maladie humaine générale. Tous les temps et tous les cieux l'ont connue. Aujourd'hui même, plus ou moins tapie dans certaines zones obscures de notre être, elle menace toujours de montrer les griffes dès que nous rencontrons, chez l'autre, une différence que nous ne pouvons comprendre. C'est pourquoi il nous faut des maîtres spirituels qui soient, en même temps, des médecins du cœur. C'est ce que fut Tierno Bokar, dont l'appel à l'union et à la compréhension s'adressait, par-delà son entourage, à tous les hommes :

« Je souhaite de tout mon cœur la venue de l'ère de réconciliation entre toutes les confessions de la terre, l'ère où ces confessions unies s'appuieront les unes sur les autres pour former une voûte morale et spirituelle, l'ère où elles reposeront en Dieu par trois points d'appui : AMOUR, CHARITÉ, FRATERNITÉ. »

1. Coran II, 256.

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La parole

Dans ce pays où, pendant des millénaires, seuls les sages eurent le droit de parler, dans ce pays où la tradition orale a eu la rigueur des écrits les plus sacrés, la parole est devenue sacrée. Dans la mesure où l'Afrique noire a été dépourvue d'un système d'écriture pratique, elle a entretenu le culte de la parole, du « verbe fécondant ».

Aïssata avait dit à son fils : « Apprends à couvrir la nudité matérielle des hommes avant de couvrir par ta parole leur nudité morale. » Les tisserands traditionnels, initiés au symbolisme de leur métier à tisser où chaque pièce a une signification particulière et dont l'ensemble symbolise la « création primordiale », savent tous qu'en faisant naître sous leurs doigts la bande de tissu qui se déroule comme le temps lui-même, ils ne font rien d'autre que reproduire le mystère de la Parole créatrice [1].

L'importance du verbe, le souci de sa valeur, bonne ou mauvaise — nouvelle langue d'Ésope — revêt, chez Tierno Bokar, une importance essentielle :

> La parole est un fruit dont l'écorce s'appelle « bavardage », la chair « éloquence » et le noyau « bon sens ».
> Dès l'instant où un être est doué du verbe, quel que soit son degré d'évolution il compte dans la classe

1. Cf. mes *Aspects de la civilisation africaine*, Paris (Présence africaine, 1972) et « Africanisme » in *Enciclopedia del Novecento*, Rome, Instuto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, 1976.

des grands privilégiés, car le verbe est le don le plus merveilleux que Dieu ait fait à sa créature.
Le verbe est un attribut divin, aussi éternel que Dieu lui-même. C'est par la puissance du verbe que tout a été créé. En donnant à l'homme le verbe, Dieu lui a délégué une part de sa puissance créatrice. C'est par la puissance du verbe que l'homme, lui aussi, crée. Il crée non seulement pour assurer les relations indispensables à son existence matérielle, mais aussi pour assurer le viatique qui ouvre pour lui les portes de la béatitude [1].
Une chose devient ce que le verbe lui dit d'être. Dieu dit : « Sois ! » et la créature répond : « Je suis. »

Nous avons été amenés, dans la première partie de cet ouvrage, à rapporter certaines paroles de Tierno. Il aurait été malaisé, en effet, de se pencher sur sa vie et d'en tenter l'exposé en s'abstenant de mêler des fragments de sa parole aux incidents qui jalonnèrent son existence. La parole du maître est le fait principal de son histoire. Comment apporter, maintenant, une meilleure définition du « message » qui nous a été laissé sinon en donnant la parole à celui qui l'a développé ?

Nous ne dirons jamais assez que le caractère primordial du verbe de Tierno est qu'il a été donné dans l'un des lieux les plus simples du monde, le maître étant assis sur un sol ingrat que, tour à tour, le soleil cuisait ou la pluie faisait fondre. Tierno parlait généralement en *foulfouldé* (peul). Bien qu'il fût bon arabisant — ce qui lui permettait d'étudier le fond des textes — il ne cessa jamais de prêcher dans les langues du terroir. Outre l'arabe, il connaissait quatre langues africaines ainsi que les connaissances traditionnelles des principales ethnies de la savane.

1. Allusion à la vertu spirituelle de la récitation des textes sacrés et des noms divins.

Il avait horreur de ceux qui s'exprimaient dans une langue autre que la langue du commun. L'une des caractéristiques des « sorciers » étant d'utiliser un langage hermétique, Tierno, par dérision, désignait souvent de ce nom ceux qui, par snobisme intellectuel, affectaient de ne s'exprimer qu'en arabe alors même qu'ils s'adressaient à des gens ignorant cette langue, pensant ainsi mieux les éblouir.

Son message était fait pour être entendu. Le Prophète n'avait-il pas dit : « Parlez aux gens à la mesure de leur entendement » ?

Les récits et les paroles qui vont suivre, je les ai recueillis personnellement de la bouche de Tierno Bokar auprès de qui j'ai vécu depuis ma plus tendre enfance. Je naquis, comme on dirait en Afrique, « dans ses mains ». Combien de fois, lorsque j'étais tout petit, ne m'a-t-il pas promené sur son dos, dans la cour de mes parents ! Et que d'histoires merveilleuses il me racontait que je ne pouvais encore comprendre ! Ma mère m'a souvent rapporté que, bébé assez maussade, mon visage ne s'éclairait que lorsqu'il venait me prendre dans ses bras.

Dès que j'eus atteint l'âge de sept ans, on me confia entièrement à lui afin qu'il prenne en main mon éducation religieuse aussi bien que la formation de mon caractère et de mon comportement social. Je ne le quittai que le jour où, comme tous les fils de chef, je fus « réquisitionné » par les autorités pour être envoyé loin de Bandiagara, à l'école française qui était alors appelée très officiellement « École des otages. » Mais je revenais auprès de lui passer toutes mes périodes de congé.

Il en alla ainsi jusqu'à l'époque où, devenu jeune homme, je fus nommé fonctionnaire et affecté en Haute-Volta. Ne pouvant plus m'enseigner directement, Tierno me transmettait, par correspondance, les réponses aux questions que je lui posais. Il dictait ses lettres à un ami, Mamadou Sissoko, qui savait écrire le français.

C'est surtout en 1933 que je reçus son enseignement de la façon la plus intensive et la plus approfondie ; jusque-là, en effet, il avait toujours tenu compte de mon âge et de mon degré de compréhension. Cette année-là, la Haute-Volta avait été supprimée en tant que territoire administratif. Ayant été mis en

congé de longue durée en attente d'une nouvelle affectation, j'en profitai pour rejoindre immédiatement Tierno et eus la chance de pouvoir passer auprès de lui, à Bandiagara, la majeure partie de cette providentielle année de congé.

C'est surtout durant ce séjour de 1933 que je pris note des enseignements et des anecdotes qui vont suivre. Tierno me chargea, par ailleurs, de la mission de faire connaître l'enseignement schématique qu'il avait inventé sous le nom de *Maddîn* et qui figure à la fin de cet ouvrage. Il va sans dire que je n'ai pu y présenter que l'aspect extérieur, exotérique, de cet enseignement, celui qui peut s'écrire et s'inscrire dans des schémas. La science ésotérique, elle, ne saurait être exposée selon un plan logique. En Islam, comme dans beaucoup d'autres traditions religieuses, elle s'enseigne de bouche à oreille et se rapproche beaucoup plus d'une expérience vécue que d'un enseignement de type intellectuel.

Nous avons bien conscience de ce que l'essai de « classification » et d'étiquetage de l'ensemble de ce message peut avoir d'incomplet, voire d'artificiel, et de ce qu'il aurait fait sourire le maître. Une Parole toute vibrante de vie et d'amour comme celle qu'a entendue Bandiagara, ce n'est pas un livre qui peut la restituer dans toute sa force. Mais c'est pourtant notre devoir, à nous qui avons hérité d'une tradition orale, que d'essayer d'en transmettre ce que nous pouvons avant que le temps et l'oubli ne la fassent disparaître de la mémoire des hommes.

Une difficulté particulière a résidé dans le passage du peul au français, du fait des différences de structure qui caractérisent ces deux langues. Le peul, comme l'arabe, est une langue synthétique où chaque mot peut comporter de nombreux sens différents (quoique liés) selon sa position dans la phrase et le niveau de signification auquel on l'appréhende. Au contraire, dans la langue française — langue analytique par excellence, mais non synthétique — chaque mot possède un sens unique et précis. D'où la difficulté de faire passer une idée d'une langue à l'autre sans porter atteinte à la concision de l'expression, à l'allure du style ou à la saveur de l'image. Le lecteur voudra bien nous pardonner ces inévitables défauts.

Pour Tierno Bokar, la puissance du Verbe divin créateur — comme, d'ailleurs, de toute parole proférée — était liée aux vibrations.

> Dans l'univers, nous enseignait-il, et à tous les niveaux, tout est vibration. Seules les différences de vitesse de ces vibrations nous empêchent de percevoir les réalités que nous appelons invisibles.

Et il nous donnait l'exemple de l'hélice d'un avion qui, à partir d'une certaine vitesse de rotation, devient invisible.

Mais dès lors que la parole créatrice est écrite, son mystère peut être approché à travers la science traditionnelle des lettres et des nombres. Les perspectives que nous ouvraient ses explications en ce domaine nous permettaient de pressentir, d'entrevoir parfois, comme un immense édifice, d'une cohérence stupéfiante, où des principes primordiaux sous-tendaient l'ensemble du monde vivant et se trouvaient à l'œuvre au sein même de réalités apparemment anodines.

Plongé dans la mystique — entendons par là non une vie coupée du monde, mais une vie où la relation intérieure avec Dieu accompagne et éclaire chaque moment vécu en ce monde — Tierno Bokar était l'incarnation même de l'amour et de la bonté. Amour pour Dieu, d'abord, absolu, sans réserve; puis amour pour toutes les créatures vivantes, depuis l'homme jusqu'aux créatures les plus modestes de la nature, animales ou végétales.

Tierno Bokar aimait tous les hommes, sans considération de race, de religion ou de rang social. La distinction qui lui paraissait la plus futile était celle qui consiste à regrouper les hommes sous des emblèmes religieux différents qui se croient ennemis les uns des autres. Tous les hommes, et plus particulièrement ceux qui sont animés d'une foi sincère, ne renferment-ils pas une « parcelle de l'Esprit de Dieu » ? La tolérance devait donc devenir le souci permanent des élèves, comme elle avait été le fondement de l'enseignement du Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani, et l'un des principes fondamentaux de l'Islam.

Tierno Bokar se penchait sur la société au milieu de laquelle il faisait son voyage terrestre et dont l'équilibre est si souvent compromis. Mais, pour lui, l'Amour et la Charité donnaient la clé de tous les cœurs et la solution de tous les problèmes.

Gigantesque programme ! Celui qui s'attache à le suivre doit se reporter souvent à une source rafraîchissante, vivifiante, pour trouver la force de progresser toujours davantage dans la voie spirituelle. Pour Tierno Bokar, il n'existait qu'une source capable de revigorer constamment ceux qui s'affaiblissent. C'était la Source mystique aux abords de laquelle on rencontre les hommes religieux de toutes les confessions et de tous les temps.

— Tierno, lui demandai-je un jour, quels sont les rôles respectifs de la *sharia* (loi révélée) et de la Mystique ?

— La *sharia* et la Mystique (enseignement initiatique), me répondit-il, sont deux aspects différents de la Religion, mais qui se complètent et ne doivent pas aller l'un sans l'autre.

L'objectif essentiel de la *sharia* est, par sa sévérité même, de préserver l'homme du libertinage de l'irréligion. Elle est comparable au rabot qui dégrossit la planche. Elle oblige le fidèle à améliorer sa conduite et l'empêche de tomber dans les bas-fonds de la vie déréglée où ne peut fleurir aucune culture spirituelle.

Sans une *sharia* puissante, les tares morales ont vite fait de s'extérioriser et de favoriser la dépravation des mœurs. Les piliers fondamentaux [1] de la *sharia*

1. Les piliers fondamentaux de la *sharia* sont, d'abord, les obligations canoniques de l'Islam (foi en l'Unité de Dieu, prière, aumône, jeûne, pèlerinage), puis les diverses interdictions, tant morales que matérielles, que le croyant doit respecter et, enfin, l'ensemble des recommandations tirées de l'exemple du Prophète et de ses compagnons.

sont comme autant de drains par lesquels les imperfections qui imprègnent les cœurs sont amenées à s'écouler.

Si l'on compare la *sharia* à un réseau de drains, la Mystique, elle, sera semblable à une irrigation. Son rôle consiste à ouvrir l'esprit humain à la Connaissance en Dieu *(ma'rifat)*, laquelle est comparable à une eau subtile. Vient-elle à manquer, l'esprit devient tout pareil à un sol aride et brûlant.

La Mystique procède de deux sources :

Premièrement, d'une Révélation faite par Dieu à un élu de son choix : un Prophète qui l'enseigne et la propage ;

Deuxièmement, de l'expérience du croyant ou, chez un individu prédestiné à la Lumière divine, d'une intuition directe, fruit de sa longue observation méditative et de sa pratique religieuse.

Sous son premier aspect, il s'agit d'une émanation directe de la Source, contenue et conservée dans les Livres sacrés. Dans chaque forme de *La Religion* [1], ces Livres sont comme les réservoirs dans lesquels on recueille l'eau de pluie. Tout comme pour l'eau matérielle, ces réservoirs doivent être préservés de toute pollution, dans l'intérêt de la vie même de la communauté.

Sous son deuxième aspect, la Mystique est comparable à une eau que l'ingéniosité de l'homme fait dériver au moyen de barrages et de canaux. Chaque théologien peut tirer des Livres saints — réservoirs

1. La Religion éternelle dont les diverses religions historiques connues ne sont que les manifestations dans le temps et dans l'espace.

bien gardés — des éléments de semence spirituelle. Mais il peut aussi creuser une dérivation adaptée à la forme du terrain, c'est-à-dire correspondant à la mentalité et à l'évolution de ses contemporains.

Désireux de bien nous faire comprendre les limitations d'une attitude de simple imitation *(taqlid)* aveugle et bornée, il nous donna la parabole suivante :

Le puits

Le puits qui ne reçoit ses eaux que du dehors reçoit en même temps mille choses que le courant entraîne. Il se trouve exposé à toutes les ordures et à un danger plus grave encore : se trouver à sec à peine y a-t-on puisé. En revanche, le puits dont l'œil [1] est en lui-même n'a pas besoin des pluies pour se remplir. Ses eaux filtrées par les interstices de la terre restent abondantes, pures et fraîches, même au moment des plus grandes chaleurs. Il en est ainsi de ceux dont la foi en Dieu dépend des apports extérieurs et de ceux qui tirent leur foi de leur propre méditation et de leur conviction intime. Les premiers sont sujets à variation et leur foi n'est pas exempte de doute. Les seconds demeurent immuables. Ils sont dans la pleine Lumière, la pleine lune de leur foi, laquelle ne connaît jamais l'obscurité.

Le puits qui ne reçoit que de l'extérieur, Tierno l'appelait « le puits du *Taqlid* ». Il est le propre de ceux qui ne font que suivre

1. En peul comme en arabe, « œil » et « source » s'expriment par le même mot.

aveuglément des exemples extérieurs : « Untel a dit ceci », « Untel a fait cela », au lieu de tirer d'eux-mêmes une certitude née de l'expérience intime, ou même une réflexion personnelle devant une circonstance imprévue.

Tierno nous rappelait, à cet égard, le *hadith* [1] suivant :

Un jour, le Prophète voulut envoyer au Yemen un de ses compagnons, appelé Mo'az boun Jabal, pour y enseigner l'Islam. Il lui demanda :

— Comment appliqueras-tu la loi ? Comment rendras-tu la justice ?

— Je rendrai la justice selon le Coran, répondit Mo'az.

— Et si le cas auquel tu auras à faire face n'a pas été prévu par le Coran ? demanda le Prophète.

— J'appliquerai ta *Sunna* [2], Prophète de Dieu.

— Et si la *Sunna* n'a pas prévu le cas ?

— Je me référerai à l'*Idjmâ* (Consensus) [3].

— Et si l'*Idjmâ* n'a jamais eu à faire face à un tel cas ? reprit le Prophète.

Mo'az fut un peu désemparé car, en Islam, le Coran, la Sunna et le Consensus sont les trois seules sources de la Loi et de la jurisprudence. Mais comme c'était un homme qui priait et qui méditait, il avait trouvé en lui le chemin de l'inspiration divine *(ilham)*. Aussi répondit-il, après un moment de réflexion :

— Alors, je ferai l'*Ijtihad* (effort de réflexion personnelle).

1. *Hadith* : récit rapportant une parole du Prophète ou une anecdote vécue par lui.

2. *Sunna* ou « Coutume » : ensemble des dires et des faits du Prophète que l'on se doit d'imiter ; la *Sunna* est source de jurisprudence.

3. *Idjmâ*, ou « Consensus » : ensemble de l'opinion ou des coutumes des compagnons du Prophète ; également source de jurisprudence.

Le Prophète le regarda, puis lui dit :
— Va, et fais l'*Ijtihad* chaque fois que ce sera nécessaire. Tant que l'Islam comptera des hommes comme toi, il ne deviendra pas tel un arbre au tronc élancé, mais privé de branches. (C'est-à-dire qui ne donne ni ombre ni protection.)

L'attitude *taqlid* est généralement le propre des marabouts ou des croyants purement exotériques. Il ne s'agit pas, ici, de rejeter l'imitation consciente et volontaire des prophètes et des saints, laquelle est, au contraire, hautement profitable à la vie spirituelle, mais de dénoncer l'imitation aveugle, bornée, au nom de laquelle on condamne tous ceux qui ne se conforment pas à la norme établie.

Un jour, désireux d'obtenir une confirmation sur ce point, Tierno Bokar se rendit à Ségou afin d'y visiter Niâro Karamogo, le plus grand marabout de son temps, l'un des « grands élèves » d'El Hadj Omar. Il avait l'intention de lui demander son sentiment sur le *taqlid*.

Lorsque Tierno arriva devant la concession de Niâro Karamogo, trois cents élèves au moins étaient réunis pour écouter le marabout. Tierno franchit la première porte, sa question en tête. Or, dès qu'il se présenta devant la deuxième porte et qu'il aperçut, au fond de la cour, le marabout, celui-ci, la tête penchée en avant, se mit à marteler les coussins sur lesquels il était appuyé en disant avec force :

— *Taqlid! Taqlid!* Dites tous, sans doute ni controverse, que celui qui ne fait qu'appliquer le *taqlid* en dévotion musulmane ira en enfer! Le seul point de divergence, c'est de savoir s'il en sortira ou non.

Tierno nous racontait cette anecdote avec le sourire, en précisant, bien sûr, qu'il ne s'agissait que d'une image pour bien montrer la gravité du *taqlid*.

Certes, le *taqlid* est une tendance que l'on rencontre sous tous les cieux, et pas seulement en Islam. Elle a sévi, et sévit sans doute encore, dans bien des milieux qui ne sont pas nécessairement religieux. L'histoire de l'humanité, ancienne ou contemporaine, nous en apporte maints exemples. C'est une faiblesse inhérente à l'homme et c'est pourquoi Tierno Bokar insistait tant auprès de nous sur ses dangers, nous incitant toujours à nous informer pleinement avant de prendre une position, à ne jamais nous arrêter à la surface des choses et à faire appel à ce don que Dieu nous avait fait : l'Intelligence, la Raison supérieure, sujet qu'il développera dans sa leçon *Maddîn* [1].

Les trois lumières

L'œil *('ayn)* qui est au fond de chaque homme a besoin d'une lumière pour voir le monde dans sa vraie réalité et, surtout, pour percevoir les Réalités divines. Mais tous les sentiers ne sont pas accessibles à tous.

Un jour, alors qu'il était en train d'enseigner sur la notion de Lumière (*nour* en arabe), je lui posai une question :

— Tierno, combien y a-t-il de lumières mystiques ?

— Ô mon ami, répondit-il, je ne suis pas l'homme qui a vu toutes les lumières. Je vais néanmoins t'entretenir de trois lumières symboliques :
La première est celle que nous tirons de la matière en la frottant, en la mettant en combustion. Cette lumière ne peut réchauffer et éclairer qu'un espace limité. Elle correspond symboliquement à la foi de la masse des individus peu évolués dans l'échelle mystique. A ce degré, les adeptes ne peuvent aller au-delà de l'imitation *(taqlid)* et de la lettre. L'obscurité de la superstition les entoure, le froid de l'incompréhension les fait trembler. Ils restent blottis dans un petit coin de la tradition et ils y font le moins de bruit possible. Cette lumière est celle qui

1. Cf. p. 209.

anime les croyants lorsqu'ils se trouvent au degré de la foi dite *sulbu* (solide)[1].

La deuxième lumière est celle du soleil. Elle est supérieure à la première en ce qu'elle est plus générale et plus puissante. Elle éclaire tout ce qui existe sur la terre et le réchauffe. Cette lumière symbolise la foi du degré médian dans la voie mystique. Tout comme le soleil, elle dissipe les ténèbres dès qu'elle entre en contact avec elles. C'est une source vivifiante pour toutes les créatures. Elle symbolise les lumières que détiennent les adeptes au degré mystique de la foi dite *Sa'ilu* (liquide). De même que le soleil matériel éclaire et réchauffe tous les êtres qui, dès lors, sont frères, de même, les adeptes parvenus à la lumière médiane voient et traitent en frères tout ce qui vit sous le soleil et reçoit sa lumière. Ils ne méprisent pas la première lumière, en raison de son rôle préparatoire indispensable, mais ils ne sont plus telles des bestioles qui dansent autour d'une flamme et qui parfois s'y brûlent. La première lumière, tout comme celle qui la symbolise, peut, au gré des circonstances, être éteinte ou rallumée ; elle peut être transportée d'un lieu à un autre ; autrement dit, elle peut changer de forme et de puissance, tandis que la seconde lumière demeure fixe et immuable dans sa pérennité, comme celle du soleil. Elle viendra toujours de la même source et restera égale à elle-même à travers les siècles.

La troisième lumière est celle du centre des existences ; c'est la lumière de Dieu. Qui oserait la décrire ?

1. Cf. p. 137.

C'est une obscurité plus brillante que toutes les lumières conjuguées. C'est la lumière de la Vérité. Ceux qui ont le bonheur d'y parvenir perdent leur identité, deviennent ce que devient une goutte d'eau tombée dans le Niger, ou plutôt dans une mer infiniment plus vaste en étendue et en profondeur.

A ce degré, Jésus est devenu Esprit de Dieu, Moïse son Interlocuteur, Abraham son ami, et enfin Mohammad (Mahomet) le Sceau de Ses missions[1].

Les trois degrés de la foi

Ayant réfléchi à ce qu'il venait de dire, je lui demandai :
— Tierno, combien y a-t-il donc de sortes de foi ?

— O mon frère, répondit-il, je ne sais pas au juste. La foi n'est ni comptabilisable comme les habitants d'une basse-cour, ni mesurable comme la distance de Bandiagara à Mopti. On ne peut la peser comme le mil de Bankassi ou les fruits du marché de Dourou. Pour moi, la foi, c'est la somme de la confiance que nous avons en Dieu et le degré de notre conviction ; c'est aussi la fidélité à notre Créateur. La foi se réchauffe ou se refroidit ; elle varie suivant les gens et suivant les milieux.

Pour simplifier, je schématiserai volontiers la foi ainsi : la foi *sulbu*, la première, que j'appellerai la foi solide ; la foi *sa'ilu*, la seconde, que j'appellerai la foi liquide ; enfin la foi *ghaziyu*, la plus subtile, qui est comme une vapeur gazeuse.

1. Tous ces qualificatifs appliqués aux prophètes sont tirés du Coran.

1. Le premier degré de la foi convient au commun, à la masse, aux marabouts attachés à la lettre. Cette foi est soutenue et canalisée par les prescriptions imposées par une Loi elle-même tirée des textes révélés, qu'ils soient judaïques, chrétiens ou musulmans. A ce stade, la foi a une forme précise ; elle est intransigeante, dure comme la pierre d'où je tire son nom.

La foi au degré *sulbu* est lourde et immobile comme une montagne. S'il le faut, elle prescrit la guerre par les armes, pour assurer sa place et se faire respecter.

2. La foi *sa'ilu* (liquide) est la foi des hommes qui ont travaillé et affronté avec succès les épreuves du *sulbu*, de la loi rigide qui n'admet pas de compromis. Ces hommes ont triomphé de leurs défauts et se sont engagés dans la voie qui mène à la vérité. Les éléments de cette foi *sa'ilu* découlent de la connaissance ; ils se rapportent aux vérités d'où qu'elles viennent, sans que l'on ait à considérer leur origine ou leur ancienneté. Ces vérités, recueillies et assemblées, forment un corps animé d'un perpétuel mouvement, d'une constante marche en avant, une marche de molécules d'eau qui sortent des creux de la montagne, ruissellent à travers diverses terres, s'accumulent aux obstacles, puis grossissent de rivières en fleuves pour, enfin, aller se jeter dans l'océan de la Vérité divine. Cette foi, tout comme son symbole liquide, mine les défauts de l'âme, ronge les rochers de l'intolérance et se répand partout, en prenant toujours la forme de son récipient. Elle pénètre les humains selon les accidents de leur terrain moral. La foi *sa'ilu* discipline l'adepte. Elle en fait un homme

de Dieu capable d'entendre et d'apprécier la voix de tous ceux qui parlent du Créateur. Elle est vivifiante ; elle peut se solidifier et prendre l'aspect de la grêle lorsqu'il faut traiter des âmes qui en sont restées au degré primaire. Elle peut se sublimer et s'élever en vapeur, comme la foi *ghaziyu*, dans le ciel de la Vérité. Elle établit le régime de la cité de paix où l'homme et l'animal vivent côte à côte, où les trois règnes vivent en frères. Ceux qui la possèdent s'élèvent contre la guerre.

3. La foi *ghaziyu* est le troisième et dernier terme. C'est l'apanage d'une élite dans l'élite. Ses éléments constituants sont si purs que, dégagés de tout poids matériel qui les retiendrait à la terre, ils s'élèvent comme de la fumée dans le ciel des âmes pures et tendent à les remplir. Ceux qui parviennent à cette foi adorent Dieu en vérité et dans la lumière sans couleur. La Vérité divine fleurit dans les champs de l'Amour et de la Charité.

Pour Tierno, aimer et servir Dieu, c'est un peu, si peu, lui rendre ce qui lui est dû, car devant l'infinité du don qui nous a été fait, tout ce que nous pouvons offrir demeure nécessairement infime.

Le commerçant avare

— Est-il raisonnable, nous demandait-il, de refuser une petite portion à celui qui vous a tout donné ?

Un commerçant qui, par cupidité, resserre le cordon de sa bourse et refuse un denier à celui qui a financé

ses débuts, peut être considéré comme un exemple de laideur morale. Mais combien plus grande est la laideur de l'homme qui refuse son adoration à Dieu, de qui il a reçu le principe même de la vie, source et aboutissement de l'Amour. A Dieu appartient tout ce qui est dans les cieux et sur la terre; peut-on refuser une partie à Celui qui a créé et donné le tout? Certes non, et c'est pourtant ce que font les égarés dans les dédales de la vie terrestre.

Les êtres pensants

Bien des gens venaient à Tierno dans l'espoir d'obtenir, grâce à ses bénédictions ou à ses prières, des bienfaits matériels ou des pouvoirs thaumaturgiques.

— Donne-moi le secret de tel ou tel Nom de Dieu, ou de telle prière, lui demandaient-ils.

Il répondait:

Adepte, toi qui viens au seuil de notre zaouïa, ne pense pas que nous disposions de moyens miraculeux pour guérir les âmes. Nous soumettons à nos frères des versets saints. Applique ton esprit au suivant:

« Que la vie illusoire de ce monde ne nous égare point et que la tentation ne nous détourne pas de Dieu. »

(Coran XXXI, 33.)

Sois entre les mains de Dieu comme l'enfant est entre les mains de sa mère. Ne cherche pas autre chose que le désir de Lui plaire.

Toi qui viens à nous, et que nous considérons non pas comme un élève, mais comme un frère réfléchi, avant de pénétrer dans la zaouïa où l'on recherche l'Amour et le savoir, médite bien sur ce verset et tire avantage de ses lumières:

« L'une de Ses Merveilles est de vous avoir créés et répandus sur la terre en êtres pensants. »

(Coran XXX, 20.)

Demande-Lui de faire de toi selon Son bon plaisir.

Tierno se révoltait à l'idée qu'un être quelconque puisse être exclu de l'amour de Dieu. Il méprisait les distinctions que font les « attachés à la lettre » et voulait ignorer ceux qui font de cet amour le privilège des seuls croyants orthodoxes.

De mon côté, je n'arrivais pas à comprendre que seuls les musulmans puissent être bénéficiaires de la miséricorde de Dieu. Je réfléchissais à la petitesse de leur nombre par rapport à l'ensemble de l'humanité, dans le temps comme dans l'espace, et me disais: comment Dieu, devant un tas de graines, pourrait-il prendre une seule poignée de ces graines et rejeter toutes les autres en disant: « Celles-là seules sont mes préférées »?

J'avais souvent entendu dire, autour de moi, et notamment par certains marabouts, que les non-musulmans étaient des *koufar* (infidèles) et qu'ils iraient en enfer. Cela m'indignait comme si j'avais été moi-même l'un de ces malheureux infidèles. Aussi, un jour, profitai-je d'un cours pour l'interroger sur ce sujet qui me tourmentait:

Dieu aime-t-il l'infidèle?

— Tierno, tu parles toujours de l'amour de Dieu qui embrasse tout. Mais Dieu aime-t-il aussi l'infidèle?

Il répondit:

— Dieu est Amour et Puissance. La création des êtres procède de son amour et non d'une quelconque contrainte. Détester ce qui est produit par la Volonté divine agissant par amour, c'est prendre le contre-pied du Vouloir divin et contester Sa sagesse. Exclure un être de l'Amour primordial, c'est faire preuve d'ignorance capitale. La vie et la perfection sont contenues dans l'Amour divin qui se manifeste en Force rayonnante, en Verbe créateur qui anime le Vide-vivant[1]. De ce Vide-vivant, il fait apparaître des formes qu'il répartit en règnes.

Que notre amour ne soit pas centré sur nous-mêmes ! Qu'il ne nous pousse pas à n'aimer que ce qui nous ressemble ou à n'épouser que les idées semblables aux nôtres ! N'aimer que ce qui nous ressemble, c'est s'aimer soi-même, ce n'est pas aimer.

L'infidèle, en tant qu'homme, ne peut être exclu de l'amour divin. Pourquoi le serait-il du nôtre ? Il occupe le rang auquel Dieu l'a élevé. Le fait, pour un homme, de s'abaisser peut entraîner un châtiment sans pour cela provoquer une exclusion de la source dont il est issu.

Il faut réfléchir à la légende de Karoun et de Moïse : Karoun était le plus pervers des êtres ; il avait reçu en partage les plus belles richesses dont un homme peut jouir sur terre. De ces dons, il avait fait un paradis pour lui-même, un paradis dont l'accès, disait-il, était interdit à Moïse et à son Dieu. Moïse demanda à Dieu de châtier Karoun. Dieu répondit :

1. Tierno comparait ce Vide-vivant, potentialité pure, à la notion mathématique du zéro, point initial qui contient en germe tous les nombres qui sortiront de lui. Il ne s'agit donc pas ici de « néant », mais plutôt de « non manifesté ».

« Je t'ai confié la terre. Agis à ta guise. » Le Prophète Moïse s'adressa alors à Karoun : « O infidèle ! Amende-toi et reviens à ton Seigneur, sinon tu recevras une punition qui sera citée en exemple. — Appelle sur moi tous les malheurs que tu voudras et que tu pourras, je ne crains rien », répliqua Karoun.

Alors, Moïse ordonna à la terre d'engloutir Karoun et tous ses biens. Karoun, happé par les pieds et ne pouvant desserrer l'étreinte, comprit qu'il était perdu. Il se repentit et demanda pardon à Moïse. « Tu t'es cru plus fort que Dieu, lui répondit Moïse ; tu as repoussé l'Éternel et moi, Son envoyé. Maintenant, tu es abattu et tes richesses ne sont plus rien. La terre t'engloutira lentement ; tu subiras cette peine jusqu'à la fin des temps. »

Ainsi, Moïse excluait l'infidèle de l'amour de Dieu. Il le faisait périr après avoir prononcé son jugement et s'attendait à l'approbation du Tout-Puissant. Mais les desseins de Dieu sont impénétrables et le Seigneur lui fit de sévères remontrances : « O Moïse ! Karoun repentant t'a invoqué soixante-dix fois. Tu es resté sourd à son appel. S'il m'avait appelé ne fût-ce qu'une seule fois, je l'eusse secouru. » Moïse resta confondu. Dieu ajouta : « Sais-tu pourquoi tu n'a pas eu compassion de Karoun ? C'est parce qu'il n'est ni ton fils, ni ta créature. »

Cette confusion volontaire de « fils » et de « créature » nous montre sans doute que Dieu, qui n'a pas engendré et n'a pas été engendré [1], a, pour ses créatures, l'amour qu'un père éprouve pour ses enfants.

1. Allusion à un terme coranique : sourate CXI, verset 3.

> Il a été généreux pour les enfants d'Adam, sans différencier leurs états.

Et Tierno nous raconta un épisode majeur de la vie de Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani. Celui-ci vivait alors au Maroc où il bénéficiait de la protection du Sultan. Au cours d'une conférence publique, un provocateur, désireux de lui nuire, lui posa une question piège : « Dieu aime-t-il l'infidèle ? » Étayant sa réponse de commentaires de versets coraniques, le Cheikh osa répondre : « Oui, Dieu aime l'infidèle. » Réponse redoutable, à l'époque. Ce fut un beau tollé. Indignés, les assistants quittèrent la salle. Seuls demeurèrent autour du Cheikh onze disciples fidèles, ceux-là mêmes qui, plus tard, seront à l'origine du développement de la Tidjaniya.

Marcel Cardaire, lui-même fervent catholique, avait été touché par l'attitude d'ouverture et d'amour qui rayonnait de l'enseignement de Tierno Bokar. Laissons-lui la parole :

> La première leçon que les « frères en Dieu » apprenaient était une leçon de tolérance religieuse.
> Dans les cases des disciples de Tierno, l'enseignement que l'on nous rapportait, au rythme des saisons, prenait une valeur nouvelle. Il devenait une nourriture authentique. Dans ce pays de l'élémentaire technique, nous avons entendu des phrases simples qui tombaient de lèvres simples. Les mots pénétraient mieux que s'ils avaient été prononcés dans un de ces temples ou une de ces mosquées qui rendent plus hommage à la technique ou au raffinement de l'homme qu'à la majesté du Créateur. Et d'ailleurs, ces mots que nous avons recueillis ne ressemblaient en rien à ceux que l'on entend dans d'autres lieux de prière. C'était de la parole à l'état pur, de la parole qui n'était pas faite pour exalter l'homme — celui qui parle ou celui qui écoute — mais une véritable parole créatrice, celle qui, en honnête réciprocité, fait vivre Dieu au cœur du mécréant, anime la foi de cet autre et donne un sens à la vie de tous.
> Dans ces cases, nous avons entendu des sentences que nous eussions aimé voir s'inscrire en lettres d'or sur tous les frontons de tous les temples du monde. Quelle Université religieuse, quel al-Azhar, donnera la réponse au Sage de Bandiagara [1] ?

Parmi ceux qui venaient entendre Tierno, tous n'étaient pas toujours de l'Ordre Tidjani. Un jour, de nombreux Qadri — appartenant à la confrérie qadriya, l'une des plus anciennes de l'Islam — avaient assisté à son cours. Quand vint le moment d'effectuer le grand *dhikr* (psalmodie en commun du nom de Dieu), un élève demanda à Tierno :

— Ceux qui ne sont pas Tidjani vont-ils assister au *dhikr* ?

> — Faites le *dhikr* sans vous préoccuper d'eux, répondit-il. Si certains d'entre eux veulent y participer, vous n'avez pas le droit de les en empêcher. Et s'ils préfèrent partir, vous n'avez pas le droit de les retenir.

Le *dhikr* eut lieu, en présence de nombreux Qadri. Quand il fut terminé, Tierno dit :

L'arc-en-ciel

> L'arc-en-ciel doit sa beauté aux tons variés de ses couleurs. De même, nous considérons les voix des divers croyants qui s'élèvent de tous les points de la terre comme une symphonie de louanges à l'adresse de Dieu qui ne peut être qu'Unique.
> Nous déplorons amèrement la méprise de certains religieux sur la forme des choses divines, méprise qui les amène souvent à rejeter comme discordant

1. *Tierno Bokar, le Sage de Bangiagara*, op. cit., p. 80.

l'hymne de leur voisin. Pour lutter contre cette tendance, frère en Dieu, quelle que soit la religion ou la congrégation à laquelle tu es affilié, médite longuement sur ce verset :

« La création des cieux et de la terre,
la diversité de vos langues et de vos couleurs
sont autant de merveilles [1] *pour ceux qui réfléchissent. »*

(Coran XXX, 22.)

Il y a là de quoi méditer pour tout le monde.

A une certaine époque, des missionnaires protestants américains étaient venus au Soudan. Ils aimaient aller prêcher dans les pays où l'église catholique n'avait pu s'implanter. Bandiagara étant dans ce cas, le chef de cette mission protestante arriva un jour dans la ville, s'installa sur la place du marché et se mit à parler de Dieu en langue bambara.

Stupéfaits et, à la limite, amusés d'entendre ainsi un pasteur étranger s'exprimer dans leur langue, de nombreux curieux vinrent l'entourer. Lorsqu'il se mit à parler de Dieu avec chaleur et force et, surtout, lorsqu'il traduisit des psaumes de David en bambara, les gens furent touchés. Les musulmans sont toujours émus par le langage biblique, surtout lorsqu'il est traduit dans leur langue. Mais il se trouvait, dans l'assistance, quelques bigots qui s'offusquèrent de la scène et qui entreprirent de détourner la foule, criant : « C'est un chrétien ! C'est un chrétien ! »

L'un des élèves de Tierno avait assisté à la scène. Lorsqu'il arriva au cours, il nous rapporta les faits en se félicitant du sort fâcheux qui avait été réservé au pasteur.

1. Le mot arabe *ayat* signifie à la fois « merveille », « miracle », « signe » et « verset ». Si les versets révélés sont des « signes » de Dieu, à l'inverse, on peut également dire que toutes les « merveilles » qui existent dans la création sont également des « signes », donc un autre mode de la Révélation divine. Selon cette perspective, tout est Révélation. C'est nous qui ne savons pas lire.

— Aujourd'hui, dit-il, un pasteur a voulu nous parler de Dieu. Mais nous l'avons tellement ridiculisé qu'il a été obligé de partir.

Tierno fut révolté par ce comportement. Voulant mettre ses élèves en garde contre tout manquement envers des hommes qui s'expriment au nom de Dieu, il lança, ce jour-là, un véritable appel à la tolérance :

Les enfants d'un même père

— Les enfants d'un même père, pour être différents physiquement, en sont-ils moins frères et fils légitimes de leur géniteur ?

Nous fondant sur cette vérité-loi, plaignons ceux qui refusent aux croyants des différentes confessions une identité spirituelle et la fraternité en un même Dieu, Créateur unique et invariable.

Pour nous, n'en déplaise aux attachés à la lettre, une seule chose compte par-dessus toutes les autres : confesser l'existence de Dieu et Son unicité.

Donc, frère en Dieu qui viens au seuil de notre zaouïa, cellule d'amour et de charité, ne bouscule pas l'adepte de Moïse ; Dieu lui-même est témoin qu'il a dit à son peuple : *« Implorez le secours de Dieu et soyez patients. La terre appartient à Dieu et Il en fait hériter qui Il veut parmi ses serviteurs. L'heureuse fin sera pour ceux qui le craignent. »* (Coran VII, 128.)

Non plus, ne bouscule pas l'adepte de Jésus. Dieu, en parlant du miraculeux enfant de Marie, Vierge-Mère, a dit : *« Nous avons accordé à Jésus, fils de Marie, le don des miracles et nous l'avons conforté par le Saint-Esprit. »* (Coran II, 253.)

Et les autres humains ? Laisse-les entrer et, même, salue-les fraternellement pour honorer en eux ce qu'ils ont hérité d'Adam, de qui Dieu a dit, s'adressant aux Anges : « *Quand je l'aurai perfectionné et aurai insufflé en lui de mon Esprit, prosternez-vous devant lui en signe de vénération.* » (Coran XXXVIII, 72.)

Ce verset implique que chaque descendant d'Adam est dépositaire d'une parcelle de l'Esprit de Dieu. Comment donc oserions-nous mépriser un réceptacle qui contient une parcelle de l'Esprit de Dieu ?

Par ailleurs, il avait coutume de dire :

Toi qui viens à nous et que nous considérons, non pas comme un élève, mais comme un frère, réfléchis ! Médite sur ce verset du Livre de la Guidance :

« *Pas de contrainte en religion !*
La Vérité se distingue par elle-même de l'erreur.
Celui qui se détourne des fausses divinités pour croire en Dieu aura saisi une anse solide, incassable.
Et Dieu est Celui qui entend tout, qui connaît tout. »
(Coran II, 256.)

Relations avec les autres religions

— Tierno, lui demandai-je un jour, est-il bon de converser avec les gens d'une autre foi pour échanger des idées et mieux connaître leur dieu ?

Il me répondit :

— Pourquoi pas ? Je te dirai : il faut causer avec les étrangers si tu peux rester poli et courtois.

Tu gagnerais énormément à connaître les diverses formes de religion. Crois-moi, chacune d'elles, quelque bizarre qu'elle te paraisse, contient de quoi affermir ta propre foi. Certes, la foi, comme le feu, pour être ardente doit être entretenue au moyen d'un combustible approprié. Sinon elle s'appauvrit, diminue d'ardeur et de volume, se transforme en braise, de braise en charbon et de charbon en cendres.

Croire que sa race, ou sa religion, est seule détentrice de la vérité est une erreur. Cela ne saurait être. En effet, la foi est d'une nature comparable à celle de l'air. Comme l'air, elle est indispensable à la vie humaine et l'on ne saurait trouver un seul homme qui ne croie véritablement et sincèrement en rien. La nature humaine est telle qu'elle ne peut pas ne pas croire en quelque chose : Dieu ou diable, force ou fortune, chance ou malchance.

Lors, dès qu'un homme croit en Dieu, il est notre frère. Traite-le comme tel et ne sois pas du nombre des égarés. Si l'on n'a pas la certitude de posséder entièrement toutes les connaissances, il faut se garder de contredire. Certaines vérités ne nous paraissent invraisemblables que, tout simplement, parce que notre connaissance ne les atteint pas.

Il ajoutait :

Évite les contestations. Lorsque quelque chose choque ton esprit dans une religion ou une croyance, incline plutôt l'oreille de la compréhension. Peut-être Dieu viendra-t-il à ton secours et te donnera-t-il l'intelligence de ce qui te paraît étrange...

Non seulement Tierno Bokar n'interdisait pas à ses élèves de s'entretenir avec d'autres croyants, mais il considérait cette pratique comme une véritable médication de l'âme. Il demandait aux hommes de « frotter leurs cervelles » et « d'emmêler leurs liens de pauvres serfs » afin de se mieux comprendre.

Dans cet ordre d'idées, il nous raconta un jour une sorte de vision qu'il avait eue :

> J'ai vu, en esprit, un homme gigantesque couché sur le dos. Des religieux de plusieurs confessions s'affairaient autour de lui. Les uns lui parlaient à l'oreille, d'autres lui ouvraient la bouche, d'autres le forçaient à respirer des parfums, d'autres lui appliquaient un collyre, etc.
> Quel est ce spectacle, quel est cet homme ? m'écriai-je en moi-même. Une voix me répondit :
> — C'est le bienheureux qui se souvient de l'Unicité de Dieu et de la fraternité qui doit unir Ses adorateurs, d'où qu'ils viennent. Il reçoit, comme tu le vois, tous les enseignements. Le résultat n'en est que meilleur pour lui. Il est perméable comme le sable. Dieu lui a donné le pouvoir de conserver et d'assimiler.

Il ajoutait :

> L'enseignement religieux dispensé par un Prophète ou par des maîtres spirituels authentiques est comparable à une eau pure. On peut l'absorber sans aucun danger pour la santé morale et spirituelle.
> Un tel enseignement sera supérieur et intelligible. Telle une eau limpide, il ne contiendra rien qui vienne l'altérer en modifiant sa saveur, son odeur ou sa couleur. Il mûrira l'esprit et purifiera le cœur parce qu'il ne contiendra aucun détritus venu de l'extérieur dont l'effet pourrait être d'obscurcir l'âme et de durcir le cœur.
> Nous ne saurions assez recommander d'étudier les enseignements des religions révélées. Elles sont pour tous comme une eau potable. Nous conseillons cependant de les assimiler lentement et d'éviter les théologies bourbeuses qui sont propres à donner le « ver de Guinée » spirituel [1]. L'adage dit : « Quand vous êtes en sueur, n'absorbez pas d'eau froide. » A notre tour nous recommandons : « Quand votre âme est en chaleur mystique, ne lisez pas n'importe quoi. »

Il s'efforçait constamment de nous inculquer l'esprit de tolérance et de nous faire comprendre que seule compte la qualité spirituelle intrinsèque d'un homme :

> Notre planète n'est ni la plus grande ni la plus petite de toutes celles que notre Seigneur a créées. Ceux qui l'habitent ne peuvent donc s'affranchir de cette loi : nous ne devons nous croire ni supérieurs ni inférieurs aux autres êtres de l'univers, quels qu'ils soient.
> Les meilleures des créatures parmi nous seront celles qui vivront dans l'Amour et la Charité et dans le respect de leur prochain. Droites et lumineuses, el-

1. Ver de Guinée, ou « filaire de Médine » *(dracunculus medinensis)*. Les larves vivent dans les eaux stagnantes. Elles se fixent chez l'homme, vivent dans ses tissus cellulaires sous-cutanés et s'y développent, particulièrement dans ses jambes où apparaissent d'énormes abcès, constitués, en fait, par la fixation de la femelle et l'accumulation des micro-filaires. Au moindre contact avec l'eau, la plaie s'ouvre et la femelle libère dans l'eau la masse des micro-filaires qui renouvelleront le cycle.

les seront comme un soleil qui se lève et qui monte droit vers le ciel.

Se méfier de sa propre poussière

Éducateur spirituel attentif, il n'oubliait pas de nous mettre en garde contre les dangers d'une complaisance envers soi-même qui peut insidieusement accompagner l'âme jusqu'aux plus hauts niveaux :

> Quelle que soit la race d'un homme, lorsque l'Esprit cristallise en lui par l'effet de l'adoration [1] de Dieu, son âme devient semblable à un diamant mystique. La couleur ou la naissance d'un tel homme n'influe en rien sur la qualité de sa lumière spirituelle. Quels que soient sa dimension sociale ou le poids de sa naissance, s'il est parvenu à ce degré, aucun élément extérieur ne sera plus assez puissant pour le désagréger.
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> Aux adeptes qui ont atteint ce degré, il ne reste qu'une recommandation à faire : se méfier de sa propre poussière, c'est-à-dire de l'admiration pour ce qui vient de soi-même. L'admiration de soi, si subtile et cachée soit-elle, peut pervertir l'âme de l'adorateur, même s'il est parvenu au degré spirituel dit « de diamant » où irradie la Lumière sans couleur et sans forme du Nom caché de Dieu.
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> (...) Quand une âme accède à la vraie foi, elle se tient inclinée par modestie, tel un cavalier sur un coursier lancé à grande vitesse.
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> Une âme emplie de Dieu ne se tient jamais droite et hautaine sur sa pointe. Craignant une chute toujours possible, elle s'inclinera, tout en tournant rapidement autour de la Vérité. Cette inclinaison lui donnera la tempérance et l'assurance nécessaires pour ne pas perdre l'aplomb.

1. Le mot arabe *'ibadat* signifie à la fois adoration et service.

Il était lui-même d'une parfaite simplicité et étranger à toute pédanterie ou suffisance. Sachant considérer les choses de la vie avec humour, il aimait enseigner en amusant et nous répétait souvent, comme une mise en garde : « Toujours trop sérieux n'est pas très sérieux ! »

La Religion est Une en son essence

Pour Tierno Bokar, on l'aura compris, il n'existait qu'une seule Religion, éternelle, immuable dans ses principes fondamentaux, mais pouvant varier dans ses formes d'expression pour correspondre aux conditions du temps et du lieu de chaque Révélation. Cette Religion primordiale était, pour lui, comparable à un tronc dont les religions historiques connues seraient sorties comme les branches d'un arbre.

C'est cette Religion éternelle qui a été enseignée par tous les grands Envoyés de Dieu et modulée en fonction des nécessités de chaque époque. Mais trop souvent la plupart des hommes n'en ont saisi ou retenu que les formes extérieures au nom desquelles ils se sont opposés les uns aux autres.

Une telle conception est conforme à l'enseignement même du Coran qui met l'accent sur l'unité de la Révélation divine à travers le temps :

« Dites : Nous croyons en Dieu, à ce qui nous a été révélé, à ce qui a été révélé à Abraham, à Ismaël, à Isaac, à Jacob et aux tribus ; à ce qui a été donné à Moïse et à Jésus ; à ce qui a été donné aux prophètes de la part de leur Seigneur. Nous n'avons de préférence pour aucun d'entre eux et nous nous soumettons à Dieu. »

(Coran II, 130.)

« Certes, ceux qui croient, ceux qui pratiquent le Judaïsme, ceux qui sont Chrétiens ou Sabéens, ceux qui croient en Dieu et au dernier jour, ceux qui font le bien, voilà ceux qui trouveront leur récompense auprès de leur Seigneur. Ils n'éprouveront plus alors aucune crainte, ils ne seront pas affligés. »

(Coran II, 59.)

« Oriente ta face vers la Religion pure,
la religion de la fitrat *(nature primordiale originelle)*
par/pour laquelle Dieu a créé les hommes.
Point de changement dans la création de Dieu.
Voilà la religion immuable,
mais la plupart des hommes ne le savent pas. »

(Coran III, 29.)

« O Envoyés de Dieu (...) votre religion (dîn) *est Une.*
Je suis votre Seigneur, craignez-moi. »

(Coran XXIII, 51 s.)

Et Tierno précisait :

> Ce qui varie dans les diverses formes de La Religion — car il ne peut y avoir qu'une Religion — ce sont les apports individuels des êtres humains interprétant la lettre dans le louable dessein de la mettre à la portée des hommes de leur temps.
> Quant au principe même de la religion, c'est une étincelle pure, purificatrice et invariable dans le temps comme dans l'espace, étincelle que Dieu insuffle dans l'esprit de l'homme en même temps qu'il le doue de la parole.
> Il faudrait donc, contrairement à ce qui se passe, non pas s'étonner de rencontrer la richesse spirituelle chez le représentant d'une peuplade considérée comme arriérée, mais être troublé de ne pas la rencontrer en un individu civilisé qui a tant œuvré pour faire évoluer sa vie matérielle.
> (...)
> Dans son Essence, la Foi est une, quelle que soit la religion qui l'exprime. Mais dans ses manifestations elle présente, nous l'avons vu, trois états essentiels : solide, liquide, gazeux. La foi est l'essence de la religion, laquelle est comparable à une atmosphère entourant un univers peuplé de trois catégories d'hommes : une masse crédule ; des prédicateurs aveuglés par des luttes de clocher ; enfin, des initiés qui ont trouvé Dieu et l'adorent en vérité et en silence.

Dieu, embarras des intelligences humaines

Si ce Dieu doit être adoré en vérité et en silence, au plus profond de soi-même, c'est qu'il ne peut être enfermé dans aucune définition intellectuelle. C'est ce que Tierno me fit comprendre, un jour où je lui posai une question aussi naïve qu'audacieuse.

Il était en train de nous commenter un texte théologique de Cheikh Ibrahim Laqâni. L'auteur citait différentes écoles : « Untel a dit ceci, untel a dit cela... » Au milieu de toutes ces formules, dont certaines me paraissaient contradictoires, je ne m'y retrouvais pas. J'étais incapable de choisir. Aussi, prenant mon courage à deux mains, me tournai-je résolument vers lui :

— Tierno — puisse Dieu prolonger tes jours ! — je veux te faire un aveu. Personnellement, je ne me retrouve pas dans le labyrinthe des théologiens, qu'il s'agisse des attributs de Dieu ou de son Essence. Chaque fois que je crois comprendre d'après un théologien, un autre vient m'embrouiller. Je ne sais auquel faire confiance, puisque je ne les connais pas. Aussi, Tierno, si tu ne me l'interdis pas, je voudrais mettre complètement de côté

tous ces théologiens et me référer à toi, puisque tu es mon modèle. Je ne dis pas que je refuse ma confiance aux autres, mais toi, je te vois, et ce n'est pas à travers un ouï-dire ou à travers un papier écrit que je te connais. Je voudrais que, d'après ta propre expérience, tu répondes à ma question: Qu'est-ce que Dieu?

Ce fut comme si je l'avais plongé dans les abîmes d'un océan. Il resta immobile, les yeux fermés, comme pétrifié. Comme l'on dit en Afrique, « il s'avala ». Il resta en cet état plusieurs minutes, puis revint à lui-même, comme s'il remontait de mystérieuses profondeurs. Il ouvrit les yeux, me fixa d'un long regard. Enfin il dit, appuyant longuement sur chaque mot:

— Amadou, Amadou! Dieu... Dieu... Dieu... (Allâh... Allâh... Allâh...) c'est l'embarras des intelligences humaines.

— Excuse-moi, Tierno, repris-je, mais je ne suis pas plus avancé. Je te dis que je ne m'y retrouve pas dans le fatras des théologiens, je te demande une réponse précise et tu me déclares que Dieu est « l'embarras des intelligences humaines ». Cela ne me tire pas de mon propre embarras. Pourquoi Dieu est-il l'embarras des intelligences humaines?

— Je suis bien heureux que tu aies précisé ta question, me répondit-il, car c'est la question bien posée de l'élève qui propulse le maître et l'aide à trouver la bonne réponse. Pour que la réponse soit précise, la question doit l'être également.

Dieu est l'embarras des intelligences humaines parce que, d'une part, si tu affirmes son existence, tu ne peux pour autant la prouver ni matériellement ni mathématiquement; d'autre part, si tu nies son existence, alors tu nies ta propre existence qui n'est qu'un effet de la sienne. Or, tu existes. Et si l'on ne peut prouver Dieu matériellement, il faut se souvenir que la non-visibilité, la non-palpabilité et la non-sensibilité d'une chose ne sont pas pour autant des preuves absolues de sa non-existence.

Enfin, Dieu est l'embarras des intelligences parce que tout ce que tu conçois dans ta pensée et matérialise dans ta parole comme étant Dieu cesse, par là même, d'être Dieu pour n'être plus que *ta propre manière* de le concevoir. Il échappe à toute définition.

L'hypocrite enturbanné

Tierno Bokar avait horreur de l'ostentation sous toutes ses formes et, plus encore, de l'ostentation religieuse. Un jour, je lui demandai:

— Tierno, quelle est la conduite que tu hais le plus?

Il répondit:

— Mon ami, je n'aime pas haïr, mais la conduite que je désapprouve le plus et que je prends en pitié est celle de l'hypocrite ridicule. Il s'agit de cet individu qui, affublé d'un turban entortillé huit fois autour de la tête, porte ostensiblement au cou un chapelet à gros grains, marche appuyé sans nécessité sur l'épaule d'un disciple et sur un bâton plus fétiche que bourdon [1]. Cet homme prononce avec beaucoup plus de bruit que de ferveur la formule de la Shahada [2] et prêche avec une ardeur qui n'est motivée que par l'espoir d'un gain immédiat. Un tel homme

1. Bourdon: bâton de pèlerin.
2. *Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh* (il n'y a de dieu que Dieu).

corrompt l'esprit et pervertit le cœur. Il est mille fois plus abominable qu'un assassin qui ne s'attaque qu'au corps.

Les luttes religieuses

Il n'aimait pas haïr, et la haine religieuse était, à ses yeux, une insupportable monstruosité. C'est à propos d'elle, et d'elle seule, qu'il lança l'unique « A bas... » qui soit jamais sorti de ses lèvres. Jamais rassasié de ses réponses, je lui demandai un jour ce qu'il pensait des luttes qui étaient ordonnées au nom de la religion.

Personnellement, dit-il, je ne m'enthousiasme que pour la lutte qui a pour objet de vaincre en nous nos propres défauts. Cette lutte n'a rien à voir, hélas, avec la guerre que se font les fils d'Adam au nom d'un Dieu qu'ils déclarent aimer beaucoup, mais qu'ils aiment mal puisqu'ils détruisent une partie de son œuvre.

En Dieu, frères de toutes les religions, abaissons les frontières qui nous séparent. A bas toutes les créations artificielles qui opposent les humains les uns aux autres !

Nous nous sommes éloignés de Dieu, nous nous sommes fourvoyés dans les labyrinthes de notre sinistre édifice bâti des briques du mensonge et du mortier de la calomnie. Vite, sortons des pièces si malencontreusement disposées par notre orgueil et notre égoïsme, par la lassitude de nos mœurs et la dureté de nos cœurs. Volons comme un aigle aux ailes puissantes vers l'union des cœurs, vers une religion qui ne tendra pas à l'exclusion des autres

« credo », mais à l'union universelle des croyants libres de leur personne et moralement libérés des appétits de ce monde.

Du haut d'un ciel d'amour, en commun, nous attesterons pieusement l'Unicité de Dieu : Source de Vie qui répand la lumière et que l'on ne peut enfermer dans une définition humaine.

La Religion, celle que veut Jésus et qu'aime Mahomet, est celle qui, comme l'air pur, est en contact permanent avec le soleil de Vérité et de Justice, dans l'Amour du Bien et de la Charité pour tous.

Ces paroles, rappelons-le, sont sorties d'une modeste case de terre séchée, au cœur de l'Afrique noire, en 1933.

Les chevaux de bataille

D'ailleurs, pour Tierno Bokar, la violence était dénuée de toute réelle efficacité morale. Il prononça à cet égard des paroles qui conservent, de nos jours, tout leur poids :

Quand donc l'homme comprendra-t-il que les chevaux de bataille haletants et les armes qui font jaillir un feu de mort et de destruction ne peuvent détruire que l'homme matériel, jamais le principe même du mal qui habite l'esprit méchant dépourvu de charité.

Le mal est comme un souffle mystérieux. Lorsque l'on tue par la violence ou par les armes un homme animé par le mal, le principe du mal bondit du cadavre qu'il ne peut plus habiter et pénètre dans le meurtrier par ses narines dilatées. Il prend en lui une racine nouvelle et devient plus tenace encore en redoublant ses forces.

Le mal doit être combattu par les armes du Bien et de l'Amour. Quand c'est l'Amour qui détruit un mal, ce mal est tué pour toujours.
La force brutale ne fait qu'enterrer provisoirement le mal qu'elle veut combattre et détruire. Or, le mal est une semence tenace. Une fois enterrée, elle se développe en secret, germe et réapparaît plus vigoureuse encore.

L'oiseau tombé du nid

L'amour de Tierno Bokar pour les hommes dépassait largement le cadre de son groupe confessionnel, il s'étendait à l'ensemble du genre humain. Mieux, il débordait cet ensemble pour embrasser la création tout entière, jusqu'aux plus humbles des créatures de Dieu.

Un jour de cette année 1933 que je passai auprès de lui, il était assis dans la case où il devait mourir sept ans plus tard. S'adressant aux aînés de ses élèves, il développait la signification ésotérique du chapelet Tidjani. Nous étions tous sous le charme. A l'extérieur, le vent soufflait. Il faisait courir le sable dans la cour et retroussait les plumes du coq qui s'obstinait près du pilon. Une rafale plus violente ébranla la charpente. Sous le choc, un nid d'hirondelle, qui était situé en équilibre en haut du mur, sous l'avancée du toit, s'entrouvrit. Un poussin tomba en piaillant. Nous lui jetâmes un regard indifférent; l'attention de l'auditoire n'avait pas faibli un instant. Tierno termina sa phrase, puis se tut. Il se dressa, promena un regard attristé sur ses élèves et tendit les doigts, qu'il avait longs et fins, vers le petit oiseau :

— Donnez-moi ce fils d'autrui.

Il le prit dans ses mains réunies en forme de coupe. Son regard s'éclaira :

— Louange à Dieu dont la grâce prévenante embrasse tous les êtres ! dit-il.

Puis, déposant l'oisillon, il se leva, prit une caisse et la posa au-dessous du nid. Il sortit et revint peu après. Entre ses doigts, nous vîmes une grosse aiguille et un fil de coton. Il monta sur la caisse, déposa le petit d'hirondelle au fond du nid qui s'était déchiré et répara celui-ci avec le même soin qu'il mettait autrefois à broder les boubous. Puis il redescendit et reprit sa place sur la natte. Nous attendions impatiemment la suite de sa leçon; mais au lieu de reprendre le chapelet qui servait de base à ses explications, il le laissa de côté. Après un moment de silence, il s'adressa à nous :

Il est nécessaire que je vous parle encore de la Charité, dit-il, car je suis peiné de voir qu'aucun de vous n'a suffisamment cette vraie bonté du cœur. Et cependant, quelle grâce !... Si vous aviez un cœur charitable, il vous eût été impossible d'écouter une leçon, portât-elle sur Dieu, quand un petit être misérable vous criait au secours. Vous n'avez pas été émus par ce désespoir, votre cœur n'a pas entendu cet appel...
Eh bien ! mes amis, en vérité, celui qui apprendrait par cœur toutes les théologies de toutes les confessions, s'il n'a pas de charité dans son cœur, il pourra considérer ses connaissances comme un bagage sans valeur. Nul ne jouira de la rencontre divine s'il n'a pas de charité au cœur. Sans elle, les cinq prières ne sont que des gesticulations sans importance; sans elle, le pèlerinage est une promenade sans profit.

La scène de ce jour-là s'est gravée à tout jamais dans ma mémoire. Je le revois encore, dressé dans son tourtil blanc, réparant délicatement la demeure de ce « fils d'autrui » dont

nous n'avions pas su entendre l'appel, tout préoccupés que nous étions de nous-mêmes.

D'une manière générale, il nous enseignait de ne jamais tuer un animal sans nécessité, fût-ce un simple moustique. Pour lui, la nature entière, animaux et végétaux compris, devait être respectée car elle était non seulement notre Mère nourricière, mais encore le grand Livre divin où tout était symbole vivant et source d'enseignement.

Le petit chien et le Paradis

Une anecdote touchante se rapportant à son petit chien montre comment la moindre circonstance était, pour lui, matière à réflexion et comment il percevait à travers toute chose, même la « moindre plantule », des réalités supérieures.

Voici l'anecdote, telle qu'il nous la raconta lui-même :

> Un jour, je m'en allai aux champs, accompagné de mon chien fidèle, ennemi juré des singes dévastateurs des plantations. Le moment était celui des grandes chaleurs d'avril. Mon chien et moi avions si chaud que nous arrivions à peine à respirer. Je m'attendais à ce que l'un de nous deux finisse par tomber en syncope. Enfin, Dieu merci, je vis un *tiayki* [1] dont les branches serrées offraient une voûte de verdure rafraîchissante.
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> Mon chien poussa de petits cris de joie et joua des pattes en direction de l'ombre bienfaisante. Quand il l'eut atteinte, au lieu d'y rester il revint vers moi, la langue tirée, la lèvre pendante laissant à découvert ses dents blanches et pointues. A voir ses flancs

1. Balamite : arbre qui conserve son feuillage même à l'époque des grandes chaleurs, quand tous les autres arbres sont dénudés.

> palpiter frénétiquement, je compris combien il était épuisé.
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> Je m'avançai vers l'ombre. Mon chien témoigna sa joie. Puis, durant un instant, je fis semblant de continuer mon chemin. La pauvre bête grogna plaintivement mais me suivit quand même, la tête basse, la queue fourrée entre les pattes. Elle était visiblement au désespoir, mais décidée à me suivre, quoi qu'il puisse advenir.
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> Cette fidélité me toucha profondément. Comment apprécier à sa juste mesure le geste de cet animal prêt à me suivre dans la mort sans aucune nécessité pour lui et sans y être contraint par quoi que ce soit ? Il est dévoué, me dis-je, parce qu'il me considère comme son maître. Il me prouve son attachement en exposant sa vie dans la seule intention de me suivre et de rester à mes côtés.
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> Seigneur, m'écriai-je, guéris mon âme troublée ! Rends ma fidélité semblable à celle de cet être que j'appelle dédaigneusement chien. Donne-moi, comme à lui, la force de maîtriser ma vie lorsqu'il s'agira d'accomplir Ta volonté et de suivre, sans demander « où vais-je », le chemin sur lequel Tu me dirigeras !
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> Je ne suis pas le créateur de ce chien ; pourtant, il m'obéit aveuglément et me suit docilement, au prix de mille souffrances qui peuvent lui coûter la vie. Cette vertu, c'est Toi, Seigneur, qui l'en as doté. Donne, donne, Seigneur, à tous ceux qui te le demandent, ainsi qu'à moi, la vertu de l'Amour et le courage de la Charité !
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> ... Puis je revins sur mes pas et me réfugiai à

l'ombre. Tout heureux, mon petit compagnon vint se coucher devant moi de manière à avoir les yeux tournés vers les miens, comme pour me parler sérieusement. Les deux pattes de devant étendues parallèlement, la tête relevée bien droit, tout en se reposant il m'épiait pour ne pas perdre un seul de mes mouvements.

Quelques minutes plus tard, ni mon compagnon ni moi ne ressentions plus la moindre fatigue.

Ainsi protégé et revivifié par l'ombrage bienfaisant, je me mis à réfléchir. L'ombre procurée par un feuillage verdoyant et vivant répand, sur toute la surface qu'elle recouvre, un élément vivifiant qui neutralise l'élément irrespirable produit par la chaleur solaire. Un arbre couvert de feuilles mortes ne procure pas le même bien-être, je l'avais maintes fois éprouvé. Il existe donc dans le vert végétal, me dis-je, un principe assainissant nécessaire à l'entretien de la vie de l'homme et de l'animal. Ce principe vivifiant, qui se dégage des végétaux verts sous l'action de la chaleur, me fit songer au paradis, tel qu'il est métaphoriquement décrit dans les versets coraniques.

Le « vert » paradisiaque, songeai-je, n'est autre chose qu'une Réalité spirituelle dont le vert végétal d'ici-bas est l'une des manifestations au niveau matériel. Le rapprochement fit jaillir de mon esprit une flamme brillante de compréhension. Le paradis, tel qu'il est décrit, est un jardin symbolique [1] dont la verdure est éternelle. Cette verdure éternelle atténue

1. Le terme coranique pour « paradis » est *djennat* : jardin.

pour nous les rayons de la Lumière divine, trop forte pour être supportée par notre vue. Dans ce jardin spirituel toujours vert, les élus peuvent contempler la Lumière de l'Essence divine et assimiler les effluves de la Source de vie éternelle. De leurs oreilles purifiées de toute lourdeur, ils écoutent la voix de leur Seigneur. Ils entrent ainsi dans l'état de béatitude décrit aux versets 10 et 11 de la sourate LXXXVIII :

« Ils seront dans un paradis sublime (un « jardin élevé ») où l'on n'entendra aucune parole frivole. »

Frère en Dieu ! En attendant la chance de pénétrer dans le Jardin céleste de demain, respecte aujourd'hui le grand jardin que constitue le règne végétal. Garde-toi d'en détruire sans raison la moindre plantule ! Elle est une allégorie que Dieu fait sortir de terre pour notre instruction, notre nourriture et notre confort.

Tierno Bokar avait conscience de son devoir d'éducateur envers la communauté qui l'avait choisi pour guide, mais sa délicatesse était telle que l'on aurait du mal à trouver, dans l'ensemble de son enseignement, un « faites ceci... » ou « ne faites pas cela... » Dans son esprit, seule la Parole divine avait pouvoir d'ordonner ou d'interdire, seule elle pouvait fixer des impératifs d'ordre moral. Aussi l'aspect moralisateur était-il fondu dans l'ensemble de son enseignement. Il suggérait plus qu'il n'exprimait. Il modelait les âmes, il ne les brutalisait jamais.

Traitant du problème des passions, il en parle comme d'im-

pulsions à guider et non d'ennemis à abattre. Jamais son langage n'est celui d'un « inquisiteur ». Avant tout, son enseignement se veut constructif et éducateur.

Pour Tierno Bokar, les passions sont le propre de tous les hommes. Elles sont comme des moutons que le berger doit parvenir à maîtriser et à diriger :

> Quand les moutons s'emballent, le berger ne peut plus les conduire. Alors, on le voit s'agiter pour éviter l'éparpillement de ses bêtes. Nous sommes chacun le berger de nos passions. Il nous appartient de les dompter et d'éviter qu'elles ne nous sautent par-dessus la tête, ne nous débordent et ne nous entraînent dans un abîme moral.

Il attirait constamment notre attention sur les valeurs réelles, durables, par opposition au caractère éphémère des attraits de ce monde. Un jour, l'entretien roulait sur la beauté. Il nous fit comprendre qu'il existe deux sortes de beauté : l'une extérieure, illusoire et éphémère, l'autre tout intérieure et spirituelle :

Les deux sortes de beauté

> La féerie des nuages multicolores qui saluent le soleil à son lever et à son coucher s'évanouit quelques instants après l'aurore ou le crépuscule. De même, les charmes de la vierge ne tardent pas à se faner. Au cours des ans, la jouvencelle devient une laideronne aux traits ravinés. Et qu'en est-il des mets délicieux ? A peine la bouchée de nourriture a-t-elle dépassé la luette qu'elle se noie dans les liquides organiques du corps.
> O toi, adepte encore au seuil de cette zaouïa où nous souhaitons voir briller pour nous tous et pour tout ce qui vit la flamme sacrée du bon conseil, sache que la beauté purement physique est aussi éphémère que les feux du crépuscule ou le rougeoiement de l'aurore. Détourne tes efforts de la recherche exclusive de cette beauté et dirige-les vers l'acquisition de la véritable et immuable beauté : la beauté intérieure, celle qui fleurit dans les prairies spirituelles.
> Cherche en vérité et cherche encore ! Cherche dans les ténèbres de la vie matérielle et, quand tu l'auras mérité de Dieu, l'étoile brillante dont il est question dans le Livre saint te guidera dans le jardin des beautés réelles et éternelles. Alors, tu seras apte à te souvenir de ton Dieu [1] qui a dit : *« Souviens-toi (de Dieu) car le Souvenir [2] est utile. »*
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> (Coran LXXXVII, 9.)

Tierno s'abstenait toujours de juger autrui. Un élève ayant rapporté la conduite d'un jeune fils de famille qui se faisait passer pour un descendant d'El Hadj Omar et dont la conduite

1. L'expression « ton Dieu » peut paraître surprenante. Il s'agit ici de Dieu entendu dans sa relation particulière à chaque être, relation personnelle, unique et spécifique, celle à laquelle fait précisément allusion le *hadith* du Prophète : « Qui se connaît connaît son Seigneur » (ou « connaît son âme »).

2. Le mot *dhikr*, traduit ici par « souvenir », signifie à la fois : mention, rappel, remémoration, commémoration, souvenir. Dans la tradition islamique, ce mot désigne la *mention* du nom de Dieu, soit à haute voix, soit silencieusement, mention destinée à évoquer, à *rappeler* Sa Présence, ou, dit autrement, nous rappeler nous-même à Sa Présence. Il s'agit donc ici de quelque chose de beaucoup plus actif qu'un simple souvenir intellectuel, lequel ne constitue qu'une étape sur le chemin du *dhikr*. La multiplicité des sens possibles de ce mot explique la diversité des traductions qui en ont été données. Toutes ces significations tournent cependant autour d'une idée unique, celle du rapport entre le Nom et le Nommé.

n'était pas, semble-t-il, sans reproche, demanda l'avis de Tierno. Il s'attira cette réponse :

> Parler avec volubilité de la chasteté, de la probité, du courage et de la sagesse est plus facile que d'être soi-même chaste, probe, courageux et sage.
> Tonner contre la conduite déréglée ou paraissant telle de son prochain et la condamner à coups de versets coraniques quelquefois mal digérés ou de *hadith* [1] d'authenticité douteuse est plus facile que de corriger ses propres défauts et de pardonner les offenses que l'on subit.

Les oiseaux blancs et les oiseaux noirs

Non seulement il s'abstenait de juger autrui, mais encore il essayait de nous faire comprendre qu'une bonne pensée est toujours préférable à une mauvaise, même lorsqu'il s'agit de ceux que nous considérons comme nos ennemis. Il n'était pas toujours facile de nous convaincre, comme le montre l'anecdote suivante où il fut amené à nous parler des *oiseaux blancs* et des *oiseaux noirs*.

Ce jour-là, Tierno nous avait commenté le verset : « *Celui qui a fait le poids d'un atome de bien le verra ; celui qui a fait le poids d'un atome de mal le verra* » (Coran XC, 7 et 8). Comme nous le questionnions sur les bonnes actions, il nous dit :

> — La bonne action la plus profitable est celle qui consiste à prier pour ses ennemis.

— Comment ! m'étonnai-je. Généralement, les gens ont tendance à maudire leurs ennemis plutôt qu'à les bénir. Est-ce que

1. *Hadith :* faits ou dires du Prophète, dûment recensés dès les débuts de l'Islam et donnant lieu à la « science des hadith », branche de connaissance islamique exigée d'un bon marabout.

cela ne nous ferait pas paraître un peu stupides que de prier pour nos ennemis ?

> — Peut-être, répondit Tierno, mais seulement aux yeux de ceux qui n'ont pas compris. Les hommes ont, certes, le droit de maudire leurs ennemis, mais ils se font beaucoup plus de tort à eux-mêmes en les maudissant qu'en les bénissant.

— Je ne comprends pas, repris-je. Si un homme maudit son ennemi et si sa malédiction porte, elle peut détruire l'ennemi. Cela ne devrait-il pas plutôt le mettre à l'aise ?

> — En apparence, peut-être, répondit Tierno, mais ce n'est alors qu'une satisfaction de l'âme égoïste (*nafs*, l'ego) donc une satisfaction d'un niveau inférieur, matériel. Du point de vue occulte, c'est le fait de bénir son ennemi qui est le plus profitable. Même si l'on passe pour un imbécile aux yeux des ignorants, on montre par là, en réalité, sa maturité spirituelle et le degré de sa sagesse.

— Pourquoi ? lui demandai-je.

C'est alors que Tierno, pour m'aider à comprendre, parla des oiseaux blancs et des oiseaux noirs.

> Les hommes, dit-il, sont, les uns par rapport aux autres, comparables à des murs situés face à face. Chaque mur est percé d'une multitude de petits trous où nichent des oiseaux blancs et des oiseaux noirs. Les oiseaux noirs, ce sont les mauvaises pensées et les mauvaises paroles. Les oiseaux blancs, ce sont les bonnes pensées et les bonnes paroles.

Les oiseaux blancs, en raison de leur forme, ne peuvent entrer que dans des trous d'oiseaux blancs, et il en va de même pour les oiseaux noirs qui ne peuvent nicher que dans des trous d'oiseaux noirs.
Maintenant, imaginons deux hommes qui se croient ennemis l'un de l'autre. Appelons-les Youssouf et Ali.
Un jour, Youssouf, persuadé que Ali lui veut du mal, se sent empli de colère à son égard et lui envoie une très mauvaise pensée. Ce faisant, il lâche un oiseau noir et, du même coup, libère un trou correspondant. Son oiseau noir s'envole vers Ali et cherche, pour y nicher, un trou vide adapté à sa forme.
Si, de son côté, Ali n'a pas envoyé d'oiseau noir vers Youssouf, c'est-à-dire s'il n'a émis aucune mauvaise pensée, aucun de ses trous noirs ne sera vide. Ne trouvant pas où se loger, l'oiseau noir de Youssouf sera obligé de revenir vers son nid d'origine, ramenant avec lui le mal dont il était chargé, mal qui finira par ronger et par détruire Youssouf lui-même.
Mais imaginons qu'Ali a, lui aussi, émis une mauvaise pensée. Ce faisant, il a libéré un trou où l'oiseau noir de Youssouf pourra entrer afin d'y déposer une partie de son mal et y accomplir sa mission de destruction. Pendant ce temps, l'oiseau noir d'Ali volera vers Youssouf et viendra loger dans le trou libéré par l'oiseau noir de ce dernier.
Ainsi les deux oiseaux noirs auront atteint leur but et travailleront à détruire l'homme auquel ils étaient destinés.
Mais une fois leur tâche accomplie, ils reviendront

chacun a son nid d'origine car, est-il dit: « *Toute chose retourne à sa source.* » Le mal dont ils étaient chargés n'étant pas épuisé, ce mal se retournera contre leurs auteurs et achèvera de les détruire.
L'auteur d'une mauvaise pensée, d'un mauvais souhait ou d'une malédiction est donc atteint à la fois par l'oiseau noir de son ennemi et par son propre oiseau noir lorsque celui-ci revient vers lui.
La même chose se produit avec les oiseaux blancs. Si nous n'émettons que de bonnes pensées envers notre ennemi alors que celui-ci ne nous adresse que de mauvaises pensées, ses oiseaux noirs ne trouveront pas de place où loger chez nous et retourneront à leur expéditeur. Quant aux oiseaux blancs porteurs de bonnes pensées que nous lui aurons envoyés, s'ils ne trouvent aucune place libre chez notre ennemi, ils nous reviendront chargés de toute l'énergie bénéfique dont ils étaient porteurs.
Ainsi, si nous n'émettons que de bonnes pensées, aucun mal, aucune malédiction ne pourront jamais nous atteindre dans notre être. C'est pourquoi il faut toujours bénir et ses amis et ses ennemis. Non seulement la bénédiction va vers son objectif pour y accomplir sa mission d'apaisement, mais encore elle revient vers nous, un jour ou l'autre, avec tout le bien dont elle était chargée.
C'est ce que les soufi appellent « l'égoïsme souhaitable ». C'est l'Amour de Soi valable, lié au respect de soi-même et de son prochain parce que tout homme, bon ou mauvais, est le dépositaire d'une parcelle de la Lumière divine. C'est pourquoi les

soufi, conformément à l'enseignement du Prophète, ne veulent souiller ni leur bouche ni leur être par de mauvaises paroles ou de mauvaises pensées, même par des critiques apparemment bénignes.

En raison même du principe qui veut que « toute chose retourne à sa source », il nous exhortait à ne générer que les plus pures vibrations spirituelles en consacrant notre pensée et notre langue à la récitation du Nom de Dieu *(dhikrou-Allâh)* :

Le dhikr

La puissance de Dieu est comparable à une enceinte immense qui entourerait terre et ciel. Tout se meut à l'intérieur de cette enceinte et finit par se cogner à ses parois éternelles pour retourner à son point de départ.
Bonnes ou mauvaises, nos actions, une fois en mouvement, évoluent et finissent par heurter l'obstacle. Le heurt augmente leur puissance, mais modifie leur direction et les fait revenir à leur point de départ. Ainsi les effets de nos actes nous reviennent-ils, telle une onde qui, après avoir heurté la rive, retourne sur elle-même et revient au centre de la mare d'où elle était partie [1].
Frère en Dieu qui désires être adepte de la zaouïa de Communion vraie, prononce, en raison du retour des effets de nos actes, le Nom sacré de Dieu (Allâh) sans cesse, de nuit comme de jour, doucement dans

1. Si l'on y a jeté une pierre, par exemple.

ton cœur, intérieurement dans ton esprit, ou de tous tes poumons en soufflant dans une trompe en corne de bœuf !
Plus que tout autre, ce Nom évoque l'Essence de la Divinité. Il agite et fait émaner du *hawa'il asfa* (le « ciel des Attributs divins ») des flots de bien-être spirituel. Ces ondes de paix s'élèvent, puis reviennent vers ton esprit, centre émetteur de l'invocation. Ainsi notre malheur et notre bonheur dépendent-ils de ce que nous émettons.

Comme tous les soufi, Tierno attachait une grande importance au *dhikr*, lequel tient une place centrale dans les pratiques spirituelles des *tourouq*, ou confréries.
Il incitait ses élèves à se livrer non seulement au *dhikr* extérieur (le « *dhikr* de la langue »), qui est une première approche, mais encore au *dhikr* intérieur permanent, celui qui remplit l'être tout entier de la Présence de Dieu et que la tradition soufi appelle le « *dhikr* du cœur » ou « *dhikr* de l'intime [1] ».
Écoutons-le :

Frère en Dieu qui viens nous demander conseil, fais de la citation intime du nom de Dieu ton porte-bonheur. Laisse de côté l'homme qui veut ruser avec la foi. Au terme du voyage des âmes, il rencontrera une désagréable déception : celle de se trouver frustré de ce qu'il croyait avoir gagné.
(...)
Chaque croyant a pu constater qu'à certains moments l'ardeur de son adoration est très vive, et qu'à d'autres cette ardeur est moindre, en dépit de toute sa bonne volonté. Sache qu'il est une chaleur mysti-

1. Cf. note 1, p. 81 et p. 250.

que qui procède de Dieu par l'effet de la citation de son Nom un grand nombre de fois. Elle pénètre l'adepte et réchauffe son âme. Sous l'effet de ce feu, l'âme croît en capacité d'adoration, tout comme le fer augmente de volume sous l'effet du feu de la forge.

Chaleur et refroidissement mystiques dépendent donc, en nous, de la manière dont nous récitons le Nom de Dieu (ou les noms de ses attributs) et du nombre des répétitions. Heureux celui qui, en une journée, peut réciter le grand Nom de Dieu (Allâh) 34 560 fois au maximum et 960 fois au minimum [1] ! (...)

La lumière qui jaillit du nom *Allâh*, lorsqu'on le mentionne, avive la puissance de la flamme spirituelle qui a été déposée par Dieu en chaque âme, à sa venue à l'existence.

Répéter constamment ce Nom ou la formule de l'Unité de Dieu *(Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh)* est un moyen sûr d'introduire en soi le souffle qui attisera le feu intérieur. Sans ce feu, la braise spirituelle qui a été déposée en nous s'éteint progressivement et finit par devenir un charbon noir, inerte, dans lequel réside un acide corrosif.

Du fond de sa modeste concession, Tierno avait observé les hommes. Aucune nuance de leur âme ne lui avait échappé. Appliquant à merveille le conseil du Prophète : « Parlez aux gens

1. Le nombre des répétitions est lié à une connaissance numérologique, en rapport avec la valeur simple ou décomposée des lettres qui composent le nom. Sujet trop vaste pour être abordé ici.

à la mesure de leur entendement », il savait adapter son enseignement à la compréhension de chacun.

J'avais observé sa façon de faire et ne pus me retenir, un jour, de lui faire part de mon étonnement :

— Tierno, lui dis-je, quand je t'écoute parler avec les petits enfants de la cour, je m'aperçois que, finalement, tu leur dis la même chose qu'à nous, mais d'une façon telle que cela devient comme un conte de fées. Quand tu parles à mes tantes, je te vois prendre encore un autre langage. Finalement, tu peux dire la même chose au vieux marabout Alpha Ali et à Gabouli, la petite fille de huit ans, mais avec une forme et une couleur différentes. Pourquoi ?

Il me répondit :

Les trois sortes de vêtements

Il y a trois manières de laver les vêtements. Les tissus épais et grossiers sont frappés avec une planchette ; les tissus moyennement épais sont foulés aux pieds et les tissus très fins sont pressés à la main. On ne saurait laver de la même façon une épaisse couverture de laine et un boubou de fine étoffe européenne.

Il en va de même pour les âmes humaines. Les épreuves par lesquelles elles doivent passer pour parvenir au degré où l'esprit est constamment occupé à louer le Nom du Seigneur sont plus ou moins violentes en fonction de leur état.

Tierno, qui aimait tous les hommes, aimait aussi les pécheurs qu'il ne se reconnaissait pas le droit de juger. Celui qui s'est lamenté sur Bandiagara avant de mourir estimait qu'il avait un devoir à remplir envers ceux qui s'étaient écartés des voies divines, mais il ne les condamnait pas.

Lorsque l'un de nous lui demanda :
— Tierno, que dis-tu de ceux qui s'adonnent uniquement aux choses temporelles ?
Il se contenta de répondre :

> — Ce sont des âmes pour lesquelles il faut faire une prière de sauvegarde.

Jusqu'à l'éclatement du drame qui devait marquer les dernières années de sa vie, Tierno Bokar était resté le guide spirituel incontesté de la communauté musulmane de Bandiagara. Aussi était-il fréquemment invité à donner son avis sur la valeur de tel ou tel comportement dans une situation donnée de la vie sociale. Qu'il s'agisse du petit garçon qu'on lui avait confié, ébauche sociale primaire, ou du puissant chef qui lui expliquait un problème complexe de petite ou de grande politique, ses réponses étaient toujours puisées dans ce fond de santé morale, de pureté d'intention et de parfait détachement qui marquaient tous ses rapports avec ses semblables.

Aux enfants de toutes origines sociales qu'il instruisait, il disait, pour les inviter à pratiquer une modestie vivante :

Le palais et la chaumière

> J'ai vu en rêve un homme monstrueux qui criait de ses soixante-douze langues : « Je suis fils de chef, je suis fils de saint, je suis fils de savant, je suis riche et puissant. » Gens de bon sens, prononcez ces mots à mi-voix, même si vous ne dites que la vérité. Ne creusez pas trop autour des racines du tronc illustre dont vous êtes issus car vous risquez, après quelques couches de terre, de découvrir qu'elles prennent naissance dans une masse de détritus. Soyez moins fiers car, si vous cherchez bien, à partir de chaque palais royal vous trouverez une ruelle qui mène à la chaumière d'un pauvre [1]. Méditez plutôt le premier verset de la sourate IV :
> *« O hommes ! Craignez votre Seigneur qui vous a créés*
> *à partir d'un seul être... »*

Pour lui, la société humaine, participant de la Réalité divine, formait un tout, comme une immense caravane dont les membres sont obligatoirement solidaires parce qu'ils courent les mêmes dangers et qu'ils marchent vers un même but. Il disait :

> Partout dans la brousse où les plantes s'entrelacent dru, le feuillage répand sur la terre une ombre épaisse qui donne de la fraîcheur et répare les forces. Que ne profitons-nous de cette leçon pour nous rapprocher spirituellement et nous unir les uns aux autres, en un vaste bosquet *(toggéré)* dont l'ombre immatérielle reposerait nos âmes !

A ceux qui s'insurgeaient contre certains abus des grands, il prêchait le calme et la patience et recommandait de commencer par se transformer soi-même. Aux enfants, il parlait comme si, de ces enfants, il avait pu espérer pouvoir faire des frères à jamais liés, et aux hommes, comme si ces hommes, parfois déjà aigris par la vie, ne pouvaient que retrouver le calme dans la douceur, la simplicité et la tolérance.

> Voir et critiquer les inégalités sociales, les dénoncer avec de grands gestes et de grands mots est plus facile que de se faire humble soi-même à l'égard des

1. Si l'on remonte assez loin, on découvre que toute lignée royale prend origine, à un certain moment, dans une famille modeste.

moins favorisés. Aussi voit-on les fils de ceux qui furent grands jadis [1] ne pas se résoudre à dire aux fils des sujets d'autrefois : « Vous êtes hommes comme nous, nous avons les mêmes droits car, aux yeux de Dieu, nous sommes tous des créatures identiques. »

Responsabilité des chefs

S'il conseillait aux hommes la tolérance et la patience, il n'en condamnait pas moins pour autant les abus des chefs qui manquent à leurs devoirs. Lorsque je lui demandai :

— Tierno, pourquoi voit-on la plus petite faute d'un chef ?

Il me répondit, avec l'humour souriant dont il usait souvent :

— Parce que, mon ami, la gravité de toute faute commise par un chef temporel ou religieux est proportionnelle à la superficie de son pays. L'efficacité en est multipliée par la densité des habitants de cette chefferie ou des adeptes de cette obédience, multipliée encore par le poids de la faute et augmentée de l'exagération des conteurs ambulants. Le tout est majoré du volumineux poids de la crédulité des masses.

Il se fit plus grave dans une autre image qui traitait du même sujet :

Un jour, je fis un plongeon dans la rivière. Soudain, je sentis que je m'enfonçais dans un abîme et qu'une charge d'eau écrasante pesait sur moi, comme si les esprits peuplant les hauteurs d'où je m'étais détaché appliquaient sur moi tout leur poids. Un grand effort

1. Il faisait allusion aux descendants des grands chefs religieux ou temporels qui se croyaient alors — et souvent encore maintenant — supérieurs aux autres.

me fut nécessaire pour remonter à la surface. Une fois hors de l'eau, un autre effort me fut nécessaire pour trouver, dans la vie morale, le correspondant de l'étrange malaise dont j'avais souffert. En y réfléchissant, je vis que les conséquences de nos fautes se mesurent à la hauteur de notre rang social, d'une part, et de notre situation personnelle à l'instant de la faute, d'autre part. Plus notre rang social est élevé et notre situation honorable, plus l'abîme de notre chute sera profond et plus violente notre asphyxie morale ou publique.

Toujours scrupuleux et soucieux de justice, il n'accablait cependant pas le chef lorsque la faute incombait à ses intermédiaires ou mandataires :

Il est une inconséquence qui m'étonne plus que beaucoup d'autres : je me demande pourquoi les sujets s'attaquent au chef quand quelque serviteur manque à ses devoirs. Le chef, le roi ne peuvent être raisonnablement mis en cause quand leurs commissionnaires commettent des indélicatesses. Tant qu'un serviteur reste fidèle à sa consigne, on doit le considérer comme un serviteur. Mais dès l'instant où il se détourne de son devoir, il cesse d'être l'agent de celui qui l'a envoyé et celui-ci devient une victime au même titre que les autres.

Au moment où Tierno Bokar tenait ces propos, nous étions en 1933 ; il n'avait pas encore eu à souffrir personnellement de l'action de tels intermédiaires. Mais plus tard, lorsque quelqu'un lui dira :

— La France n'aime pas les « onze grains », elle donne des ordres pour les poursuivre et les persécuter.

Il répondra :

— Es-tu certain que c'est vraiment la France qui a dit cela ? Ne seraient-ce pas plutôt nos antagonistes qui, ne pouvant avoir raison de nous ni par leur propre force, ni par leur science, ni par leur prestige, ont choisi de nous desservir auprès de la France afin d'utiliser contre nous sa force, son prestige et sa science ?

Comme dit le proverbe : « Ils battent le tambour pour pousser deux groupes, qui n'ont rien à se reprocher mutuellement, à s'exterminer l'un l'autre à leur profit. » Cela s'appelle : « Battez-vous, moi je battrai le tam-tam pour vous. »

Il considérait le pouvoir comme une drogue puissante qui peut se révéler dangereuse entre des mains inexpérimentées. Il racontait à cet égard une parabole pleine d'humour qui, hélas, n'a rien perdu de son actualité :

Le trône et le garçon boucher

Un jour, un volcan se mit à vomir du feu pour châtier les hommes de leur iniquité. Ce feu se répandit sur toute l'étendue d'un vaste pays, consuma tout et fit périr les derniers des hommes valeureux de ce royaume, ne laissant que quelques survivants.

Un ver bizarre et tout hérissé de poils, qui vivait jusqu'alors dans les entrailles de la terre, se trouva projeté sur le trône d'or du monarque, dans une salle du palais miraculeusement restée intacte. Atterrissant sur le trône royal, il y trouva une vilaine mouche de fosse d'aisances. La mouche dit au ver :

« Coquin, vulgaire citoyen des souterrains obscurs, que viens-tu faire sur ce trône ? Va au large ou je te fais envoyer en pâture aux citoyens de la basse-cour ! »

Sans mot dire, le poilu cylindrique ondula vers la mouche ordurière. Puis, ramassant et repliant son corps sur lui-même, il lui dit : « Espèce de la plus basse origine, trop vite et trop haut placée en raison d'une calamité générale, tiens, voici pour ta morgue et ton insolence ! » Et détendant son corps tel un ressort, il frappa d'un coup sec la mouche nauséabonde. Celle-ci, roulant sur elle-même et perdant l'usage de ses ailes, alla s'écraser contre un mur de la salle. Tout fier de son exploit, le ver se disposa pour s'installer le plus confortablement possible sur le trône.

Survint alors un gros chien noir, rescapé de la catastrophe. Fuyant les flammes et enragé par la peur, il sauta sur le trône, écrasant le ver sans même s'en apercevoir.

Sur ce, un misérable garçon boucher, échappé lui aussi de la tourmente, entra précipitamment dans la salle. Trouvant le chien juché sur le trône, il s'arma d'un grand bâton et, sans autre commentaire, le chassa à coups violents et redoublés. Furieux mais impuissant, le chien s'enfuit et courut à travers les rues de la ville en aboyant à tous vents, comme pour ameuter les survivants contre l'usurpateur.

Pendant ce temps, le garçon boucher, installé à son tour sur le trône, se mit à monologuer : « Vraiment, mieux vaut tard que pas du tout, se dit-il. Seule l'injustice humaine m'avait condamné à ma servile

profession. Plutôt que de besogner comme un boucher, je me sens capable de gouverner le monde ! »
Ayant dit, il revêtit les effets royaux qui se trouvaient encore dans la salle et se saisit du sceptre de commandement.
Les survivants, qui étaient venus s'amasser dans la cour du palais, virent apparaître le garçon boucher, somptueusement vêtu et brandissant le sceptre du commandement. Aussitôt ils se soumirent à lui, attentifs à ses ordres car, pensaient-ils, cet homme ne pouvait être que le nouveau roi envoyé par Dieu à leur pays dévasté.
Le nouveau roi se mit à donner des ordres. Hélas ! Il ne savait tenir que le langage des abattoirs. Aussi chacun de ses ordres était-il ponctué de cette phrase typique :
— Ceux qui me résisteront seront débités comme de la bidoche de première qualité !...
Cette parabole, ajoutait Tierno, est valable pour toi comme pour moi-même, ô Frère en Dieu. Elle nous enseigne beaucoup de choses. Elle nous avertit que tout le monde n'est pas bon pour n'importe quelle tâche. Les rôles sont partagés par la Providence intelligente.
Quand l'occasion de jouer un rôle de chef advient à un homme à l'âme vulgaire, il ne sait qu'instaurer une dictature mégalomane. Au lieu de faire régner la paix pour tous, ce sera le commencement de la terreur sombre. Les fripouilles deviendront financiers et les canailles frapperont la monnaie. La morale tanguera dangereusement sur la mer en furie des passions déchaînées.

Avec toute sa lucidité, Tierno Bokar avait déjà perçu la menace de déséquilibre qui pesait sur la société africaine, écartelée entre des courants qui arrachaient ses enfants à leur milieu originel. Le phénomène de désagrégation culturelle qui s'amorçait sous ses yeux paraissait infiniment fâcheux au sage de Bandiagara pour qui le remède résidait dans le fond culturel des ethnies elles-mêmes, dans ce ciment qui avait été assez fort pour assurer, pendant des millénaires, la cohérence de la société africaine.
Avant que le jeune Africain ne se laisse aller aux attraits de telle ou telle culture étrangère, il devait, pour Tierno Bokar, méditer sur le trésor légué par ses ancêtres et non, comme on le fait trop souvent aujourd'hui, l'ignorer ou le tenir pour quantité négligeable. Son conseil pouvait se résumer ainsi : « N'allez pas chercher fortune en mendiant au loin, vous qui êtes assis sur un sac d'or. Servez-vous de cette fortune. Faites-la prospérer en commerçant avec elle. »
Tierno Bokar était riche de plusieurs expériences africaines. Toucouleur par ses parents, successivement Haoussa, Bambara, Peul, Marka et Dogon d'adoption, il avait puisé dans chacun de ces groupements ethniques une parcelle de son expérience d'ensemble. Il avait enrichi cette récolte à la faveur de ses connaissances religieuses orthodoxes. L'enseignement coranique avait fait de lui un maître du soufisme africain. Les hommes auxquels il s'était frotté de-ci de-là, au cours de sa jeunesse mouvementée, lui avaient transmis le précieux enseignement des traditions de maints terroirs africains. En fin de compte, il ne distinguait aucune opposition foncière entre les deux mondes qui l'avaient formé.

Tradition et évolution

A une question sur les traditions, il répondit :

> Respectez-les. Elles constituent l'héritage spirituel de ceux qui nous ont précédés et qui n'avaient pas rompu avec Dieu.

Les traditions peuvent se présenter sous forme de contes plus ou moins longs de différentes natures : contes pour enfants, contes didactiques ou initiatiques. Quels qu'ils soient, méditez-les, cherchez à dévoiler le secret qui est enveloppé en eux. Creusez-les profondément, comme le feraient les chercheurs d'or dans les mines du Bourré [1].

Chaque conte, chaque devinette est comme une galerie dont l'ensemble forme une mine de renseignements que les anciens nous ont légués par région, race, famille, et souvent d'individu à individu. Mais il va de soi que pour travailler profitablement dans cette mine et y circuler à l'aise, il faut y voir clair, autrement dit posséder une clef, ou un maître.

(...)

Lorsque des spéculations hasardeuses prévalent sur les lois divines et les coutumes instituées par la sagesse traditionnelle — coutumes que nous apprécions mal, faute de connaissances suffisantes — alors les malheurs inéluctables viennent frapper le monde, contre lesquels les contemporains ne peuvent rien.

(...)

Toutes les bouches, en ce temps, conjuguent le verbe « vouloir gagner » à la première personne de l'indicatif présent. Gagner devient un devoir impératif. Quant à la manière de gagner, on se préoccupe peu de savoir si elle est licite ou non.

Ce temps est celui où l'honnête homme pauvre vit et meurt ignoré. Heureux est-il, encore, s'il n'est honni de tous, voire de ses propres parents !

1. Région aurifère du Mali.

Même dans l'isolement relatif de Bandiagara, cité protégée par sa falaise, Tierno Bokar avait deviné l'impatience des jeunes gens du pays à conjuguer le verbe « évoluer ». Il en avait mesuré et la nature et la nécessité. Il était trop sage pour s'y opposer mais, de ce verbe aux attraits presque magiques, il corrigeait la définition simpliste que certains en donnaient de façon un peu trop hâtive. Évoluer, oui, mais à partir d'un point de départ solide.

Certains, disait-il, croient qu'évoluer c'est rompre carrément avec toutes ses traditions pour adopter celles d'une race dont on admire, souvent par « snobisme », le comportement. Pour nous, évoluer, c'est perfectionner notre patrimoine qui n'est pas fait seulement de nos demeures et de nos champs ; c'est aussi aménager notre pensée, notre manière d'être tout entière.

Ce qui vaut pour un pays tempéré ne peut convenir entièrement à un pays tropical. On voit nos enfants soudanais copier plus ou moins maladroitement Arabes ou Européens, selon leur formation. Ils sont pareils à ces chutes d'eau qui se perdent en ruisselant inutilement sur des dalles de pierre sans jamais rencontrer un lac pour apaiser leur course folle et stérile.

La tradition, ce point de départ, doit être assez solide dans l'esprit de ceux qui se mettent en route pour leur permettre de revenir sur leurs pas et de prendre un nouveau départ en cas de heurt, en cas de chute, en cas d'erreur. Elle est le point d'ancrage et de référence qui permet de savoir qui l'on est et d'avancer hardiment sur des routes nouvelles ou lointaines sans pour autant perdre son équilibre et son identité.

L'imitation aveugle des autres (le *taqlid* se glisse partout...) ne nous fait pas devenir eux, mais nous fait nous oublier nous-mêmes. Comme dit le proverbe : « Le morceau de bois a beau flotter sur l'eau, il ne devient pas caïman. »

« Sources » est le titre qu'un jeune Africain, El Hadj Abdulwahab Doukouré, donna à un article inspiré par l'enseignement de Tierno Bokar et que publia le *Soudan français* dans son numéro 96 du 11 juillet 1952. Il écrivait :

> Ce qui m'a le plus frappé, c'est de constater que (Tierno Bokar) a digéré les idées progressistes contenues dans le Coran. Il les a enseignées en se servant de matériaux locaux, sans pour cela violer l'essence pure de la Révélation, ni outrager l'orthodoxie établie par le canon des Imams. L'enseignement de Tierno Bokar Salif était oral. Il se donnait en fulfudé, langue peule, dont la richesse et la poésie ne sont plus à démontrer... Je n'exagère pas en disant qu'aucune bibliothèque arabe — et nombreuses sont celles que j'ai visitées au Maroc, en Algérie et en Tunisie — ne possède un ouvrage qui soit aussi synthétique, pratique, vivant et à la fois à la portée du lettré et de l'illettré... (Tierno) a compris que la miséricorde de Dieu dépasse sa rigueur. Cette miséricorde embrassante permet d'affirmer que Dieu ouvre à ses créatures des portes larges et multiples pour leur faciliter le retour à Lui...
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> Avec Tierno, le néophyte commence par prendre conscience de sa propre existence, puis de celle des autres. Le maître lui fait sentir la supériorité de sa propre nature et les conditions de développement et d'épanouissement de cette nature. Aux dons exceptionnels faits à l'homme, correspondent des responsabilités morales ; tout cela est étayé par des versets coraniques et des hadith authentiques...
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> Je sais, par expérience personnelle, combien de jeunes Noirs assoiffés de savoir Divin se sont expatriés... et sont revenus peut-être — je ne le nie pas — versés en littérature arabe, mais totalement délestés de leur simplicité naturelle, de leur foi ardente et de la charité qu'ils ont vu pratiquer par leurs anciens sans calcul... Le Prophète ayant dit : « Travaille pour le salut de ton âme comme si tu devais mourir le lendemain, travaille pour ton bien-être matériel comme si tu devais durer une éternité », je conclus que nous devons, d'une part, raffermir nos traditions et renforcer notre foi et, d'autre part, chercher à améliorer notre train de vie matériel par l'acquisition des sciences modernes dont les sources se trouvent en Occident.

Pour clore ce chapitre consacré au « message » propre à Tierno Bokar, écoutons une fois encore cet appel qu'il adressait, au nom de l'unité spirituelle, à tous les hommes :

> De tout mon cœur, je souhaite la venue de l'ère de réconciliation entre toutes les confessions de la terre, l'ère où ces confessions unies s'appuieront les unes sur les autres pour former une voûte morale et spirituelle, l'ère où elles reposeront en Dieu par trois points d'appui : Amour, Charité, Fraternité.
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> Il n'y a qu'un seul Dieu. De même, il ne peut y avoir qu'une Voie pour mener à Lui, une Religion dont les diverses manifestations temporelles sont comparables aux branches déployées d'un arbre unique. Cette Religion ne peut s'appeler que VÉRITÉ. Ses dogmes ne peuvent être que trois : Amour, Charité, Fraternité.
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> Cette réconciliation plusieurs fois prédite, préparée et tant attendue, que ne l'appellerait-on : « Alliage véridique » ?
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> En vérité, une rencontre des vérités essentielles des diverses croyances qui se partagent la terre pourrait se révéler d'un usage religieux vaste et universel. Peut-être serait-elle plus conforme à l'Unité de Dieu, à l'unité de l'esprit humain et à celle de la Création tout entière.

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L'enseignement

Avant tout, Tierno Bokar fut un maître enseignant. Lorsque, au début de ce siècle, il ouvrit son école coranique, la communauté de Bandiagara lui confia ses enfants pour les instruire et les éduquer. Il les enseigna comme il l'avait été lui-même dans sa jeunesse, leur dispensant au fil des années, conformément à ce que la communauté attendait de lui, les connaissances qui constituent la base de la culture islamique proprement dite : écriture, langue et grammaire arabes, étude du Coran et de son prolongement, le *Tawhid* (théologie [1]), étude de la Sunna et des systèmes qui en découlent (jurisprudence, règles de vie religieuses, morales et civiques), rhétorique, histoire musulmane générale, etc.

Trois jours par semaine, les élèves de l'école coranique avaient congé. Pendant ces trois jours, Tierno tenait chez lui des réunions ouvertes à tous, consacrées aux enseignements de la Tidjaniya. Tous les marabouts de la ville venaient l'écouter. Le vieux Alpha Ali, à l'époque le plus grand maître d'école coranique de Bandiagara, lisait des passages de *Diawharatul-Maani (Perle des significations)*, le livre majeur de Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani. Tierno Bokar, qui était Cheikh de la confrérie, commentait et interprétait ces passages, d'abord selon les enseignements de Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani lui-même, ensuite selon le livre d'El Hadj Omar *Er-Rimaa (les Lances)*, enfin selon le fruit de ses propres méditations, de son *Ijtihad* (effort de réflexion personnelle). C'est à la qualité et à l'originalité de son *Ijtihad* qu'il devait sa réputation de maître enseignant.

1. *Tawhid :* Unité (de Dieu). Ce terme couvre l'étude des qualités et attributs de Dieu et de ses rapports avec la création, particulièrement avec l'homme.

Quant aux aspects plus spécifiquement ésotériques de l'enseignement de la Tidjaniya (science des nombres, des lettres, des formes géométriques, etc.), il les dispensait individuellement, selon les aptitudes de chacun. De même, c'est individuellement qu'il nous guidait sur le chemin du perfectionnement intérieur.

En fait, c'était sa personne tout entière, sa vie même, qui étaient enseignement. Les vérités les plus hautes ou les plus subtiles, il les abordait au détour des événements les plus courants de la vie quotidienne, sachant se servir des images les plus simples pour nous aider à comprendre ce qui nous demeurait obscur. C'est ainsi qu'au fil des jours nous nous imprégnions peu à peu de ce qui irradiait de lui, à travers ses paroles comme à travers ses silences.

Lorsqu'il parlait, il s'efforçait de se mettre à la portée de ses auditeurs et de trouver un langage qui puisse être entendu de tous. Un jour, un vieux Dogon illettré [1] appelé Antiamba était venu le trouver pour être enseigné dans l'Islam. C'est alors que Tierno inaugura, pour lui transmettre les principes de base de la religion, une méthode mnémotechnique qu'il conserva par la suite pour ses autres élèves, particulièrement pour ceux qui ne connaissaient aucune langue écrite.

Au fur et à mesure qu'il développait les principes et enchaînait les raisonnements, il traçait sur le sable, avec son index, une série de points qui peu à peu, s'ordonnaient en un schéma simple qui frappait l'attention et se gravait aisément dans la mémoire.

Cet enseignement de base se divise en trois parties essentielles, ou « leçons », dont chacune est illustrée par un schéma particulier que le lecteur trouvera aux pages 196, 211 et 221.

Le titre de la première leçon : « le Pacte primordial », fait écho au verset 171 de la sourate VII où Dieu, dans le monde mystérieux de la préexistence, avant la descente dans le temps, pourrait-on dire, pose aux âmes des hommes la question « Ne suis-je pas votre Seigneur ? » *(alastou bi Rabbikoum ?)*, question à

1. « Illettré » du seul point de vue des langues écrites française et arabe ; ce mot ne signifie pas ignare et n'a rien, ici, de péjoratif.

laquelle les hommes répondent : « Oui, nous l'attestons. » Ce « oui », qui fut le premier acte existentiel de l'âme humaine, la reconnaissance originelle de son appartenance, constitue l'essence même de cette « Intelligence profonde » dont il sera question dès le début de la première leçon. Au plus profond de chaque âme réside la connaissance, souvent endormie et comme recouverte de voiles, de « qui » elle est et « d'où » elle vient ; c'est cette Intelligence profonde, cet instinct spirituel, qui va lui permettre de distinguer la vérité de l'erreur et de s'engager, puis de progresser, dans la voie du Retour. « Certes, nous venons de Dieu et nous lui faisons retour. » (Coran II, 156.)

Après avoir ainsi posé ce qui fait la noblesse intrinsèque de l'homme, Tierno Bokar situe d'emblée celui-ci dans un rapport de solidarité et de responsabilité envers ses semblables, à commencer par ses proches, en rappelant le *hadith* du Prophète : « Chacun de vous est un berger et chaque berger doit un compte de son troupeau. »

Puis, évoquant les conditions particulièrement troublées et difficiles de notre temps, il place l'homme devant la nécessité d'un choix qui engage tout son être et qui est comme l'écho du « oui » primordial : le choix entre la voie ascendante, voie d'effort et de courage qui le mène à l'accomplissement de lui-même en une éternité retrouvée (la voie de la cité Qarârin, la cité éternelle), et la voie descendante, toute de facilité, qui le mène à la dissolution et à la perte de lui-même (la voie de la cité Bavârin, la cité périssable).

Dans la deuxième leçon, *Maddîn*, (« Qu'est-ce que la religion ? »), Tierno Bokar expose les principes de base de l'*Islâm* (soumission à Dieu), de l'*Imân* (la Foi) et de l'*Ihsân* (le comportement parfait) puis il énonce les attributs de Dieu et de ses Envoyés. C'est, en quelque sorte, le catéchisme de l'Islam.

Le chemin de la Foi y apparaît déjà comme édifié sur trois piliers. Ces trois piliers, nous les retrouverons dans la troisième leçon (« la Loi intérieure ») où ils correspondent aux trois degrés successifs qui jalonnent la progression spirituelle. Celle-ci, en effet, chemine de la périphérie vers le centre ou, pour employer l'image de Tierno Bokar, elle va de l'écorce du fruit (premier degré) vers la chair (second degré) puis vers le noyau (troisième

degré), ce dernier étant seul porteur de vie et de renouvellement.

Bien entendu, ces trois leçons ne constituent qu'une base d'enseignement. Elles posent les principes, mais ne les développent pas dans toutes leurs implications. Comme nous le disons plus loin, chaque point de cet enseignement pouvait faire l'objet, de la part de Tierno Bokar, de développements approfondis et variés, correspondant à différents niveaux de compréhension tant exotériques qu'ésotériques. Quelle que fût l'évolution des élèves, ils devaient souvent revenir, pour ne point s'égarer en chemin, à ces premières leçons qui leur fournissaient les points de référence nécessaires.

D'un bout à l'autre de ce chapitre, c'est Tierno Bokar qui parle à travers la bouche de Cissé, maître religieux que nous retrouvons tout au long des leçons. Tierno avait inventé le personnage de Cissé pour ne point se mettre en avant et éviter d'utiliser les pronoms « moi » et « je » dont, à son gré, nous n'avons que trop tendance à abuser.

Écoutons donc Cissé.

première leçon

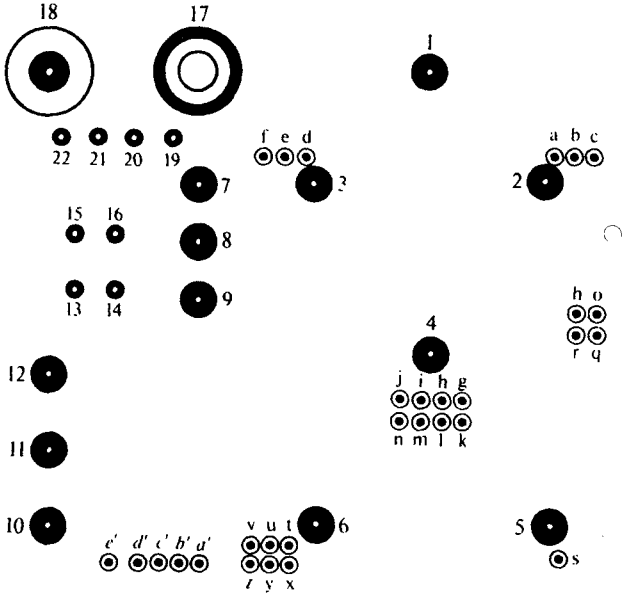
Le pacte primordial

Un vieux Dogon, les yeux dessillés par de nombreux et longs voyages et par le contact avec d'autres ethnies, revint parmi les siens et leur dit :

— O mes parents ! Nous sommes dans l'erreur. Nos pratiques religieuses n'ont aucun sens. J'ai vu les religions de bien des pays, mais jamais je n'ai trouvé, en deux endroits, deux objets de culte strictement identiques. Chaque pays a les siens. On trouve même des idoles individuelles, l'une pour la mère, l'autre pour l'enfant. Idoles de la tribu, idoles du clan, fétiches particuliers, tantôt faits d'un éclat de pierre ou d'un morceau de bois, tantôt matérialisés par un poisson ou un serpent. Seule l'erreur peut être aussi multiple. Chez les musulmans, au contraire, tout est homogène ; paroles et gestes sont identiques. Les heures, les lieux et les appels à la prière sont semblables. Quand un musulman guérisseur trace les signes efficaces, tous les autres initiés peuvent les déchiffrer alors que, chez nous, les poudres et les éléments de nos philtres ne sont reconnaissables que de leurs seuls auteurs.

« J'en conclus que la Vérité est une et ne doit pas manquer d'harmonie dans sa manifestation. Je veux pratiquer l'Islam.

Ses auditeurs, sceptiques et très attachés au culte de



Le pacte primordial

leurs ancêtres, culte vieux de plusieurs milliers d'hivernages, lui dirent :

— Si tu es gagné à l'Islam, va à Bandiagara, tu y trouveras tes partenaires.

Antiamba — c'est ainsi que s'appelait le vieux Dogon — vint donc à Bandiagara. Il aborda un passant et échangea avec lui les mots usuels de bienvenue. Il s'ouvrit de son désir d'être instruit dans la tradition islamique. Son interlocuteur lui dit :

— Va chez Cissé. Il n'a d'autre occupation que d'enseigner la religion. Par lui, tu seras satisfait si Dieu le veut.

Antiamba se rendit chez Cissé, entra et salua :

— La paix sur vous, ô ceux d'ici !

Cissé répondit :

— Nous n'avons que la paix, la paix seulement [1]. Que cette paix soit sur toi. Sois le bienvenu ! »

La requête ayant été exposée, Cissé se disposa à instruire Antiamba, mais il se heurta à une difficulté majeure : Antiamba ne savait ni lire ni écrire ; il ne parlait pas la langue rituelle, l'arabe ; il ne savait que le dogon et le peul. Or, nul n'ignore la peine que l'on a à se faire entendre d'un être inculte, surtout lorsqu'il s'agit d'un entretien portant sur la religion. Mais Cissé, qui n'ignorait rien de la tradition musulmane, n'était pas sans connaître cette sentence du Prophète de Dieu : « Parlez aux gens à la mesure de leur entendement. »

Il se dit : « Cet homme ne peut lire dans un livre, mais si je me servais de la langue qu'il parle et de figures que je tracerais sur la terre, sa mémoire ne perdrait rien, ma

1. Formule traditionnelle de réponse à une salutation.

tâche serait facilitée et le vœu de cet homme exaucé. »

Il pensa alors à ce mot de notre Seigneur Mohammad (Mahomet) à propos des guides spirituels : « En chaque homme de Dieu est scellée une parcelle du secret de la Puissance divine. La vertu de cette parcelle lui permet de tirer la vérité d'entre le doute et le mensonge, comme on tire le lait d'entre le sang et les excréments [1]. »

Sur le conseil de Cissé, le vieux Dogon apporta du sable fin et le répandit sur le sol. Celui qui, ignorant cette méthode, surprendrait un homme traçant des lignes et des points sur le sable en articulant des paroles croirait avoir affaire à un géomancien ou à un dément. Pourtant, la méthode de Cissé, en dépit de son étrange aspect, est la seule qui soit compatible avec les conditions intellectuelles et matérielles de la masse. Celui qui voudrait instruire les siens selon les règles de la scolastique ne rencontrerait que l'échec. La méthode de Cissé est conçue à l'usage de la masse illettrée, en prévision de la mort qui n'attend pas et de l'ordre divin qui ne s'abroge point. Elle aplanit toutes les difficultés. Linguistiquement, elle universalise l'enseignement et le rend accessible à tous les âges, à tous les goûts, à toutes les capacités, avec les plus grandes promesses de succès et dans le minimum de temps.

Cissé prit la parole [2] :

1 Néophyte, le Maître [3] te créa. Il accomplit en toi

1. Les pasteurs et nomades de jadis croyaient que le lait de vache était situé entre le sang et les excréments.

2. Au fur et à mesure que Tierno développe son raisonnement, il déplace son index sur le dessin (voir p. 196) selon un ordre que nous avons représenté ici par des chiffres et des lettres.

3. Mot peul qui, comme le mot arabe *rabb*, signifie à la fois « Seigneur » (le suzerain) et « Maître » (celui qui possède).

l'image d'Adam, la plus honorable et la plus belle des formes. Cette forme a été celle de notre Seigneur Mohammad (sur lui la prière et la paix !). Allâh préleva le plus précieux de ses diamants, te l'attribua et dit : « Voici, prends-en soin. Mais souviens-toi que je te le reprendrai. En attendant :

2 utilise-le,

3 commerce avec.

a. Si tu l'entretiens bien,

b. si tu l'accommodes,

c. et si tu en retires un bénéfice,

le total du gain sera pour toi. Je n'en ai point usage. Par surcroît, je te donnerai un Royaume tel que jamais monarque n'en eut de semblable : le Paradis après la mort.

Il est écrit dans le Livre de Noblesse : "*Quant à celui qui aura redouté de comparaître devant son Seigneur et qui aura préservé son âme des passions, en vérité, pour celui-là, le féerique* Djanna *(jardin) sera le lieu d'asile.*" (Coran LXXIX, 40-41.)

Mais :

d. si tu le négliges,

e. si tu le taches,

f. si tu le souilles,

je t'accablerai de tortures, plus accablantes que nul n'en subit jamais : le supplice de l'Enfer après la mort. »

Il est écrit dans le Livre de Noblesse : « ... *Lors, quiconque aura outrepassé et aura préféré la vie de ce monde, en vérité, pour celui-là, le brasier* Djahim *sera le lieu d'asile.* » (Coran LXXIX, 37.)

4 Le diamant en question, c'est la RAISON [1]

1. Il ne s'agit point ici de la « raison raisonnante », purement intellectuelle, mais de cette Intelligence profonde, parcelle divine insufflée par Dieu en

g. C'est cette Raison qui différencie l'homme de la bête.

h. C'est cette Raison qui, parmi les hommes, différencie le croyant de l'incrédule.

i. C'est cette Raison qui, parmi les croyants, différencie l'érudit de l'ignorant.

j. C'est cette Raison qui, parmi les croyants érudits, différencie le juste du méchant.

Parmi tous les animaux de la création réunis, qu'est-ce qui rend l'homme supérieur?

k. la Raison.

Par quoi, dans l'ensemble des hommes, le croyant est-il considéré comme supérieur à l'incroyant?

l. par la Raison.

Par quoi, dans l'ensemble des croyants, le savant a-t-il l'avantage sur les dévots?

m. par la Raison.

Par quoi, dans l'ensemble des savants, le Juste [1] a-t-il l'avantage sur l'érudit?

n. par la Raison.

Certes, il est juste de célébrer la valeur de tout ce dont tu fus doté par ton Maître. Il a parfait en toi l'image d'Adam. Il t'a pourvu d'un diamant plus précieux que toutes choses. Par ce don, tu t'es différencié de la bête, du mécréant, de l'ignorant, et enfin du méchant. Il est juste que tu connaisses le Seigneur qui fit tant pour toi. Sa

l'homme, qui demeure parfois endormie chez certains hommes même s'ils peuvent paraître intellectuellement brillants.

Le mot peul employé correspond au mot arabe *'aql* et désigne à la fois ce qui est apte à comprendre (comme le mot *fahm*, intelligence), à réfléchir et à raisonner.

1. C'est-à-dire l'homme bon, charitable.

connaissance t'est d'ailleurs une obligation. Quand tu le connaîtras, alors tes deux vies [1] seront pleines de félicité.

Mais si tu le dénigrais, tu manquerais le but de cette vie et l'autre ne te serait point garantie.

o. C'est par la Raison que l'on entretient la religion.

p. C'est par la Raison que l'on gouverne le monde.

q. Sans la Raison, point de religion.

r. Sans la Raison, point de relation.

5 Consacre ta Raison à la religion:

s. la vie matérielle te sera chose plaisante.

6 Voue ta Raison au monde matériel:

t. tu courras de grands risques,

u. tu te porteras tort,

v. car tu auras bravé l'Invincible.

Pourquoi?

Parce que, à tout ce qu'Allâh créa, il préféra la Raison (l'Esprit) et, dans ce qu'Il créa, c'est le monde matériel qu'Il abandonna le plus à lui-même.

Or, il prit ce qu'Il estime par-dessus toute valeur et Il te l'impartit, afin que tu en uses et en tires profit; mais toi, en insoumis, tu vas consacrer ce trésor à ce qu'Il néglige le plus; au temporel, à l'acquisition éphémère.

x. Tu fais donc l'imprudent;

y. Tu t'égares.

z. Puisse Allâh me venir en aide, ainsi qu'à toi.

C'est la Raison qui te fit connaître:

7 Le Livre (le Coran)

8 La Tradition (la Sunna)

9 Le Consensus *(idjmâ)*

1. La vie d'ici-bas et la vie future.

Quel est le commandement du Livre ? **7**

Il est écrit en commandement dans le Livre :

« O vous qui croyez en Dieu ! Préservez vos âmes et celles des vôtres du feu. »

De ce fait, il est obligatoire pour chacun de se connaître, de se conduire selon la Loi Divine *(sharia)* et de veiller à ce que sa famille fasse de même.

Notre Seigneur Ali [1] (Que Dieu l'ait en sa miséricorde) a dit :

« Enseignez à vos parents [2] les préceptes du bien. »

C'est là le sens du verset précité.

Donc, chacun a la mission divine d'enseigner à sa famille la théologie [3], la purification rituelle et la prière. Alors seulement sa responsabilité vis-à-vis de sa famille sera dégagée. Il n'y aura pour lui aucune admonestation au jour du Jugement dernier.

Quel est le commandement de la Sunna (tradition) ? **8**

Il est écrit dans la Sunna :

« Chacun de vous est un berger, et chaque berger doit un compte de son troupeau. » [4]

Le chef d'État, le maître de la cité, les chefs de famille et les individus isolés, tous auront à fournir une justification. Celui qui rendra un compte clair et facile obtiendra une récompense qui tiendra compte du nombre et de l'importance de ceux qui lui avaient été confiés. La qualité de cette récompense n'amoindrira en rien la rémunération des serviteurs.

1. Gendre du Prophète et ancêtre des Chérifs.
2. Il s'agit ici de toute la parenté, enfants et collatéraux compris.
3. *Tawhid :* tout ce qui se rapporte à l'Unicité de Dieu et à ses Attributs.
4. Hadith du Prophète.

A celui qui sera mauvais pasteur, Dieu (qu'Il soit exalté !) dira : « O mauvais pâtre ! Tu t'es nourri de la chair des tiens, tu as sucé leur lait jusqu'à vider leurs mamelles, puis tu les as laissés à la merci des hyènes. J'ai confié à ta garde quelques-uns de mes serviteurs. Tu as joui de leurs services et tu ne leur as pas enseigné leur religion. Tu les as livrés à Satan qui les a égarés. » Et le mauvais pâtre endurera un supplice égal à la somme des supplices de tous ceux qu'il aura laissé s'égarer. Mais cette punition n'atténuera en rien celle des sujets eux-mêmes.

Quel est le commandement du Consensus ? **9**

Le Consensus dit :

« Ordonner le bien et interdire le mal est une obligation pour tout croyant. »

Il faut donc, d'abord, s'ordonner le bien à soi-même, s'interdire tout acte d'iniquité et persévérer. Puis il faut agir de même avec tous nos parents et toutes les bonnes volontés qui se mettent à notre écoute. Il est clair que celui qui ordonne ce qu'il ne fait pas lui-même ne sera point obéi, non plus que celui qui interdit ce qu'il se permet à lui-même.

Maintenant que tu as entendu ce que le Livre, la Tradition et le Consensus ont prescrit, considère le comportement des hommes et examine comment ils se conforment actuellement à ces prescriptions. Force sera pour toi d'avouer que notre siècle est celui du relâchement, celui pendant lequel on assiste à :

10 la diminution du nombre des instructeurs (des guides),

11 l'éclipse de la Science religieuse vraie.

Pour ces raisons :

12 la Religion se trouve négligée [1].

Cela fait de notre siècle un siècle des plus terrifiants. Les sages de tous les temps ont souhaité ne pas être d'une pareille époque qui, par rapprochement, est celle durant laquelle :

13 le Bien n'est pas séduisant,

14 le Mal n'est pas repoussant,

15 la Vérité n'a pas d'effet,

16 le Mensonge n'a point de méfaits.

Le contemporain d'un temps si misérable vit dans la peine et dans l'inquiétude. A nous qui y vivons, puisse Allâh nous :

a'. sauvegarder,

b'. affranchir,

c'. assister,

d'. protéger,

e'. et nous faire triompher des embûches de ce temps.

Toutefois, en dépit de toutes les apparences et de la corruption du temps, les prescriptions du Livre, de la Tradition et du Consensus demeurent pures et immuables. Celui qui se laissera séduire par les attraits du monde se perdra par son propre mouvement, à moins qu'il ne reçoive une assistance occulte de Dieu (qu'Il soit exalté !).

Celui qui se souvient que des temps plus dépravés que le nôtre ont passé, sera conforté par la certitude que la Vérité Divine seule est permanente. Celui-là se conformera aux prescriptions des trois sources [2]. Il abandonnera

1. Littéralement : « égarée », abandonnée, comme une personne sortie de sa route qui erre dans une forêt. Se dit d'une chose qui, ayant perdu sa juste place, se trouve méconnue.

2. Coran, Tradition et Consensus.

le monde au sort qui lui est prescrit par la Suprême Volonté.

En conclusion, il n'est, sur terre, que deux sortes de voies, menant vers deux cités :

17 La cité Qarârin (éternelle),

18 La cité Bavârin (périssable).

La cité Qarârin est une demeure de séjour stable et tranquille.

La cité Bavârin est une demeure de ruine et de perdition éternelle.

Quand Allâh créa le paradis, il dit aux anges :

— Allez et voyez. J'ai créé quelque chose.

Les anges allèrent voir, puis revinrent, épanouis. Ils dirent :

— O excellent Maître ! Nous avons contemplé le paradis. Jamais nous n'avons vu séjour aussi agréable.

Allâh (qu'Il soit exalté !) leur dit :

— Retournez et regardez.

Avant que les anges ne fussent arrivés sur les lieux, Allâh entoura le paradis d'un cercle constitué de tout ce que l'âme repousse le plus.

Les anges virent le lieu et en furent accablés. Ils revinrent vers Allâh et dirent :

— O excellent Maître ! Nous avons trouvé le paradis enfermé dans un cercle d'épreuves impossible à franchir sans l'assistance de Ta Magnanimité.

Allâh leur dit :

— Allez, j'ai créé autre chose.

Les anges retournèrent sur les lieux. Ils y trouvèrent l'enfer obscur, lugubre, puant, expression du châtiment ultime. Ils en furent consternés. Puis ils revinrent.

— O Maître ! dirent les anges, nous avons vu l'enfer. Il

ne nous a jamais été donné de voir un lieu aussi effroyable. Quiconque verra l'enfer se gardera d'y pénétrer.

Allâh leur dit :

— Retournez et regardez.

Les anges retournèrent et trouvèrent l'enfer ceint d'un cercle de plaisirs irrésistibles. Ils revinrent vers Dieu :

— Excellent Maître ! Nous avons visité l'enfer ; mais avec les éléments qui l'entourent, nul n'échappera à ce précipice sans Ta Divine assistance, tant les plaisirs de ses rives sont désirables et attirants.

Le Prophète de Dieu a dit, en effet :

« Le paradis est entouré d'un cercle d'épreuves pénibles et l'enfer d'un cercle d'éléments attrayants. »

Nous pouvons en inférer que les prescriptions
du Livre, **7**
de la Tradition, **8**
du Consensus, **9**
constituent les épreuves pénibles qui entourent le paradis. Les facilités de la vie sont les éléments qui circonscrivent l'enfer.

Et toi, néophyte, grâce à :
ta RAISON, **4**
tu as pu juger et conduire tes déductions jusqu'à ces trois conclusions :

1) Quelle que soit la rigueur des épreuves périphériques du paradis, les tourments de l'enfer **(18)** sont plus effroyables et plus durables ;

2) Quelles que soient les délices des éléments circonscrivant l'enfer, le paradis **(17)** est plus délectable et plus durable ;

3) Enfin, subir une épreuve éphémère **(17)**, rétribuée par une délectation éternelle, est plus avantageux qu'une

jouissance éphémère **(18)** [1] suivie d'un supplice perpétuel.

Alors, dis-toi : je ne m'intéresserai désormais qu'à mon salut. Je ne suis l'intercesseur de personne. Je ne puis ni ne dois rien imposer à quiconque. Quant à moi-même, je suis décidé à m'appliquer les prescriptions du Livre, de la Tradition et du Consensus, et ce jusqu'à ma mort.

Si oui, ami, écoute, ne te leurre pas. Sache avant toute chose, car le fait est avéré, que quiconque se propose de vivre conformément aux prescriptions du Livre, de la Tradition et du Consensus, choisit une vie de prisonnier.

Pourquoi ?

Parce que le Prophète de Dieu a dit :

« La vie terrestre est une prison pour le croyant et un paradis pour le mécréant. »

Tu vas entreprendre la conquête de la Science religieuse et commencer par le Coran.

19 Acquiers-en le premier soixantième ; à défaut, la connaissance des onze sourates suivantes : I, CV, CVI, CVII, CVIII, CIX, CX, CXI, CXII, CXIII et CXIV, suffit largement ;

20 Acquiers des notions sur la théologie *(tawhid)*, ne serait-ce que le sens ésotérique de la *shahada* [2]. Cette connaissance est indispensable et elle est largement suffisante ;

1. Chaque fois qu'il mentionnait un nom déjà porté sur le tableau, Tierno Bokar revenait en arrière et posait le doigt sur le point correspondant.

2. *Shahada :* littéralement « témoignage ». Profession de foi musulmane. Sa première partie est « Je témoigne qu'il n'y a de dieu que Dieu, unique et sans associé » et sa seconde : « et je témoigne que Mohammad est Son serviteur et Son envoyé ».

21 Acquiers la science des prescriptions de la purification rituelle et, enfin,

22 Fais-toi initier au soufisme.

Cette initiation te fera connaître la vraie figure de notre Seigneur Mohammad. Tu sauras comment s'écoula sa prodigieuse vie sur terre, le vrai sens de son enseignement et la portée de sa réforme religieuse et sociale.

Quant au monde matériel, notre Seigneur Mohammad le compara à un dépotoir, à une charogne, et ceux qui le convoitent à des chiens.

Il te sera donc facile, connaissant l'exemple de notre Prophète, de te garder des tentations terrestres en dépit de tes appétits matériels.

deuxième leçon

Maddîn [1]

Cissé nivelle le sable, y imprime un point et dit : « Interroge-moi. » Antiamba questionne et Cissé répond [2] :

9. Qu'est-ce que la religion ?
   — La religion est une voie (un chemin).
8. Combien y a-t-il eu de voies ?
   — Il y en a eu 73.
7. Quel est leur état ?
   — Les 72 premières sont des voies de l'erreur.
6. La soixante-treizième seule est le sentier de la rectitude,
5. l'unique menant à DIEU.
4. Depuis notre père Adam jusqu'à notre Seigneur Mohammad, tous ont longé le même sentier :
3. Il a nom ISLÂM [3].
2. C'est le sentier de la délivrance.
1. C'est la voie du salut, la voie Hanafiya [4].

1. Littéralement : « qu'est-ce que la religion ? » (contraction de *mâ ed-dîn*).
2. Voir tableau, p. 211.
3. Le mot *Islâm* signifie littéralement « soumission à Dieu », acceptation totale de Sa volonté. Le mot ne désigne donc pas ici la seule religion historique révélée à La Mekke, mais la Religion primordiale, immuable, éternelle de soumission à Dieu qui a été pratiquée par tous ceux qui se vont voués à Son adoration depuis Adam.
4. *Hanif* (les purs) : nom donné à certains hommes de Dieu qui vivaient dans le désert avant l'apparition historique de l'Islam et qui s'adonnaient à l'adoration

Sur quoi ce sentier est-il édifié ?

Il est édifié sur trois piliers qui sont :

A. ISLÂM (soumission à Dieu)

B. IMÂN (foi)

C. IHSÂN (comportement parfait)

En quoi consiste l'Islâm ?

L'*Islâm* comporte *cinq actions obligatoires*.

Quelles sont-elles ?

Ce sont :

A1. L'articulation de la double formule de profession de foi, sans laquelle aucun acte ne peut être valable :
« Je témoigne qu'il n'y a de dieu que Dieu, unique et sans associé ;
je témoigne que Mohammad est Son serviteur et Son envoyé. »

A2. L'accomplissement des cinq prières quotidiennes.

A3. Le paiement de la *zakkat* (dîme annuelle destinée aux nécessiteux).

A4. Le jeûne du mois de Ramadan.

A5. Le pèlerinage à la Maison sacrée, à La Mekke.

A6. Quant à ce pèlerinage, c'est pour celui qui peut le faire [1].

Tels sont les dogmes fondamentaux du degré *Islâm* (résignation, soumission à Dieu).

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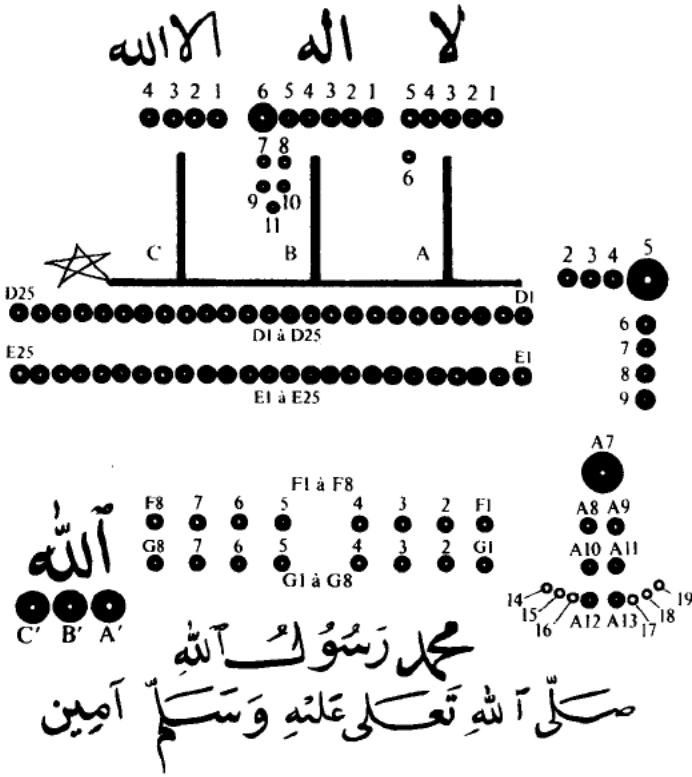
du Dieu unique. Les *hanif* sont censés avoir toujours existé. Abraham est considéré, en Islam, comme le plus grand des *hanif*. La *Hanafiya* est donc la voie de la Religion pure, éternelle, la voie de l'adoration de Dieu pour Lui-même.

1. C'est-à-dire celui qui a les moyens, tant physiques que matériels, de l'accomplir.



Qu'est-ce que la religion?

En quoi consiste l'Imân (Foi)?

L'*Imân* consiste à croire à *six principes :*

B1. en Dieu,
B2. au Jugement dernier,
B3. aux Anges,
B4. aux Livres révélés [1],
B5. aux Prophètes de Dieu [2],
B6. et au décret de Dieu.

B7. Que ce décret comporte quelque chose de réjouissant
B8. ou de pénible,
B9. réjouissant comme le fait d'avoir un bon fils,
B10. pénible comme l'union avec une mauvaise épouse,
B11. croire, dans les deux cas, que toutes choses nous viennent de Dieu.

En quoi consiste l'Ihsân (le comportement parfait)?

L'*Ihsân* ordonne :

C1. Adore Dieu
C2. comme si tu Le voyais,
C3. car si tu ne Le vois pas,
C4. Lui te voit [3], [4].

1. Le musulman doit croire aux livres qui ont été révélés par Dieu avant la révélation du Coran. Cf. p. 153 et 154.

2. Il doit croire également aux Prophètes que Dieu a envoyés sur la terre avant le Prophète Mohammad et leur accorder le même respect qu'à ce dernier. Leur nom est précédé de la même formule *Saïdnâ* (Notre Seigneur) et suivi de la même salutation : « Sur lui la Paix et le Salut ! »

3. Il s'agit de vivre dans la certitude que nous sommes placés sous ce Regard, certitude qui mène à la conscience vécue de la Présence permanente de Dieu. Ces quatre points de l'Ihsân sont tirés d'un *hadith* du Prophète.

4. L'*Islâm* parfait est, bien entendu, celui qui réunit ces trois niveaux, les deux derniers étant contenus en puissance dans le premier.

Antiamba poursuivit :

— Je t'ai consulté sur les voies. Tu m'as dit qu'il y en avait soixante-treize. Tu en as choisi une et tu as affirmé qu'elle était la vraie, la seule menant droit à Dieu. Tu m'as dit que ce sentier était édifié sur trois piliers : ISLÂM, IMÂN et IHSÂN. J'ai appris que chacun de ces piliers se composait d'actes et de principes. Ainsi l'*Islâm* en comprend cinq, l'*Imân* six et l'*Ihsân* quatre. Sois patient, Cissé, je suis novice. Il importe beaucoup pour moi de te questionner afin de mieux préciser mes connaissances.

Cissé, toujours complaisant, lui dit :

— Interroge-moi sans te gêner. Je ne te cacherai rien de tout ce que je sais.

— Quel est, dit Antiamba, l'enseignement ésotérique de la double formule de profession de foi, la *Shahada?*

Cissé posa d'abord son doigt sur ISLÂM (A1), puis le descendit et fit un nouveau point (A7) pour le développer :

A7. Le Créateur fit pour toi deux miracles notoires :

A8. Il te donna la vie,
A9. Il la développa en toi.

L'homme est tenu d'en témoigner.

L'une et l'autre de ces manifestations divines ont chacune leur terme.

A 10. Dieu modèle l'homme dans une poche située dans le ventre de sa mère et l'y tient en vie par l'effet de Sa Puissance, jusqu'au terme prescrit ;
A 11. Puis, Il lui fait voir le jour par la naissance. Il l'assiste de Son efficacité jusqu'à la consommation de la croissance.
A 12. A l'âge qu'Il choisit, Il le dote d'un Esprit (Raison) et lui impose des devoirs.

A 13. Le premier acte, avant tout devoir, est l'articulation de la formule de profession de foi *(Shahada)*.

Les docteurs ont affirmé que quiconque ignore l'enseignement ésotérique de la *Shahada* ne jouira point des privilèges attachés à l'*Islâm*.

— Quel est dont l'enseignement caché de la *Shahada ?*

— C'est la connaissance en Dieu.

— Que connaît-on en Dieu ?

— Ce que l'on peut connaître en Dieu n'est pas tangible. On peut connaître de Dieu TROIS ÉTATS :

A 14. ce qui Lui est nécessaire,

A 15. ce qui Lui est impossible,

A 16. ce qui Lui est contingent.

— Qu'est-ce qui est nécessaire à Dieu ?

— Vingt-cinq attributs sont nécessaires à Dieu :

D 1. l'existence,
D 2. l'éternité,
D 3. la possession,
D 4. la transcendance,
D 5. l'indépendance,
D 6. l'unicité,
D 7. la puissance,
D 8. la volonté,
D 9. la science,
D 10. la vie,
D 11. l'ouïe,
D 12. la vue,
D 13. la parole,
D 14. être puissant,
D 15. être voulant,
D 16. être savant,

D 17. être vivant,
D 18. être entendant,
D 19. être voyant,
D 20. être parlant,
D 21. être sans besoin,
D 22. être non astreint à l'œuvre,
D 23. être non soumis à une obligation,
D 24. être non soumis à une coutume,
D 25. être promoteur de la création [1].

— Qu'est-ce qui est impossible à Dieu ?

— 25 attributs sont impossibles à l'égard de Dieu :

E 1. l'inexistence,
E 2. le début,
E 3. l'envie,
E 4. la concurrence,
E 5. le besoin,
E 6. l'existence d'un pair (d'un semblable à Lui),
E 7. la pauvreté,
E 8. la nécessité,
E 9. l'ignorance,
E 10. la mort,
E 11. la surdité,
E 12. la cécité,
E 13. le mutisme,
E 14. l'insuffisance (faiblesse)
E 15. la contrainte,
E 16. être ignorant,
E 17. être inanimé,
E 18. être sourd,
E 19. être aveugle,

1. Ces attributs sont tous tirés du Coran.

E 20. être muet,
E 21. être dans le besoin,
E 22. être astreint à une œuvre,
E 23. être contraint à quoi que ce soit,
E 24. agir par habitude,
E 25. être postérieur à la création.

— Qu'est-ce qui est contingent à Dieu ?

— Le contingent, pour Dieu, constitue une sorte de voie médiane entre les attributs nécessaires et les attributs impossibles. Le contingent peut soit exister (comme le « nécessaire ») soit ne point exister (comme l' « impossible »). Par exemple, le fait, pour Dieu, de créer ou de laisser dans le néant est contingent [1].

Les vingt-cinq attributs nécessaires, plus les vingt-cinq attributs impossibles, constituent les cinquante articles de l'enseignement caché de la première partie de la *Shahada* : « Je témoigne qu'il n'y a de dieu que Dieu, Unique et sans associé. »

— Quel est donc l'enseignement ésotérique de la seconde partie : « Je témoigne que Mohammad est le Serviteur et le Messager de Dieu » ?

— C'est la connaissance des Prophètes [2].

— Comment connaît-on les Prophètes ?

— Les Prophètes se reconnaissent à TROIS ÉTATS :

A 17. à ce qui leur est nécessaire,
A 18. à ce qui leur est impossible,
A 19. à ce qui leur est contingent.

1. C'est pourquoi le « contingent » (ou « potentiel ») ne figure pas dans le tableau, sinon sous la forme du vide qui sépare les deux lignes « D » et « E » des attributs (p. 211).

2. Le Prophète Mohammad typifie, ici, l'ensemble de tous les autres Prophètes envoyés par Dieu.

— Qu'est-ce qui est nécessaire aux Prophètes et qu'est-ce qui leur est impossible ?

— Sont nécessaires aux Prophètes :

F 1. la Foi,
F 2. l'intégrité,
F 3. la transmission.

De ce fait, leur deviennent impossibles :

G 1. la mécréance,
G 2. la perfidie,
G 3. la dissimulation.

— Qu'est-ce qui est contingent aux Prophètes ?

F 4. Les Prophètes sont soumis aux contingences humaines ;
G 4. il leur est donc impossible d'être au-dessus des contingences humaines.

— En quoi consiste la foi des Prophètes ?

— Elle consiste, pour eux, à croire :

F 5. aux Prophètes devanciers,
F 6. aux Anges,
F 7. aux Livres révélés,
F 8. au Jour de la Sentence.

Il est donc impossible aux Prophètes de nier :

G 5. les Prophètes devanciers,
G 6. les Anges,
G 7. les Livres révélés,
G 8. le Jour de la Sentence.

L'ensemble de ce qui est nécessaire, de ce qui est impossible et de ce qui est contingent pour les Prophètes, ajouté à leurs articles de foi, constitue les seize articles de l'enseignement ésotérique [1] de la seconde formule de

1. Dans toute cette leçon, ce qui est appelé « ésotérique » ne constitue, en fait, que les « portes » de l'ésotérisme, une première approche destinée à être

profession de foi : « Je témoigne que Mohammad est le Serviteur et le Messager de Dieu. »

Nous avons rapporté l'assertion des Docteurs : « Quiconque ne possède pas la connaissance de l'enseignement caché de la double formule de profession de foi l'articule sans effet. » Or, celui qui l'articule sans effet n'est pas croyant, et l'incrédule n'est pas dans la voie du salut.

Nous sommes donc heureux de savoir — et nous en remercions Dieu — que l'enseignement de la *Shahada* comprend CINQUANTE articles pour la première formule et SEIZE pour la seconde, soit au total : 66 [1].

Puisse Dieu, qui nous a fait connaître ces soixante-six points, nous faire proférer la *Shahada* au moment de notre mort, comme dernier acte de notre vie. AMÎN.

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suivie d'un long approfondissement, tant par la voie de l'enseignement que par la voie de l'expérience. Chaque attribut mentionné comporte tout un développement. Par exemple, *wujud*, que l'on traduit par « être » ou « existence » (D1) traite non seulement de l'existence de l'Être suprême, absolu, mais aussi de l'existence des êtres contingents, de leurs rapports avec l'Être suprême et de leurs rapports entre eux. Chaque être, en effet, existe non seulement en lui-même, mais aussi par rapport aux autres êtres contingents et, surtout, par rapport à son Créateur. L'aspect ésotérique de *wujud* recouvre donc tant le mystère de la communion entre l'Un et le multiple (entre le Créateur et ses créatures) que le mystère de la communion secrète et de l'interrelation des êtres contingents entre eux, unis par le Un qui les contient tous.

Nous projetons de publier ultérieurement cet enseignement plus approfondi qui nous a été donné par Tierno Bokar.

1. L'intérêt de ce nombre 66 est qu'il correspond à la valeur numérale du grand nom de Dieu ALLÂH, selon l'arithmologie dite « maghrébine » des lettres arabes : *Alif* = 1, *Lam* = 30, *Lam* = 30, *Hâ* = 5. La connaissance de la Shahada est donc liée à la connaissance de Dieu.

troisième leçon

Synthèse de l'enseignement ésotérique

Sharia bathénienne (Loi intérieure)

a. Le soufisme

L'enseignement qui va suivre est celui des soufi. En effet, le Prophète de Dieu — sur lui la paix et le salut ! — vint vers l'Univers avec un enseignement à trois degrés, de façon à satisfaire tous les types d'aspiration religieuse. Ce sont :

la Loi (divine)	*(sharia)*
la Voie	*(tariqa)*
la Vérité	*(haqiqa)* [1]

Au sens de la Loi, la religion est bâtie sur trois piliers : ISLÂM, IMÂN et IHSÂN.

L'enseignement élaboré à ce degré est celui des oulémas, ou docteurs de la Loi extérieure *(sharia)*. Au-dessus

1. Le mot *haqiqa* comporte le double sens de *vérité* et de *réalité*. C'est la Vérité réelle, ou la Réalité vraie. Il ne s'agit donc pas, ici, d'un concept purement intellectuel, mais d'une Réalité spirituelle. C'est la connaissance directe de « ce qui est », au-delà des formulations ou des représentations intellectuelles, si élevées soient-elles.

d'eux se trouvent les soufi, ministres du culte intérieur initiatique. Leur conception de la Religion est vaste, rationnelle [1] et universelle.

Le premier point à retenir est que les représentants de la voie extérieure et les représentants de la voie intérieure ne se contredisent point. Ils se reconnaissent mutuellement l'orthodoxie. La seule différence entre eux, c'est que l'enseignement des oulémas est approprié à la compréhension de la masse des hommes alors que celui des soufi s'adresse à une minorité [2].

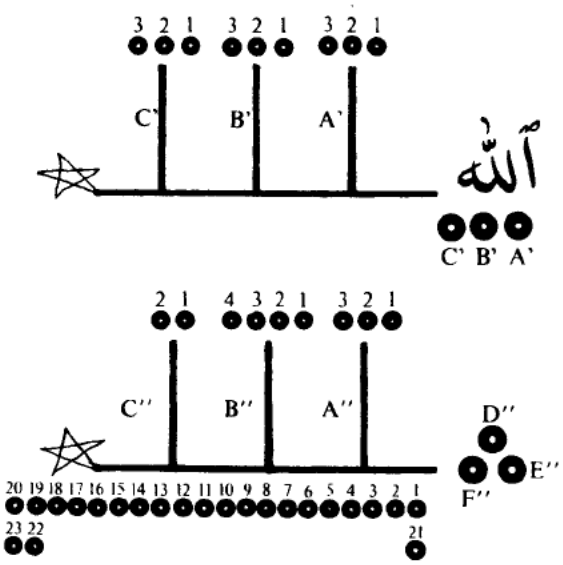
En effet, quand Mohammad fut choisi pour transmettre et révéler les préceptes de l'Unité divine, les fidèles le comprirent et l'imitèrent de différentes façons, chacun selon ses aptitudes de compréhension et ses facultés d'assimilation. C'est ainsi que les oulémas trouvèrent, dans le message coranique, une Loi qui leur servit de pierre de touche dans leur quête religieuse et leur permit d'atteindre la rencontre sublime. Mais, de la sorte, le chemin est long et la marche lente. Quant à l'essence de cette Loi, oulémas et soufi ont une même opinion à son égard. Point de divergences entre eux à ce sujet.

Les soufi, plus avisés [3] et plus observateurs, réfléchirent sur la manière d'être de notre Seigneur Mohammad.

1. « Rationnelle », au sens où, dans la Voie, on peut discuter, chercher à mieux comprendre, à approfondir, alors que, dans la *sharia*, la discussion n'est pas admise : on se soumet à la Loi ou elle vous exclut. Dans une *tariqa*, on peut ne pas être d'accord avec son Cheikh, et même le quitter, sans que cela ôte rien à la qualité de musulman. On pourrait définir la *tariqa* comme étant la voie de l'approfondissement, de la compréhension et de la connaissance, la *sharia* étant celle de la fidélité et de l'obéissance. Il va de soi que les deux voies ne s'excluent pas, mais se complètent.

2. L'histoire de l'Islam a connu, et connaît encore, des oulémas qui sont docteurs aussi bien pour les sciences « extérieures » que pour les sciences « intérieures ».

3. Littéralement : plus « réveillés ».



Sharia bathénienne

Ils furent frappés par le peu d'attention qu'il accordait à la vie présente. Alors, ils mirent le monde contingent dans leur main gauche [1] et décidèrent d'imiter le grand Prophète dans sa renonciation. Ils suivirent son exemple quant à l'abnégation. Ils n'agirent plus que dans le seul dessein de plaire à Dieu et non dans l'espoir calculé d'une récompense, de quelque nature qu'elle puisse être.

Les soufi se ceignirent donc et livrèrent trois guerres sur des plans superposés :

ils combattirent contre leur âme (contre eux-mêmes : *nafs*) ;

ils combattirent contre Satan ;

ils combattirent contre le monde.

Sortis vainqueurs de cette triple lutte, ils se lancèrent sur les traces du Prophète, soucieux du verset coranique :

« *Si vous aimez Dieu, suivez-moi. Dieu vous aimera.* » (II, 29.)

Il est facile de comprendre que la subtilité spirituelle d'un initié ne puisse se contenter d'un dogme destiné à réveiller, à catéchiser et à discipliner la masse des croyants.

Les soufi tracèrent une voie dont les degrés multiples conduisent non pas à un paradis quelconque, mais à Dieu, Lui-même Essence de tout.

Les représentants de la loi extérieure enseignent que l'*Islâm* impose cinq actes obligatoires, que l'*Imân* exige six actes de foi et que l'*Ihsân* suppose quatre conditions.

Les soufi eux aussi professent *Islâm*, *Imân* et *Ihsân*, mais ils les envisagent selon une définition plus profonde. Pour eux, bien que les oulémas soient véridiques, la religion totale comprend trois degrés successifs qui correspondent aux trois stades d'*Islâm*, d'*Imân* et d'*Ihsân* [1] :

1. C'est-à-dire « au second rang ».

A'. *Taqlid :* comportement par simple imitation,

B'. *Nazaré :* compréhension des principes (litt. : « voir »),

C'. *Zawqi :* expérience (littéralement « goûter », c'est-à-dire ressentir, absorber, assimiler, « devenir un » avec).

A son tour, chacun de ces degrés comprend trois états :

A'1. la conversion *(tawbat)*,
2. la rectitude *(istiqamat)*,
3. la crainte révérentielle *(taqwa)*,

B'1. la différenciation *(ikhlass)*,
2. la sincérité *(siddouqou)*,
3. la sérénité *(tumâninat)*,

C'1. la méditation perceptive *(muchahadat)* [2],
2. le face à face (la Présence) *(muraqabat)*.
3. la Connaissance de Dieu et l'Amour *(ma'rifat)* [3].

Ces neufs états ne s'acquièrent que successivement. On ne jouira de la connaissance de Dieu qu'après le face à face (la Présence), de la Présence qu'après la méditation perceptive, de la méditation perceptive qu'après la sérénité, de la sérénité qu'après la sincérité, de la sincérité qu'après la différenciation, de la différenciation qu'après la crainte révérentielle, de la crainte révérentielle qu'après la rectitude, de la rectitude qu'après la conversion.

Donc, tout dépend de la conversion. Elle est la condi-

1. Voir points A', B' et C' des tableaux II et III.
2. *Muchahadat :* le terme signifie à la fois « vision véridique » et « témoignage », « être témoin de ».
3. La Connaissance et l'Amour sont comme l'endroit et l'envers d'un même rond de paille. C'est pourquoi ils sont comptés comme un seul point (C'3) et compris dans le seul nom de *ma'rifat* (connaissance).

tion essentielle et première de toutes les acquisitions futures.

Le troisième état de chaque stade est, en même temps, le degré extrême des deux premiers et la récompense de l'effort déployé pour les acquérir. Par exemple, l'état « Connaissance de Dieu » est l'apogée de la méditation et de la Présence (face à face) et, en même temps, la récompense de l'effort déployé pour y parvenir.

Depuis le jour de la conversion, le but que vise l'adepte est l'état C'3 : AMOUR-CONNAISSANCE.

Il existe bien d'autres stades et degrés, mais leur vastitude et leur transcendance ne permettent pas de les développer ici. Ils sont l'apanage d'une élite, et même de l'élite de l'élite. Quiconque connaît l'amplitude du domaine spirituel ne saurait être choqué par cette affirmation.

Le trajet entre la conversion initiale et la connaissance de Dieu est le grand voyage mystique que les soufi effectuent spirituellement. Son symbole extérieur est le pèlerinage à La Mekke que chaque fidèle doit accomplir au moins une fois dans sa vie, s'il remplit les conditions requises.

Telles sont les neuf stations de la marche vers Dieu; elles constituent la voie intérieure, toute puissante et bienfaitrice.

Nous pouvons donc conclure que :

— l'ISLÂM (soumission) correspond, pour les soufi, au degré *sharia* (Loi) qui procure la foi d'acquiescement.

— l'IMÂN (foi) correspond, pour les soufi, au degré *tariqa* (Voie) qui procure la foi de connaissance.

— l'IHSÂN (comportement parfait) correspond, pour les soufi, au degré *haqiqa* (Vérité), qui fait atteindre la foi de certitude, par la contemplation directe.

Le mystère est dans ces trois voies. Les grands Prophètes et les vrais initiés de toutes les religions le savent. Ceux qui l'ignorent doivent se taire. Prions pour eux.

Le Prophète a dit :

« A celui qui aura conscience des limites de sa science, Dieu lui facilitera l'acquisition d'une autre science, plus profonde et plus divine... »

Il nous paraît opportun de reprendre un instant la parole et de livrer ici quelques réflexions se rapportant aux deux premières leçons.

Dans l'un de ses commentaires du Maddîn, Tierno a dit, parlant de l'itinéraire spirituel : « Le néophyte découvrira ces richesses comme l'on découvre successivement l'écorce, puis la chair, puis la graine du fruit. »

On pourrait donc, schématiquement, présenter cette progression selon le tableau de la page suivante.

La progression se fait tout naturellement selon une marche ascendante. Les stades soufi sont considérés comme d'un degré supérieur aux stades correspondants dans le canon des oulémas, étant entendu que ces derniers sont toujours supposés connus et atteints avant d'accéder au degré soufi correspondant.

Les trois plans de cette recherche en profondeur correspondent à ce qui a été dit précédemment des « trois lumières mystiques » et des « trois formes de la foi ». L'initié qui ne touche qu'à l'écorce n'est animé que par la foi *sulbu* (solide) ; celui qui mord dans la chair du fruit mystique atteint la foi *sa'ilu* (liquide) ; enfin, celui dont la foi se sublimise au point de devenir *ghaziyu* touche à la graine.

Ce symbole du fruit peut également donner lieu à un autre développement. Comme nous l'expliquait Tierno, la chair du fruit ne sert qu'une seule fois. On la mange et il n'en reste rien ; il faut chercher un autre fruit. La graine, elle, ne doit pas être

Canon des oulémas	Image de Tierno Bokar	Initiation soufi
Islâm Soumission aux cinq piliers de la foi (cf. p. 210)	*Écorce* Apparence sensible Corporalité	*Sharia* (Loi) ou donne la foi d'acquiescement *Taqlid* (comportement par simple imitation) Trois degrés : — conversion — rectitude — crainte révérentielle (désir de progresser, crainte de ne le pouvoir ; sentiment de sa petitesse et de son impuissance devant la Majesté divine.)
Imân Foi dans les six points du dogme (cf. p. 212)	*Chair* Nourriture vivante Sensation Compréhension	*Tariqa* (Voie) ou procure la foi de connaissance *Nazaré* (compréhension des principes) Trois degrés : — différenciation (sensation spirituelle soumise à l'analyse de la Raison-Esprit que Dieu a déposée en nous, pour nous permettre de différencier les degrés successifs et de ne pas tomber dans l'illusion) (cf. note 2, p. 227) — sincérité — sérénité
Ihsân But suprême : comportement parfait : « Adore Dieu comme si tu Le voyais, car si tu ne Le vois pas, Lui te voit. » (cf. p. 212)	*Graine* Esprit Parfaite compréhension Sublimation de la foi	*Haqiqa* (Vérité, Réalité essentielle) ou mène à la foi de certitude *Zawqi* (goût) (expérience intérieure, assimilation) Trois degrés : — méditation perceptive (voir, témoigner) — face à face (Présence) — Connaissance/Amour

mangée, mais plantée en terre. Alors elle germe et, produisant un végétal porteur de nouvelles graines, elle se perpétue et se multiplie.

Souvent, ayant atteint un « état » *(hal)* particulier, on s'en satisfait, dans l'illusion d'avoir atteint le but, d'être « arrivé » quelque part ; en quelque sorte on s'en nourrit, on le « mange » comme on mangerait la chair du fruit, oubliant que la chair n'est là que pour mener au noyau. Il arrive que l'on touche au noyau. Mais il convient de se souvenir que celui-ci, pour porter fruit, exige de n'être ni mangé, ni possédé, ni déposé bien en vue, avec d'autres, sur une étagère. Sa seule et unique vocation est d'être enfoui dans la terre profonde, obscure, impersonnelle et d'y germer dans le secret, sans aucun signe extérieur dont on puisse se glorifier ou se satisfaire. Pour que la graine porte fruit, il faut, en quelque sorte, y renoncer [1].

Le chemin qui s'ouvre alors est un chemin de dépouillement et de renoncement. Le *makarou* (illusion, mirage [2]), toujours à l'affût, suggère [3] à notre âme : « Tu perds ton temps, retourne mordre dans la chair du fruit ! » C'est alors qu'il est nécessaire d'écouter non plus son ego, son *nafs*, toujours avide « d'être plus », mais sa Raison profonde, que la prière et l'*ilham* (inspiration) peuvent éclairer.

Tierno disait : « Une fois que la graine est mise en terre, avec quelle eau doit-on l'arroser ? Avec l'eau de nos bonnes œuvres, de nos repentirs, de nos méditations et de nos prières. Lorsqu'elle germe et donne un arbre, il nous faut encore patienter [4] jusqu'à ce que l'arbre donne lui-même des fruits. Alors, nous découvrons que nous avons gagné tout ce à quoi nous avions

1. Si le grain ne meurt... (Évangiles).

2. C'est la faculté de différenciation *(Ikhlass)*, qui permet, lorsqu'on croit avoir atteint le but parce que l'on a vécu un « état », d'en percevoir les limites et d'opérer le « lâcher prise » nécessaire pour s'élever (ou se purifier) davantage. Le mot *Ikhlass* comporte d'ailleurs également l'idée de pureté. Par opposition, tout ce qui arrête dans la progression parce que l'on se réjouit d'avoir « atteint » quelque chose est « l'illusion », le mirage *(makarou)* qui distrait de Dieu.

3. Dans la dernière sourate du Coran (CXIV), Satan est appelé le « suggestionneur » *(waswas)* « celui qui suggère (souffle) le mal dans la poitrine des hommes, puis se dérobe furtivement ».

4. Dieu dit, dans le Coran : « *Je suis avec les patients.* » (II, 153.)

renoncé, car non seulement nous recevons des fruits mais, dans ces fruits, nous retrouvons des noyaux pour produire autant d'arbres qu'il y a de fruits. »

Dieu n'a-t-il pas dit, en comparant l'homme à une graine, qu'il multiplierait ses bonnes actions par sept, puis par cent, puis par deux ? (Coran II, 261.)

Le chemin qui correspond à la graine, c'est le chemin du renoncement : renoncement total à la récompense de nos actes ou de nos bonnes actions, renoncement aux « résultats » de nos efforts. Ainsi qu'il est dit dans toutes les traditions : L'effort est pour l'homme, non le résultat[1]. C'est d'ailleurs cette conception qui est à la base du *tawakkul* (abandon à la volonté de Dieu), lequel n'est nullement fatalisme passif, mais détachement quant au résultat de notre effort, le résultat étant entre les mains de Dieu. Il appartient à l'homme d'agir en recourant à toutes ses facultés, mais de garder un cœur serein devant l'issue de son action.

Toujours dans l'optique du renoncement, le sacrifice du fils d'Abraham, abondamment rappelé dans le Coran, appelle ici notre réflexion. Le fils bien-aimé d'Abraham, tard venu, était le fruit de la promesse divine et annonciateur d'une postérité à venir. Et pourtant, lorsque Dieu, dans une vision, demande à Abraham de le sacrifier, celui-ci accepte sans hésiter, considérant que rien ne lui appartient. Et parce qu'il accepte, non seulement l'enfant est sauvé, mais il devient, par là même, postérité innombrable.

Sur le plan spirituel — comme peut-être aussi sur bien d'autres plans humains — c'est le renoncement actif et serein qui est porteur de fruits, libérateur d'énergie et ouvreur de portes, selon un processus qui n'est pas de l'homme, mais de Dieu.

Cette division de la progression spirituelle en trois étapes fondamentales, adoptée par Tierno Bokar, est très courante dans tous les enseignements soufi de tous les temps, soit sous la même forme, soit avec d'autres symboles.

1. D'où le danger spirituel d'une quête systématique d'états spirituels, de « résultats », voire de prodiges, par le biais de techniques variées qui, souvent, confortent l'ego plus qu'elles ne l'aident à se dépouiller.

Tierno employait souvent une autre image : « Il y a trois manières, disait-il, de connaître le fleuve :

— Il y a d'abord l'homme qui a entendu parler du fleuve et qui devient capable, par imitation et répétition, de le décrire sans l'avoir lui-même jamais vu. C'est un premier degré de connaissance.

— Il y a ensuite l'homme qui a entrepris le voyage et qui est arrivé au bord du fleuve. Assis au bord de la rive, il le contemple de ses propres yeux et est témoin de sa majesté. C'est un deuxième degré de connaissance.

Enfin, il y a l'homme qui se jette dans le fleuve et devient un avec lui. C'est le troisième et suprême degré de la Connaissance. »

La troisième leçon se poursuit par le développement de « la Voie Tidjani ». Nous redonnons la parole à Cissé.

b. La Voie Tidjani

Une raison secrète fit de Mohammad (Mahomet) le Sceau des Prophètes, de telle sorte qu'il n'apparut qu'après ses précurseurs. Ceux-ci, selon le temps, le pays et les circonstances de leur manifestation, reçurent une Loi révélée et enseignèrent à l'ensemble des êtres l'existence du Dieu unique.

Quand il entra dans le dessein du Créateur de clore le cycle de la Prophétie, il députa Mohammad. Il lui révéla le *Coran*, résumé hermétique de toutes les révélations et religions antérieures.

Mohammad appela vers le Sentier de la rectitude. Sa réforme accomplit un miracle sans précédent dans l'histoire des religions. Il y eut, parmi ses adeptes, une série

d'Imams (guides spirituels) qui apparurent au cours des temps. Parmi tous ceux qui reçurent la mission de guider la communauté musulmane, Cheikh Tidjani instaura l'une des voies les plus éclectiques, parce qu'elle représente la somme, ou la quintessence, de toutes les *tourouq* (pluriel de *tariqat*) qui l'ont précédée depuis l'apparition de l'Islam [1].

Le fondateur de la Tariqa Tidjani fut honoré, en 1196 de l'Hégire (1782), au cours d'une de ses retraites spirituelles, par l'apparition très sainte du Prophète Mohammad. Il reçut de lui la mission occulte et mystique de pouvoir commenter les passages mystérieux du Coran, de la Sunna et des enseignements des oulémas et des chioukh [2].

Cette mission fait du Cheikh Tidjani un Pôle, une grande figure de l'*Islâm*. Sa Tariqa joue, dans l'*Islâm*, le rôle que l'*Islâm* joue parmi les religions [3]. C'est dire que le fondateur de la Tidjaniya occupe, parmi les saints, la place que Mohammad occupe parmi les Prophètes.

1. En effet, avant de recevoir sa mission particulière, Cheikh Tidjani avait été initié à presque toutes les *tourouq* de son temps. Dans chacune, il avait reçu le grade de Cheikh. A ce titre, il avait le droit non seulement de transmettre l'initiation de chacune de ces *tourouq*, comme le font les *moqaddem*, mais également de nommer lui-même des *moqaddem*. Il y avait donc en lui la convergence de tous les courants spirituels qui s'étaient déployés depuis le Prophète à travers les différentes *tourouq* (du moins pour l'Islam sunnite). Au cours de sa vision, le Prophète lui avait dit : « A partir de maintenant, tu es affranchi de tous les autres chioukh. Je suis ton initiateur. » (Sur les confréries, voir p. 240.)

2. Le Cheikh avait en effet le don d'accéder aux significations les plus profondes des textes sacrés et de les mettre à la portée de ceux qui l'écoutaient.

3. Pour les musulmans, l'Islam, dernière « religion révélée » de notre temps, récapitule et contient en lui les principes et les valeurs de toutes les religions antérieures. De même, pour les Tidjani, la Tidjaniya récapitule les vertus des *tourouq* antérieures et, dernière apparue, correspond aux conditions de notre époque.

Aussi, lorsque nous parlons de « la Tariqa », nous sous-entendons la Tariqa de Cheik Ahmed Tidjani. Et si nous en parlons, ce n'est pas parce qu'elle est la nôtre, mais parce qu'elle présente une analogie parfaite avec les trois piliers de l'enseignement des oulémas et des soufi.

En effet, la Tariqa Tidjani, tout comme l'enseignement des oulémas et des soufi, est édifiée sur trois piliers :

A″. LAZIM
B″. WAZIFA
C″. TAHLIL [1]

Le *Lazim* [2] comprend trois récitations :

A″1. 100 fois la formule *Astaghfirullâh* (Je demande pardon à Dieu),

A″2. 100 fois la *Salatul-Fatihi* (la « Prière ouvrante ») : « O Dieu ! Répands tes grâces et ta paix sur notre Seigneur Mohammad,
celui qui ouvre ce qui était fermé,
qui clôt ce qui a précédé,
qui fait triompher la vérité par la Vérité,
et qui guide sur le chemin de la rectitude (la voie droite)
et (répands tes grâces) sur sa famille,
selon la mesure qui lui est due,
(mesure) immense. »

A″3. 100 fois *Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh* (il n'y a de dieu que Dieu)

1. L'ensemble constitue le *wird* propre à la Tariqa Tidjani. Voir tableau III, p. 221.

2. Le Lazim doit être récité deux fois par jour : dans l'après-midi et le matin, avant l'appel à la prière de l'aurore. Il représente un premier stade.

La *Wazifa* [1] comprend quatre récitations :

B″1. 30 fois la formule :

Astaghfirullâh el-azim, ellazi lâ ilâha illa Hou, el Hayou el Qiyoum :

« Je demande pardon à Dieu, l'Immense,
Celui en dehors de qui il n'est point de dieu,
le Vivant, l'Éternel [2]. »

B″2. 50 fois la *Salatul-Fatihi* (indiquée en A″).

B″3. 100 fois la formule : *Lâ illâha illa Allâh* (point de dieu, si ce n'est Dieu).

B″4. 11 ou 12 fois la prière *djawharatul-kamal* ou *Perle de la perfection* [3].

Le *Tahlil* [4] comprend deux récitations qui, du point de vue ésotérique, n'en font qu'une :

C″1. 1 000 fois la formule *Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh*

C″2. 600 fois le nom sacré : ALLÂH [5].

1. La *Wazifa* représente un deuxième stade. Elle doit être récitée en plus du *Lazim*, avant la prière du matin et, facultativement, après la prière du soir.

2. Ce dernier mot, *el-Qiyoum*, est extrêmement difficile à traduire. C'est un mot dérivé de la racine *Qa'ama :* « se mettre debout », « se tenir debout de par son propre équilibre », avec une idée d'équilibre entre le vertical et l'horizontal. *El-Qiyoum* (nom donné seulement à Dieu), c'est donc Celui qui se maintient par lui-même, à tout jamais, sans dépendre d'aucune cause et par qui toute chose est maintenue. D'où la possibilité de traduire par « l'Éternel », comme le font certains arabisants. Mais il va de soi que le contenu du mot est plus complexe.

3. Voir l'encadré, p. 234.

4. Le *Tahlil* se récite uniquement le vendredi, avant le coucher du soleil, généralement en groupe ; mais on peut aussi le réciter seul chez soi. Lorsqu'il est récité en groupe, le nombre des invocations peut être illimité.

5. Les trois piliers de la Tidjaniya *(Lazim, Wazifa, Tahlil)* correspondent, analogiquement, aux trois degrés du tableau de la page 226. Ce tableau peut donc être complété de la façon suivante :

Canon des oulémas	Enseignement soufi	Voie Tidjani
Islâm	*Sharia - taqlid*	*Lazim*
Imân	*Tariqa - Nazaré*	*Wazifa*
Ihsân	*Haqiqa - Zawqi*	*Tahlil*

Nous avons vu, dans le chapitre traitant l'ISLÂM, que le fait de prononcer la double formule de profession de foi ne suffisait pas, à lui seul, pour fonder la qualité musulmane de quelqu'un, mais qu'il était nécessaire d'en connaître l'enseignement profond. De même, le seul fait de réciter les litanies et d'égrener le chapelet Tidjani ne suffit pas à faire de quelqu'un un véritable adepte Tidjani.

L'affiliation Tidjani est subordonnée à trois conditions :

D″. l'orthodoxie de la chaîne [1]

E″. l'ordination

F″. le respect des commandements.

Les 23 commandements qui suivent doivent être respectés par tout adepte Tidjani. Les 21 premiers sont péremptoires. Ils constituent les statuts de la Tidjaniya. Celui qui manque à un seul de ces 21 commandements doit faire renouveler son affiliation.

L'adepte Tidjani est tenu de savoir :

1. Que le *moqaddem* qui donne l'affiliation doit être consacré dans sa fonction par le Cheikh fondateur ou par un de ses représentants notoires [2].

2. Que le postulant doit se libérer de toute obédience envers une autre *tariqa* [3].

3. Qu'il est absolument interdit d'invoquer l'intercession de tout saint étranger vivant ou mort, mais

1. Il s'agit de la chaîne de transmission dont nous avons parlé au cours de cet ouvrage, chaîne qui doit remonter jusqu'au fondateur et, à travers lui, jusqu'au Prophète lui-même.

2. Un *moqaddem* ne peut être nommé que par un Cheikh.

3. Cet article, qui a souvent été mal compris, n'a nullement pour objet de dire qu'en dehors de la Tidjaniya il n'y a point de salut, ou que cette voie est la seule valable. Il s'agit d'inciter le novice à mieux se concentrer dans une seule discipline, car qui trop embrasse mal étreint.

La Perle de la perfection

La *Djawharatul-kamal* est une prière traditionnelle de bénédiction sur le Prophète. Toutefois, à travers le Prophète de l'Islam (dont le nom ne figure pas dans ce texte, contrairement à toutes les autres formules du même genre), on s'adresse ici à la Réalité prophétique éternelle (le Logos, dirait-on en d'autres lieux) appelée en arabe la *Nûr mohammadiya*, la *Lumière mohammadienne*, Prime Intelligence créée par Dieu, antérieure à toute manifestation, qui tout à la fois contient et pénètre toutes choses et dont le Prophète Mohammad est la typification et la manifestation dans le temps et dans l'histoire, où il apparaît le dernier. Pour l'Islam ésotérique, c'est cette même Lumière prophétique éternelle qui s'est exprimée à travers tous les Prophètes et Envoyés de Dieu.

En fait, le texte de cette oraison est intraduisible, et ce pour deux raisons. D'abord, il est rédigé dans un arabe particulièrement condensé et synthétique où chaque mot contient une richesse de sens qui n'a pas sa correspondance dans des mots français. Plutôt que d'essayer de faire des périphrases qui s'éloigneraient du texte, nous avons préféré rester près des mots (quitte à ne pas faire « littéraire ») et donner des explications en notes. Enfin, le sens apparent des mots correspond à un sens ésotérique bien précis dans le langage des mystiques soufi où certaines réalités tangibles sont les symboles de réalités supérieures. Chaque fois que nous l'avons pu, nous l'avons indiqué en note.

Ce travail est donc nécessairement imparfait. Que le lecteur le considère comme une « approche » du texte original et que les savants arabisants nous pardonnent nos insuffisances.

« O Dieu, répands tes Grâces [1] et ta Paix,
sur la source de la Miséricorde divine, étincelante comme le diamant [2], certaine dans sa vérité [3], embrassant le centre des intelligences et des significations [4]
(sur) la Lumière du monde [5], (celle) qui est et fait être [6], la Lumière adamique (primordiale) [7];
(sur) celui qui possède la Vérité divine [8]
(sur) l'éclair irradiant les nuages-porteurs-de-pluie et les vents [9] qui remplissent tout ce qui se présente (à eux) [10], depuis les vastes océans jusqu'aux plus petits réceptacles [11];
(sur) Ta Lumière brillante dont tu remplis ton Univers [12] (Lumière) qui contient tous les lieux des lieux [13].

O Dieu, répands tes Grâces et ta Paix
sur la source de la Vérité [14] à partir de laquelle se manifestent les tabernacles [15] des Réalités (divines) [16];
(sur) la source directe [17] des connaissances, Ta voie la plus complète et la plus droite [18].

O Dieu, répands tes Grâces et ta Paix
sur la manifestation [19] du Vrai par le Vrai,
(sur) le Trésor incommensurable ton effusion (émanation) [20] de Toi vers Toi [21]
(sur) le cercle [22] de la Lumière sans couleur [23]

O Dieu, répands tes Grâces et ta Paix sur lui et sa famille [24], d'une grâce par laquelle tu nous le fasses connaître. »

1. *Sally*, impératif de *salla*. Lorsque ce verbe s'applique à l'homme, on le traduit couramment par « prier », au sens de « *célébrer* la prière canonique » plutôt qu'au sens de « demander ». Lorsque le verbe s'applique à Dieu, il comporte l'idée de bénédiction, de grâce et de rémission des péchés.

2. *Yaqqout*. Exotériquement, désigne les pierres précieuses et tout ce qui brille du plus vif éclat. Dans le langage mystique des soufi, désigne l'Ame universelle, l'Ame primordiale qui est en rapport à la fois avec Dieu et avec la création.

3. *Mutahaqqiqat* : mot intraduisible, tiré de la racine *haqq* : le Vrai, le réel, le droit. C'est le Vrai qui s'affirme par lui-même, qui est à lui-même sa propre preuve et le fondement de son droit.

4. *El-fuhûm* : les intelligences (l'acte de comprendre) et *el-ma'any* : les idées, les sens, les significations. Au sens ésotérique, *ma'any* est à rapprocher des Idées de Platon. Avec *fuhûm* et *ma'any* sont ici embrassés, d'une part, ce qui peut comprendre et, d'autre part, ce qui est à comprendre.

5. *Akwâny*, pluriel de *kawn* : tous les existants, donc tous les êtres, les univers et les mondes à tous les niveaux. C'est la Lumière de tout ce qui est, à tous les degrés de l'existence.

6. *El-mutakawwinat* : mot intraduisible. Forme intensifiée et pronominale du verbe *takwin* : faire exister. C'est ce qui se fait être et qui fait être par excellence.

7. Pour les Soufi, tout ce qui existe, y compris la matière, n'est en fait

constitué que de Lumière divine, c'est-à-dire d'énergie divine. Dans la progression, il y a : 1. la Lumière de Dieu ; 2. la Lumière de l'Adam primordial (en tant qu'Ame primordiale et non en tant qu'Adam d'après la chute) ; 3. la Lumière de tout ce qui est, étant entendu qu'il s'agit d'une seule Lumière. Pour les Soufi, la *nûr adamiyia* (lumière adamique) et la *nûr mohammadiya* (lumière mohammadienne) sont identiques. Il s'agit de la Prime Lumière, de la Prime Intelligence créée par Dieu, qui est la source de *LA* Révélation à travers l'histoire, depuis Adam jusqu'au Prophète Mohammad, en passant par tous les grands Envoyés de Dieu.

8. *Haqq*, implique à la fois la notion de vrai, de réel et de droit.

9. La pluie symbolise ici la Miséricorde divine. Les vents (souffles) sont ce qui propulse cette pluie bienfaitrice dans toutes les directions.

10. « Se présenter » comporte ici l'idée de « faire face ». La Miséricorde divine est censée embrasser toutes choses (selon un *hadith*) mais pour remplir plus particulièrement un récipient, faut-il encore qu'il ne lui tourne pas le dos, comme une calebasse renversée.

11. Pour les Soufi, les océans symbolisent les prophètes et les grands saints et les petits récipients (littéralement « les vases ») symbolisent les croyants ordinaires. Mais quelle que soit l'envergure du réceptacle, le verset signifie que s'il s'ouvre à la Miséricorde divine, celle-ci le remplira.

12. *Kawn* (cf. note 5) : univers, monde (littéralement : existant, ce qui est).

13. *Amkinati-l-makânŷ :* expression qui désigne la totalité de ce qui est localisable, aussi bien au sens matériel (espace) qu'au sens spirituel (rangs et degrés existant dans l'échelle de l'être).

14. *Haqq* (voir note n° 8).

15. *Urûsh :* littéralement ruches (en tant que lieu où le miel est concentré).

16. *Haqâ'iq*, pluriel de *haqiqa :* vérité-réalité essentielle, divine.

17. *Aqwam :* droit, non au sens longiligne du terme, mais au sens de verticalité et d'équilibre. C'est l'axe vertical qui relie le haut et le bas. La racine *qâma* signifie « se tenir debout » et, par extension, « ressusciter ».

18. Ici figure un mot, *asqâm*, qui est tiré de l'arabe dialectal maghrébin où il signifie « ce qui est le plus droit ».

19. *Tal'ati*. Littéralement « face », « visage ». C'est ce par quoi une réalité se montre, la face d'elle-même par laquelle elle apparaît (théophanie).

20. Littéralement « débordement ». Idée de flux et de surabondance. La Lumière divine, source de vie, est considérée comme un flux jaillissant de par la volonté du Créateur.

21. Rappel de la notion coranique selon laquelle tout fait retour à Dieu : tout vient de lui et retourne à lui.

22. Cercle : idée de ce qui englobe tout, embrasse tout.

23. Littéralement : « lumière talismanique », c'est-à-dire mystérieuse, énigmatique, se situant au-delà de toutes différenciations (telles les couleurs) qui permettraient de la déterminer.

24. Reprise de la formule traditionnelle de bénédiction sur le Prophète et sa famille.

que tous les saints doivent être considérés et respectés [1].

4. Que les adeptes du sexe masculin doivent faire les cinq prières canoniques en assemblées, et autant que possible à la mosquée. Les adeptes du sexe féminin prieront à la première heure de la période correspondant à chaque prière. Les adeptes des deux sexes se soumettront aux lois établies par la Sharia.

5. Qu'il faut aimer le Cheikh d'un amour puissant et toujours croissant.

6. Qu'il faut se garder de la superstition, car elle fait dévier l'âme en lui faisant mettre sa confiance en des phénomènes vains, souvent dus à des rêves ou à des phantasmes démoniaques.

7. Qu'il ne proférera jamais d'injures ou de critiques à l'adresse du Cheikh.

1. Cet article également a été fort mal compris. Tout d'abord, il convient de s'entendre sur la notion d'*intercession*. Ce mot est employé faute d'un autre mieux approprié. En fait, l'intercession des saints n'est pas admise en Islam. On ne doit demander qu'à Dieu et à nul autre, même pas au Prophète. Dans la coutume, l'intercession consiste à demander quelque chose à Dieu en ajoutant : « A cause de Untel » (sous-entendu : en considération de la Grâce que tu as accordée à Untel, ou de ton amour pour lui). Mais jamais, à moins d'une méconnaissance profonde de ce qu'est l'Islam, on ne doit demander à un saint ou à un prophète de *faire* quelque chose pour soi. On ne demande qu'à Dieu.

Cela étant dit, l'homme a souvent besoin d'appuyer sa foi sur quelque chose de tangible, de plus proche de lui, et il faut bien constater que le respect et l'amour dus aux saints dévient parfois vers un véritable « culte ». On attend des saints des « bénédictions » de toutes sortes et l'on entreprend la tournée des mausolées dans l'espoir de faire une belle récolte. Les pratiques qui entourent les tombeaux des saints ne sont pas toujours toutes très acceptables. Ce contexte doit être présent à l'esprit lorsque l'on aborde cet article qui, comme certains autres, a pour objet de préserver le novice de la dispersion spirituelle.

Avant qu'il ait atteint un certain degré, l'adepte est considéré comme un enfant, comme le fils de son Cheikh. C'est donc vers son père qu'il doit d'abord se tourner. Mais une fois qu'il aura atteint sa maturité spirituelle, non seulement il pourra visiter tous les tombeaux des autres saints de l'Islam, mais cela lui sera même recommandé.

Cette interdiction n'est d'ailleurs pas particulière à la Tidjaniya. Beaucoup d'autres chioukh l'ont également formulée.

8. Qu'il risque un grave désagrément (spirituel) en abandonnant l'ordre après y avoir été affilié [1].

9. Qu'il faut avoir la ferme conviction de l'efficacité de la Voie.

10. Qu'il doit, en toute circonstance, se garder de tout ce qui peut nuire à la Tariqa ou la discréditer.

11. Qu'aucune personne non affiliée ne doit réciter les oraisons sans une autorisation spéciale d'un des *moqaddem* ou *chioukh* Tidjani.

12. Qu'il faut assister chaque matin à la récitation de la Wazifa et chaque vendredi soir à la réunion solennelle pour la récitation du Tahlil.

13. Qu'il ne faut jamais réciter la *Djawharatul-kamal (Perle de la perfection)* sans ablutions rituelles.

14. Qu'il est interdit à l'adepte de se brouiller avec tout être humain et, surtout, d'obéir à sa colère au point de cesser de parler à l'un de ses semblables pendant plus de trois jours [2].

15. Qu'il faut éviter toute négligence dans la pratique.

16. Qu'il ne faut invoquer l'intercession que des dignitaires de la Tariqa et, plus particulièrement, de ceux qui y ont acquis des grâces particulières de Dieu [3].

17. Qu'il ne faut jamais, sans investiture, s'attribuer le titre de *moqaddem*.

1. A entendre, comme précédemment, dans la même optique de préservation contre la dispersion.

2. L'adepte qui cesse de parler à un homme, par colère ou animosité, pendant plus de trois jours doit confesser sa faute, demander pardon et solliciter le renouvellement de son affiliation, laquelle est censée être invalidée. C'est une occasion, pour lui, d'exercer son humilité et de recevoir des conseils de la part de son maître, ou de son guide.

Si ce règlement majeur de la Tidjaniya (fondé sur un *hadith* du Prophète) avait été respecté, les tristes événements que nous avons rapportés dans ce livre n'auraient pas eu à être déplorés.

3. Voir les notes relatives aux articles 2 et 3.

18-19. Qu'il faut veiller à la propreté rigoureuse de son corps, de ses habits et de son domicile.

20. Qu'il faut, pendant la récitation des oraisons, se tourner vers la Kaaba (temple sacré de La Mekke), sauf dans les cas d'exception prévus [1].

21. Qu'il ne faut jamais, sauf cas de force majeure, interrompre la récitation par d'autres paroles.

Ici s'arrêtent les commandements obligatoires.

22. Qu'il faut, pendant la récitation, se concentrer et essayer de visualiser en esprit l'image du Cheikh ou, mieux, celle du Prophète (sur lui la paix et le salut !) si on les a vus en rêve ou si l'on en a vu une représentation.

23. Qu'il faut, si on le peut, saisir le sens de ce que l'on récite. Si cela n'est pas possible, écouter avec attention de manière à distinguer le son de ce que l'on récite.

Et que le salut de Dieu soit sur la meilleure des créatures,

le dernier des Prophètes après qui point de Prophète !

1. Par exemple si l'on est en voyage, à cheval ou en pirogue.

Annexe

Soufisme et confréries (tourouq) en Islam

Mon intention, en présentant cet ouvrage, s'est limitée à faire connaître au lecteur qui fut Tierno Bokar Salif, « le Sage de Bandiagara », et quels trésors de spiritualité recèle l'Afrique noire pour qui veut bien les y chercher en abandonnant tout préjugé. Je n'entends donc nullement faire ici un exposé exhaustif sur l'Islam ou sur le soufisme, mais il m'a paru nécessaire d'ajouter, pour le lecteur européen peu familiarisé avec ces notions, quelques précisions sur ce que sont, en Islam, les confréries, ou *tourouq* (voies), ces grands véhicules de ce que l'on a appelé le « soufisme ».

Et d'abord, quelle est l'origine de ce terme ?

On s'accorde à le faire dériver du mot *sûf* (laine) en raison de la robe de laine grossière dont se vêtaient les premiers saints et ascètes de l'Islam. Ces saints hommes, qui vivaient une vie de dépouillement et qui, se fondant sur les versets coraniques et les *hadith* du Prophète, appelaient à l'amour passionné de Dieu, furent appelés des soufi *(sûfi)*. Le terme *tasawwuf* (soufisme) désigne à la fois la voie soufi et l'état intérieur qui lui correspond.

Une autre étymologie fait dériver ce mot de la racine S-W-F, qui signifie « pureté ». Selon cette étymologie, les soufi seraient « les purs », les héritiers des *hanif* dont nous avons parlé précédemment [1].

1. Cf. note 4, p. 209.

Les IIe et IIIe siècles de l'Hégire, qui furent l'âge d'or du *tasawwuf*, virent éclore une floraison de grands soufi dont la vie et les propos furent à la fois transmis par la tradition orale et consignés dans de nombreux recueils. Ces grands saints *(waly* [1]*)*, outre leur très haute réalisation spirituelle propre, furent les dépositaires d'un enseignement ésotérique et initiatique qui s'était transmis sans interruption jusqu'à eux et qui continua de l'être jusqu'à nos jours. Chaque chaîne de transmission *(silsila)* remonte jusqu'au Prophète par l'intermédiaire de chaînons plus ou moins nombreux. Dans presque tous les cas, cette chaîne passe, au sommet, par Ali, cousin et gendre du Prophète (quatrième khalife de l'Islam [2]) et, dans quelques autres cas, par Abou Bakr (très proche compagnon du Prophète et premier khalife de l'Islam). Chaque Tariqa conserve précieusement la mémoire de sa chaîne, qui constitue son arbre généalogique spirituel.

Le VIe siècle de l'Hégire (XIIe siècle de l'ère chrétienne) vit le soufisme s'organiser. Les premiers grands ordres apparurent. Spontanément, des adeptes s'étaient regroupés autour d'un maître, qu'il s'agisse du maître fondateur lui-même ou de l'un de ses successeurs ou *khalife* (représentant, lieutenant). Le lieu de leurs réunions fut appelé *zaouia*, c'est-à-dire l'endroit où l'on s'assemble pour étudier, recevoir l'enseignement et pratiquer le *wird*, ensemble de prières et d'oraisons composant le chapelet propre à la Tariqa.

Parmi les plus connues de ces tourouq, je citerai, dans leur ordre d'apparition :

1. La *Qadiriya*, ou *Qadriya*, du nom de son fondateur Abd-el-Qadir El-Jîlânî, né en Perse en 472 de l'Hégire (1078 de l'ère chrétienne) et décédé en 561 (1166 J.-C. [1]).

Saint d'une très grande envergure, qui a profondément marqué le soufisme et dont les enseignements sont encore très vivants aujourd'hui, Abd el-Qadir El-Jîlânî était l'aboutissement d'une chaîne de transmission qui passait par de très grands soufi, tels Ash-Shibli, le grand Al-Junayd, tous les saints Imams (descendants du Prophète par Ali et Fatima), Ali et, à travers ce dernier, le Prophète lui-même. Par une autre branche se ramifiant à partir de l'Imâm Jafar as-Sadiq, il était relié au célèbre saint Abû Yasid al-Bistami et, par une autre, à l'un des premiers soufi connus : Hasan al-Basri [2].

La *Qadriya*, dont le centre est à Bagdad où se trouve le tombeau du saint, s'étend du Maroc jusqu'à l'Inde.

2. La *Suhrawardiya*, du nom de Omar Ben Abdallâh al-Suhrawardî (539-632 H./1144-1234 J.-C.). Le poète persan Saadi fut l'un de ses élèves. Cet ordre se répandit en Perse et en Inde et l'on retrouve son influence dans le Pakistan moderne.

3. La *Shadiliya*, qui doit son origine à un mystique et savant du Maghreb, Abu Hasan Ash-Shâdilî (593-656 H./1196-1258 J.-C.). Cet ordre eut un grand succès en Afrique du Nord, en Égypte et en Arabie. Les *Derqawî* du Maroc et de l'Algérie sont ses héritiers. Le Cheikh Esh-Shadilî était disciple du maître Ibn-Mashish, lui-même héritier d'une lignée spirituelle remontant au Prophète par Abd el-Qadir el-Jîlânî et Ali.

4. Citons encore l'ordre des *Mewlevi*, fondé en Turquie par Jalal ad-dîn Roumi, dit « Mawlâna » (Notre Maître), qui mourut en 672 H./1273 J.-C. Jalal ed-dîn Roumi, maître spirituel incomparable et grand poète mystique tant en langue persane qu'en langue arabe, introduisit la pratique systématique de la musique et de la danse sacrée dans les réunions soufi, notamment la danse giratoire, d'où le nom de « derviches tourneurs » donné à ses disciples. La chaîne spirituelle de Jalal ed-dîn

1. *Waly :* littéralement « ami » de Dieu, « proche » de Dieu, « protégé » de Dieu. Le terme comporte à la fois l'idée d'amour, de proximité et de sécurité. La *walaya* est le nom de l'état correspondant. Faute de termes correspondants en français, on traduit généralement par « saint » et « sainteté ».

2. Ali ibn Abi Talib, jeune cousin du Prophète, se tint constamment à ses côtés depuis son plus jeune âge et fut l'un de ses meilleurs soutiens. Il épousa sa fille Fatima. De leur union naquirent Hassan et Hussein, qui furent les deux premiers de la lignée des « onze Imams » (douze avec Ali), hautes et nobles figures spirituelles de l'Islam, particulièrement vénérées par les Shi'ites.

1. Dans la suite du texte, pour simplifier, les dates de l'ère hégirienne seront symbolisées par la lettre H et les dates de l'ère chrétienne par les lettres J.-C.

2. Sur le fondateur de la Qadriya, voir Mehmmed ali Aïni, *Un grand saint de l'Islam : Abd al Kadir Guilâni*, Librairie orientale Paul Geuthner, 1967.

Roumi remontait au Prophète par l'intermédiaire d'Abou Bakr, premier khalife [1].

A la vérité, ces grands saints n'ont pas « fondé » les congrégations qui portent leur nom comme on fonderait aujourd'hui une association. Attirés par leur rayonnement spirituel, les hommes s'assemblèrent autour d'eux et c'est ainsi qu'apparurent spontanément les *tourouq* qui prirent peu à peu la forme que nous leur connaissons aujourd'hui. Parfois elles s'organisèrent du vivant du Maître, parfois du vivant de leurs successeurs. Quoi qu'il en soit, ce qui compte, ce n'est pas tant l'existence extérieure et organisée d'une tariqa que la permanence de la « chaîne », c'est-à-dire la transmission ininterrompue de la vertu spirituelle héritée du Maître et, à travers lui, du Prophète lui-même.

5. La *Tidjaniya* fut l'un des derniers ordres apparus puisqu'elle prend sa source en Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani qui naquit en 1150 H./1737 J.-C. à Aïn-Mahdi en Algérie. Il mourut en 1230 H./1815 J.-C. à Fès, au Maroc, où se trouve son tombeau.

Comme il a été dit précédemment, Cheikh Ahmed Tidjani, en plus de l'inspiration personnelle qu'il reçut directement du Prophète, était également l'héritier des *tourouq* les plus importantes de son temps : Qadriya, Shadiliya, etc.

Son enseignement, outre l'enseignement de base commun à tout le soufisme, se caractérisait par une grande tolérance (« Dieu aime aussi l'infidèle... ») et une ouverture d'esprit qui, à son époque, ne furent pas toujours comprises.

Avant d'aller plus loin, il convient de dissiper un malentendu qui règne encore, dans certains milieux occidentaux, à l'égard du soufisme. Certains orientalistes, faute de pouvoir vivre l'expérience soufi de l'intérieur, ne l'appréciant qu'à travers ses expressions écrites et aussi, il faut le dire, animés parfois d'idées

1. Sur Jalal ed-dîn Roumi, voir Aflâkî, *Les Saints des derviches tourneurs*, traduit du persan par Clément Huart, Paris (Éditions orientales, 1978) et les ouvrages de Mme Eva de Vitray-Meyerovitch, *Mystique et Poésie en Islam, Djalâl-ud-Dîn Rûmi*, Paris, Desclée de Brouwer, 1968 et *Le Livre du dedans*, Paris, Sindbad.

préconçues, voulurent à toute force voir dans le soufisme un phénomène extérieur à l'Islam proprement dit, incarnant une dimension mystique dont ce dernier aurait été dépourvu.

Or, non seulement les *tourouq* dont je viens de parler ne se situent pas « en dehors » de l'Islam, mais elles en représentent, bien au contraire, la sève intérieure et la dimension spirituelle. Il serait tout à fait faux de les croire en rupture avec la loi islamique et la Révélation coranique dans son ensemble. En fait, c'est dans cette Loi et dans cette Révélation qu'elles puisent leur inspiration, liée à un constant effort d'approfondissement et d'intériorisation. Au sein de ces *tourouq*, on respecte comme ailleurs — et quelquefois plus qu'ailleurs — les commandements de la *sharia*, mais en les percevant en même temps à une autre hauteur, pourrait-on dire, celle de leur dimension spirituelle. Ainsi, l'ablution rituelle *(wudhu)* à laquelle tout musulman doit procéder pour pouvoir accomplir valablement la prière canonique sera-t-elle considérée comme la première phase, sur le plan extérieur, de la purification intérieure qui est nécessaire pour se rapprocher de Dieu. L'une n'exclut pas l'autre. Il s'agit d'une même réalité vécue sur différents niveaux.

De même, le pèlerinage à La Mekke symbolisera le cheminement intérieur vers Dieu, centre suprême vers lequel doit converger tout notre être, et aidera à cet accomplissement. L'interdiction de la thésaurisation sera comprise comme liée à une attitude de dépouillement intérieur et de « non attachement ». Quant à la parole majeure de l'Islam : *Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh* (il n'y a de dieu que Dieu » ou « point de divinité, si ce n'est Dieu ») elle sera inlassablement vécue et méditée non seulement comme négation de toute divinité extérieure autre que Dieu, mais aussi comme négation et dissolution de toutes ces divinités intérieures auxquelles nous nous accrochons et que nous adorons sans nous en rendre compte, à commencer par notre propre « moi ».

En réalité, depuis les premiers siècles de l'Islam jusqu'à nos jours, l'enseignement des grands maîtres soufi fut constamment et intimement lié à la méditation des versets coraniques et des *hadith* du Prophète. Quant aux préceptes de la *sharia*, ils les

observèrent généralement avec une minutie et un scrupule dont peu d'hommes sont capables [1].

Il est vrai que, dans certaines *tourouq*, on a vu apparaître un abandon progressif des pratiques de base de l'Islam au bénéfice de la seule appartenance à la *tariqa*, appartenance considérée comme suffisante pour assurer les bénéfices spirituels que l'on en attend. Mais il s'agit là d'une dégradation apparue avec le temps et liée, le plus souvent, à une méconnaissance des enseignements réels des maîtres fondateurs, quand ce n'est pas à une certaine ignorance de l'Islam lui-même. Il est hors de doute qu'un tel phénomène existe en Afrique ; les événements rapportés dans cet ouvrage en sont une illustration.

On trouve également, au Moyen-Orient ou en Extrême-Orient, des sectes ou congrégations appelées « extrémistes » et qui, elles, ont rompu volontairement — et non seulement par ignorance ou par paresse — avec les données de la *sharia*, sortant ainsi du giron de l'Islam. Mais elles constituent une exception et non la règle [2].

Par ailleurs, certains orientalistes ont avancé la thèse que le *tasawwuf* étant étranger par nature à la vocation de l'Islam, il était né de la seule influence d'autres courants religieux existants, en particulier le christianisme et le judaïsme. C'est, là encore, méconnaître les racines purement coraniques de tout l'enseignement soufi et l'incessante méditation des *hadith* et des versets dont il est nourri.

Certes, à première vue, le soufisme peut paraître différent de

1. Un symbole très courant dans l'enseignement soufi fera mieux comprendre la position des *tourouq*. L'Islam, avec ses trois niveaux fondamentaux, est symbolisé par un cercle, ses rayons et son centre. La circonférence représente la *sharia*, la loi extérieure. Les différents rayons sont les *tourouq*, qui sont autant de voies pour se rapprocher du centre mais qui, toutes, prennent appui sur la circonférence sans jamais se séparer d'elle. Le centre lui-même est la *haqiqa*, la Vérité-Une, la Réalité essentielle, but ultime de toute voie spirituelle authentique. On peut remarquer que plus les rayons se rapprochent du centre, et plus ils sont proches les uns des autres. Les rares élus qui parviennent au centre tiennent, pour ce qui se rapporte à l'essentiel, un même langage, celui de l'Unité et de l'Amour.

2. Je n'entends formuler aucun jugement à leur encontre ; je dis simplement qu'elles ne représentent pas un courant strictement islamique.

l'Islam tel qu'il est couramment vécu ou compris par la masse. Mais c'est là, nous nous en sommes déjà expliqué, une différence *de niveau* et non *de nature*. Cette pluralité des niveaux de compréhension ou des axes de recherche à l'intérieur de l'Islam témoigne, précisément, de sa richesse et de sa vitalité. Le raisonnement qui consiste à expliquer cette diversité par la seule influence de courants extérieurs est, à la vérité, un peu simpliste, et peut-être pas toujours exempt de paternalisme.

Que des échanges extrêmement riches aient eu lieu, à partir d'une certaine époque, entre les musulmans et d'autres cultures religieuses et philosophiques, nul ne saurait le nier. Le Coran lui-même, qui fourmille de récits concernant les autres prophètes, suscite un tel esprit de recherche, sans parler du *hadith* du prophète : « Allez chercher la science, fût-ce jusqu'en Chine. » Mais plutôt que de parler d'*influence*, je préfère, pour ma part, utiliser le mot *rencontre* qui me paraît beaucoup plus exact.

Que de grands esprits, parvenus à un très haut niveau spirituel, se soient reconnus dans les expériences et les expressions de leurs homologues d'autres traditions religieuses, quoi d'étonnant puisqu'il n'y a qu'une Vérité et que le but ultime est le même pour tous les hommes, par-delà la gangue des mots et des étiquettes humaines ? Ce serait faire offense à ces grands spirituels que de ne pas faire confiance à l'authenticité de leur expérience religieuse propre et d'y voir en tout le résultat d'une « influence » ; mais on peut comprendre que certains d'entre eux, découvrant ailleurs une expérience de même nature que la leur ou s'en approchant, en aient éprouvé à la fois joie et enrichissement. Selon les temps, le phénomène semble d'ailleurs avoir joué dans les deux sens.

La similitude du langage peut également créer une confusion. Tierno Bokar, par exemple, n'avait pas lu les Évangiles et ne connaissait de Jésus que ce qui en est dit dans le Coran. Il ne lisait d'ailleurs pas le français. Pourtant, dans ses paroles, que de résonances « évangéliques » qui n'auront pas échappé au lecteur ! Par ailleurs, des chercheurs ont relevé, dans l'enseignement de certains grands soufi, des concordances étonnantes avec des enseignements du Tao ou du Zen dont, à l'évidence, ces grands maîtres n'avaient jamais eu connaissance. Il s'agit

donc bien, non d'*influences*, mais de *rencontres* [1]. Par-delà l'écran des mots et des images mentales, l'esprit se fraie, par l'expérience, un chemin vers la Vérité-Une, vers ce « Cercle de la Lumière sans couleur » dont il est parlé dans la *Perle de la perfection*.

Mais revenons aux différentes confréries. Celles-ci pourraient être comparées, d'une certaine manière, aux ordres monastiques qui existent à l'intérieur de la chrétienté, à cette différence près qu'il s'agit ici d'ordres laïcs, les « frères » des *tourouq* étant généralement mariés et participant à la vie de ce monde. La zaouïa est un lieu de rencontre souvent quotidien mais non permanent, sauf pour certaines périodes de retraite spirituelle *(khalwa)* vécues sous la direction d'un maître, périodes à l'issue desquelles l'adepte retourne dans sa famille. On ne saurait donc parler d'une vie monastique à proprement parler.

Le chercheur qui aborde pour la première fois l'étude du soufisme peut se trouver déconcerté par le nombre des différentes branches existantes. Rappelons que ces branches, pour la plupart, ne sont que des ramifications issues d'un tronc commun et qu'elles ne diffèrent bien souvent que par leur nom.

Il arrive en effet que, dans la lignée d'une *tariqa*, apparaisse un maître spirituel hors du commun, un Pôle *(qûtb)*, qui lui donne une nouvelle impulsion et introduit parfois une innovation dans ses exercices spirituels. Les disciples de ce maître donneront dorénavant son nom à leur *tariqa*, bien que celle-ci demeure une émanation de la *tariqa* originelle. Seul le nom changera. La plupart des *tourouq* sont, en quelque sorte, sorties les unes des autres, ce qui se comprend du fait de la continuité de la chaîne de transmission.

Prenons un exemple. Au sein de la Shadiliya apparut un jour un très grand maître spirituel, le Cheikh al-Darqawî. Tous ceux

1. Ne pas confondre « rencontre », qui est reconnaissance et respect de l'autre menant à un enrichissement mutuel, avec « syncrétisme », qui est mélange extérieur des signes distinctifs, menant à l'abandon de ses propres racines. Sur toutes ces questions, cf. les ouvrages de René Guénon et de Frithjof Schuon, notamment *L'Unité transcendante des religions*, Paris, Éditions du Seuil, 1979.

qui relevaient de son obédience prirent désormais le nom de « Derqawî ». Dans la branche des Derqawî apparut plus tard le Cheikh al-Alawî qui vécut en Algérie au début de notre siècle (décédé en 1934). Il donna son nom aux zaouïas qui se réclament de lui [1], mais il s'agit toujours de la même lignée shadiliyenne.

Les « Hamallistes » (nom donné, je le rappelle, par l'Administration française mais conservé par les adeptes), ne sont, en fait, que des Tidjani ; et ainsi de suite...

Il s'agit donc bien de branches se ramifiant à partir d'un tronc commun qui remonte, nous l'avons vu, jusqu'au Prophète lui-même. A quelques détails près, la doctrine enseignée est partout la même, puisque essentiellement fondée sur la méditation du Coran et des *hadith* du Prophète, sur l'enseignement des fondateurs, puis sur celui des grands « maîtres à penser » du soufisme : Ibn el Arabi, Ghazali, etc.

L'objectif est toujours le même : dans le respect de la *sharia* (loi révélée), entreprendre l'itinéraire spirituel *(tariqa)* qui mène à l'union à Dieu par la mort à soi-même, en passant par des stades successifs et graduels de dépouillement intérieur et de purification de l'âme *(nafs)*. Les différences entre les *tourouq* ne portent que sur certaines modalités de détail de la méthode proposée.

Venons-en donc à la méthode. Outre l'étude des enseignements des maîtres, elle est essentiellement fondée sur la répétition de prières ou de formules constituant le *wird* (ou chapelet) propre à chaque *tariqa*.

Là aussi, on retrouve un fond commun à toutes les confréries. Le *wird* comporte en effet toujours, pour commencer, une demande de pardon à Dieu, ce qui correspond au niveau individuel ; puis une prière de salutation sur le Prophète, ce qui correspond au niveau de l'Homme universel ; enfin le *dhikr*, ou mention répétitive de la formule *Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh (point de dieu, si ce n'est Dieu)*, ce qui correspond au niveau divin. S'y ajoute le *dhikr* du grand nom de Dieu Allâh ou de certains de ses

1. Cf. Martin Lings, *Un saint musulman du vingtième siècle : le Cheikh Ahmad al-Alawî*, Paris, Éditions traditionnelles, 1973.

autres noms ou attributs, tous tirés du Coran. A cette base commune peuvent se surajouter d'autres oraisons ou formules particulières propres à chaque *tariqa*.

Bien entendu, ces pratiques n'ont pas pour objet de supprimer ou de remplacer les pratiques de base de l'Islam que sont les cinq prières canoniques, le jeûne, l'aumône et le pèlerinage à La Mekke. Elles ne font que se superposer à elles. Il s'agit d'un effort spirituel supplémentaire entrepris à titre personnel pour intensifier et approfondir sa vie religieuse et non pour l'annuler, ce qui n'aurait pas de sens. Les rites de base de l'Islam ont été révélés par Dieu et ne sauraient être abrogés par qui que ce soit. Ou alors, il ne s'agit plus d'Islam à proprement parler et il convient de le reconnaître clairement.

La pratique du *dhikr* répond à une injonction divine plusieurs fois répétée dans le Coran, sous différentes formes : « *Invoque le nom de ton Seigneur et consacre-toi à Lui avec une parfaite dévotion* » (LXXIII, 8); « *Dis : Dieu (Allâh) et laisse-les (les hommes) à leurs jeux vains* » (VI, 91); « *Souvenez-vous de moi et je me souviendrai de vous* » (II, 152), verset que l'on peut également traduire : « Mentionnez-moi, et je vous mentionnerai. »

Le mot *dhikr* est lourd de sens. Il signifie à la fois mention, souvenir, commémoration, rappel. Il peut donc s'entendre soit au sens extérieur consistant à mentionner à haute voix le nom de Dieu (ce sera le « *dhikr* de la langue »), soit au sens intérieur de commémoration en soi du nom et de la présence de Dieu jusqu'à ce que le *dhikr* prenne possession de l'être tout entier (ce sera le « *dhikr* du cœur »). Dans l'étape ultime, le soufi se trouvera immergé dans la « Présence sans dualité » (ce sera le « *dhikr* de l'intime », en rapport avec l'état d'*Ihsân* parfait).

Dans les *tourouq*, le *dhikr* est à la fois individuel et collectif. En plus de la récitation quotidienne solitaire, les frères se réunissent régulièrement pour les séances de *dhikr* collectif. C'est à l'occasion de ces séances collectives que l'on observe des différences entre les *tourouq*. Dans certaines — notamment chez les Derqawî et certaines confréries d'Orient — le *dhikr* collectif est accompagné d'une sorte de danse, ample mouvement rythmique du corps d'avant en arrière, en rapport avec un

contrôle du souffle; dans d'autres, c'est la tête qui bouge (en avant et sur les côtés) avec visualisation du souffle en certains points du corps, notamment lors du *dhikr* de *Lâ ilâha ill'Allâh*, en rapport avec le symbolisme des différentes syllabes. Ailleurs, au contraire, notamment chez les Tidjani, on s'efforcera à l'immobilité (bien que le mouvement de la tête y soit également connu). La prière *Perle de la perfection*, en particulier, devra être récitée dans un état d'immobilité totale qu'il ne faut rompre à aucun prix. Signalons encore la danse giratoire particulière aux Mewlevi, disciples de Jalal ed-dîn Roumi.

Comme on le voit, il s'agit surtout de différences extérieures qui correspondent à des tempéraments différents et, parfois, à des héritages culturels différents. Le fond étant pratiquement toujours le même, les musulmans ont ainsi toute chance de trouver, à l'intérieur de l'Islam, la *tariqa* qui correspond le mieux à leurs affinités ou à leur type de famille spirituelle.

La vertu première du *dhikr* tient au fait qu'il s'agit, nous l'avons dit, de Noms sacrés tirés du Verbe révélé lui-même, donc porteurs d'une intense énergie spirituelle [1]. Cette énergie se trouvera comme actualisée, déployée, par le nombre des répétitions, ce nombre ayant un rapport avec la valeur numérale des lettres qui composent le Nom divin.

Le grand danger serait toutefois de considérer le *dhikr*, en raison même de sa puissance, comme une « recette » pour accéder systématiquement à des états extatiques ou supérieurs. C'est d'ailleurs pourquoi il ne doit être pratiqué que sur autorisation expresse d'un *moqaddem* ou d'un maître. Lorsque le *dhikr* est collectif, donc plus intense, il doit être effectué sous la direction et le contrôle attentif d'un maître. L'objectif n'est pas de rechercher systématiquement des « états » *(hal)*, mais de se rapprocher de Dieu en se vidant, grâce au *dhikr*, de tout ce qui n'est pas Lui.

« Tout acte, a dit le Prophète, ne vaut que par l'intention » *(niyya)*. Il convient donc d'être très vigilant quant à son intention profonde lorsqu'on se livre à un exercice spirituel tel que le *dhikr*. Ce dernier est un moyen pour réaliser la purification progressive du cœur et réchauffer la foi, tout comme le souffle

1. Dans l'un de ses dérivés, le mot *dhikr* signifie également « énergie ».

de la forge active le feu qui fera fondre le métal. Mais le moyen ne saurait être considéré comme une fin en soi. La seule fin, c'est Dieu, qui doit être adoré pour Lui-même et non pour les dons qu'Il est libre de nous octroyer ou non.

Le *dhikr* contient d'ailleurs en lui-même son propre antidote. La mention perpétuelle du nom de Dieu, qui mène à percevoir progressivement sa réelle présence, conduit en effet le cœur à s'abaisser et à s'abîmer devant son Créateur et, finalement, comme le demande l'Ihsân, à « vivre sous son regard ».

Selon une définition du grand mystique Al-Junayd, le *tasawwuf* (soufisme) consiste en ce que « Dieu fait mourir l'homme à son moi afin qu'il vive en Lui ». Un autre grand soufi, Abou Yazid al-Bistami, disait : « Je me suis desquamé de mon moi comme un serpent de sa peau. »

Cette mort à soi-même est appelée *fanâ* (littéralement *extinction*, comme s'éteint la flamme d'une bougie) tandis que la Vie *en* Dieu et *par* Dieu, qui est son corollaire, est appelée *baqâ'* : surexistence (continuité, permanence).

« Le rôle des soufi, disait Mohammed Abduh [1], est de guérir les cœurs et d'éliminer tout ce qui voile l'œil intérieur. Ils s'efforcent d'établir leur demeure en l'Esprit, devant la Face de Celui qui est la très haute Vérité, jusqu'à ce qu'ils soient, par Lui, retirés de tout ce qui est autre, leur essence étant éteinte en Son Essence, et leurs qualités en Ses Qualités [2]. »

Mais quelle parole pourrait mieux exprimer cet état de *fanâ/baqâ'* (extinction de soi/vie en Dieu et par Dieu) que ce *hadith qudsi* ou « hadith saint » dans lequel Dieu, par la bouche du Prophète, parle à la première personne, *hadith* qui a été médité par les soufi de tous les temps :

« Que mon serviteur ne cesse de s'approcher de Moi par des œuvres surérogatoires [3] jusqu'à ce que Je l'aime. Et quand Je

1. Grand penseur et réformateur musulman, né en 1849, qui fut nommé Mufti d'Égypte en 1899. Cf. Son célèbre ouvrage : *Rissalat al Tawhid* traduit par B. Michel et le cheikh Moustapha Abdel Razik, Librairie Orientale Paul Geuthner, 1965.

2. « Ne dites pas que je suis bon, seul le Père est bon », a dit Jésus.

3. Les œuvres surérogatoires (ou « supplémentaires ») sont celles qui sont accomplies en plus des prescriptions canoniques, en vue de plaire à Dieu.

l'aime, *Je suis* l'ouïe par laquelle il entend, la vue par laquelle il voit, la langue par laquelle il parle, la main par laquelle il saisit. » Une variante ajoute : « Quand Je l'aime Je le tue, et quand Je le tue, c'est Moi qui suis sa rançon. »

On pourrait dire que tout le soufisme est basé sur ce *hadith*, tant pour la méthode (les œuvres surérogatoires) que pour l'objectif suprême : l'investiture divine *(baqâ')* après la mort à soi-même *(fanâ)*.

Certes, avant d'atteindre de tels degrés, il existe bien des étapes intermédiaires et bien des épreuves, sur le chemin où nous guette constamment le *Makarou*, l'« illusion divine [1] ». C'est pourquoi l'aide d'un maître est nécessaire. Les limites de chacun dépendront de ses dispositions propres, de la qualité de son effort, et, finalement, de la libre grâce divine.

Par une attitude de *tawakkul* (abandon conscient à la volonté divine), le croyant sincère s'efforce de réaliser en lui, selon la parole de Hallaj [2], une « totale conformité aux décrets de Dieu sur lui » et de vider son cœur de tout ce qui est « autre que Dieu », afin de s'offrir à sa Présence.

Dans un autre *hadith qudsi*, Dieu dit : « 70 fois par jour (ou 70 000 fois, selon une variante), Je regarde dans le cœur de mon serviteur pour y entrer. Hélas, le plus souvent, Je le trouve plein de lui-même, et Je me retire. »

Croire que cette mort à soi-même doit nécessairement s'accompagner d'un retrait hors du monde et d'une fuite de ses responsabilités serait cependant une erreur — encore que la retraite spirituelle puisse parfois être nécessaire à une certaine étape. Ce serait contraire à l'esprit même de l'Islam qui se veut totalité et qui engage l'être dans tous ses aspects. L'Islam n'est pas *fuite vers le sacré*, mais *intégration consciente du sacré dans tous les plans de l'existence*. Il s'agit de vivre au milieu du monde, là où l'on se trouve, non plus au nom de son ego mais avec Dieu, en Dieu et par Dieu.

« Toute la vie, la vie de chaque jour, doit être remplie de la

1. Cf. note 2, p. 227.

2. Autre grand mystique de l'Islam. Cf. les œuvres de Louis Massignon, notamment *La Passion de Hallaj, martyr mystique de l'Islam*, Paris, Gallimard, 1975.

présence de Dieu et du désir de Le servir» (Ghazali). C'est au cœur même de la vie et de l'action qu'il nous faut nous tourner intérieurement vers Dieu. Tel est, précisément, l'objet suprême du soufisme : faire participer au Sacré non seulement les pratiques canoniques prescrites, mais, selon la parole d'Hasan el-Basri, « tous les gestes de la vie quotidienne » ; « faire de sa propre vie un lieu de la manifestation divine », disait Ibn el Arabi.

Un jour, un homme vint trouver Tierno Bokar et lui dit :

— Tierno, je suis inquiet pour moi-même. Je n'ai pas le temps de réciter beaucoup de Coran, ni de pratiquer de longs *dhikr*, ni de faire beaucoup de retraites spirituelles ou de jeûner en dehors du Ramadan. Qu'adviendra-t-il de mon âme ?

— Que fais-tu dans la journée ? lui demanda Tierno.

— Chaque jour, je travaille dans les champs du matin au soir pour nourrir ma nombreuse famille, répondit le brave homme.

— Sois tranquille, lui dit Tierno. C'est ton travail qui est ta prière. Si tu accomplis ton travail le plus parfaitement possible et dans l'intention de plaire à Dieu qui te l'a imposé, alors, ton travail devient adoration, au même titre que les dhikr ou les jeûnes de ceux qui n'ont rien d'autre à faire.

Il n'y a donc, pour la vie spirituelle, ni époques ni lieux privilégiés. Au sein même du travail le plus astreignant, il est toujours possible d'accomplir chacune de ses tâches « au nom de Dieu » (*Bismillâh* [1]) et de s'efforcer de vivre chaque instant en sa Présence. Les soufi ne se sont-ils pas appelés eux-mêmes les « fils de l'instant » ?

La vie en Dieu, liée à l'abandon confiant en sa Volonté, est équilibre entre le haut et le bas, entre l'intérieur et l'extérieur qui s'unifient en elle. Selon la parole du Prophète :

« Travaille pour la vie de ce monde comme si tu devais vivre mille ans, et pour la vie future comme si tu devais mourir demain. »

1. La formule *Bismillâh* (Au nom de Dieu) qui ouvre chaque sourate du Coran, doit être prononcée par les musulmans au moment d'accomplir tout acte, quel qu'il soit, afin de le consacrer à Dieu.

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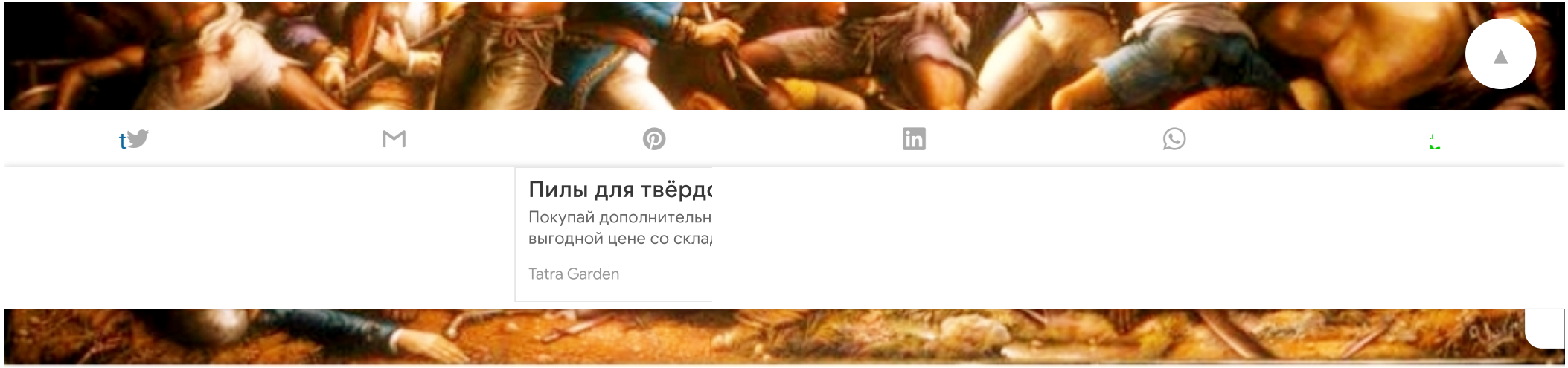

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were exiled in 1803, as well as the country's prior and post-expulsion religious traditions, help explain why voodoo became the majority religion of Haiti. In the 1790s, Africans made up well over half of the non-white population. "Efforts to Christianize the black populace were negligible between the expulsion of the Jesuits in the 1760s and the end of the schism with the Vatican in 1860."

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"The god who created the earth; who created the sun that gives us light. The god who holds up the ocean; who makes the thunder roar. Our God who has ears to hear. You who are hidden in the clouds; who watch us from where you are. You see all that the white has made us suffer. The white man's god asks him to commit crimes. But the god within us wants to do good. Our god, who is so good, so just, He orders us to revenge our wrongs. It's He who will direct our arms and bring us the victory. It's He who will assist us. We all should throw away the image of the white men's god who is so pitiless. Listen to the voice for liberty that sings in all our hearts."

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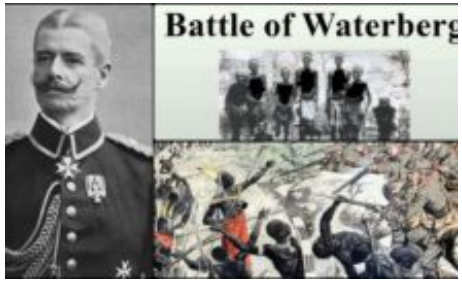

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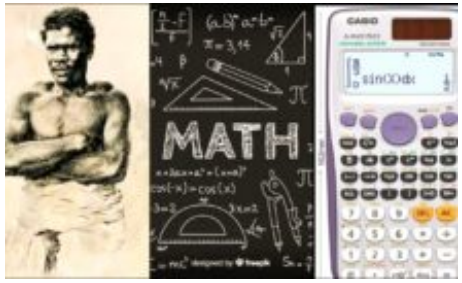

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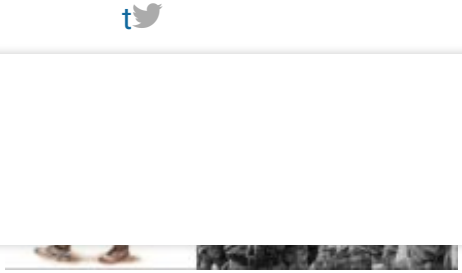

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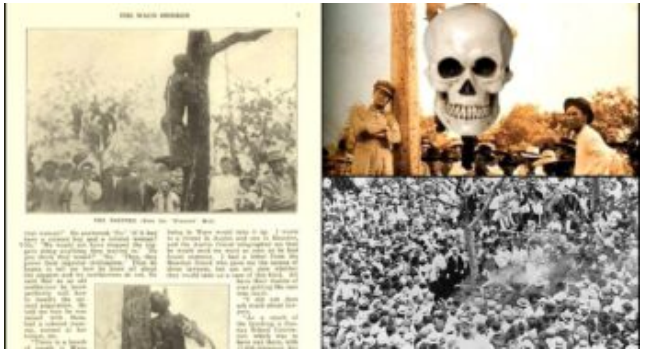

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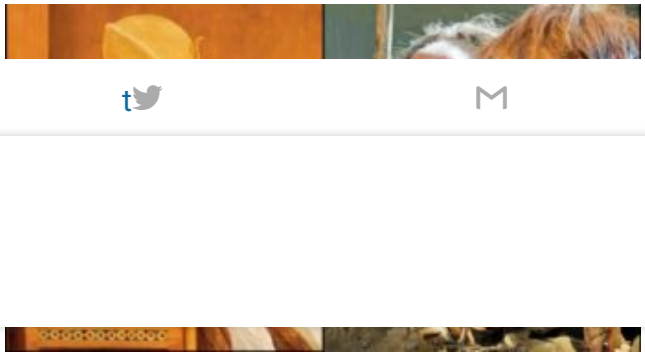

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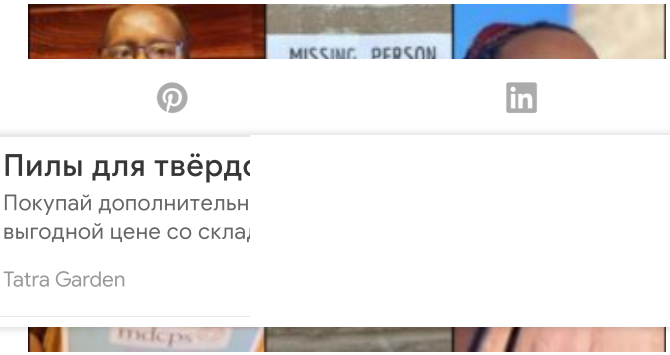

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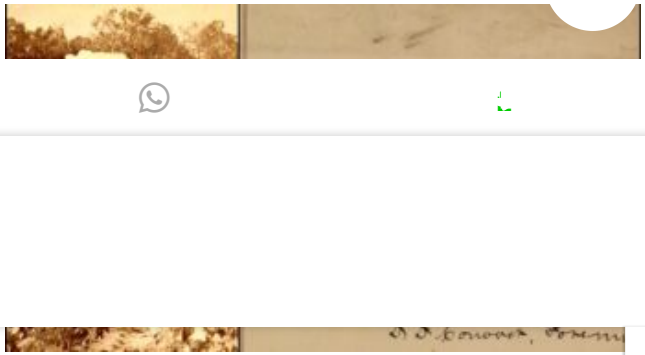

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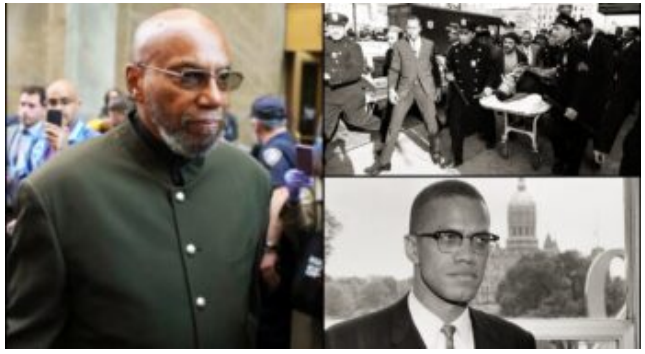

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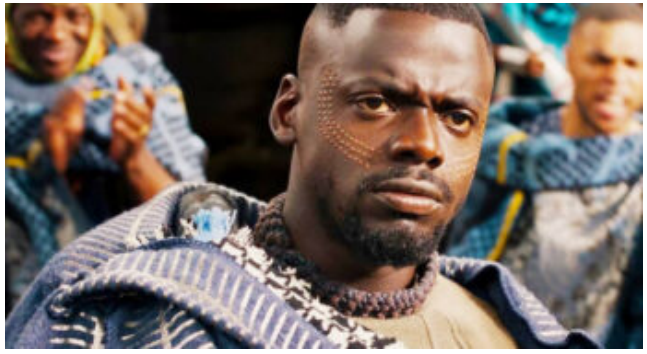

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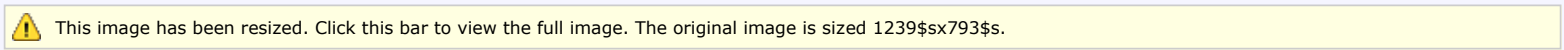

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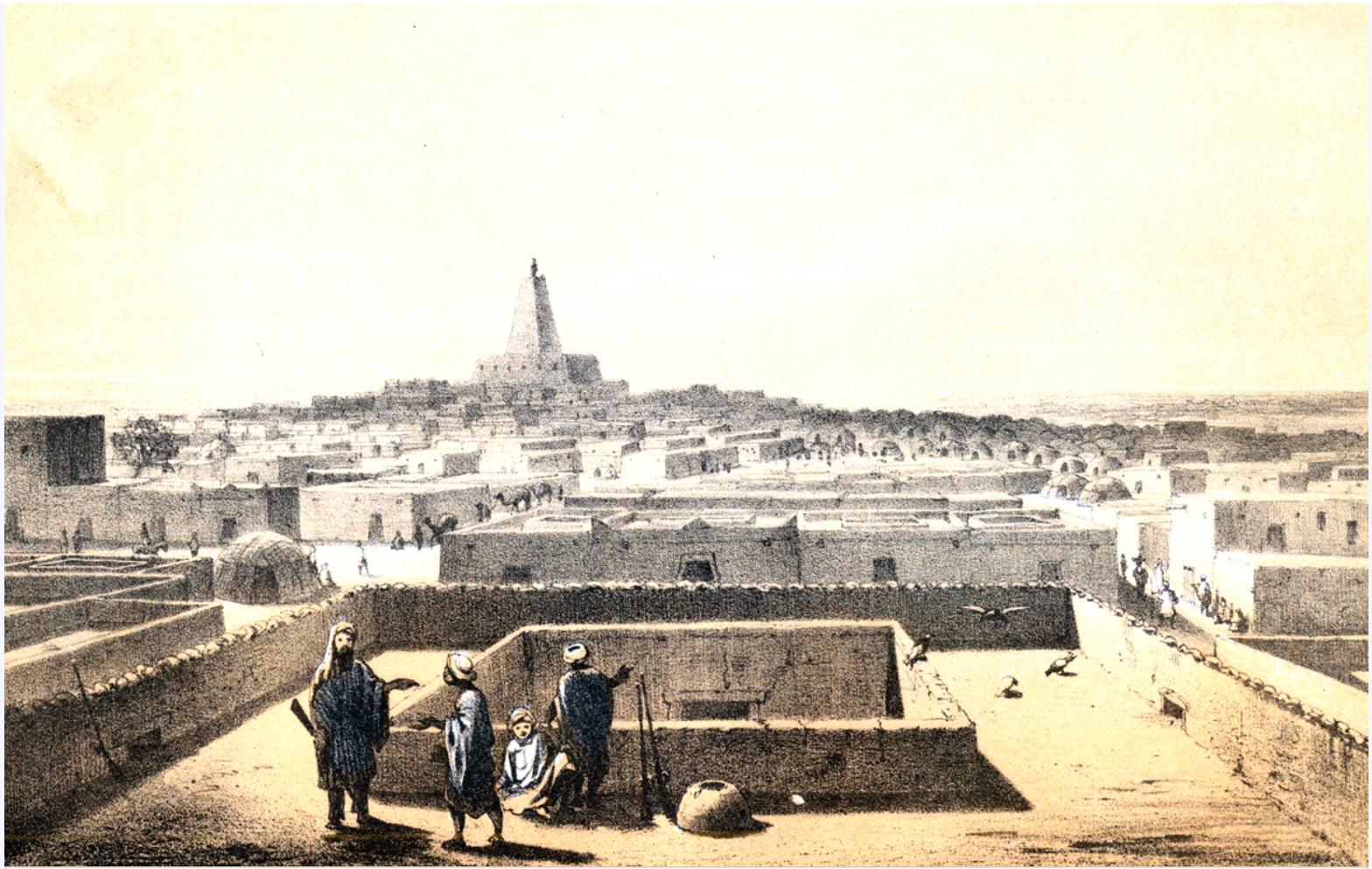

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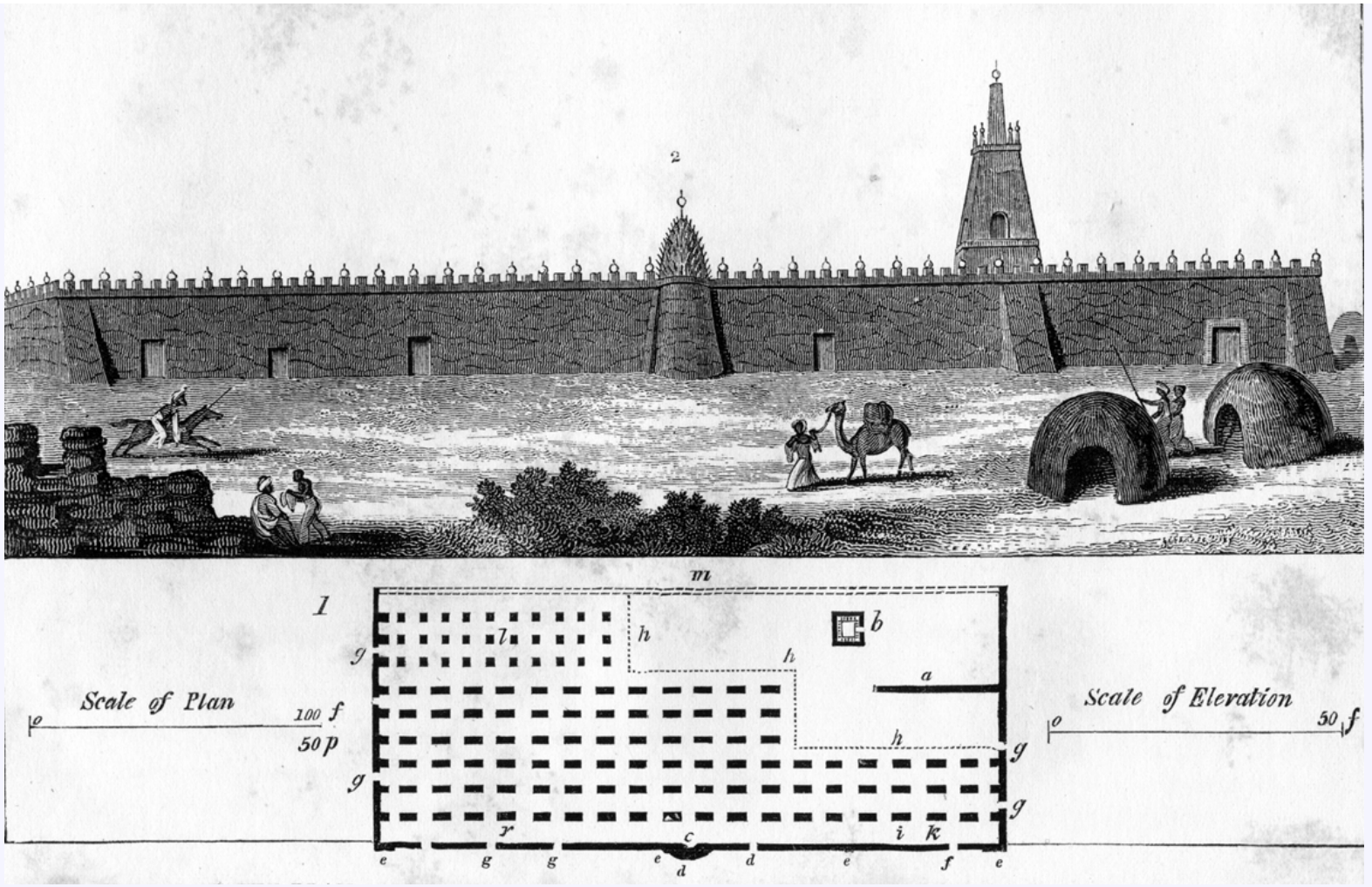
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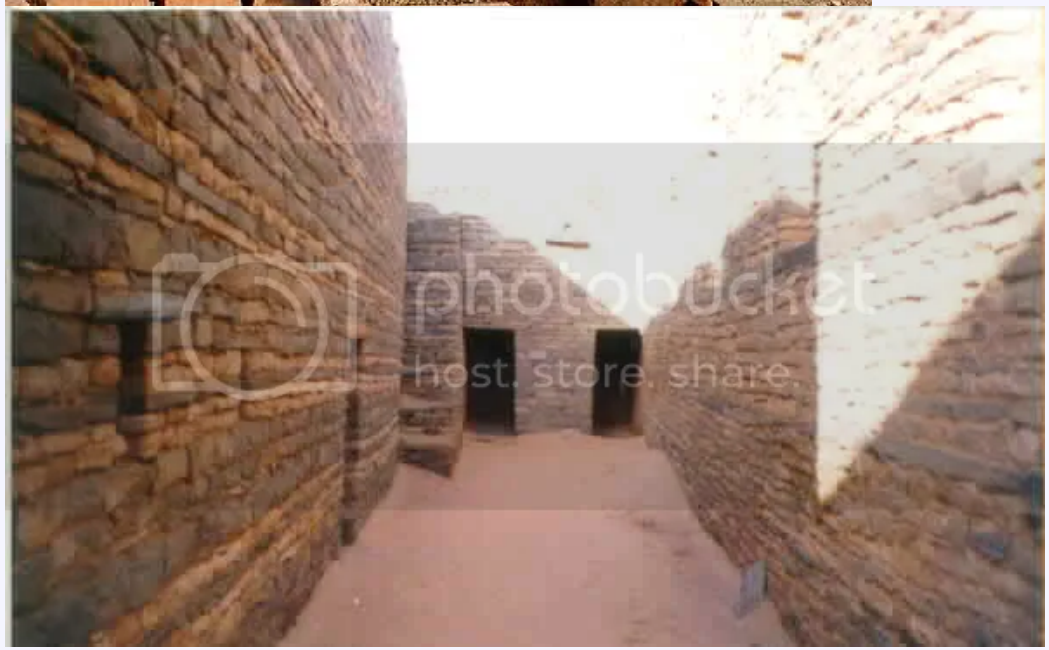

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I have a B.A. in History, completed long before the "History Channel" existed.
Yeah, all of these African "civilizations" were so advanced, while the white man lived in a cave. That's why Africa is so advanced today, and the rest of the world toils in darkness & misery.
You must have done well in 'Black Studies", at least.

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Location: Los Awesome, CA

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Quote:

> Originally Posted by **Grandstander**
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Lets not forget about this as well.

A Chronological List of Independence Dates for Africa.

Country Independence Date Prior ruling country
Liberia, Republic of 26 July 1847 -
South Africa, Republic of 31 May 1910 Britain
Egypt, Arab Republic of 28 February 1922 Britain
Ethiopia 1, People's Democratic Republic of 5 May 1941 Italy
Libya (Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) 24 December 1951 Britain
Sudan, Democratic Republic of 1 January 1956 Britain/Egypt
Morocco 2, Kingdom of 2 March 1956 France 2
Tunisia, Republic of 20 March 1956 France
Ghana, Republic of 6 March 1957 Britain
Guinea, Republic of 2 October 1958 France
Cameroon 3, Republic of 1 January 1960 France
Senegal, Republic of 4 April 1960 France
Togo, Republic of 27 April 1960 France
Mali, Republic of 22 September 1960 France
Madagascar, Democratic Republic of 26 June 1960 France
Congo (Kinshasa), Democratic Republic of the 30 June 1960 Belgium

Somalia, Democratic Republic of 1 July 1960 Britain
Benin, Republic of 1 August 1960 France
Niger, Republic of 3 August 1960 France
Burkina Faso, Popular Democratic Republic of 5 August 1960 France
Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of (Ivory Coast) 7 August 1960 France
Chad, Republic of 11 August 1960 France
Central African Republic 13 August 1960 France
Congo (Brazzaville), Republic of the 15 August 1960 France
Gabon, Republic of 17 August 1960 France
Nigeria 4, Federal Republic of 1 October 1960 Britain
Mauritania, Islamic Republic of 28 November 1960 France
Sierra Leone, Republic of 27 April 1961 Britain
Tanzania, United Republic of 9 December 1961 Britain
Burundi, Republic of 1 July 1962 Belgium
Rwanda, Republic of 1 July 1962 Belgium
Algeria, Democratic and Popular Republic of 3 July 1962 France
Uganda, Republic of 9 October 1962 Britain
Kenya, Republic of 12 December 1963 Britain
Malawi, Republic of 6 July 1964 Britain
Zambia, Republic of 24 October 1964 Britain
Gambia, Republic of The 18 February 1965 Britain
Botswana, Republic of 30 September 1966 Britain
Lesotho, Kingdom of 4 October 1966 Britain
Mauritius, State of 12 March 1968 Britain
Swaziland, Kingdom of 6 September 1968 Britain
Equatorial Guinea, Republic of 12 October 1968 Spain
Guinea-Bissau, Republic of 10 September 1974 Portugal
Mozambique, Republic of 25 June 1975 Portugal
Cape Verde, Republic of 5 July 1975 Portugal
Comoros, Federal Islamic Republic of the 6 July 1975 France
São Tomé and Principe, Democratic Republic of 12 July 1975 Portugal
Angola, People's Republic of 11 November 1975 Portugal
Western Sahara 5 28 February 1976 Spain
Seychelles, Republic of 29 June 1976 Britain
Djibouti, Republic of 27 June 1977 France
Zimbabwe, Republic of 18 April 1980 Britain
Namibia, Republic of 21 March 1990 South Africa
Eritrea, State of 24 May 1993 Ethiopia

Chronological List of African Independence

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Grandstander

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Reputation: 21060

Quote:

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In your rush to respond, you have failed to understand the concept under discussion. The failure of Africa to keep pace with the progress of other continents took place long before the days of the slave ships. African slavery wasn't the cause of their lack of progress, it was their lack of progress which left them vulnerable to such exploitation by outsiders. Answering my question would be more of a matter of explaining why instead of European ships arriving to colonize and enslave portions of Africa, African ships weren't arriving in Europe to colonize and enslave them. Why did other places evolve sophisticated polical institutions and organizations as well as advanced technology, while Africa did not?

If Unbreakable is correct in what is being presented here, then that suggests that Africa had a tremendous head start in terms of organizing civilizations. So, it seems logical to ask what went wrong, how was that advantage squandered?

And I await Unbreakable's response.

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06-03-2012, 01:50 AM

The Unbreakable

Original Poster

219 posts, read 818,706 times
Reputation: 153

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Grandstander**
So, Unbreakable, what in your opinion were the reasons why Africa was so successful in spawning superior civilizations in ancient times, but was eventually reduced to the least successful continent it remains in modern times?

Well Grandwizard for one if you'd watched the lecture that this thread was based on then you would have heard Sertima's response to such a dumbass question. Secondly I've never stated that Africans or African civilizations were "superior" to others. I simply pointed out to the ******* Hornet in his blatantly racist and sickeningly ignorant analysis of African history, that the history of most of Europe (outside of Greece and Rome) wasn't exactly the nucleus of developed world culture in ancient times that it is today.

Interestingly you point to the current conditions of most African states today and baselessly infer that the continent (particularly the tropical regions) has always been the basket case that it is today, but you don't point out that the modern European nations that many claim serve as the basis for Western (European) civilizations (Greece and Rome) are **now** a peg above "third world" status. Is there an explanation for their sharp decline, and if so what happened? Like wise did ancient and medieval Africa (outside of Egypt and Nubia) have world renown civilizations:

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The Unbreakable Original Poster

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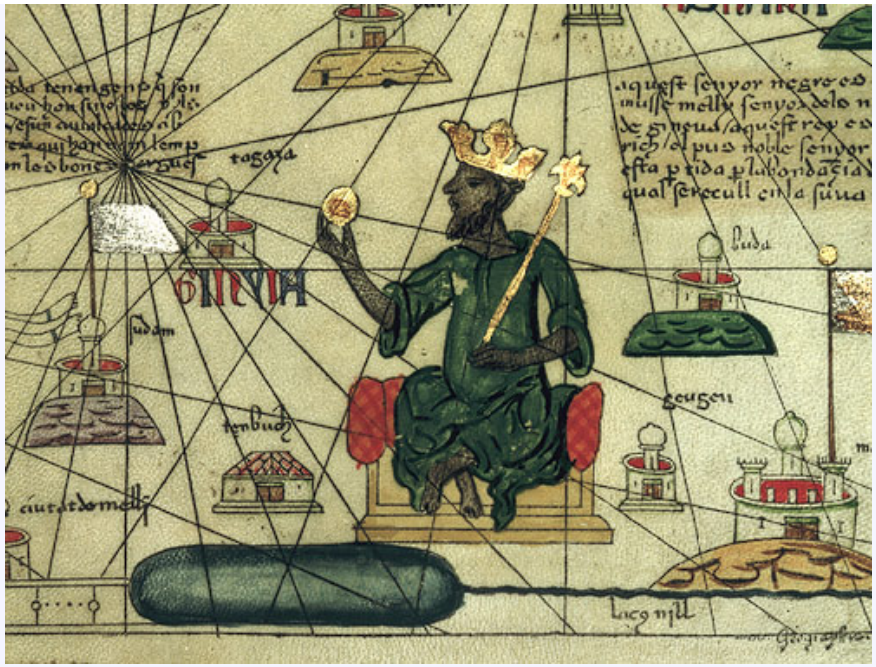
Quote:

> Originally Posted by **Grandstander**
> *The failure of Africa to keep pace with the progress of other continents took place long before the days of the slave ships.*

Really? Tell me, do you know who this is:



Probably not so I'll tell you, It's Mansa Musa. This man ruled the West African Mali empire two centuries before the first slaves and was reported to be the wealthiest man on the face of the Earth:

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Now tell me what events propelled Western Europeans to the top of charts 5 centuries ago from virtually nothing of importance? Could it have been the technologies and exchange of ideas that resulted from the Silk Road stretching from Europe to China?

Yes,Silk, Ivory, Jade, Glass, Spices (Black Pepper, Curry, Cloves), cloths, oils, Gold, and oh **WEAPONS** (i.e gun powder). What would Europe have been if not for exchange with other world culture?

Even with most of Africa excluded from this trading network with the res of the world, local technological ingenuity (some which had not been replicated until modern times) was still there (as explained by Sertima in his lecture).

> Quote:
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> African slavery wasn't the cause of their lack of progress, it was their lack of progress which left them vulnerable to such exploitation by outsiders.

Why did Europe go into an intellectual drought for almost 1,000 years after the fall of the Roman empire? Who were those people who conquered (yes conquered) a large chunk of Europe during that period? I believe that they were a north African group of people called the Moors comprised of a mixture of black Africans and Arab Muslims. Back in that time period could it have been said by those people who conquered Europe for almost half a millennium, that Europeans were "backwards" or "incapable" of this or that, in the same manner that some Europeans now view Africans?

> Quote:
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> Why did other places evolve sophisticated polical institutions and organizations as well as advanced technology, while Africa did not?

Pick up a ****ing book rather than salivating over your own baseless assumptions. But just to have fun with you, which continent was the last to practice agriculture....Europe. Who taught the "superior" Europeans how to cultivate their food via demic diffusion....the Natufians from the Levant. Who were the Natufanians....recent black African migrants into the Levant.

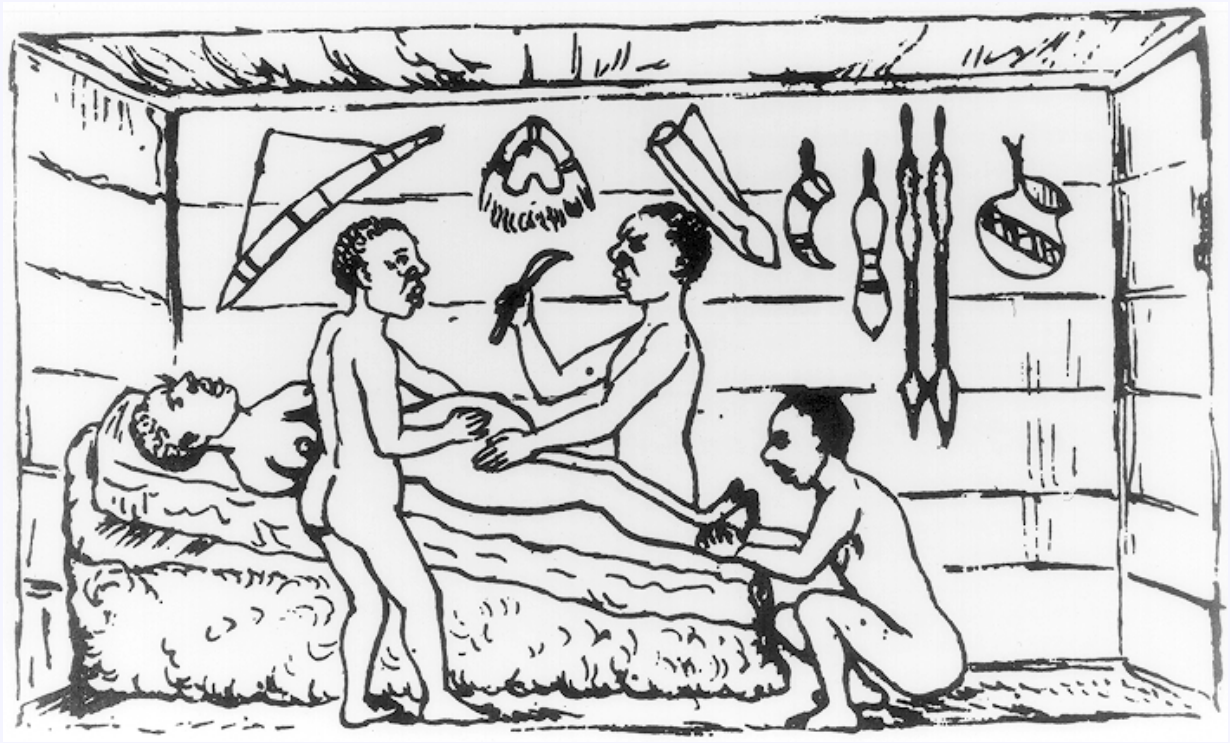
Who were the first astronomers on Earth:

(Napta Playa) Sudanese Africans

Where was the oldest mathematic tool on Earth found....Central Africa.

How early were West Africans smelting iron....12,000 BCE. Hell the ancient African way of iron extracting iron was used in Brazil until 19th century, when Europeans finally found a better way.

How long were Europeans performing Cesarian sections?



These are just random facts that I'm sure you weren't aware of, and I will gladly post more.

> Quote:
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> If Unbreakable is correct in what is being presented here, then that suggests that Africa had a tremendous head start in terms of organizing civilizations.

You are suggesting that civilizations do not fall. You are suggesting that because a peoples are powerful now, that they will be powerful in 200 years or have always been powerful. You are suggesting that people who might be down trotten at the moment have always been down trotten. Look at Mongolia during Khan's era and look at it today Can those **** poor people today be the descendants of such an ancient and mighty kingdom? According to your logic they cannot. Your logic appears to be that which supports the juvenile notion of inherent supremacy of a group of people to always succeed above others. As history clearly shows it does not work that way.

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Grandstander

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Unbreakable...

Wow, you are all over the place with the above, yet you still managed to avoid the central question. plus you seem to be having emotional control issues in responding.

Your above repsonse is another presentation of how Africa once enjoyed a position of advantage in terms of having organized civilizations. Obviously, well apparently not to you, the answer to the question "What happened to that advantage?" is not going to be another review of those advantages, that is just repeating the premise which inspired my question.

Now, before you respond, take some time to think and avoid the silly stuff which you have above, like "You are suggesting that civilizations do not fall" which since I suggested nothing of the kind, is an idea taking place only in your head. Respond to what I write, not what you imagine your dumbest opponent would be writing, okay? Otherwise there is not point in discussing anything with you.

Back to the question at hand.....if Africa had such a head start, why was it European ships arriving to exploit Africans rather than African ships arriving to exploit Europeans? Why did African societies fail to develop sufficient political unity and technology so that they could have kept pace or passed those civilizations which wound up expoiting them?

I'm looking for a clinical, thoughtful answer, not another emotional knee jerk response such as you provide above.

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The Unbreakable

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Quote:

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You are avoiding applying your racist logic to any of the other situations that I've presented. What happened to Greece and Rome? Why have they went from being the beacon of what we now call Europe both economically and culturally to now being a peg above third world status and experiencing violent uprising? Why is the nation most often credited with creating Western civilization, now the one which could be the reason why the combined ecomony of the Westernized world will collapse? What happened to their advantages? You're not going to answer this question, because it would force you to reassess your racist views on Africa's crucial role in world and subsequently European history.

Here is a good website explaining why civilizations fall.

Quote:

> like "You are suggesting that civilizations do not fall" which since I suggested nothing of the kind, is an idea taking place only in your head.

No it's not "only in my head". You are presenting the typical racist view that some ignorant Westerners have of Africa and African history/culture and basing it entirely on the dire state of many present day African nations. You're saying that because much of Africa is poor today that it is indicative that they have always been poor, and I have proven this assertion to be incorrect. You state that because other regions of the world (particularly western Europe and east Asia) have passed Africa up technologically that Africa and Africans could have never lead the world in this sector, and this was obviously not the case:

What were Europeans (especially western, northern and central ones) doing during this time in history? During antiquity when black Africans of the Nile (Egypt and Nubia) dominated the world for thousands of years, could the reversed racist arguments have been

made against Europeans who had been in place for almost 30ky's yet "accomplished" little to nothing at that period of time? Also make no mistake that it isn't a question this these are the facts of the matter, and it's not a question of "if I'm telling the truth". Obviously I have contemporary scholarship to validate everything that I'm asserting.

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> Why did African societies fail to develop sufficient political unity and technology so that they could have kept pace or passed those civilizations which wound up expoiting them?

Again in your quest to label black people as inferior you are running from the examples that I have given throughout most of world history in which Europe (the vast majority of it) wasn't ****. Why not acknowledge the fact that black Africans and Arab muslims ruled Europe for close to 1,000 years. Better yet in your notions of inherent superiority/inferiority how on Earth can you even explain how Europe fell into an intellectual drought (the DARK AGES) for close to 1,000 years? Why did it take that long for non Mediterranean Europeans to pick up where Rome and Greece left off? When you answer these questions then if your biased permits it, you would have a clue as to the purpose of this thread.

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Ученые создали самое большое генеалогическое древо: раскрывает происхождение человечества

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Исследователи уверяют, что им удалось реконструировать геномы наших предков и создать с помощью них обширную сеть взаимоотношений на планете.

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комы с идеей отслеживания генеалогического древа с помощью
— сегодня они активно используются для поиска родственных
ытии резонансных преступление, пишет IFL Science.

В новом исследовании ученые из Института больших данных Оксфордского университета замахнулись на более глобальный и амбициозный анализ — по сути ученые работают над созданием обширного генеалогического древа всего человечества.

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По словам ведущего автора исследования доктора Энтони Уайлдера, они с коллегами занимаются тем, что реконструируют геномы наших предков и используют их для создания обширной сети взаимоотношений. В ходе исследований они пришли к выводу, что участок пустыни на северо-востоке Судана, недалеко от реки Нил, может быть прародиной всех людей, живущих на планете.

Генетик-эволюционист и главный автор исследования доктор Ян Вонг отмечает, что им удалось создать самое масштабное и детальное генеалогическое древо, включающее генеалогию всего человечества. Это позволило им взглянуть, как генетическая последовательность каждого отдельного человека связана со всеми остальными по всем точкам генома.

В общей сложности исследователи использовали данные из восьми различных баз данных, содержащих геномы человека. Это позволило им создать сеть из почти 27 миллионов геномов. Отметим, что исследователи использовали образцы не только

остей генетической изменчивости ученые использовали
– это позволило им "предсказать", где общие предки могли бы
ическом древе. По сути ученым удалось максимально точно
, породившую все генетические вариации, присутствующие
сегодня у людей.

Однако это еще не конец исследования — анализ продолжается. В дальнейшем ученые намерены дополнить и улучшить имеющееся генеалогическое древо, используя миллионы дополнительных образцов геномов человека.

Исследователи полагают, что с дальнейшим развитием технологий им удастся создать максимально полную и точную карту, которая позволит объяснить происхождение абсолютно всех имеющихся вариаций генома человека.

Впрочем, даже это не станет финальной точкой исследования — авторы генеалогического древа человечества уверены, что в дальнейшем смогут применить этот анализ и для других видов — от орангутангов до бактерий. В перспективе подобная карта может дать толчок развитию медицинской генетики и позволит вылечить ряд генетических заболеваний.

Ранее *Фокус* писал о том, что древняя карта Земли покажет, где находился ваш дом во времена динозавров.

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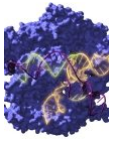

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Путешествие в прошлое. Древняя карта Земли покажет, где находился ваш дом во времена динозавров

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Сумеречная зона. Ученые обнаружили новые крошечные гены, появившиеся в ДНК человека

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ı человеческий организм на 65% состоит из воды —
ые десятилетиями пытаются понять, как на организм влияет
ыток воды, а также пытаются найти золотую середину —
, которую нам следует выпивать в сутки, пишет New Atlas.

В исследовании 2019 года ученые из Национального института здоровья (NIH) изучали влияние длительного ограничения воды на здоровье мышей. Тогда исследователи обнаружили, что хроническое лишение мышей достаточного количества жидкости приводит к сокращению продолжительности их жизни на полгода, что эквивалентно 15 годам человеческой жизни.

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Ученые вдохновились исследованием коллег из NIH и решили изучить, как недостаточная

1980-х годов. В ходе исследования ученые наблюдали за более 15 ий возраст которых был более 25 лет.

ратации исследователи использовали уровни натрия в сыворотке крови. Отметим, что у здоровых людей этот фактор уже давно признан эффективным способом измерения гидратации человеческого организма. Нормальным уровнем натрия в организм человека считается — от 135 до 146 ммоль/л.

Уровни натрия измерялись в несколько периодов времени в течение 25 лет, ученые также отслеживали 15 других маркеров человеческого здоровья (давление, уровень сахара в крови и т.д.). Проанализировав результаты исследования, они пришли к выводу, что:

- уровень натрия в крови выше 142 ммоль/л связан с быстрым биологическим старением;
- уровень натрия в крови выше 142 ммоль/л на 15% повышает шансы, что биологический возраст будет больше хронологического;
- уровень натрия в крови выше 144 ммоль/л на 50% повышает шанс того, что биологический возраст будет больше хронологического.

Кроме того, ученые обнаружили взаимосвязь между недостаточной гидратацией организма и хроническими заболеваниями. Например, уровень натрия в сыворотке выше 142 ммоль/л связан с 64% увеличением риска хронических заболеваний, в том числе сердечную недостаточность, диабет и деменцию. При этом ученые обнаружили, что у реципиентов с самым высоким уровнем натрия в крови (144,5–146 ммоль/л) вероятность преждевременной смерти на 21% выше, чем у лиц с самым низким показателем натрия.

Однако ученые с осторожностью относятся к данным результатам — во-первых, корреляция не обязательно подразумевает причинно-следственную связь, во-вторых, данные результаты не могут прямо указывать на то, что хроническое снижение гидратации вызывает сокращение продолжительности жизни.

Исследователи допускаю, что низкий уровень ежедневного увлажнения фактически лишь является приличным показателем здорового образа жизни, а те кто лучше увлажняются, также больше заботятся о своем здоровье, лучше питаются и тренируются.

Впрочем, исследователи также отмечают, что существуют некоторые лабораторные данные, к5оторые свидетельствуют, что низкий уровень гидратации человека может вызвать признаки старения в клетках животных и человека. Данные результаты исследований свидетельствуют о том, что высокий уровень натрия в крови приводит к провоспалительной активности и повреждению ДНК, которые ответственны за ускорение старения. В результате ученые пришли к выводу, что результаты нового исследования выглядят весьма правдоподобно.

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اغرب طقوس العالم

الأقرب للمنطق كانت الرواية «الهندوسية» التي أرجعت القتل الطقسي بالخنق إلى الآلهة الهندوسية «كالي» التي تقول الرواية الميثولوجية الهندوسية عنها إنها إلهة الموت والدمار التي تدمر الشرور – وليس كما يشاع أنها تحب الموت والدمار – والتي كانت تخوض معركة ضد العِفريت الأسطوري «راكتابيجا» الذي أعطاه الـ«براهما» – سيد الآلهة الهندوسية – قدرات خارقة بأن يولد ثانية فور موته أقوى بألف مرة، والذي لم تستطع «كالي» أن تهزمه؛ لأن كل قطرة من دمه تلمس الأرض كانت تلد «راكتابيجا» جديدًا ومستقلًا، ولكنها نظرًا لقوتها ودهائها أخذت في فرد لسانها – كما تظهر في الرسومات – لتشرب كل الدماء الساقطة من جسد «راكتابيجا»؛ كي لا يولد منها مقاتلون جدد، ومزقت من ثوبها الأصفر قطعًا من القماش – سميت القطعة «الرومال»، واستخدمه الخناقون فيما بعد في كل خنق تقريبًا، وباللون نفسه- وأمرت الآلهة الأخرى أن يساعدوها في قتل العفريت خنقًا، دون إراقة الدماء، ومن ثَم جاء الطقس الذي يدعو للقتل، ولكن دون أن يراق الدم.

بينما ذكرت الدراسة التاريخية نفسها للدكتور «ظافر قدوري»، مستعينة بمصادر قديمة، أن العرب – حتى قبل الإسلام – عادة لم يقتلوا الناس أو الخصوم غدرًا، مثلما الحال في الخنق:

لم تُشر الروايات التي بين أيدينا على الأقل إلى أن العرب عرفت عادة القتل خنقًا، وربما يكون مرد هذا الأمر هو ما جُبل عليه العرب من الفروسية التي تتمسك بالقتال وجهًا لوجه، ولا تُقر حتى ملاحقة الهارب، فقد كان من عادة فرسان العرب قبل الإسلام أنهم إذا صادفوا خصمًا لهم يخاطبونه بالقول «خذ حذرك فإني قاتلك»، وهو ما جاء موافقًا للأحاديث التي وردت عن النبي – صلى الله عليه وسلم – في عدم القتل غيلةً وغدرًا، أو القتل بالخديعة، وقرن ذلك الأمر بالإيمان في أحد أحاديثه «الإيمان قيد الفتك، لا يفتك مؤمن».

ولتأكيد نسب الرواية للهندوس مقارنة بالعرب القدامى الذين عبدوا إلهة مؤنثة أيضًا «العُزى»، ولكن الأمر اختلف في طقوس التقرّب وأصول المُعتقد، حيث كانت القرابين تُقدم إلى الآلهة العربية في شكل ذبح، بالإشارة إلى ما جاء في المصادر التاريخية الواردة في الدراسة السابق الإشارة إليها:

«يبدو ان العزى هي الإلهة التي اقترن تاريخها بالقتل عند العرب قبل الإسلام، إذ ذكرت الروايات أن المنذر بن ماء السماء كان يُعظمها، وقدّم لها أربعمائة امرأة يحدّهن ضحايا، بعد أن أسرهُنَّ في حروبه مع الغساسنة، وكانت قريش فيما بعد قد وضعت للعزى مكانًا خاصًا، ومنحرًا ينحرون فيه هداياها، يقالُ لهُ الغبغب،

وكانوا يزورونها ويتقربون إليها بالذبح».

المنصورية الخناقون

ولكن بالطبع عندما ذاع صيت تلك الفرقة، أدخلها الرواة والمؤرخون ضمن الفرق المُسلمة الذين كانوا كثرة في تلك الأزمان البعيدة، وحتى أول ظهور مُسجل تاريخيًا لبعض الخناقين بعد انتشار الإسلام لأهداف تختلف، وتحديدًا في أيام الدولة الأموية، عندما نشطت طائفة سميت «المنصورية»، أسسها أبو منصور العجلي، عُرف عنها انتهاج القتل بالخنق، كما ورد في دراسة «الخناقون جذورهم وآثارهم» للدكتور«ظافر قدوري:

وبعض الروايات تصر على أنهُ أول من استحدث ظاهرة القتل خنقًا، وأجازها في حق المخالفين، لأنهُ كان من أهل الكوفة، ومن عبد القيس، ولهُ فيها دار،» وكانت نشأته في البادية، وكان أميًا لا يقرأ، ولم يكن وجماعته ممن يعارضون حكم الدولة الأموية، الذين كانوا يستهدفون الرؤوس والقيادات البارزة، هذا الأمر لم يكن شائعًا عند الخناقين، إلا في النادر، فهم لم يظهروا كمغتالي رؤوس السلطة وزعمائها، وكلُ ما وصل إلينا يشير إلى ممارستهم الخنق وسرقة مال المخنوق، كما جاء في (تاريخ الطبري) و(المِلل والنِحل) للشهرستاني».

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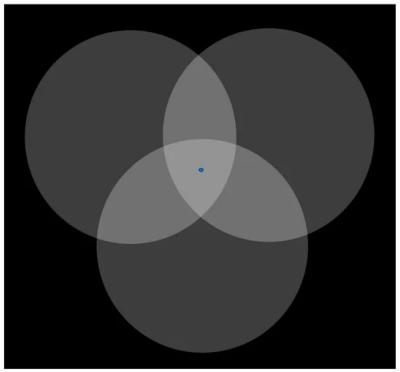

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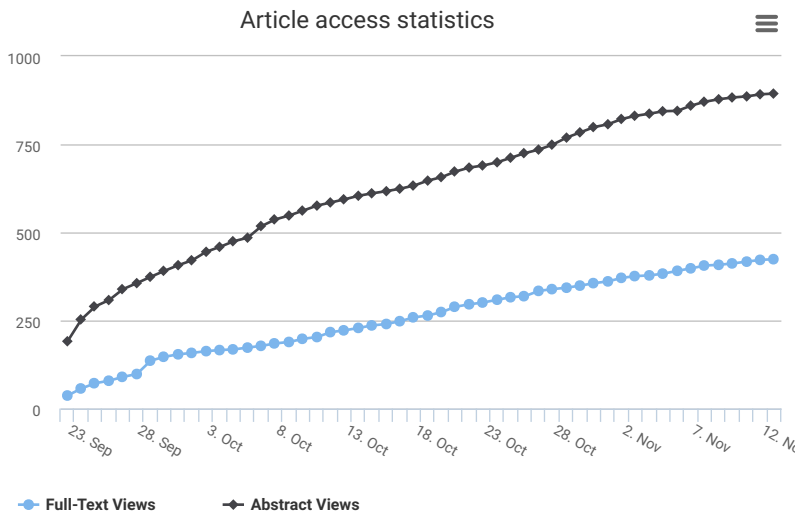

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in the Anime "One Punch Man" this is it's definition. "Black Sperm is an odd-looking humanoid monster of diminutive stature. He has a completely black body and a pale white face with black eyes and a tail-like protrusion on the top of his head."

since then I am repeatedly teaching that these Famous Animes, Music and Hollywood Movies are always giving us all clues of some hidden reality and truth that is been taken away from us by our oppressors that led the humanity to astray resulting "Forgetfullness and Ignorance".
#SubliminalMessage #PredictiveProgramming

I always tell one of my students about my kind of theory regarding the Graphene Oxide or what we called "Black Goo" is the Sperm or Seeds of the Archons/gods and their Dark Angels. this black substance is always attracted to golds, magnets and other warm and cold matters, in the famous coming new season of the anime "One Punch Man" they will face a powerful villain called The Golden Sperm, inside of this Golden Sperm contains an enormus fusion of trillions of BLACK SPERMS. so the hidden message is those Black Sperms are living "inside a body" of a powerful villain.

Graphene Oxide is a nano particle that are being inserted in secrecy to our body via frozen foods, can goods, medicines, air and rain (via chemtrails) and specially of all the .. this is the method of the Archons in manipulating our DNA so that they can change us from a normal human being to a transhuman being because when this nano particle entered our body it can be easily manipulated and controlled through frequency and radiation from 'signal towers' specially through 5G. and this is their dark and hidden agenda to manipulate us to take away our rights as a Superior Designed Creation by the Most High. (Superior than the Archons).

specially of all what they are targeting through this Graphene Oxide is your "Pineal Gland" and that is why you always feel you're so far away and dry from the 'True Spirituality' because of this manipulation. when you will be changed soon because of this hidden agenda by our oppressors you will have a very hard time accessing the Spiritual Realm and cannot be able to Ascend in the place you should have Ascended. (if you know what I mean). and this is why there are many

people like me who believed that this is possibly the Mark.

having the Mark of the Beast is not just a plain disobedience and then it will just result to a condemnation, it's not like that! it is a kind of a manipulation process to your body for your body is the "Temple of the the Most High" and bacause of that your body is so precious for it reflects the health of your Spirit, the more they or you abuse your physical body the more you are dryer in your Spiritual Life. and I know many Truthers can testify that.

what are we going to do if we already have Graphene Oxides inside our bodies? I tell you, our body is a self healing machine that can get rid of any unwanted cells and bacterias if we are just doing the right and healthy lifestyle. so am I saying that the Mark of the Beast can be remove or dismounted? just like I said it is not just a simple Disobedience it is a Process! and that is not a simple thing to do for our lifestyle in this generation is already so toxic! the only clear message for me through the Scriptures is to live in a very healthy lifestyle with the Nature. detoxify yourselves..

there is always a way but that way is so very narrow that the majority cannot avail to do it. because they believed they are okay in their comfort zones. but the truth is they are not. please always be safe everyone and may the Prime Creator bless you all!

if you wanted to learn more about the nature of "Graphene Oxide" watch this video. (click)
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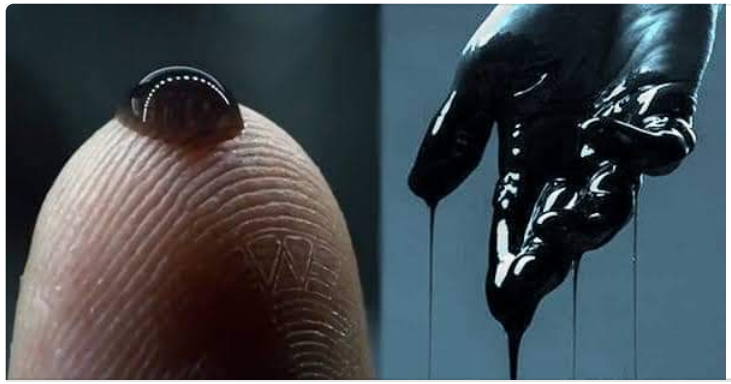

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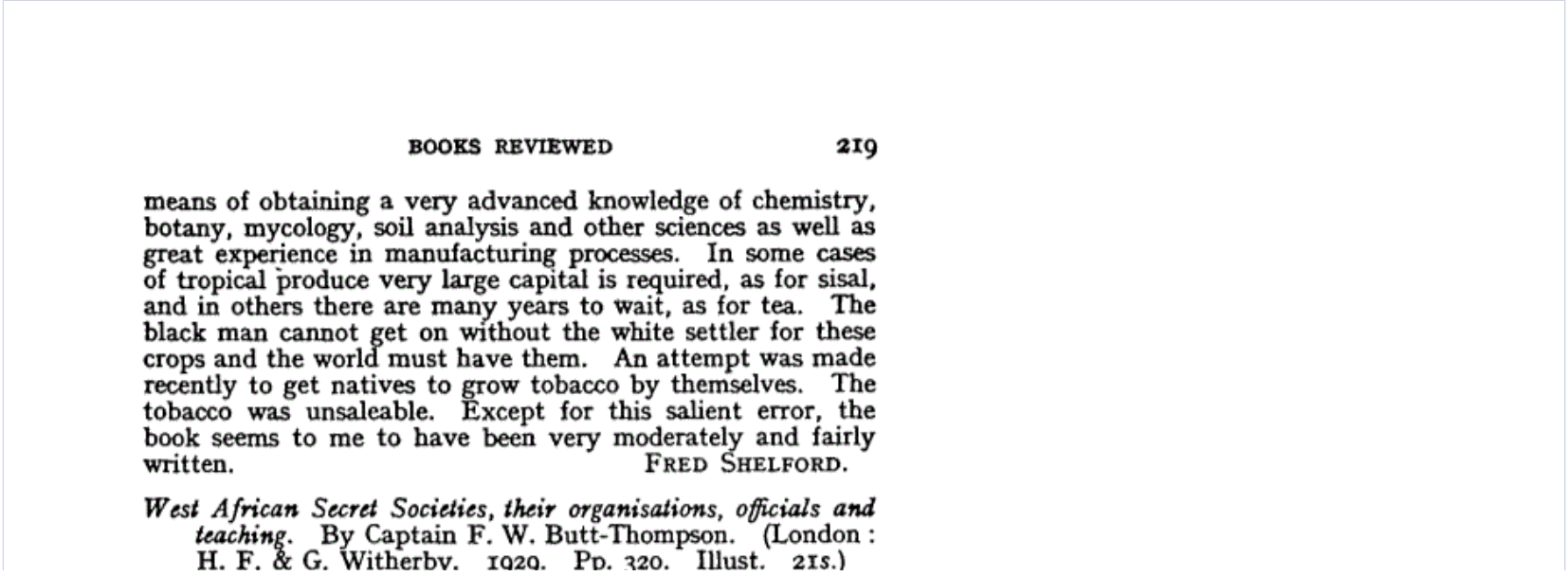

means of obtaining a very advanced knowledge of chemistry, botany, mycology, soil analysis and other sciences as well as great experience in manufacturing processes. In some cases of tropical produce very large capital is required, as for sisal, and in others there are many years to wait, as for tea. The black man cannot get on without the white settler for these crops and the world must have them. An attempt was made recently to get natives to grow tobacco by themselves. The tobacco was unsaleable. Except for this salient error, the book seems to me to have been very moderately and fairly written. FRED SHELFORD.

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THIS is a text-book of the numerous secret societies in the West Coast of Africa and includes many known as Ju-Ju, Mumbo Jumbo, etc. to early writers. The work is intended for use by District Commissioners on the West Coast, etc., as it is dedicated to them, and is written on the assumption that most of the details of the various practices are known to the reader. There are numerous resemblances to the Bantu practices described by Mr. Hobley, and it is interesting to note that Islam has not suppressed many of these ancient customs. In the Eastern Sudan, Islam has refused to assimilate or tolerate any secret societies, and even the "tariqas" are regarded by many of the orthodox Moslems as heretical. Traces of these West African customs are found in Sennar, Kordofan, Dar Fur and Kassala, where they seem to have been introduced by pilgrims from Nigeria, who have settled there. It is extremely difficult to understand how these secret societies, to which presumably Europeans are not admitted, can be developed under the guidance of the government to produce beneficial results, but such would appear to be the case in Nigeria. A. E. R.

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Bush, l'11 settembre, la CIA e le società segrete

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Ecco il mio primo thread su Twitter e su Substack per i normies che fanno pilling rosso. Ho compilato molti video che possono essere usati per risvegliare i vostri amici addormentati, se usati correttamente!

Ho bisogno del vostro aiuto per retwittare e diffondere la notizia!

Spero che arriveranno molti altri thread!

Continuiamo a far scorrere le pillole rosse!

Bush, l'11 settembre, la CIA, le società segrete:

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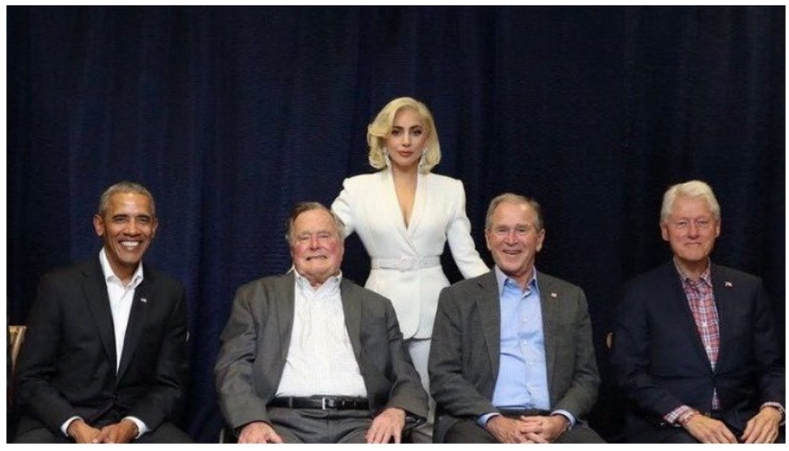


La CIA era collegata ai dirottatori dell'aereo saudita dell'11 settembre, fornendo ulteriori prove che l'11 settembre è stato un lavoro interno, ma quando guardo i media mainstream trovo un silenzio quasi mortale.

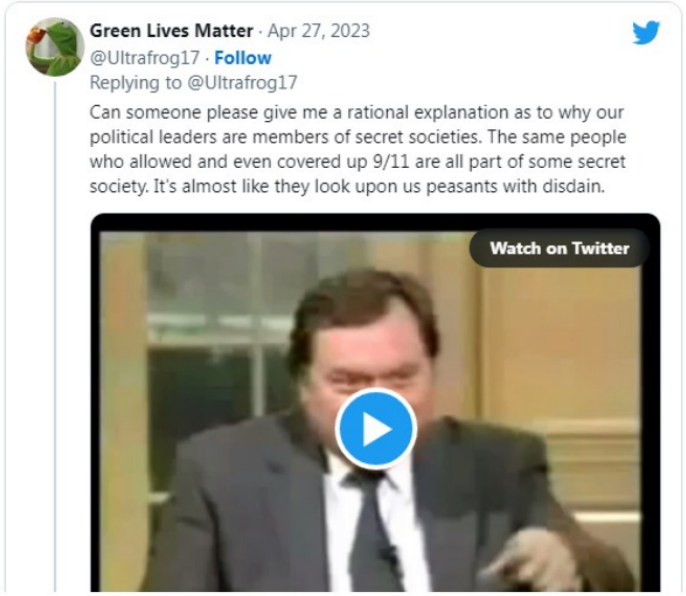
Immagina di non segnalarlo.

È quasi come se il MSM trincerato della CIA non uscisse da solo.

La CIA è una piaga per la nostra società e i suoi padroni sono il deep state. Ma chi controllava la CIA? Erano Bush e il deep state? Chi era a capo della CIA e aveva anche un figlio che ammetteva apertamente di essere membro di una società segreta? BUSH.

Qualcuno può darmi una spiegazione razionale del motivo per cui i nostri leader politici sono membri di società segrete. Le stesse persone che hanno permesso e persino insabbiato l'11 settembre fanno tutte parte di una qualche società segreta. Sembra quasi che guardino noi contadini con disprezzo.

Bush faceva parte di una società segreta a Yale dove si incontravano sulle tombe e facevano rituali segreti. Non me lo sto inventando. "Il video offre uno sguardo sgranato su quelli che sembrano essere i rituali di iniziazione di una società segreta. Tra i famosi alunni c'è John Kerry..George Bush"



Se credi ancora che la famiglia Bush sia normale e non cultista, ascolta questa clip in cui Bush parla di come sua madre teneva un feto in un barattolo che mostrava solo alle persone di cui si fidava. WTF.

Peter Nygard, che molti chiamano il canadese Jeffrey Epstein, l'ospite preferito nel suo resort sull'isola non era altro che il boss della mafia della CIA George Bush Senior. Quali sono le probabilità? Non ci sono coincidenze.

George Bush Senior parla apertamente di un Nuovo Ordine Mondiale che viene forgiato mentre la sua CIA rovescia i governi stranieri e provoca il caos in tutto il mondo.

Sono sicuro che non è niente.

Questo è solo inquietante e volevo inserirlo qui perché sembrava che Barbara Bush stesse davvero tentando di intimidire suo nipote mentre indossava un vestito da strega, ma me lo dici? Questa è la stessa donna che teneva apertamente un feto in un barattolo.

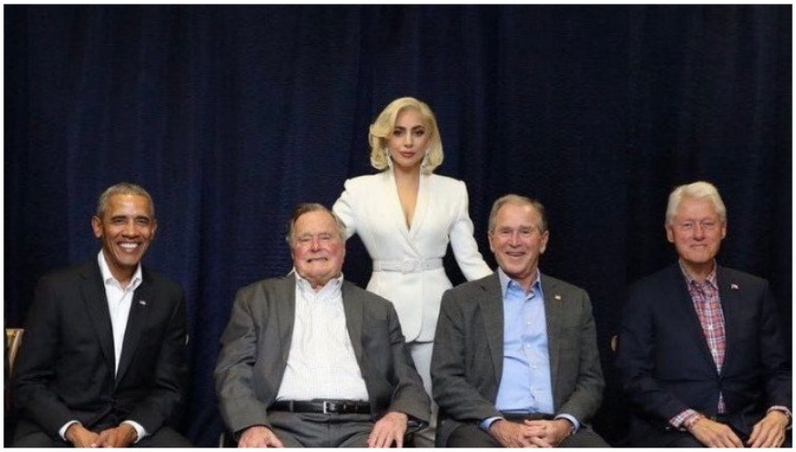
Lascia che affondi.

Sono sicuro che è solo una coincidenza che Epstein tenesse un dipinto di Bill Clinton con un vestito nella sua casa di città e quello stesso artista ha anche dipinto un'immagine di ciò che può essere descritto solo come implicante Bush come perpetratore dietro l'11 settembre.

https://nypost.com/2019/08/14/epstein-had-bizarre-painting-of-bill-clinton-in-dress-heels-in-townhouse/

E già che siamo in tema di Epstein. Qualcuno può ragionevolmente spiegarmi perché Epstein Island è stato autorizzato a correre in segreto in tandem con le agenzie di intelligence da ogni singolo presidente, ma quando Trump sale al potere all'improvviso viene chiuso ed esposto?

Perché lo spirito che cucina Lady Gaga si presenta come una figura di potere dietro ogni presidente guerrafondaio come questo? È simbolico di qualcosa?



Cerca tu stesso lo spirito di cucina e Lady Gaga se non mi credi.

JFK ci ha tenuto un discorso sulla ripugnanza della segretezza e sulla necessità del libero flusso di informazioni. Voleva fare a pezzi la CIA in mille pezzi.

Non c'è da stupirsi che lo abbiano ucciso con un cosiddetto uomo armato solitario.

A proposito di uomini armati solitari: sapevi che l'ex consulente della CIA Milton Kline, uno psicologo di New York ed esperto ipnotizzatore che una volta disse che poteva "creare un pasticcio in tre mesi", ma ci sarebbero voluti sei mesi per trasformare qualcuno in un assassino. Ma la chiamano teoria del complotto?

L'ex consulente della CIA ammette che potrebbe creare un pasticcio in tre mesi e gli ci vorrebbero sei mesi per creare un uomo armato solitario.

Ora pensa a tutti i personaggi politici assassinati da presunti uomini armati solitari.

Robert Kennedy JR ha ammesso apertamente al pubblico che suo padre avrebbe rimosso i servizi clandestini dalla CIA una settimana prima di essere ucciso. Quali sono le possibilità che JFK abbia voluto frantumare la CIA in mille pezzi e poi sia finito morto proprio come Robert Kennedy

Quando verrà fuori che la CIA ha ucciso Robert Kennedy perché è difficile credere a qualsiasi storia ufficiale che ci hanno fornito nel corso degli anni?

Perché coloro che parlano apertamente di smantellare la CIA o di fermare le guerre finiscono subito dopo uccisi da uomini armati solitari?

La CIA ha ammesso nel 1975 di avere agenti incorporati nei nostri media mainstream. Non pensi che questo spieghi perché gli esperti si rifiutano di riferire sulle reclute saudite della CIA sull'11 settembre? Non ne usciranno uno di loro?

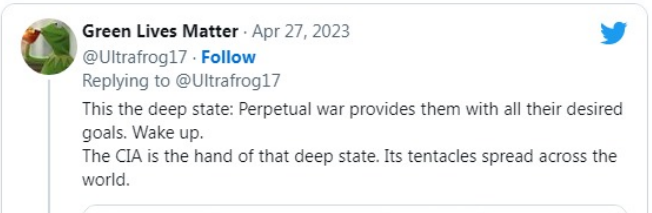
Deve essere una coincidenza che l'FBI abbia scritto una lettera di suicidio anonima tentando di ricattare/costringere Martin Luther King prima che gli sparassero.

Assolutamente niente da vedere qui...

Questo è lo stato profondo: la guerra perpetua fornisce loro tutti gli obiettivi desiderati. Svegliati.

La CIA è la mano di quello stato profondo. I suoi tentacoli si sono diffusi in tutto il mondo.

Nel maggio 2022, Bush ha accidentalmente ammesso che l'invasione dell'Iraq da parte dello stato profondo è stata brutale e ingiustificata. Immagina cos'altro potrebbe dire se gli venisse dato un siero della verità? Ecco chi sono queste persone. E indovina cosa? Sono tutti contrari a Trump.



Patriot chiama Bush per aver mentito sulla guerra e aver effettivamente ucciso milioni di persone. Non c'erano armi di distruzione di massa.

"Quando ti scuserai? Hai mentito sulle armi di distruzione di massa. Hai mentito sui collegamenti con l'11 settembre... I miei amici sono morti. Un milione di iracheni sono morti."

Trump sulle guerre senza fine:

"Abbiamo distrutto il Medio Oriente. È stata una decisione orribile. Costo di trilioni di dollari. Milioni e milioni di vite". Pensavo che Trump fosse un guerrafondaio, eppure è lui che denuncia i crimini di guerra commessi dal governo ombra..

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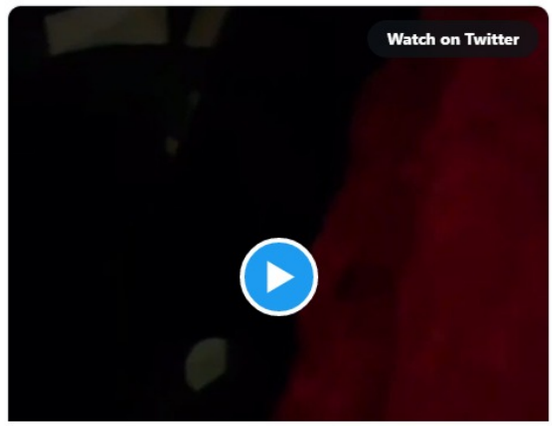
Patriot calls out Bush for lying about the war and effectively killing millions of people. There were no WMD's.

"When are you going to apologize? You lied about weapons of mass destruction. You lied about connections to 9/11... My friends are dead. A million Iraqis are dead."



2,3 trilioni di dollari scomparsi dal Pentagono il giorno prima dell'11 settembre.

Non deve essere niente.

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Trump on the never ending wars:

"We've destroyed the middle east. It was a horrible decision. Cost of trillions of dollars. Millions and millions of lives." I thought Trump was a war monger yet he is the one who calls out the war crimes committed by the shadow government..

L'11 settembre l'edificio 7 ha ammesso la demolizione controllata da parte del proprietario dell'edificio, Larry Silverstein. Non devi essere un teorico della cospirazione per chiederti che diavolo è successo qui?

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2.3 trillion dollars missing from Pentagon the day before 9/11.
It must be nothing.

Trump lo sapeva. Perché dire che non siamo arrivati alla fine dell'11 settembre in un torneo di golf sostenuto dai sauditi?

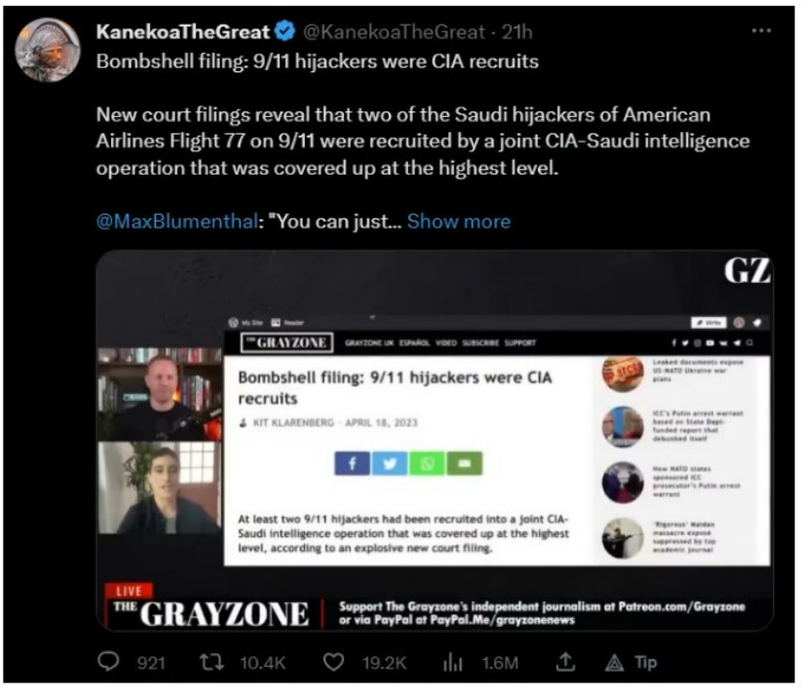
Questo è dopo l'epurazione avvenuta con la sua approvazione.

C'è molto di più che accade dietro le quinte se hai gli occhi per vedere.

Il tappeto rosso è stato steso per Trump mentre visita l'Arabia Saudita nel suo primo viaggio mondiale come presidente.

L'ISIS viene successivamente sconfitto e in SA avviene una massiccia epurazione che Trump approva.

Quali sono le probabilità?



Ora pensa al fatto che i dirottatori sauditi sono stati scoperti come reclute della CIA. Perché qui Bush ringrazia l'Arabia Saudita?

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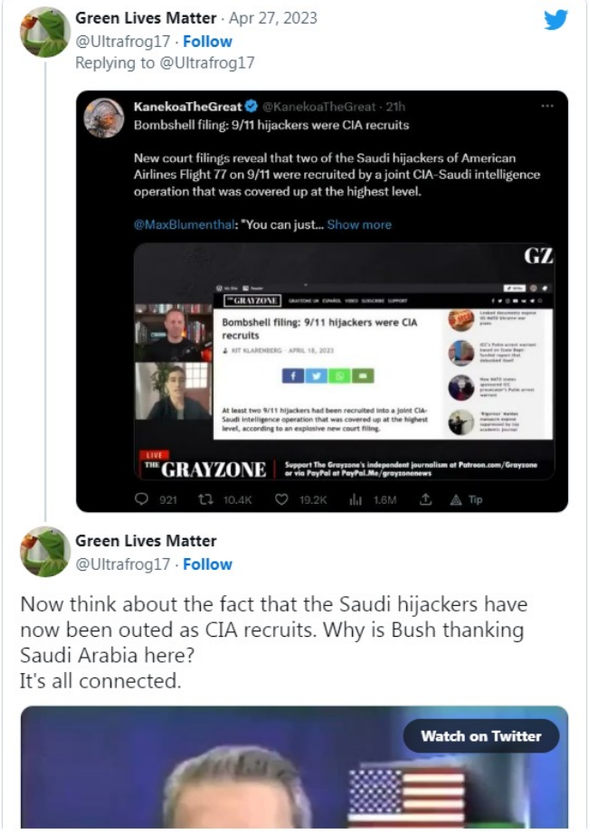

Ricordi quando Bill Cooper ha essenzialmente predetto l'11 settembre e ha visto attraverso la falsa bandiera prima ancora che accadesse e successivamente è stato ucciso dal governo non molto tempo dopo?

"La CIA ha creato Osama Bin Laden... Ora lo stanno usando per aiutare a realizzare il governo mondiale facendo di lui il grande uomo nero perché non possono più usare Saddam Hussein...

Qualunque cosa accadrà, daranno la colpa a Osama Bin Laden, non crederci nemmeno".

Eppure, nonostante tutte queste verità, per ora concluderò questo thread su questo: le Georgia Guidestones, che mostravano il piano globalista per limitare la popolazione a soli 500 milioni di persone, sono state distrutte nel giorno del compleanno di George W. Bush.

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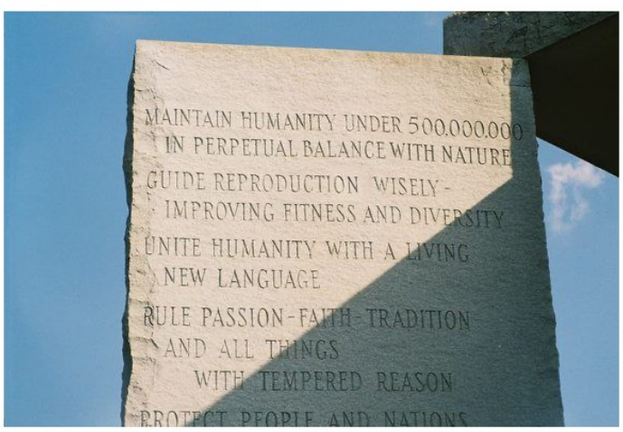

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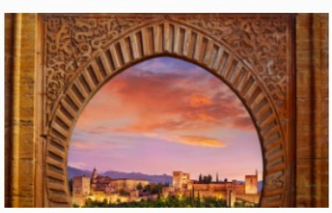

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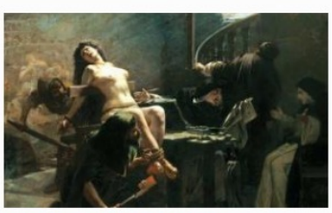

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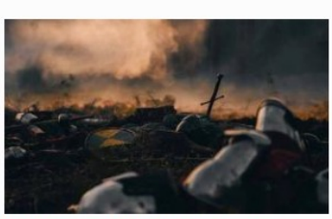

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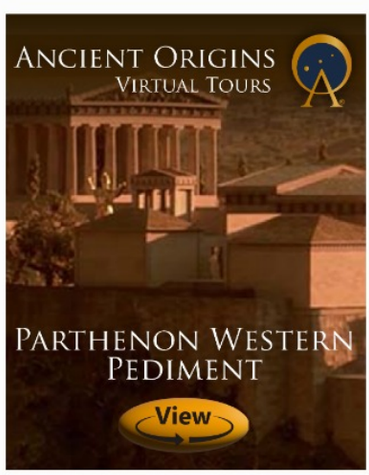

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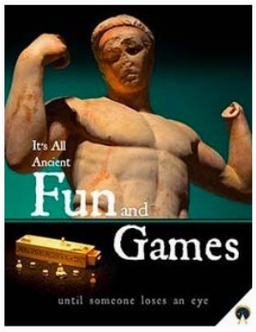

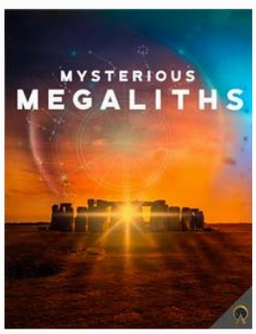

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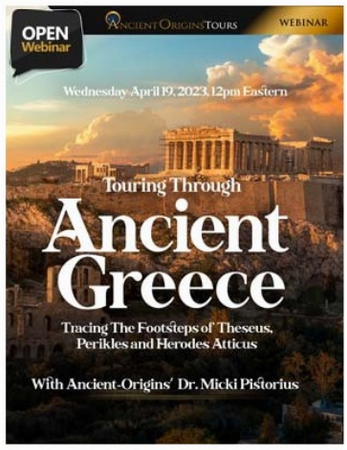

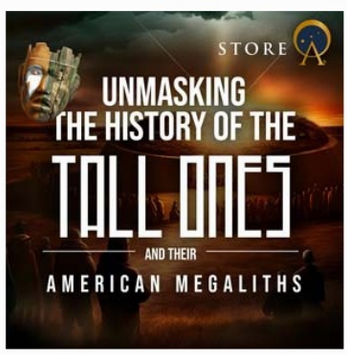

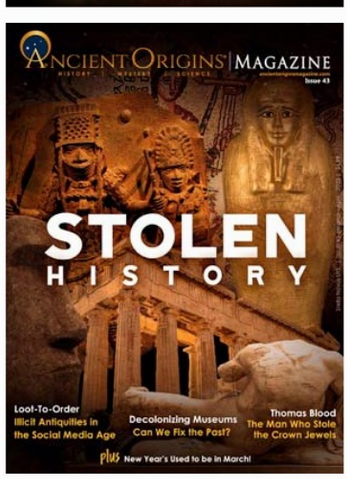

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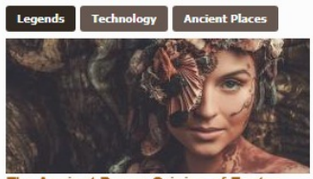

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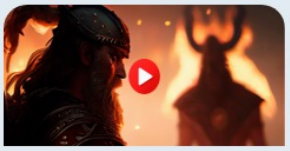

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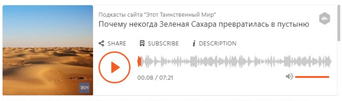


Сахара, самая большая пустыня в мире, занимает треть африканского континента. В древности, несколько тысяч лет назад, эта обширная территория была плодородным и зеленым миром.

Потом что-то случилось, и Зеленая Сахара превратилась в гигантскую пустыню.

Сегодня есть достаточно доказательств того, что пустыня Сахара когда-то была экосистемой пастбищ и была гораздо более влажным местом, чем сегодня.

Итак, что вызвало это серьезное изменение климата?

Большинство ученых считают, что Сахара высохла из-за изменения орбиты Земли. Это изменение повлияло на солнечную инсоляцию и количество электромагнитной энергии, которую Земля получает от Солнца. Инсоляция показывает количество солнечного света, падающего на определенную область поверхности в определенное время. Это, в свою очередь, зависит от таких факторов, как географическое положение, время суток, время года, ландшафт и местная погода.

Ученый-климатолог Гэвин Шмидт из Института космических исследований имени Годдарда (НАСА) сказал, что около 8000 лет назад орбита Земли немного отличалась от сегодняшней. Наклон изменился с 24,1 градусов до нынешних 23,5 градусов.

"Кроме того, раньше Земля наиболее близко подходила к Солнцу в северном полушарии летом в августе, – сказал Шмидт. – Сегодня максимальное приближение происходит в январе. Получается, что раньше лето на севере тогда было теплее, чем сейчас".

Изменения наклона орбиты Земли и прецессии (или колебательного движения) происходят из-за гравитационных сил, исходящих от других тел Солнечной системы.

Чтобы понять, что именно происходит, представьте вращающийся волчок, который слегка потревожили. Как и волчок, Земля тоже немного покачивается вокруг своей оси вращения. Этот наклон изменяется между 22 и 25 градусами примерно каждые 41 000 лет, в то время как прецессия изменяется примерно за 26 000 лет. Эти циклы были достаточно точно определены астрономами и подтверждены геологами, изучающими записи океанических отложений.

"Если вы возьмете достаточно длинный временной ряд, который будет хорошо датирован, вы сможете увидеть частоты в данных, которые соответствуют периодам, предсказанным этой теорией", – пояснил Шмидт.

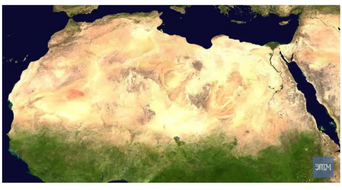
Хотя исследователи и согласны с тем, что Сахара когда-то была зеленым местом, но до сих пор широко обсуждается, как произошел переход.

Из-за отсутствия палеоэкологических данных ученым часто приходится прибегать к моделированию климата.

Так, в 1999 году группа немецких исследователей использовала компьютерное моделирование для создания модели климата Земли тысячи лет назад. Они пришли к выводу, что изменение климата в Сахаре произошло внезапно, в течение возможного периода, длиною примерно всего в 300 лет.

Однако есть и другие ученые, которые не согласны с этими расчетами. Новые данные показывают, что восточная часть пустыни Сахара, особенно район возле озера Йоа в Чаде, высыхала медленно и постепенно с середины голоцена.

"Результаты этого исследования заключаются в том, что седиментологические и геохимические свойства озерных отложений подтверждают, что Сахара начала медленно высыхать шесть тысяч лет назад, чтобы достичь нынешнего состояния около 1100 лет назад", – сказал Пьер Франкус, профессор Национального университета. Институт научных исследований в Квебеке, Канада.



А вот Гэвин Шмидт принадлежит к группе ученых, которые считают, что существует достаточно свидетельств, доказывающих внезапные изменения в Сахаре:

"Учитывая очень сильную зависимость растительности от наличия воды, конец "Зеленой Сахары" наступил довольно неожиданно, около 5 500 лет назад, – сказал Шмидт. – Таким образом, очень медленное изменение орбиты привело к резкому коллапсу в этой экосистеме".

Но Сахара – обширная территория, и мы не должны исключать возможность того, что некоторые ее части высохли внезапно, в то время как другим регионам потребовалось больше времени, чтобы превратиться в пустыню.

"Кажется, что высыхание было прогрессивным в нашей области, но это автоматически не означает, что так было и в других регионах, таких как Западная Сахара, – сказал Франкус. – Мы тоже не можем полностью исключить возможность резкого высыхания. Поэтому понимание региональных различий в изменении климата – следующая задача для климатологов".

В качестве примера Франкус упоминает ранний дриас, когда между 12 800 и 11 500 лет назад произошло неожиданно резкое изменение климата на нашей планете.

По данным Национального управления океанических и атмосферных исследований, конец этого периода был особенно резким. В те времена, например, в Гренландии температура повысилась на 10 градусов Цельсия примерно за десять лет.

"Многие ученые считают, что и в будущем возможны резкие климатические изменения, но характер, направление и интенсивность этих изменений, скорее всего, будут зависеть от региона", – сказал Франкус.

Он также отметил, что есть некоторые модели, согласно которым предсказать резкий сдвиг климата вообще не представляется возможным. Кое-кто из ученых считает, что у нас еще недостаточно знаний, чтобы понять процессы, вызывающие эти изменения, прежде всего потому, что трудно смоделировать влажность почвы и покров.

И пока неясно, сколько времени прошло на самом деле, прежде чем вся Сахара превратилась в сплошную пустыню.

Сахара могла высохнуть постепенно или внезапно

Что мы действительно знаем, так это то, что самая большая пустыня в мире всего несколько тысяч лет назад была зеленым цветущим миром. Поэтому, понимая, как изменился климат в прошлом и какие природные силы повлияли на эти изменения, можно определить точную роль, которую поведение человека играет в текущем изменении климата.

"Модели, которые используются для прогнозирования климата в будущем, необходимо протестировать, и использование информации из прошлого – один из способов достижения этой цели", – сказал Франкус.

Сегодня ученые НАСА оценивают изменения наклона оси Земли примерно в 2,6 сантиметра в год. Теперь мы знаем, что изменения наклона орбиты Земли влияют на погоду и наш климат. И эти изменения могут произойти внезапно. Но из всего из этого есть положительный вывод. Возможно, однажды в будущем Сахара снова покроется густыми лесами и плодородными пастбищами.

Конечно же, очень хотелось бы, чтобы остальные континенты при этом не превратились в Сахару.

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عندما يتم تنقية العناصر ، يمكن تجميعها مرة أخرى وإنشاء جسم كامل وثابت منها ، والذي يتم تمجيده بعد ذلك, ويكون له تأثير خارق ، وهو التأثير الرائع الذي قصده الله وقام بتضمينه في كل الأشياء التي خلقها "هو" من العناصر الأربعة, بإعادتها إلى كيانها الأول وقوتها الكاملة
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وصف العديد من الأساتذة القدامى الخيمياء بأنها نوع من "الزراعة السماوية". أنا أحب هذا التعريف.لانها معرفه واحده تتفرع الى العديد من الفنون والعلوم ، بما في ذلك الطب وعلم العقاقير. لهذا ايضا, أطلق على الخيمياء اسم "أم العلم والحكمة"
إنه لأمر مدهش أن الخيمياء، التي كانت تعتبر ذات يوم فن وعلم مقدس ، قد سقطت في غموض لدرجة انه البعض يعتقد انها خرافة او اسطورة او درب من السحر. بينما الخيمياء في الحقيقه فن قديم وعلم يتعلق بأسرار الحياة والوعي وتطوره. بتعبير اخر, الخيمياء مرتبطة بتحويل شيء لا قيمة له إلى شيء ذو قيمة كبيرة
من خلال النظريات والممارسات البسيطة التي يمكن لأي شخص القيام بها لإعداد المستخلصات العشبية والمعدنية وارجاعها الي اصلها القديم النقي ومصر تعتبر مسقط رأس الخيمياء من قدم الزمان كما هو معروف في العالم الغربي
ومن هنا نبدأ استكشافنا. فنحن نعمل على توضيح ما اخفوه قديما بما يتعلق بفنونهم ، وتطوير مهاراتهم في علم المعادن والسيراميك والطب والتحنيط العطور والزيوت والاطياب وصناعة النبيذ، الألوان والاحبار الطبيعية، الهندسة وعلم الفلك والتنجيم، هاذا على سبيل المثال لا الحصر.
فان أهمية البحث بعناية في الخيمياء كمصدر للأدوية يتجاوز
بكثير ما يمكن أن تنتجه التكنولوجيا الصيدلانية الحالية, من خلال الخيمياء وجدير بالذكر ان الشمس تعتبر مصدر من المصادر الاساسيه لكل أشكال الحياة والضوء في نظامنا, فهي تشع اشعتها,. والكواكب الاخرى تمتص ما تحتاجه منها ثم تشع الفائض
ذكرت هذا كبدايه ومقدمه للجدد, فيجب رؤية كيف ان الإنسان عالم مصغر لا ينفصل عن بيئته الكونية. مؤكد، وبدون باطل ، أن كل ما في الأسفل له علاقه بما فوق ؛ وما فوق يعتبر قرين ما في الأسفل, ومادتنا تخضع للتخمير وتعفن او تموت من أجل إطلاق جوهرها, وبهذا نقوم بأيصال الأشياء إلى حالة أكبر من الكمال, بالتفوق على المدار, فالبدايه قرينة النهايه, والحياه قرينة الموت, ويجب ان تواجه الماده نار الموت لكي تسمو الى المرحله الروحانيه
كل ما ينتج من عناصر ينقسم إلى ثلاثة ، وهي الملح والكبريت والزئبق. إنه عمل الخيميائي لفصل وتنقية وإعادة توحيد هؤلاء الثلاثة. واحدها هي الخمور، ويرمز له بالزئبق. والاخر هو الزيت, الكبريت, واخيرا يأتي الملح القلوي وتتجلى من خلال أشكال معينة منسجمة مع طبيعتها. يسعى الخيميائي الى عكس تركبها وامالتها الى الحاله الاسمى, بحلها وفصلها وتنقيتها واعادت تجميعها فينتج عن ذلك شيء عظيم, تضاعف قوتها مئات المرات
بمعنى اوضح, يمكن أن توفر لك بعض العلاجات القوية جدًا على طول الطريق. يعد تعلم تحضير الأعشاب بشكل سبارتيجي نقطة انطلاق نموذجية للخيمياء

المخبرية, لان العمل على حجر النبات يوفر الخبرات الازمه للوصول للحجر, لانه يشبه الى حد كبير حجر الفلاسفة.

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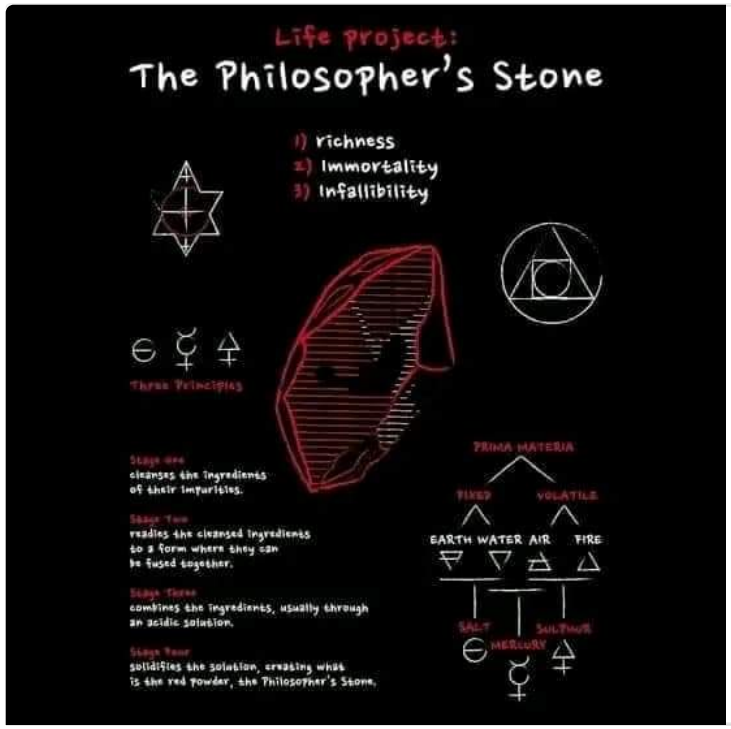
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#تفاحات_ذهبيات_لاحظهن_مؤرخون_بمراكش؟

▪عندما نفتح كتاب Relation de captivité dans les royaumes de Fez et de #Maroc لمؤلّفه الفرنسي "جيرمان مويط" #Germain_Mouette الذي سقط أسيرًا في يد المغاربة بالقرن 17م.. وقصّ لنا مغامرته والمعاناة التي كابدها هناك.. نلاحظ في وصفه لمدينة #مراكش أنه تحدّث عن قصرها العظيم وقدّم له وصفًا على النحو التالي:

▪""وهناك قصر جميل يحتوي على مساكن نساء الملك، وهو أفخم ما في أفريقيا بأسرها"".. ثم يستمر Mouette في وصفه:

▪""خصص له مولاي #أحمد_الذهبي كل ما كان يملك من ذهب.. جعله صفائح تغطي جميع جدران القاعات وحائطياتها. المسامير والمحاور والمساحيق والمزالج والأقفال كلها من الفضة المموهة بالذهب"".. ثم يضيف: ""وفي أعلى البرج الكبير #ثلاث_تفاحات من ذهب في #غاية_الضخامة، مثقبة في عدة مواضيع بطلقات بندقيات، تعتبر مرصودة""

▪وعندما نفتح كتاب #ليون_الأفريقي - الحسن الوزّان "وصف أفريقيا" نجد ذكرًا أيضا لنفس التفاحات الثلاث الذهبية في الفصل الذي تحدث فيه المؤرخ المغربي عن مدينة مراكش #Marrakech إذ يقول:

▪"" تملك هذه المدينة قصبة لا يقل اتساعها عن مدينة، مع أسوار سميكة ومتينة وأبواب بديعة جدًا بني جانباها وأسقفها من الحجر المنحوت وصنعت مصاريعها من الحديد».

▪ثم يضيف "ليون الأفريقي" قائلًا: ""ويقوم في وسط القصبة جامع جميل جدًا.. تعلوه منارة فخمة رشيقة، في قمتها ساق من حديد انتظمت فيه #ثلاث_تفاحات من الذهب تزن مائة وثلاثين ألف دينار افريقي"".

▪وكما هو واضح... فلقد لاحظ كل من "جيرمان مويط" بالقرن 17م و"ليون الأفريقي" بالقرن 16م.. هذه التفاحات #الذهبيات_الثلاثية الضخمة الموجودة بقصر مراكش كما عند مويط أو قصبة مراكش كما عند الحسن الوزّان...

▪والحديث هنا عن ما يعرف بـ"الجامع الكبير" أو "جامع القصبة" أو "جامع مولاي اليزيد" الذي يعود زمن تشييده إلى فترة #الموحدين خلال حكم "يعقوب المنصور الموحدي".

▪إذن... ما سر تلك التفاحات الذهبية الثلاث التي إختفت الآن؟ ... والتي قال عنها "جيرمان مويط" أنها #مرصودة أي أنها #محمية الى حد ان هذه الحماية ارتبطت بالأرواح والأساطير.. مما يوحي بأهميتها؟!

▪المصادر بالتعليق الأول!

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suffered there.. We note in his description of the city of #Marrakesh that he talked about its great palace and described it as follows: ▪ "" There is a beautiful mansion that contains the dwellings of the king's women, which is the most luxurious in all of Africa "".. Then Mouette continues to describe it: ▪ "" My Lord #Ahmed _ Al-Zahaby devoted to him all the gold he had.. He made it laminate covering all the walls and walls of halls. Spikes, axes, powders, powders, lapses, and locks are all gold camouflaged silver "".. Then he adds: "" And at the top of the big tower #three _ apples _ of _ gold #very _ huge, perforated in several topics with shots Guns, considered spotted "" ▪ When we open the book #LeonAfrican - Al-Hassan Al-Wazan " describe Africa " we also find a male of the same three golden apples in the chapter in which the Moroccan historian spoke about the city of Marrakech #Marrakech says: ▪ "" This city has a cane that is no less than a city, with thick and solid walls and very cool doors built its side and ceilings from stone carved and made its iron shutters ". ▪ Then the African Lyon adds: "" And in the middle of the reed, he rises a very beautiful mosque.. He is a luxurious, graceful lighthouse, at the top of a leg of iron in which a #three _ apples of gold weighs a hundred and a hundred Thirty thousand African dinars "". ▪ As it is clear... Germain Moyt, in the 17th century and African Lyon, have noticed these apples. #hugethreesomeindictions At the Palace of Marrakesh as at Moyt or the Marrakesh reed as at Al-Hassan Al-Wazan ▪ Talking here about what is known as the " Grand Mosque " or " Mosque of Kasba " or " Mosque of Moulay Yazid " whose construction dates back to the period of #Al-Mawhdin during the " Yacoub Al-Mansour Al-Mawhdi " rule. ▪ so... what's the secret of those golden apples that are gone now? ... Which Germain Moyt said is #spotted, meaning it is #protected to the extent that this protection has been linked to souls and myths.. suggesting its importance?! ▪ Sources in the first comment! @[1192631567562675:274:Moorish History - التّاريخ المَغرِبي المُورِي] #Moorish_History

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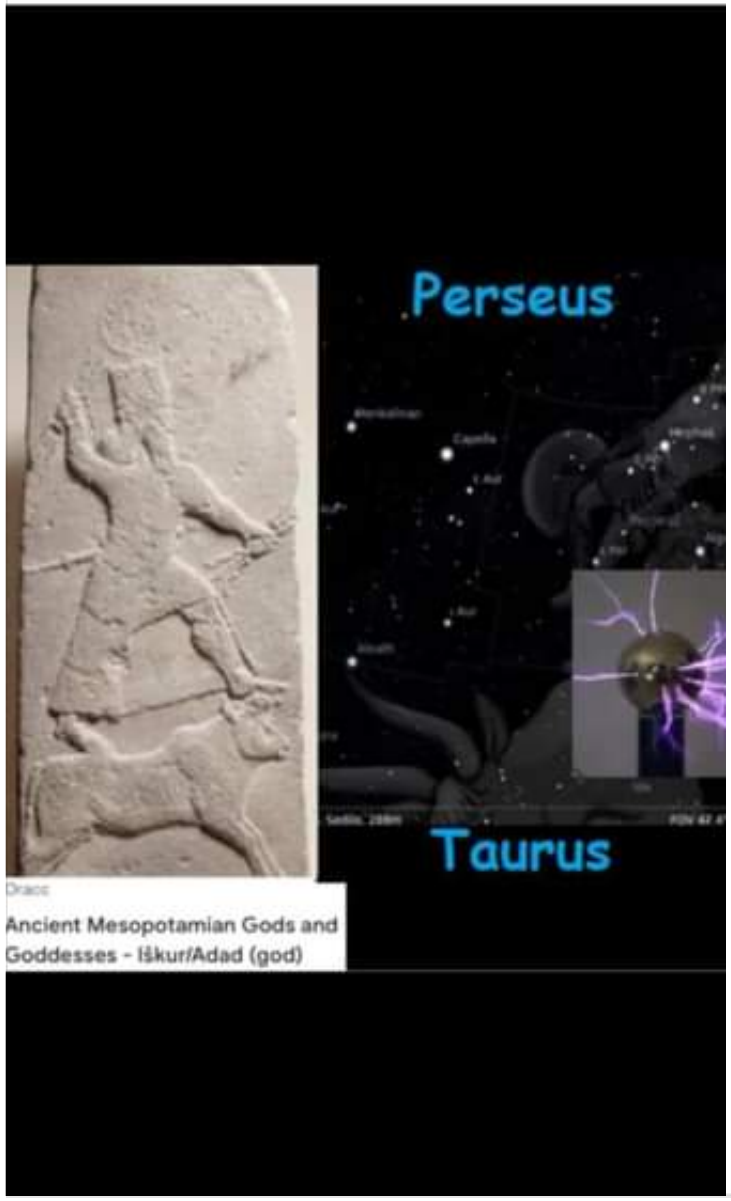

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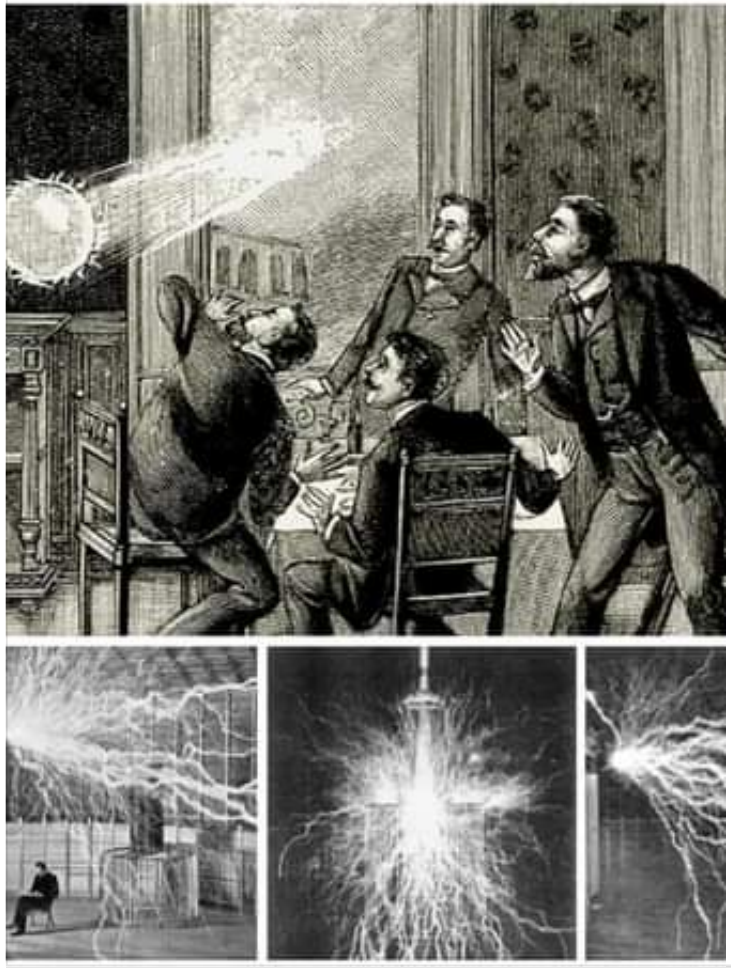

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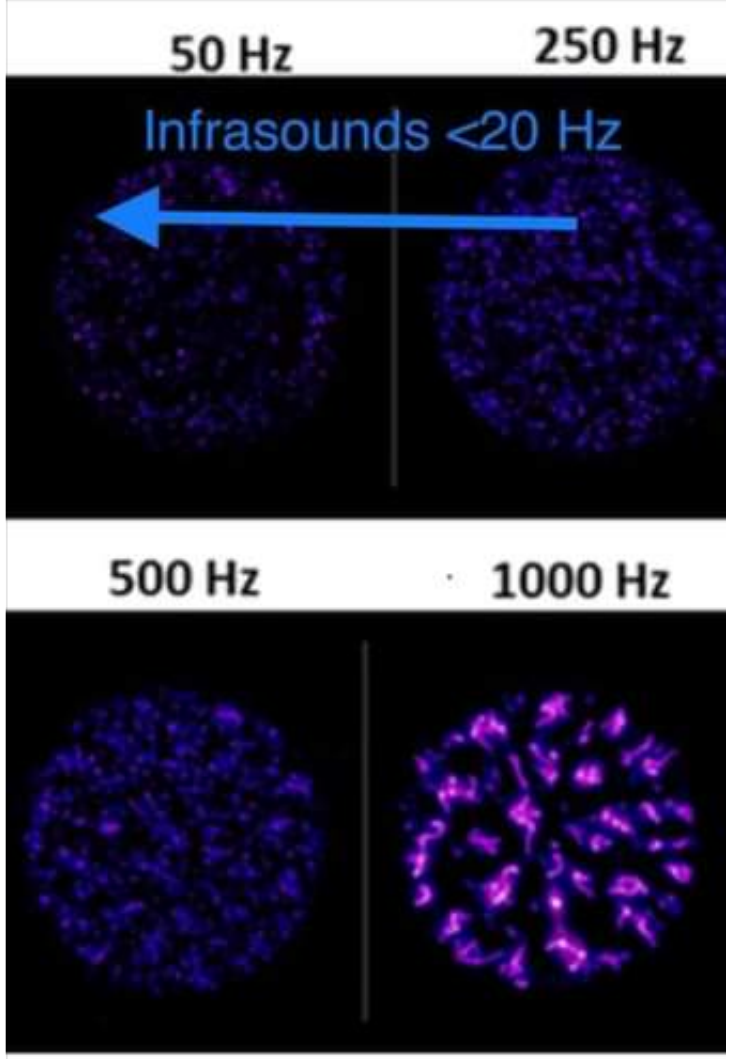

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Mr. Imhotep
This coincides with everything we've been saying for a long time. The "Mediterranean race" is the Black African race that we still see today in the southern parts of Africa. People either assimilated, got exterminated or migrated south. That's what happened over there.

Black people originally lived in the green Sahara. When the desert appeared they migrated towards the closest hospitable spots. Some of them went north and started over. Black people have always lived there. When describing Libya next to the southern sea, Herodotus says that it is the country of the Ethiopians, meaning Black Africans.

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Rahn Wesleigh

Careful Misterhotep. One thing I've learned from your page is that the white people stalking it, strongly believe that calling someone Black could mean anything. But calling someone white is perfectly legit

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John Bender-Sa... replied · 21 replies

Kip Humphreys

So the story of Troy from Homer's Iliad and odyssey states that Hector and Paris were cousins to a lesser king of Egypt, Memnon. Memnon was a warrior king that ruled Ethiopia and rivaled the might of Achilles. He was sent under a defensive pact to protect a vassal of Egypt, which was Troy. The ruins of Troy were found in northwest Turkey. This puts the borders of the Egyptian empire much further than historians care to admit. They had sophisticated ship technology as well, that goes back prior to 4500 years ago.

It's easy to speculate that they were spread across the entirety of the Mediterranean, and just based off genetic trees that lead back to Africa. This could be how the America's and Australian continents were inhabited. Is it coincidence that both the pantheon of the native Americans and Egypts chief deity were God's of the sun and great pyramids were built in both civilizations? There's alot more but give me yalls thoughts?

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Kip Humphreys replied · 33 replies

Ashenafi Debele

what is the meaning of migration you always repeat you are wrong my brother black are indigenous but Australia's and other white living in south Africa, Kenya and Zimbabwe etc are migrant people
Aethiopia is the Afro-Asiatic word Aethiopia (Atoobiyyaa) means the largest area and the largest population but you always try to convince us Aethiopia is black which is completely wrong definition used by evil society
my brother refer strabo geography according strabo geography Aethiopia the the second largest country in the world as to when the world is divided in to four parts and there is no the word Africa in his book but Aethiopia

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Nathan Dill replied · 19 replies

Sam Albert

The original inhabitants of North Africa at the time of Herodotus were Berber or Amazigh related peoples the Egyptians depicted 'Lybians' in their art if you want to see how they looked. The Berber langauage and genetic lineages are unique to North Africa and distinct from Eurasians.

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Sam Albert replied · 4 replies

Davis W Clark

Explore the true history rather than the history they told us. It is right before our eyes hidden in plain sight because they knew we would listen to what they told us rather than research it for ourselves. That's how they indoctrinated us and undermined historical events and facts. They taught us to trust what they said only to trick us into believing they had our best interests at heart. When in essence they only desired to control us by what they limited us from learning

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John O Afolayan

The "Ancient Aethiopia" simply represent and described the vast "Atlantic Ocean" hemisphere. And it would be a Complete error for any historian or Philosopher to limit it to the present Ethiopian state or North Africa region only.

The vastness of the Ancient Aethiopia was bigger than the present African geographic representation. It shares borders with the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Mediterranean.

The word "AFrica" did not exist and was not Applicable THEN to describe the Ancient Indigenous Aethiopians or Atlantic Negroes...

But the Fact is that ... The Ancient Aethiopia or Atlantic hemisphere is bigger and vast than the present African geography and No greek or western historian will come and tell us False narrative of our historical heritage.

We know who we are and we are proud of our heritage.

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Mr. Imhotep

John O Afolayan I think you didn't understand the message. The post is proving that the majority of Black people lived in North Africa before migrating south.

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Mrmyau Matspispispis

1st Africa and Asia ,as well Caucas were on the Balcans. Europe is Thracian name too. Later many names were ,,moved"" to new location. Also, bear in mind, many indigenous peoples that once lived and later disappeared were replaced by others who adopted their name and so on.

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Reece Pridgen

1000%. The Etruscans, Iberia even Troy! This is why King Memnon of Ethiopia whom the GREEKS called a DEMI GOD was written out of the Epic of Troy. The question would have been asked, WHY WOULD A ETHIOPIAN KING ASSIST TROY! Answer: Family Ties.

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Joe Smith replied · 12 replies

Monad Unimundal

'Africa' as a word & concept did not exist at the time discussed. Up until the 16th century it was known as 'the land of Prestor tor John ' . 'Aethiopians' were never considered 'black' (as stated before 'black' does not exist in nature & is a political term). You need to understand culture & language before making gross generalisations.

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Banele Smooth... replied · 15 replies

El Urban

Did you know that the Greeks referred to North Africa the Maghreb as Aethiopia in that era so of course the people of north Africa when they called it Aethiopia were indigenous to it. In this era they never travelled any further south of the Sahara so they weren't referring at all to it's inhabitants they were speaking of the Maghreb/North Africa and notice he also speaks of reaching the shores of Aethiopia? Yeah not crossing the Sahara.

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Michelle Edwards

Wheres the descendants of the North African race?

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Vusi Innocent Mahlangu

Let the Ethiopian people comment coz they are the ancient uncolonized people 3

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Cheikh Alamina Nga

In what books did he say that please. Need thé information for my work

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John Smith replied · 1 reply

Mansa Diogu

Take a look. If you do not recognize the names of the people, then you have some work to do. The same people who are/were in Ancient Mauritania, Numidia, Zeugatania, etc. can be traced all the way back to Ancient Arabia. During that time, it was only the dark skinned race. You have to know who they are/were. There is a researcher who is proving this today. She teaches her research and it so far can not be disputed. Zoom in with your browser so that you can blow the map up. Look at the names of the people. They are there. **https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/54/1855_Spruneri_Map_of_North_Africa_in_Ancient_Times_%28_Carthage%2C_Numidia%2C_Alexandria_%29_-_Geographicus_-_AfricaNorth-spruneri-1855.jpg**

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Andrew Adejo Audu

Africans lived everywhere including north Africa and south Sahara inclusive... **#ProudlyAfrican** 13

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Kuni Kuptah Lengtu

I still don't believe with Greek philosophers, they're all layers and destroyers of Africa with there false his-story 8

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Štěpán Pytlík replied · 1 reply

Oyetunde Adeyi Thomas
Truth about the Black race crushed to the ground is rising up again. I am black and proud of my Ancestors. 6

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Oyetunde Adeyi... replied · 4 replies

Bee-Fry IV
Herodotus'NEVER' existed

He's nothing more than Greek Mythology (lies) 12

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Tanirt Dihya replied · 11 replies

Marcus Aaron Anderson
It wasn't always a desert it was once called the fertile valley for a reason.

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Yaw Annor
Lesson come home and help make Sahara a forest thank you

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Diandre Smith
Andaman and Nicobar Islands,who are the inhabitants? 1

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Akash Krishna... replied · 1 reply

Louis Gaweseb
Wow, and he believe that? 1

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Roy Morien
Fascinating history. But why are Europeans north of the Mediterannean white and not black?

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Max Her replied · 4 replies

EA Hewett
Might want to brush up on your geography, bubba...Etheiopia..ie the horn of Africa is not Northern Africa..it is very much sub Saharan. Why are you so unhappy with who you are and where you come from ....seems to me this is cultural appropriation. Guess maybe you need to do that because no sub Saharan African ever invented the wheel or a written language. Could be a few people with Negroid features ended up in Egypt because even back then they were selling one another into slavery

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Vin Dimitry
The elevation of today's generation if I can make em

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Eng'r Atodo Isaac
Black Africans never invested in historical research those that did used it to their advantage to write the false narrative we see today.

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Tony Opondo replied · 8 replies

Izuchukwu Enemuoh
Africa continent is the mother of all continents cause she never shifted in her position during the division of earth. Africans have 3 skin colors the dark , light and albinos, Africa is mother of all race.

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Sallie Hadley
Why is it to hard for people to accept that black man was the original man?

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Max Her replied · 7 replies

Lila Brown

Duh what do you know about America? We are not Africans. We are ENGLISH speaking (thanks to the Moors, ENGLISH/Christian order) and indigenous to America.

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Ricky Bobbey replied · 2 replies

Cepheus Agenor

Ethiopia; Land of Origins

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ВОЕННЫЙ ФОКУС РОССИЙСКО-УКРАИНСКАЯ ВОЙНА

"88 дней ада": в США выпустили комикс о волонтере, вывозившем людей из Мариуполя

09 января 2023 в 15:37

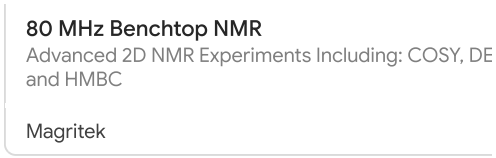
Фото: Insider | Обложка комикса

Волонтер Игорь Талалай был задержан российскими военными на блокпосте 18 марта, после чего почти три месяца провел в пыточных на оккупированных территориях Украины.

Американское издание Insider опубликовало комикс под названием "88 дней ада" об украинском волонтере Игоре Талалае, который почти три месяца провел в пыточных на оккупированных территориях Украины. Рассказ написал лауреат Пулитцеровской премии Энтони Дель Коль.

После начала полномасштабного вторжения России мужчина начал эвакуировать людей из Мариуполя. 18 марта 2022 года российские войска задержали его на блокпосте и доставили в фильтрационный лагерь.

Игорь Талалай рассказал, что ему и другим пришлось пережить жестокие допросы, ужасные условия и произвольные задержания российскими войсками. Он провел почти три месяца в "фильтрации" в Донецкой области и рассказал о том, что происходит с украинцами, попадающими в систему, и какова жизнь, когда ты выходишь из нее.



После освобождения из плена его свидетельства задокументировала организация "Медийная инициатива за права человека".

Историей украинского волонтера заинтересовался американский автор Этони Дель Коль, который в 2022 году получил Пулитцеровскую премию за комикс о женщине, сбежавшей из китайского лагеря для уйгуров. Он записал интервью с мужчиной и превратил его в комикс.

В комиксе описывается жизнь Игоря Талалая за месяц до полномасштабного вторжения РФ и ее изменения после 24 февраля: волонтерство, задержание, фильтрационный лагерь, пытки. Россияне перевозили мужчину в разные колонии, постоянно били и допрашивали. Однако 14 июня оккупанты освободили его и отправили на улицу без денег и вещей. 27 июня он смог добраться в Днепр и увидеть своих родных.

Напомним, 28 ноября стало известно, что новым героем популярных комиксов DC Comics стал персонаж-украинец по имени Павло Ступка. Он может генерировать ядерную энергию и оставаться вечно молодым. По сюжету украинец будет сражаться с суперзлодеем Вагнером.

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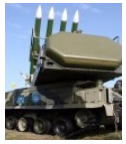

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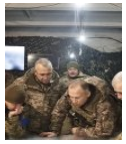

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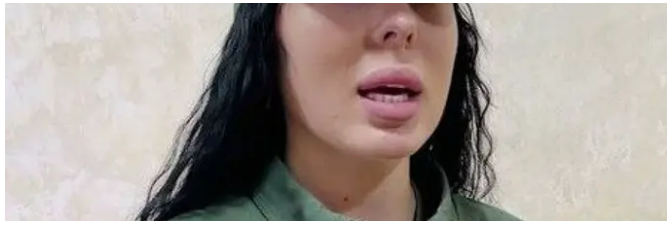

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